

## Starter Flock Sheep Producer Award

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (including Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to farm (if different from address above):

### **Number and Breed of Sheep:**

Ewes \_\_\_\_\_

Rams \_\_\_\_\_

Replacements \_\_\_\_\_

Months in which you lamb: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your flock goals for number of animals and breed type in the next five years?

### **Lamb and Wool Production:**

Lambing % \_\_\_\_\_

Weaning % \_\_\_\_\_

Weaning Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Pounds of Wool/Ewe \_\_\_\_\_

Wool Grade \_\_\_\_\_

What are your flock goals to improve production in the next five years; and how do you plan to get there?

**Feeding:**

What are your yearly feed resources (grass, hay, grains, etc.)?

How are these feed resources provided to your ewes, lambs, and rams?

How do you plan to improve the efficiency of supplying nutrients to your ewes, lambs, and rams?

**Facilities and Equipment:**

Describe the facilities which existed prior to your starter flock.

How have you adapted these facilities to match your flock?

What new construction or purchases (shelter, fencing, feeders, etc.) have you made to better manage your flock?

What are your plans for different facilities and equipment in the next five years?

**Health Management:**

What type of vaccination and/or parasite control programs do you employ?

What health issues have you experienced; and how are you able to manage them?

What other methods are in your flock health management program?

How do you manage predator control?

**Marketing:**

What is your target market weight for your lambs?

What are the markets you send your lambs to?

What methods do you employ to improve the value of your wool clip?

Where do you send your wool to market?

Do you plan to market your lambs and/or wool differently in the next five years? If yes, please describe.

**Education and Mentorship:**

Who is your mentor and how has your mentor been of assistance with your flock?

What other educational resources have you investigated to improve your knowledge of the sheep industry and shepherding?

Are there any educational venues that you plan to acquire new information in the near future?

Have you mentored any newcomers to the industry? If so, what did you help them with and what did you learn from the experience?

Provide any other comments that are an important component of your sheep operation that were not covered above.