

Lamb weaning protocol.

ProAgni® ProTect S grain feeding supplement.



Pre-weaning

- At least 10 days before weaning, feed ewes and lambs in paddock with troughs and/or self feeders to imprint lambs with feed infrastructure
- Do this daily to imprint and reinforce feeding behaviour until day of weaning

Day of weaning

- Draft ewes and lambs
- Lambs should be at least 15 kilograms in liveweight. Weaner's less than this may have nutritional stress or a health issue that needs to be managed
- Split lambs into at least two groups, lead and tail. Keeping animals within a tight weight range will decrease incidence of a tail forming. The more groups separated by weight, the better
- Provide cool clean water

Animal health treatments

- Vitamin A,D & E Intramuscular injection per specifications
- Vitamin B12 Subcutaneous injection per specification
- Clostridia Vaccine (6 in 1) subcutaneous per specifications

Diet

Target a crude protein level of 18%-20% for young light lambs. Ideally the protein source needs to be primarily from either a plant-based meal or pulse crop, such as lupins. A typical diet would consist of:

Whole lupins	30%
Whole Barley	65%
ProAgni ProTect S	5%

Alternate protein sources such as Faba Beans, Canola Meal, Cotton Seed Meal can all be used, inclusion rates will need to be adjusted to meet required protein percentages. Fill the balance of the diet with cereal grains (wheat, barley, corn, triticale, corn) and 5% ProAgni® Protect S AIF.

Important management

- Clean water troughs daily
- Inspect all self-feeders daily to ensure feed is available at all times
- Remove shy feeders
- Take the time to hold lambs on feed during the early days of weaning. The better training of the lambs to eat while on mum the easier weaning will be.
- Split into groups on weight first and sex second. Once they are feeding well all lambs can be boxed.
- Assess faecal score
- Always maintain high quality palatable hay, watch for spoiling. Replace hay if it becomes fouled and unpalatable



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10 days pre-weaning

FEED EWES AND LAMBS IN Paddock WITH TROUGHs AND/OR SELF FEEDERS TO IMPRINT LAMBS WITH FEED INFRASTRUCTURE.

DO THIS DAILY TO IMPRINT FEEDING BEHAVIOUR

Day 1

PROVIDE ACCESS TO ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

50gm/hd

of diet, observe behaviour

PM

IF 80% OF DIET HAS BEEN CONSUMED, FEED 50G/HD OF DIET

IF 80% OF FIRST FEED NOT CONSUMED AND REMAINS UNSPOILT LEAVE AVAILABLE AND DO NOT ADD ANY MORE.

KEEP PERSISTING WITH 50G/DIET PER HEAD UNTIL CONSUMPTION TAKES PLACE.

Day 2

PROVIDE ACCESS TO ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

75gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

75gm/hd

of diet

Day 3

PROVIDE ACCESS TO ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

100gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

100gm/hd

of diet

Day 4

PROVIDE ACCESS TO ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

125gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

125gm/hd

of diet

Day 5

PROVIDE ACCESS TO ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

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AM

Feed

150gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

150gm/hd

of diet

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Day 6

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

150gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

150gm/hd

of diet

Day 7

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

175gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

175gm/hd

of diet

Day 8

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

225gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

225gm/hd

of diet

Day 9

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

250gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

250gm/hd

of diet

Day 10

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
ADLIB PALATABLE HAY

PROVIDE ACCESS TO
COOL CLEAN WATER

AM

Feed

250gm/hd

of diet

PM

If AM diet consumed, feed

250gm/hd

of diet

MONITOR FEEDING
BEHAVIOURS, IF FEEDING
WELL TRANSITION TO A
SMALL Paddock

Day 11 onwards

ASSESS LAMBS FOR
FUTURE MARKETING
OPTIONS, ESTABLISH
PLAN FOR MAXIMISING
GROWTH & MINIMISING
TIME TO MARKET.

NEXT STAGE PROTOCOLS:

- INTENSIVE LAMB FEEDING
- GREEN FEEDING
- DRY FEEDING