

How to successfully rear lambs

With the New Year comes the challenge of lambing. With early scanning results showing good numbers of lambs inside pregnant ewes, we now need to do everything we can to rear as many high value lambs as possible. Let us go through the process to help you plan your health, nutrition, and handling requirements:

1. Worm ewes before lambing with **Cyductin 2%** injection. This will clear out worms for three months, giving lambs a challenge-free start to life. It will also prevent sheep scab for up to 60 days. Plan total nutrition, analyse forages, and speak to your Feed Specialist to prepare a feeding plan. **Order Lifeline** buckets to boost colostrum quality.
2. At lambing, make sure ewes have good access to feed and be prepared for the odd multiple bearing ewe to suffer a deficiency. Have **Twin Lamb drenches** available. Ensure you have enough ewe and lamb pens when indoor lambing. We have **hurdles, troughs** and **feed barriers** available. Use double **hayracks** to ensure every lambing ewe has ad-lib forage, and fill water buckets twice or three times a day.
3. If ewes are short of colostrum, feed **Volostrum** or **ewe colostrum replacer** within the first two to four hours of life. Boost all trebles as a matter of course. Use the proven **Trusti-Tuber** to administer safely.

It takes an exceptional ewe to rear a treble. Consider adopting the strongest lamb onto a single or take away the lamb from the ewe at five to seven days. Then rear on a **Ewe2Feeder** using **Lamlac** milk replacer.

When lambs are two weeks old, introduce **Lamb Start 2 Finish Pellets** in a **Wydale lamb feeder** to keep feed clean and dry. Vaccinate rearing lambs from three weeks of age with **Heptavac P** to help clostridial diseases.

The rearing lamb project can be a very efficient way of rearing a high percentage of lambs. With current lamb values expected to continue, every extra lamb sold will help profitability.



Lifeline Lamb and Ewe Buckets

“The only pre-lambing product designed for both the unborn lamb as well as the ewe”

Lifeline Lamb and Ewe buckets by Rumenco is the only product proven to increase colostrum quality which boosts IgG levels by 25%. It contains minerals, vitamins and trace elements to support an easier lambing for the ewe and lamb.

The benefits of feeding lifeline buckets are:

- Reduced mastitis cases
- Improved hoof quality and flock health due to the inclusion of chelated zinc
- Boosts lamb vigour
- Reduces mortality
- Increased resistance to cold exposure



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Feed Lifeline four to six weeks prior to lambing for best results. Lifeline can be offered to ewes at grass or housed ewes.

For more information, please call us on 01409 259 600.

The threats to sheep from parasites this Spring

Worms

- Stomach worms in lambs are the major production-limiting parasites in UK grazing systems; they cause reduced carcass quality, weight loss, delayed finishing and decreased wool production
- Effective worm control can give up to 47% improvement in growth rate and up to 21% extra wool growth
- Good control can give up to 4.7kg extra live weight during the grazing season



The Spring rise

- The Spring rise is the relaxation of immunity around lambing. It allows ewe egg output to increase from overwintered worms, which contaminate the pastures and affect lambs
- Controlling the Spring rise is an important part of parasite management in a flock

The importance of worming for sheep

Ewes can be wormed around lambing time to help reduce the number of eggs on the pasture. It is important that some ewes are left untreated in order to delay the development of anthelmintic resistance. Ewes with a low body condition score (BCS) and ewes carrying triplets should be treated as they are likely to be producing a high amount of eggs which will contaminate the pasture. Ewes carrying singles or twins should be monitored using faecal egg counts (FEC) to see if treatment is needed.

Rearing surplus lambs with a Ewe2Feeder

It is easy for sheep farmers to worry about the amount of time they will need to spend hand-feeding their surplus lambs. However, these surplus lambs can now be reared very efficiently away from the ewe and without the problems associated with fostering onto an unwilling ewe, in a cost effective and time efficient way.



Volac's Ewe 2 and Ewe 2 Plus Milk can be fed warm using a thermostat-controlled feeder such as the Volac Ewe 2 nest bucket which can rear up to 20 lambs, or the Volac Ewe 2 Plus, which can rear up to 40 lambs. It is recommended that newborn lambs are started on milk at 30°C, but once they are trained and drinking well, the temperature can be reduced to 18-20°C. The amount of milk replacer used is approximately 11-12kg per lamb. The Ewe 2 sits outside the pen, ensuring optimum safety and avoiding spillages.

A Ewe 2 feeder is easy to operate and will save you valuable time during one of the most labour intensive periods of the year.

For more information and to discuss how a Ewe 2 feeder can help your business, please call us on 01409 259 600.

Our top picks for

Lambing in the shed

Maintaining good hygiene in the lambing shed is vital. Disinfectants and soap are just two of the materials you will need to successfully lamb your ewes.

Infrared Lamps



Infra red lamp unit guard and reflector complete. Comes with a three metre cable.

Visit our website for our full range of Infrared lamps.

Colostrum

Volac Volostrum is an ideal alternative or supplement when ewe's colostrum is not available or is in short supply.

Protein	76%
Oil	8%
Ash	3%
Lactose	8%
Moisture	5%



Lubricants

Ritchey Superlube is a thick general purpose gel, which contains a preservative which is non-spermicidal. The gel is ideal for use in the delivery of new born lambs.



Bottles

We have a range of lamb feeding bottles, complete with a non-vacuum forming teat. The handy measuring display ensures the correct feeding levels for growing lambs. Ideal for hand rearing orphan lambs.



Milk Replacer

Lamlac is a highly nutritious milk replacer for lambs. Suitable for all foster systems.



Protein	24%
Oil	24%
Ash	7%
Fibre	0%

Castration Rings

Reliable and effective rubber rings suitable for castration and tailing of lambs.

Available in 100, 500 or 1500 pack sizes.



Our top picks for

Lambing in the field

Healthy ewes are the foundation of successful lambing. Make sure they have the energy, protein and trace elements they need to ensure they are ready for lambing in optimum condition.

Trusti-Tuber

An easy lamb drencher for one-handed operation. Milk into val straight from ewe or nanny. Clean the whole tube so there is no build up in the tip. The Trusti-Tuber is gravity fed, not pressurised.



Buckets

Our top selling green bucket is ideal for the lambing season. A strong and durable bucket, with a galvanised handle.



Markers

High quality and long lasting fleece marker. Flexmark sprays are fast drying for all weathers and suitable for use on wet and dry fleeces.



Lammac

An essential aid against hypothermia. Enables ewes to smell and identify their offspring. Designed to stay on lambs for 72 hours. Biodegradable within weeks under natural light.



Tags

Order your Datamars sheep ear tags with us in store or over the phone. We offer an efficient and quick service of reliable identification products.



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Mineral Buckets

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plus VAT



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Get Ready for Turnout

Check your electric fences ahead of turnout and don't forget to check how well the fence is earthed.

Have you checked your electric fencing?

- Good earth for effectiveness
- Is the wire at the correct tension?
- Use a tester
- Check stake depth for sturdiness



It won't be long before livestock are going out across the South West, so now is the perfect time to prepare. Get out and walk all fencing to make sure they are in good condition.

Check your fence posts

- Walk your fencing
- Replace broken wire



Water shortage will affect the performance of your livestock at grass so now is the time to check water troughs and increase capacity if required.

Check your water troughs

- For cleanliness
- For any leaks
- Correct capacity for amount of livestock
- Accessibility



Speak to a member of staff for any products you require.



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