

Sheep Management...

or how to do what you need to do with your sheep

First Question – What do you want to do with your sheep?

Second Question – What kind of sheep do you have

OK those are really trick questions

No matter what you want to do with your sheep you still need to manage them.

You are responsible for:

- Housing
- Health Care
- Feeding
- Management
- Welfare

Ram (Buck) – Male Sheep

Ewe – Female Sheep

Lamb – Animal Under 1 Year of Age

Wether – Castrated Male

Lamb – Meat From an Animal Under 1 Year of Age

Mutton – Meat From an Aged Animal

Temperature – 102.5°F

Respiration – 20 breaths/minute

Heart Rate – 75 beats/minute

Gestation – 148 days

Estrous Cycle – 17 days

Heat Length – 2-3 days

Aging Sheep by their Teeth

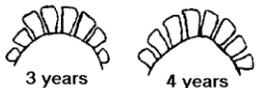


Solid Mouths - All Teeth

Spreader – Teeth Show Wear

Broken Mouths – Teeth Missing

Gummers – No Teeth



Sheep Aren't Stupid!

Sheep are Prey to Other Animals

If They Are Scared They Run

Chasing Animals Won't Calm Them Down.

You Need to Be Calm

Remember – “Don't Panic”

Setting Up Your Place

Facilities Should Make Movement Easy

Flexibility is Important

Make it Strong (they are small but powerful)

How are You Going to Clean It?

Separation of Animals

Is the Welfare of Your Animals Considered?

Feeders

Keep Feed Off of Ground and Off of Sheep

Get a Feeder/Feeding System that Works for You and Your Sheep

Handling Sheep

Stand

Halter

Chair

Crooks

Tilt Table

Hoof Diseases

Foot Rot – Caused by *Dichelobacter nodosus*. Lameness, Separation of the outer layer of the hoof from the fleshy part of the hoof, black rot, nasty smell.

Foot (Hoof) Scald – Caused by *Fusobacterium necrophorum*. Whitish goeey lesions between cloves of hoof. Way easier to control.

Treatment: Don't get it, Buy clean sheep,

Keep trailers and equipment clean, Trim

hooves frequently, Control mud, Foot baths,

Footvax, Volar

Tag Them

Scrapies

- ALL PRODUCERS MUST TAG ANIMALS FROM THEIR OPERATIONS WITH WSDA SCRAPIES TAGS WITH THEIR FLOCK NUMBERS.
- GET YOUR FLOCK

NUMBER FROM ,
Olympia (360) 753-9430
ORDER TAGS ONLINE



Lambs have special things to consider...

Docking?

Castrating?

Creep Feeding?

Watch Poop

Watch Body Condition

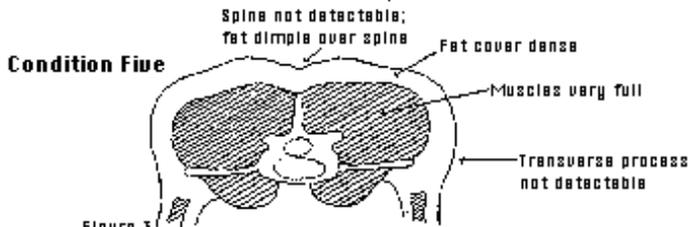
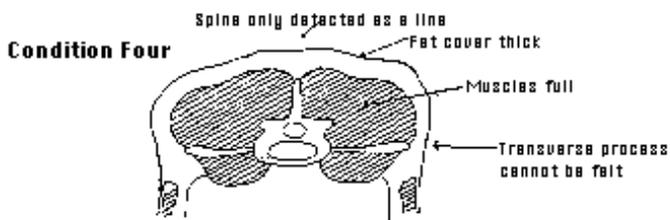
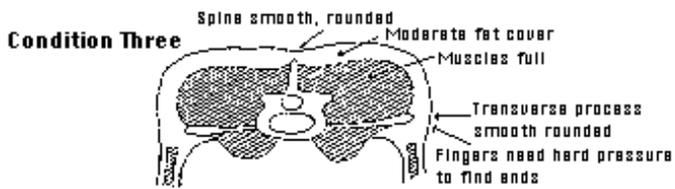
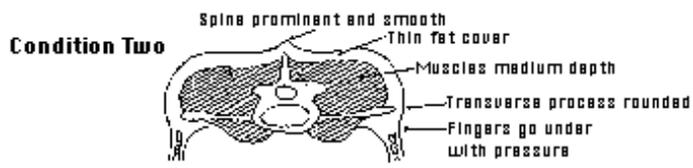
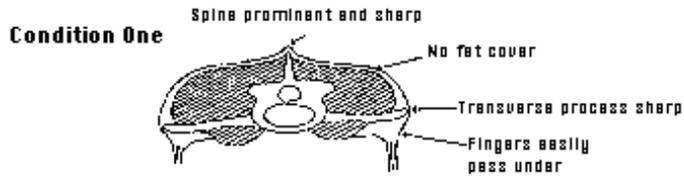


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