



Sheep School – Fargo ND

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Lambing Barn Management

- Preparation
 - 140 days after ram turn out – Prepare for Lambing
 - Pen set up 4X4 pens or larger.
 - Disinfect pens – Hylex Bleach or equivalent
 - Barn Lime
 - Straw – enough to keep lambs warm

Lambing Barn Management

- Dependent on time of year.
 - Early lambing – close ewes moved to warm area.
 - Jugging ewes prior to lambing?
 - Cleaning pens after each ewe?
 - How long to leave in Jug?

Processing the lambs

- Navel dipping
- Shots at birth (know your sheep)
- Weighing lambs
- Tagging – Scrapie tags (ID Systems)
- Docking/castration
- Birth Weights
- Good Record Book

What is good record keeping?

- All lambs born died or alive.
- Weight of all lambs within 24 hours.
- Comments about the ewe.
- Record ewes that don't lamb.

Ewe management

- Check to see if teats are open and functioning
- Lambs nurse within two hours
- Triplets (leave on or not)
- Grafting lambs

Grouping Lambs

- Once mothered up (2-3 days)
- Groups of 5-10 ewes

Spend time in the barn

- Barn camera
- How often to check ewes
- Get lambs up every morning.

Best of luck.

- Ask an expert
- Pipestone Vet Clinic
- NDSU Research or Extension Specialists
- Local sheep vet