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Lamb

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Selection + Evaluation

*The road to winning is paved by
making the earliest decisions
in full sight of your
final goal.*

SIZING BY DATE

You need to know the exact weight in date for your fair.

- + You need to match frame size and age of the lamb to the desired endpoint.
- + Smaller framed lambs will reach their terminal endpoint in fewer days than larger framed lambs.
- + Figure an average daily gain of 0.3 to 0.5 pounds and back figure what the correct weight should be at purchase time as shown below.

<i>Sale Date</i>	<i>Sale Weight</i>	<i>Show Date</i>	<i>Show Weight</i>	<i>Total Gain</i>	<i>Days to Show</i>	<i>Avg. Gain (Per Day)</i>
Mar. 1	75 lbs.	Jul. 15	140 lbs.	65 lbs.	137	0.47 lbs.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

MUSCLE

- + A lamb's ability to be muscular is determined by its skeletal foundation. Lambs should be wide chested, round bodied and wide pinned. This will give them the proper foundation to achieve the muscularity that we demand in the show ring.
- + Lambs should have a large, square rack and loin (highest priced cuts).
- + Lambs should have a big, muscular hip that extends into a full, thick leg.
- + The forearm can be an excellent indicator of muscle in lambs. A lamb with a large, expressive forearm will usually be muscular everywhere else.

STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS

- + Sound when on the move taking long, fluid and effortless strides off of all four legs.
- + Heavy boned and clean jointed.
- + As level as possible down their top and out their hip.
- + Strong and short on their pasterns.
- + Rule of thumb, bad structured animals never get better.

BALANCE, DESIGN AND EYE APPEAL

- + Elevated, wide and shallow through their chest floor.
- + Smooth at the point of their shoulder.
- + Correct length of body—look proportional when viewed from the side.
- + Level designed from shoulder blade to hip.
- + Long and nearly level hip.
- + Rib cage needs to be round and flank-line needs to be more shallow in the fore-rib than the rear flank.
- + Wide based and tracking off both front and rear.

Feeding + Nutrition

*Consult with your breeder about the genetic potential of your lamb.
Understanding an ideal show weight & body condition
will help you to make the proper feed
changes & decisions.*

FEEDING ROUTINE

The single most important thing you can do to ensure success with your lamb

- + Find a feed scoop or coffee can to use for the duration of your project and weigh the amount of feed it will hold.
- + Make adjustment to a lamb's diet slowly and watch for changes in appetite and general health.
- + Feed your lamb a minimum of two times per day with approximately 12 hours in between feedings.
- + Weigh lambs on a regular basis (weekly if possible). A lamb's average daily intake should be approximately 3% of its body weight.
- + Sheep are ruminant animals and require roughage for healthy body function.
- + Adjust hay/roughage accordingly based on your lamb's desired fill starting approximately two weeks before show.
- + Water is the most important nutrient in an animal's diet. Provide cool, clean, fresh water at all times

FEED ADJUSTMENTS

Evaluate your lamb on a regular basis to determine fat and muscle composition and make feeding adjustments accordingly.

- + If a lamb is too lean consider using a fat supplement (Fat and Fluffy) to increase the lamb's energy intake.
- + If a lamb is too fat consider using a protein supplement (Show Blast or Muscle in Motion).
- + Evaluate your lambs feet and leg structure to determine if corrective hoof trimming is necessary.

Management Tips

*Common Sense & good management are
keys to getting your lamb project
off to a successful
start.*

DAILY EXERCISE

- + Based on the needs of the individual lamb plan an exercise program.
- + Other than walking for training purposes, do not start exercising your lamb until they are fat enough.
- + Treadmills, lamb walkers, tracking are all popular exercise options.
- + Give a lamb a day in between exercise days to recover muscle strength
- + On the days off of exercise practice showmanship and breaking the lamb for show.
- + Short, fast bursts of exercise will build more muscle than long distance routines.

HEALTH

- + Early diagnosis and prevention is extremely important. Keeping an eye on your lambs eating habits and normal demeanor when it's healthy allows for early diagnosis when a lamb is sick.
- + Talk to your breeder/Veterinarian about a vaccination and de-worming schedule.
- + De-worm your lamb approximately every 30 days.
- + A sheep's normal body temperature ranges from 102–103 degrees.

DAILY SHOWMANSHIP

- + Bracing (or Driving) is not natural for a sheep. While some lambs are genetically more inclined to brace, all lambs have to be taught to brace properly.
- + A brace box or show platform can be used to encourage a lamb to brace.
- + Teaching a lamb to walk properly with its head up will give you an advantage on show day.
- + Halter breaking and tying a lamb up on a regular basis will help your lamb learn to walk properly in the show ring.

Fitting + Showing

*The more hours and hard work
you put into your project,
the more successful
you will be.*

FITTING

- + Rough shearing your lamb allows for easier daily evaluations of body composition.
- + Keep a blanket on your lamb at all times to help prevent fungus and keep your lambs hide clean and conditioned.
- + Begin to rinse and condition leg wool to help with new growth and training of leg hair/wool.
- + Check your lamb often for club lamb fungus. Early detection is key, treat with an anti-fungal product.
- + Gather show day brushes, sprays and equipment and familiarize yourself with the products intended uses.
- + Shear your lamb for show using a surgical or fine blade depending on the breed of lamb. Blackface breeds use surgical blades. White Face breeds use Fine Blades.
- + Shear lambs ideally no more than 24 hrs before the show.
- + Do not slick shear below the front knee or hock. Blend knees and hocks to achieve a smooth transition.

PACKING THE TACK BOX + TRAILER

LAMB SHOW DAY SUPPLY LIST

- + Water bucket
- + Feeder/Feed pan
- + Measuring Scoop
- + Grain
- + Hay
- + Feed Supplements
- + Electrolytes

WASHING

- + Hose
- + Soap
- + Bucket
- + Towels

FITTING SUPPLIES

- + Fitting Stand/Rack
- + Blow Dryer
- + Clippers (surgical or fine blades)
- + Small leg Card
- + Small soft brush
- + Hide Conditioning spray
- + Sheen
- + Leg fitting spray

PAPERWORK

- + Entry verification from Ag Teacher
- + Copy of completed entry form
- + Health papers (if required)
- + Copy of premium book
- + Project record book (if required)

MISCELLANEOUS

- + Wire
- + Pliers
- + Pro-biotic paste
- + Electrolytes
- + Extension cords
- + Plenty of shavings
- + Scissors
- + Halter
- + Tools to clean pens

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Show Feeds... Done Rite!



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Weight Management

*Weight management should start
at least two months
before your
show.*

WEIGHT + GROWTH

<i>Days to Fair</i>	<i>Weight (Lbs.)</i>	<i>Avg. Daily Gain</i>	<i>Feed/ Gain</i>	<i>Feed/ Day</i>	<i>Total Feed</i>
120	55.5-70.55	0.50	5.0	2.5	17.5
113	59.05-74.05	0.55	5.1	2.8	37.1
106	62.9-77.9	0.55	5.1	2.8	56.7
99	66.75-81.75	0.60	5.2	3.12	78.54
92	70.95-85.95	0.60	5.2	3.12	100.38
85	75.15-90.15	0.65	5.3	3.44	124.46
78	79.7-94.7	0.65	5.4	3.51	149.03
71	84.25-99.25	0.70	5.4	3.78	175.49
64	89.25-104.25	0.70	5.5	3.85	202.44
57	93.25-109.25	0.70	5.6	3.92	229.88
50	98.25-114.25	0.75	5.75	4.31	260.05
43	103.5-119.5	0.75	5.75	4.31	290.22
36	108.75-124.75	0.75	5.75	4.31	320.39
29	114-130	0.75	6	4.5	351.89
22	119.25-135.25	0.75	6	4.5	383.39
15	124.5-140.5	0.75	6	4.5	414.89
8	129.75-145.75	0.75	6	4.5	446.39
1	135-150	0.75	6	4.5	477.89

YOUR GOALS

Beginning Weight	Lbs.
Optimal Weight at Fair	Lbs.
Gain Needed (Fair Wt.–Beginning Weight)	Lbs.
Number of Days to Fair	Days
Average Daily Gain Needed (Gain Needed / Days to Fair)	Lbs./Day

FEEDS

- + **SHOWMAKER LAMB SLAM** A textured show feed designed to be fed to growing show lambs. Lamb Slam offers an ideal balance of protein, fat and vitamins and minerals to allow a lamb to reach its maximum genetic potential for muscle and growth. Medicated with Lasalocid for the prevention of coccidiosis. (*Crude Protein 17.4%, Fat 3.7%*)
- + **HIGH PERFORMANCE LAMB SLAM** A high energy, dual purpose feed with added fat and oil to give the extra bloom and performance needed in growing lambs, as well as lambs that need extra fat and energy to excel in today's show ring. Reduced particle size makes High Performance Lamb Slam an optimal choice as a creep ration for starting young lambs. Medicated with Lasalocid for the prevention of coccidiosis (*Crude Protein 17.3%, Fat 5.7%*)
- + **SHOWMAKER SUPREME EWE** 14% ration provides a high energy diet for pre breeding, flushing, gestating and lactating ewes. This ration can also be used as a high quality, yet economical option to grow sale or replacement lambs. (*Crude Protein 14.2%, Fat 5.3%*)
- + **SHOW-RITE NEWCO LAMB FEED** Specifically developed and tested by the industries top feeders (*Crude Protein 17.0%, Fat 5.0%*)

SUPPLEMENTS

- + **3 HRS OUT** Must have for every showbox! Uses electrolytes & innovative ingredients help animals metabolize energies to give a one of a kind look that will impress the judges
- + **ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT** A paste designed to help relieve stress and make livestock more manageable in the show ring. Can also be used during trimming, clipping, practicing and any time during stressful conditions
- + **DURAFERM® SHEEP CONCEPT-AID PROTEIN TUB** Breeding mineral tub with 16% natural protein for sheep specifically designed to target cycling, embryo production and conception when fed 30 days prior to lambing through breeding. Especially beneficial in A.I. and E.T. breeding programs
- + **GLU-COAT** With a unique blend of sugars to speed up rumen activity, help with appetite and increase palatability, Glu-Coat helps give livestock a bloomy, full, soft look while maintaining muscle shape and handle for today's show ring
- + **GOLD DUST POWER FLUID/PASTE** Adds muscle "pop," show day freshness, helps sheep, goats, swine & cattle reach their potential
- + **SHOW-RITE® ACCENT** Highly palatable supplement helps build immunity, improve feed intake, secure gut health and allow livestock to maximize their genetic potential
- + **SHOW-RITE® FAT-N-FLUFFY** 70% dried fat used to achieve added condition & bloom and increase appetite
- + **SHOW-RITE® MUSCLE-IN-MOTION** A top-dress and formulated to improve muscle mass, muscle shape, and water retention without the effects of Paylean or other drugs
- + **SHOW-RITE® REFRESH** High powered electrolyte to keep show animals hydrated during stressful times
- + **SHOW-RITE® RITE FACTOR SHEEP/GOAT** All natural, alfalfa based, drug free supplement for goats & lambs
- + **SHOW-RITE® RITE FACTOR MULTI-SPECIES** All natural, alfalfa based, drug free supplement helps highlight the traits which are important in the show ring for show cattle, goats, pigs and sheep
- + **SHOW-RITE® RITE TYME** A 40% protein sheep and goat top dress supplement
- + **SHOW-RITE® SCULPT** Helps tone and firm muscle in beef cattle, swine, sheep and goats
- + **SHOW-RITE® STRETCH** Increases expansion of body—use to add fill day of show or as a holding ration
- + **SHOW-RITE® SWELL** A highly digestible supplement proven to give animals the show day fill, bulk, and expansion necessary to set them apart from the rest
- + **SURE CHAMP EXTREME WITH CLIMATE CONTROL** Amaferm for appetite & gut health, Climate Control for extreme temps, and insect repelling garlic
- + **SURE CHAMP SPARK** A pelleted, concentrated daily supplement with the Amaferm® advantage for show livestock that can be top-dressed or mixed in the ration to drive appetite to higher levels and improve digestive health
- + **VITACHARGE LIQUID BOOST** Amaferm, Mos, and Niacin help increase gut health and ability to fight off stress
- + **VITA CHARGE PASTE** Prebiotic fed prior to shipping or showing stimulates microorganisms to keep livestock eating