

28 STEPS FOR LAMBING SUCCESS



Joining

- Make Sure Rams are Ready to Work

 12 weeks before joining check teeth, toes,
 tackle, testes & body condition score
- 2 Join at a BCS of 3 to 3.5. Too light can reduce conception, too fat can impact lamb survival
- Flush Rams from 8 Weeks Pre-joining
 Feed lupins daily up until joining. Grazing dry
 feed 750g/hd/day. Green feed 500g/hd/day
- A few weeks before joining check udders, feet, teeth & body condition score
- Joining Out of Season?

 Consider management steps to promote cycling. e.g. Teaser rams
- Mineral, Vitamins & Trace Elements
 From 4 weeks pre-joining feed StockMins-GP
 to ewes & rams to boost fertility & conception
- The short Flush Ewes 2 weeks pre-joining
 Feed 500g/hd/day of grain until 2 weeks into joining. Dry feed = lupins. Green feed = barley
- Join on Moderate Pasture

 Ensure a positive energy balance throughout joining. Pasture quality, quantity. Avoid toxins
- Keep Joining to 5 Weeks

 2 x 17 day cycles. Tight lambing period, small difference in lamb weight & weaning on time
- Joining Maiden Ewes

 Grow ewes to reach a minimum joining weight of 80% SRW for Merinos or 45kg for crossbreds

Pregnancy & Lambing

- Scanning
 80 to 100 days after the start of joining scan for multiples and dry ewes
- Manage Flock Sizes for Lambing
 Separate twins from singles. Keep in max mobs of 500 for singles, 200 twins & 400 maidens
- Make Sure Paddocks have Shelter
 Good shelter in paddocks can reduce lamb
 mortality rates by 10%. Trees, shrubs & bales
- Reserve the Best Feed for Multiples
 Twin bearing ewes have almost twice the nutritional requirements of singles.
- Pre-Lambing Worm Control
 From 4 weeks pre-lambing drench ewes with an effective parasiticide
- Pre-Lambing Vaccination

 4 weeks pre-lambing vaccinate pregnant ewes with 6 in 1
- Lambing Mineral Supplementation
 4 weeks pre-lambing offer StockMinsEweLamLac or StockMins-Hoof n Horn
- Supplement Energy if Required

 If grazing mature or dry feed, supplement with barley. Multiples require a lot more energy
- Feed Grain to Boost Lactation
 Feeding 400g/hd/day of barley 2 weeks preuntil 2 weeks post-lambing can boost lactation
- Safe Grain Feeding During Lambing

 Step up to target amount slowly (100g/hd/day every 2 days). Use grain feeders during lambing to avoid mismothering





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Stress Free Lambing

Once lambing begins monitor from afar, assess feed availability & don't let supplement run out

Marking & Weaning

Timing of Marking

Plan marking for 2 to 3 weeks after the last lamb is born

Considerations for Marking

OH&S first, especially with vaccines. Ensure low stress, good hygiene and consider pain relief

Wean 14 Weeks from First Lamb

Milk accounts for ~10% of lambs diet & Ewe BCS declines. Aim for lambs to be 45% of SRW

Dry Times? May have to Wean Early

Weaning time >8 weeks. Weaning weight >15kg. Monitor ewe BCS. Feed grain if needed

26 Introduce Lambs to Grain with Ewes
Ewes show lambs how to eat grain. Grain

Ewes show lambs how to eat grain. Grain stimulates rumen development

Wean Lambs onto Quality Feed
Energy>11MJ & Protien 18%. If grazing dry feed supplement with lupins, barley & mineral lick.

The Day of Weaning

Draft lambs from ewes into weight classes, vaccinate, drench & check fences in paddocks

AusFarm Key Products



StockMins-EweLamLac

Aids in supporting pregnant and lactating ewes when essential minerals, vitamins and trace elements are in high demand.



StockMins-Hoof n Horn

Aids in the prevention and control of lameness by fortifying hooves, boosting immunity and repairing damaged tissue.



StockMins-EweLamLac HE

Aids in supporting pregnant and lactating ewes when energy, minerals, vitamins and trace elements are in high demand.



StockMins-General Purpose

Provides a broad-spectrum of essential minerals, vitamins and trace elements to boost performance in any season.



StockMins-HiPro

Designed to support maintenance in dry ewes on dry pastures and stubbles by boosting digestibility and utilisation.



StockMins-Stubble Starter

Supports grain feeding activities on dry pasture and stubbles, boosting feed utilisation and buffering grain.

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