

# START TO FINISH: 4-H MARKET LAMBS

## Calendar

### START OF FEEDING PERIOD:

### FACILITIES

ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND AVOID HAZARDS (DOG PROOF)  
COOL IN SUMMER, DRY AND OUT OF WIND IN WINTER  
FENCES- MINIMUM 48 INCHES, 60 (5 FT) BEST

### HEALTH

CONTROL PARASITES- (EVEN IF PREVIOUSLY TREATED)  
FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS ON MEDICATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (PAY  
ATTENTION TO SLATER WITHDRAWAL PERIODS)

### FEEDING

- SHEEP SHOULD BE PURCHASED, TAGGED AND IN YOUR POSSESSION (TAGGING DEADLINE IS JUNE 3, 2023 FOR HOGS, GOATS, & LAMBS)
- BEGIN FEEDING A 14-16 PERCENT PROTEIN FEED WITH ADEQUATE FIBER FOR YOUNG LAMBS
- BEGIN FEEDING 2-2.5 LBS. PER DAY (AT LEAST 3% OF BODY WEIGHT)
- CLEAN WATER-2X'S A DAY
- FEED TROUGH SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE FENCE AND WHERE THEY REMAIN CLEAN AND FREE OF MANURE

### MANAGEMENT

HALTER BREAK LAMBS

BEGIN SHOWMANSHIP EARLY

TAGGING DEADLINE FOR GOATS, SHEEP & HOGS IS JUNE 1, 2024

FREE LAMB "HANDS-ON" CLINIC JUNE 13TH 6-8 PM BRING YOUR LAMB\*\*

REGISTER AT: [4H.ZSUITE.ORG](https://4h.zsuite.org)



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## MID SEASON:

### HEALTH

- RETREAT FOR INTERNAL PARASITES EVERY 30 DAYS ( AND EXTERNAL PARASITES AS NEEDED)

### FEEDING

- ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF FEED AS NEEDED TO INCREASE CONDITION OF FAT COVER
- CHANGE FEEDS AS NEEDED ( ADJUST FEEDS SLOWLY SO YOU DON'T MAKE THE LAMB SICK), INCLUDING INCREASED ENERGY/GRAINS
- THE CORRECT AMOUNT AND TYPE OF FEED AT THIS TIME VARIES DEPENDING ON BREED AND TYPES OF LAMBS
- FEEDING HAY WILL HELP MAINTAIN A HEALTHY RUMEN AND WILL HELP WITH FILL
- FRESH COOL WATER

### MANAGEMENT

- SHOWMANSHIP EVERY OTHER DAY
- ROUGH SHEAR LAMBS EVERY 60 DAYS, EXCEPT WHEN LAMBS HIDE HAS A TENDENCY TO WRINKLE
- BARN BLANKETS GO ON AFTER SHEARING
- PROTECT LAMBS FROM RINGWORM AND FUNGUS
- TRIM FEET MONTHLY



## LATE SEASON:

### HEALTH

- RETREAT FOR INTERNAL PARASITES EVERY 30 DAYS ( AND EXTERNAL PARASITES AS NEEDED) WATCH FOR WITHDRAWAL PERIOD AS LIVESTOCK SHOW GETS CLOSE

### FEEDING

- CONTINUE TO EVALUATE LAMBS FOR FEEDING AND SUPPLEMENTS
- AVOID EXCESSIVE FAT COVER
- HAY FOR FILL AND RUMEN
- FRESH, CLEAN WATER

### MANAGEMENT

- SHOWMANSHIP EVERY OTHER DAY
- ROUGH SHEAR LAMBS EVERY 60 DAYS, EXCEPT WHEN LAMBS HIDE HAS A TENDENCY TO WRINKLE
- BARN BLANKETS GO ON AFTER SHEARING
- TRIM FEET MONTHLY AS NEEDED
- BEGIN AN EXERCISE PROGRAM

## SHOW SEASON:

- MAKE SURE LAMBS HAVE ADEQUATE FAT COVER AND MAINTAIN PROPER CONDITION
- LAMBS WILL NEED MORE VOLUME OF FEED AND ADEQUATE ENERGY AS THEY BECOME HEAVIER/EXERCISE
- HAY
- EXERCISE-LAST 30 DAYS IS MOST IMPORTANT
- BE CONSISTENT WITH FEEDS
- CLIMATE CONTROL
- SHEAR ONLY FOR SHOW, COVER COAT BLADES, BLANKET
- WORK ON SHOWMANSHIP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE (BE ABLE TO GO AN HOUR)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:**

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