

When using pasture or range lambs, you sometimes have a hard time getting them to eat or drink. Put a bucket under the faucet and let it drip all night and place the feed next to the water. Do not have this under the shed but hanging on a fence and with shallow buckets. Fresh alfalfa hay mixed with feed may make the feed more attractive. Lambs should be fed 1-2 times daily--totalling 3-4 lbs daily, depending on the size and the condition of the lamb. As of January, a strict weighing program will be enforced. Feeding programs may be altered at this time.

Lambs should start out exercising slowly and gradually increase. At first, short daily walks are all that is required. Each week new distances and exercises should be added. Some methods of exercise are: elevated angled platform feeders, hurdles, and 1/2 to one mile of walking per day.

Three types of vaccinations should be given:

1. Overeating disease--C & D strains. Two shot series subcutaneously behind the front leg.
2. Vitamins A, D, E--administered twice at the beginning and middle of the feeding program.
3. Tetanus

Worming is the single most important thing in raising a lamb. Lambs should be wormed at 4 & 6 week intervals with one of the following: Panacur, Valbicen, Tramisol, and Ivomec.

The shorter the time period between washing and shearing and show day the better. This is extremely important where shows don't allow washing after arrival on the show grounds. Lambs, regardless of breed, should be washed prior to shearing. The only exception to this is when the lambs are in long fleece. Although washing is more time consuming when lambs have a short fleece versus sheared, it is felt that the ease in shearing and extended life of clipper blades far exceeds the added work in washing. The more times a lamb is sheared the higher the tendency for the lamb to start wrinkling or becoming loose hided. Orvis soap or many if the liquid dish washing detergents works extremely well when washing. The main thing is that the soap provides adequate sudsing. Many times lambs will require more than one application of soap and rinsing to remove all the dirt and foreign matter. Be extremely careful to remove all soap when rinsing.

After the lamb is washed, a blow dryer may be used to