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Basic Sheep Info ·

Sheep terminology

- **Sheep and lambs**

Sheep are over one year of age. They have usually produced offspring. Lambs are less than one year of age. They have usually not produced offspring.

- **Lamb and mutton**

Lamb is also the term for the flesh of a young domestic sheep eaten as food. The meat from a sheep that is older than 12 months is called mutton.

- **Wool**

The fiber that most sheep grow is called wool. The wool from one sheep is called a fleece. Many fleeces from the same farm, wool pool, region, or state are called a clip.

- **Ewes**

A female sheep is called a ewe. Yoe is a slang term for ewe. A young female is called a ewe lamb. The process of giving birth to lambs is called lambing. Another word for birthing is parturition. Another word for pregnancy is gestation.

- **Rams**

A male sheep is called a ram. Buck is the slang term for ram. A young male is called a ram lamb. In parts of the United Kingdom, a ram is called a tup and the mating season is called tupping.

- **Wethers**

A castrated male sheep is called a wether. Wethers are less aggressive than rams. George is a wether.

- **Yearling**

A yearling is an animal between 1 and 2 years of age that may or may not have produced offspring. In other countries, a yearling ewe is called a hogget, shearling, gimmer, theave, or teg.

- **Flock**

A group of sheep is called a flock. Larger groups of sheep are called bands or mobs.

- **Shepherd**

A shepherd is a person who cares for sheep.

- **Shepherder**

A shepherder is a herder of sheep (on open range). It is someone who keeps the sheep together in a flock. In the U.S., the shepherder is not usually the owner of the sheep.

- **Farm (n)**

A farm is an area of land, including various structures, devoted primarily to the practice of producing and managing food. It usually includes cultivated land for producing crops

- **Ranch**

A ranch is a farm consisting of a large tract of land along with facilities needed to raise livestock.

- **Abattoir**

An abattoir is a building where animals are slaughtered and processed into meat products. It



Lambing



Corriedale ram



Shepherd



A sheep farm in Mexico

comes from the French word, abattre, "to strike down."

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