

THE NATURAL FIBRE COMPANY


NATURAL FIBRE COMPANY ANNUAL SHEEP PLANNER (Spring Lambing)				
Month	Ewe Activity	Ram Activity	Notes	NFC activity
January	Feed hay ad lib and general concentrate (if needed)	High Energy lick Good quality	18% protein sheep concentrate	Plan pesticides to avoid processing problems
	Worm/Fluke drench, if necessary	Worm/Fluke drench	Manage Worm/Fluke regime to ensure no resistance	
	Check feet	Shear if showing early	Arrange shearing for Ram if showing	
	High Energy Lick, mineral block	Ram run with barren/singles	Feed in-lamb longwool ewes hay and concentrate if shorn	
	Scan ewes (40-90 days from Ram)		Crutch ewes to help lambing, lambs feeding	
February	Start feeding concentrate for lambing	If Ram sheared ensure cover available	Don't turn up, transport or shear ewes after 6 weeks before lambing	Check all organic compliance and documents
	Feed hay ad lib			
	6 weeks out from lambing mineral Lamb & Ewe bucket		4 weeks out can include Glucose bucket	
	max. 6 weeks from lambing: HeptavacP annual 2ml for flock	HeptavacP 2 ml annual booster		
	Crutch "woolly" sheep ewes for ease of lambing			
	Worm count if needed			
March	Prepare Lambing supplies			
	Increase concentrate (twice a day)	Shear if showing later	Arrange shearing for Ram if showing	
	Mineral/vitamin or similar Lamb & Ewe bucket		Watch ewes for twin lamb disease, etc.	Check for new services and products
	Prepare lambing shed if used			Review existing stocks, make plans
April Lambing	Flush ewes on best grass ready for lambing			
	Ewes in lambing shed in evening - out in day	Watch condition and feet	Order ear tags	Check prices and offers
	Once lambed keep in for 24- 48 hrs		Check feet	Order fleece sacks
	Castrate ram lambs, tail rings, ear tags, etc		Can use lightweight non electronic tag, and add the other at shearing or weaning	Wonderwool delivery/collection
May	Worm/Fluke drench ewes, if necessary			
	Lambs @ 5-6 weeks old		Arrange shearing include shearlings	Order fleece sacks, if not done
	HeptavacP 2ml (1st dose) & Worm/Fluke lambs (6 weeks)	Fly strike treatment, if at risk	Check for fly strike (can treat lambs)	Check for new services and products
	Can turn up ewes, can shear		Start flock planning for next year	Check fleece collections available at shows
June Fly Strike	General lick/mineral/vitamin lamb & Ewe			
	Lambs @ 10 weeks HeptavacP 2ml (2nd dose)		Check for coccidiosis	
	Worm lambs if necessary & Fluke drench		Garlic lick against fly-strike	
	Mid month shear ewes & shearlings (must be dry)		Sheep should be starved at least 12 hours before shearing	
	Move to clean pasture after worming		Review lamb growth, select for flock plan	
July	Treat for Fly strike, if at risk		Use Faecal Egg Counts to target worm regime	Woolfest! delivery/collection
	Check for Fly strike mid/late month	Watch for fly-strike, crutch if needed	Check feet	
	Fly strike treatment, if struck or at risk			
	Worm lambs if necessary, 1st year 2-3 doses max.			Sheep 2016
August Ram MOT	Worm/Fluke drench ewes if necessary	Worm/Fluke drench	Weaning - Move lambs with ewes and then remove ewes	
	Fly strike treatment, if struck or at risk	MOT and start build up	Shear longwool lambs, also others for faster growth	
	Wean lambs to best grass (10 days), check weights	High energy lick	Use Faecal Egg Counts to target worm regime	
September	Move ewes to poorer grazing to dry off	Vitamin drench if needed		
	Check thinner ewes for extra feed	Feed concentrate if required	Arrange slaughter for up to weight lambs	
			Bring in slaughter lambs 24 hours before (no food)	Check barn for more fleece before winter housing
			Finalise flock plan for next year	
October Ewes MOT			Buy and sell rams or ewes as necessary	Yarndale delivery/collection
	Move ewes to flush pasture	High energy lick	Check for ORF (pen&strep)	British Wool Week, how about a farm visit?
	High Energy bucket, mineral lick	Vitamin drench if needed	Arrange with Auctions for selling store lambs	Check for new services and products
	Worm/Fluke drench ewes, if necessary	Worm/Fluke drench	Select/dispose of cull ewes	
November Ram	MOT ewes - feet, teeth, vitamin drench, check condition		Use Faecal Egg Counts to target worm regime	
	Ram (end October - November) in with ewes for 6 weeks until ewes not returning		Arrange winter shearing for longwools	Order fleece sacks for winter fleeces
	Don't turn up ewes unless essential, aim no stress		Check for fluke	
December	Feed hay if needed			
	Aim for condition score ewes 3-3.5		Shear longwools, if sheared, ensure shelter	
	Feed hay if needed		Crutch ewes if necessary	Check barn for more fleece before housing for lambing
	Xmas week or earlier, remove ram (6 weeks)		Feed shorn longwool in-lamb ewes hay and concentrate	
	Send off holding register report			