Some interesting facts about
SHEEP AND LAMBS

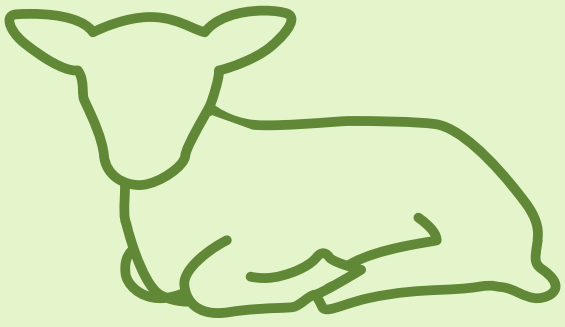
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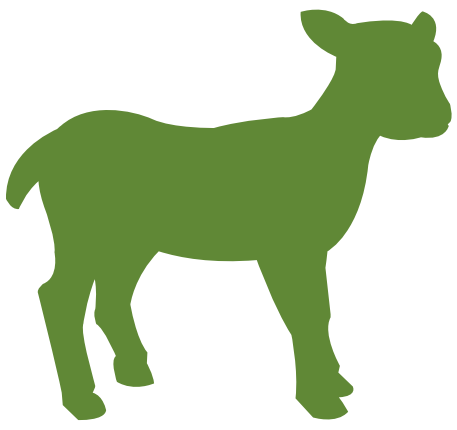
GESTATION

The gestation period of sheep is between 142 to 152 days, but 147 days is used as the average to calculate the lambing date.

BIRTH WEIGHT

Birth weight for lambs may range from 5 to 8 pounds. That's 2.2 –3.6kg



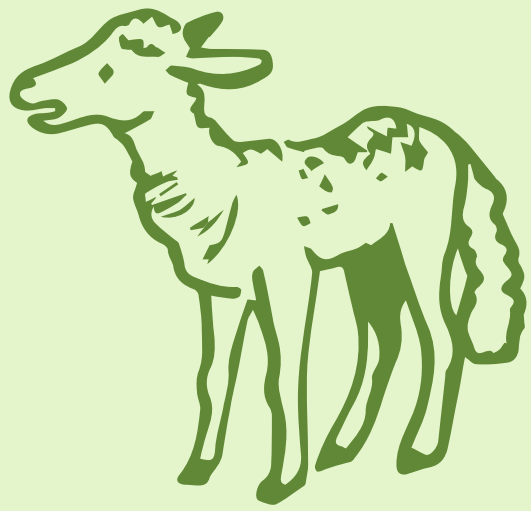


STAND UP, BABY

Healthy lambs can stand within minutes after birth and are able to move with the flock almost immediately

SHORT TAIL

Shortly after birth a rubber ring is put on the tail to shorten it. Short tails are less likely to become soiled with manure and are therefore, less likely to promote local infections and fly strike





DISEASE

Sadly, newborn lambs won't all survive. There are several possible causes for example watery mouth, joint ill and hypothermia. Shepherds want their lambs to survive and can try some treatments but they're not always successful.