Sheep Preferences: 2015 vs. 2016

2015

1
SX61 (Willow)
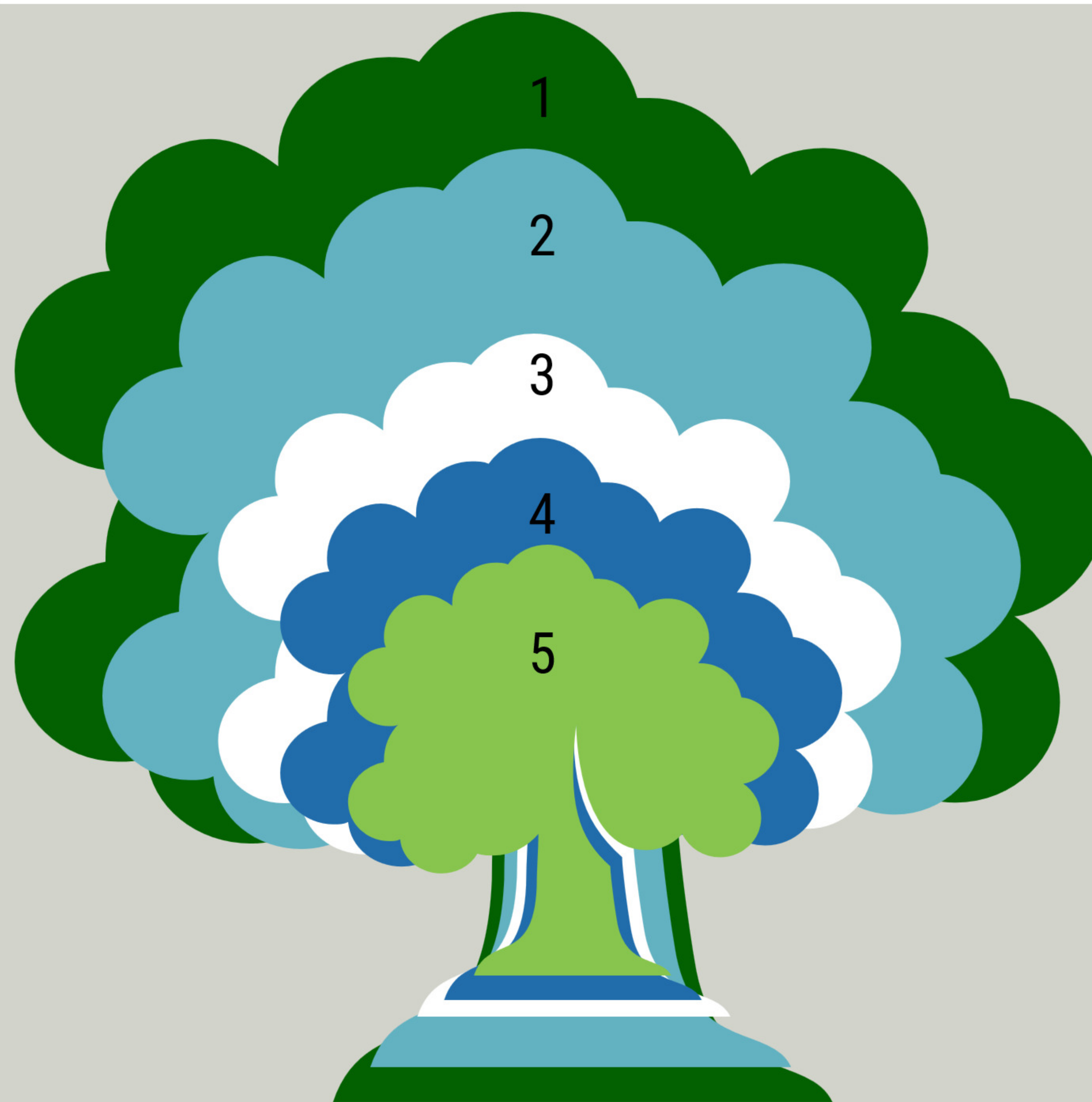SX64 (Willow)

2
SV1(Willow)

3
Charlie (Willow)
Pseudo (Willow)

4
India (Willow)

5
2293-19 (Poplar)
DN-34 (Poplar)
DN-136 (Poplar)
Hotel (Willow)
NM-1 (Poplar)
NM-6 (Poplar)

2016

1
Charlie (Willow)
Pseudo (Willow)

2
Brooks #1 (Poplar)
DN-34 (Poplar)
Green Giant (Poplar)
SX61 (Willow)
SX64 (Willow)

3
DN-136 (Poplar)
India (Willow)
SV1 (Willow)

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2293-19 (Poplar)

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Hotel (Willow)
NM-1 (Poplar)
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- Sheep clearly preferred willows over poplars

- Based on forage nutrient analysis, sheep seemed to prefer trees with higher calcium and avoid trees with higher copper contents

- A mineral supplement was provided to balance the diet

- Sheep no longer showed a clear preference of one tree genus over another; they instead preferred specific varieties consistently

- Based on forage analysis the sheep seemed to prefer trees with more NDFD (48hr).

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