

Market Lamb Management

From A-Z

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Facilities & Equipment

- Barns & Pens
 - Combination Arrangement – Shed & Exercise
 - Twenty square feet per lamb
 - Well drained & Ventilated
 - Forty-two inch fence for dog proof

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- Feeders
 - Self-feeders for early stages
 - Movable troughs – hang on fence
 - Feeding Ram
- Water Trough
 - Small – drain & clean often
 - Locate in shade

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- Exercise Track
 - Circular or oval shape
 - 5 – 10 feet wide
 - 4 feet high
 - Inside fence should have elasticity
 - Running surface - sand

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- Necessary Equipment
 - Shovel
 - Scales
 - Trimming table – 45” long, 20” wide, 18” tall
 - Electric shears
 - 23 tooth combs, 4 point cutter

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- Necessary Equipment (cont.)
 - Small wool card
 - Lamb blanket
 - Rope halter
 - Hand shears
 - Show box
 - Extension cords

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Selection

- Muscle
 - Naturally firm or hard muscled
 - Longissimus dorsi – shoulder to rump
 - Long, level rump
 - Muscle indicators – forearm & leg muscles
 - Wide body width – center of leg

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Selection

- Structure
 - Travel & stand wide
 - Correct on front & rear legs
 - Avoid
 - Open shoulders
 - Weak tops
 - Steep rumps

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Selection

- Style & Balance
 - Body parts blend
 - Eye appeal
 - Side profile
 - Clean Fronted
 - Smooth Shouldered
 - Level Topped
 - Level Rumped
 - Trim Middle
 - Correct Structure
 - Thin Hided
 - Smooth Skin

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Nutrition

**“There are no magic feeds or formulas
which make champions.”**

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Nutrition

- Protein
 - 18-21% Crude Protein
 - Natural Protein
 - Excess protein may cause heat stress

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Nutrition

- Energy is the most common limiting nutrient in lamb rations.
- A ration should be at least 72% TDN at 60 pounds and 77% at 110 pounds.

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Nutrition

- Minerals
 - Salt (sodium & chlorine)
 - Calcium
 - Phosphorus

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Nutrition

- Ca: P Ratio – 2.5:1
- High levels of phosphorus = urinary calculi.
- Ammonium chloride will prevent urinary calculi.
 - (rate of 10 pounds per ton of feed)

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Health

■ Diseases & Conditions

- Enterotoxemia
- Sore mouth
- Tetanus
- Ringworm
- Wool Fungus
- Rectal Prolapse
- Internal Parasites
- Polyarthrititis