

Lamb Remind 101  
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## Market Lamb Information

### Purchasing Your Animal

- Starting price: \$500.00 and up
- This is something you can go out and purchase yourself, we can schedule times this summer to help you purchase your animal, or we can purchase for you.
  - We are specifically looking at mid to late March/April/early May born lambs.
  - Classifications and Breeds may include: Southdowns, Finewools, Finewool Crosses, Medium Wools, and Dorpers
- Other Costs: Supplies, Vet Bills, Entry Fees, Validation and Health Papers, Feed, Pellet Shavings, Supplements....etc
  - Supplies: Lamb Halter, Pro-cool Blanket for hot weather, Blanket and Slinky (sock) for cold weather, Shag Rags, Soap, Leg Brush

### Feeding

- Use a feeder that can be suspended to allow your animal to reach all food provided
- Feed twice a day as close to 12 hours apart at the same time every day for best results
- Feed used should have **15% - 18%** crude protein
  - Beginning amount of feed should be 3-4% of your lamb's body weight per day
- Supplements will vary on your lambs needs and should be approved by your advisor first

### Weighing

- For County Show, your lamb should weigh 90 pounds or more
- You should weigh your lamb as soon as you can and then every week at the same time and day
  - This will help you make better choices about how much to feed your lamb and to be sure they are gaining weight at a consistent rate
    - Your lamb should be gaining 1.5 - 2 pounds per week
  - Record your lambs weight and bring your records to an advisor at every showmanship clinic you attend

### Handling your Lamb

- Work with, handle, and exercise your lamb every day!
- Lambs should be halter broke first, then allow you to lead them without a halter and brace
  - Lambs should allow you to place their feet as well, *see leg shag routine*
- Attend 2 Showmanship Clinics a month per the Species Contract

### Cleaning and Staying Healthy

- Make sure your lambs stay clean!
  - A regular washing/blanket/leg wrap routine will help your lamb's shag (leg hair), handling of your lamb, and provides a good opportunity to check for any parasites, fungus, or other issues.
- Abnormalities to watch out for: ringworm, barn itch, diarrhea, runny nose, lethargy, sore mouth, etc.

### Shows Advisors will Attend: (Students must pass their 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks report cards to be eligible to show)

- Various Jackpot Shows in the Fall Semester – TBD starting in September
- Winter Classic - December/January - TBA
- Ft Worth Stock Show – Last weekend of January typically
- TCJLA County Show - First week in March typically