## Sheep Fact Sheet

## Science

- 1. The scientific name for sheep is Ovis Aries
- 2. Guess who doesn't have any teeth on their uppper jaw! Yup, sheep do not have any teeth on their maxilla. This helps them with grazing.
- 3. Texas, California and Wyoming are the states with the most sheep!

## History

- 1. Sheep were among the first animals to be domesticated
- 2. Dolly was the first sheep to be cloned
- 3. One of the oldest organized industry in the world is sheep raising
- 4. Did you know that the First Lady of Woodrow Wilson had sheep on the White House lawn to help with trimming

## Health

- 1. Even though sheep and goats kinda look alike and may live together, they are of different species. Sheep have 54 chromosomes, while goats have 60 chromosomes
- 2. Sheep have excellent peripheral vision. Their large, rectangular pupils allow them to see almost 360 degrees. In fact, they can see behind themselves without turning their heads!

Ways sheep are helping people

- 1. Take a look at your baseball! In the Major league, each baseball has about 370 yards of wool yarn. When the ball comes in contact with the bat, this helps it withstand the impact.
- 2. Back in the Civil War, the uniforms were made out of wool. After WWII, the demand for wool decreased because of the raise from synthetic fibers

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