



## Cleon's Corner

### Lambing time checklist

<b>Make your list and check it twice!!</b>	
●	1. Ewe numbers with lambing dates, (post this in the lambing shed.)
●	2. Shear 2-3 weeks prior to lambing.
●	3. Worm, external parasite treatment, and vaccinations at shearing time.
●	4. Body condition,- Score all ewes 4-6 weeks prior to lambing, and adjust energy (groceries) accordingly. Overfat ewes are as big a problem as extremely thin ewes. If you have not done BCsing, ask your extention agent or veterinarian to hel p you.
●	5. Get the facilities prior to shearing;
	A. Make certain the lambing shed is cleaned well in advance to lambing.
	B. Make adequate stalls, (jugs - jails or whatever you want to call them). If the breeding season was short, you may want 1 stall for every 5-7 ewes.
	C. Lambing jugs should be at least 4 foot square, with good visibility so that you can observe the inmates.
	D. High phosphate fertilizer sprinkled on the floor of the lambing jugs following cleaning will prevent the ammonia build up in the shed. Ask your extention agent for help on design of the lambing facillity.
●	6. Equipment and supplies.
	A. A good coffee pot or thermos.
	B. A supply of frozen colostrum, preferably from one of your ewes. Freeze it by placing 4 ounces in a zip lock bag, and freeze it flat for easier thawing. Do not microwave or place in boiling water.
	C. Feeding tube and syringe funnel
	D. Plastic OB sleeves.
	E. Exam gloves.
	F. syringes and needles.
	G. Antibiotics.
	H. Disinfectant-detergent-lubricant for OB work.
	I. Bucket for water (OB work).