



### Helping Youth Is Main Objective Of Abilene Club Lamb Producer



"We do a lot to help the kids learn more about the care and showing of their lambs."

An advertiser on 580 WIBW, Kevin Harris of Harris Show Lambs at Abilene explained the importance of not only producing quality lambs and selling them as 4-H projects, but to him it is most essential to follow through with assistance to the new owners.

"Young people are anxious to learn, and most always welcome your help. That's our major objective after they buy a lamb from us," Harris contended.

Since raising and showing lambs as a youth, Harris has understood the necessity of knowing more in order to reach levels that individuals and their projects are capable of achieving.

"After a lamb leaves our sale, or we sell one privately, we contact the youth to offer advice for feeding, fitting and showing," Harris related. "I try to go to their place and work with the owner and their lamb."

On show day, Harris is often there before show time offering assistance and watching closely at ringside. "Fortunately, our family crop insurance business, we've continued since it was started by my parents in 1981, allows me time away to help these young people," he qualified.

Harris and his wife, Rosemary, have four children, Sam, Greg, Emily and Natalie, who have all been involved in raising and showing sheep.

"Actually, Emily owns majority of the flock right now. She was instrumental in organizing a Lamb Camp at the fairgrounds last year, and we'll have another one this year," Harris said.

The flock has continued to grow and is now at 100 Suffolk and Hampshire cross ewes, raising Suffolk, Hampshire, Natural, Speckle, and Crossbred lambs for the show ring.

Prospect club lambs will be offered in their show lamb sale at the farm 10 miles south of Abilene on April 20, which was moved back one week from their normal sale date.

"In the past two years, 12 Harris Show Lambs collected championships or reserve titles at county fairs," noted Harris, who often buys lambs he's sold when youth sell them at their county fairs.



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the wind  
to the shorn  
lamb."***