

Increase feed every Saturday

Start lambs on $\frac{1}{4}$ coffee cans per day - two in a.m. and two in p.m.

First Saturday

Increase to 6 cups per day.

Second Saturday

Increase to 9 cups per day.

Third Saturday

Increase to 12 cups per day.

Fourth Saturday

Increase to 16 cups per day.

Continue to increase $\frac{1}{4}$ cups per week as long as the lambs clean up all the feed.

DO NOT OVER FEED

quiet as possible. Lambs should be fed twice daily and at the same hours each day. Feed boxes should be cleaned before each feeding. Lambs should be kept in a clean, dry, well bedded area.

Lambs should be observed carefully twice a day and particularly at feeding time. If lambs fail to eat, then feed should be cut back accordingly and the County Agent notified immediately. Flies should be controlled. During hot weather the lambs should have access to a cool, shaded area.

HEALTH PRACTICES

All lambs were carefully screened at the market for relative freedom of disease and parasite problems. Lambs were treated during the holding period for external and internal parasites and disease. Lambs will be treated for internal parasites again within fifteen days and retreated again within 30 days. Lambs will be vaccinated for enterotoxemia (over-eating disease).

Any deviation from normal such as lameness, bloat, mouth sores, off feed, diarrhea, droopiness, etc., call your county agent at once. Do not attempt to treat your lambs yourself. Please follow the outlined management practices and recommendations.

FITTING AND SHOWING

Each exhibitor will show one well fitted lamb as a single with the remaining lambs to be shown as a pen of commercial unfitted market lambs. The single lamb should be "backed down" (wool on back trimmed and wool on dock squared) one month before shown. Fitting will be supervised by the County Agents to further prepare the lamb for showing.

SHOW AND SALE

Tentative date - December 13, 1961.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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DELIVERY

Each member receives 10 lambs to feed out for the project.

FEEDING

Members will receive 2,000 lbs. of a pelleted feed, ration makeup as following:

40% dehydrated alfalfa meal
50% shell corn
5% soybean oil meal
5% molasses

Members should plan on feeding this ration plus some loose average quality grass hay.

FEEDING STEPS

First 5 Days

Feed $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ration per lamb per day plus all hay lambs will eat.

Next 7 Days

Feed $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. ration per lamb per day plus all hay lambs will eat.

Next Period

Increase ration $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per lamb per week gradually as long as lambs clean up ration between feeds. It takes about 5 weeks to get lambs on full feed. Limit hay gradually. When lambs are on full feed, feed only 5 lbs. total low quality hay per day or $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per lamb per day.

WATER

Keep fresh, clean water available at all times. Clean waterers daily.

SALT

Keep loose iodized salt available at all times. Feed only a handful for the first week and then put in a box and keep box full. A loose simple mineral mix would be advisable to be fed free choice.

MANAGEMENT

When lambs first arrive at farm, handle carefully, put in feeding area, feed and water, and leave the lambs alone and keep the lambs as

PORTSMOUTH 4-H MARKET LAMB PROJECT

Sponsored by: Agricultural Committee
Portsmouth Chamber of
Commerce

OBJECTIVES

To teach 4-H club members how to select, feed and care for, fit and show, and market lambs on a commercial basis as a means of marketing locally produced grain and to make available a supply of high quality lambs for the area. Animal ownership responsibility challenges, and development of the individual project members forms the foundation for the program.

REQUIREMENTS

The project will be supervised by the Norfolk and Princess Anne County Extension Personnel. Project members will be required to carry out all instructions provided.

SPONSORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Sponsorship of project will be conducted by the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee.

Each Member:

- (a) is responsible for transporting his lambs from the distribution center to his home.
- (b) will sign a note for the purchase price of the lambs.
- (c) Parents will sign a feed note with Southern States, stating that it is permissible to charge the feed during the feeding period.
- (d) will be required to pay \$5.00 insurance on the lambs.

SELECTION OF LAMBS

Feeder Lambs were procured at the Staunton Livestock Market, Staunton, Virginia. Selections were from the good and utility grades averaging 60 pounds per lamb. 104 lambs were selected from a group of 400 lambs.

PREPARATION OF LAMBS

Lambs were shorn and dipped at the market and shipped to the Portsmouth area the next day. Upon arrival the lambs were given $1\frac{1}{2}$ days of rest with water and grass hay. The third day after purchase all lambs were carefully inspected and treated for disease and parasites.