

Essentials at Lambing The 7 week rule

7-week rule 0.1-0.7kg concentrate

Quality Silage	Concentrate supplementation (kg/ewe/day)				
	WK10	WK8	WK6	WK4	WK2
DMD %					
70			0.1	0.3	0.6
65		0.1	0.25	0.5	0.7
60		0.1	0.2	0.5	0.8
55	0.1	0.3	0.55	0.8	1.0

Every week incrementally build diet based on quality of forage available. A decrease in quality of diet will directly affect the bond between lamb and ewe due to poorer quality colostrum therefore it is essential to provide supplementation to account for this. Higher the quality forage = less time needed for supplementation.



Importance of supplementation

Supplementation of high-quality protein → will drive colostrum quality and milk yield essential for lamb growth. Sufficient supply of quality milk to the lamb is a key driver of live-weight gain and reduction in days to slaughter

Sufficient supply of energy → providing enough energy in the diet pre and post lambing is key in reducing metabolic diseases such as twin lamb disease and even maintaining bodyweight on the ewe. If you can supply enough energy for the ewe to maintain herself and provide for the lamb nutritionally, overall expense will be reduced.

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Ewe & Lamb



FEEDING FOR EFFICIENT PRODUCTION

Why choose Quinns Ewe and Lamb range for your flock?

The key to achieving profitable mid-season lamb production is positively correlated to the nutritional management of ewes in late gestation and early lactation. With majority of foetal growth occurring in the final 7 weeks of gestation, achieving the nutritional demands of the ewe will not be met by forage diet only; therefore supplementation is required to ensure optimum performance of the animal is achieved.

Protein Quality will influence milk yield and quality which will ultimately fuel lamb growth and will drive overall output/ha. Our sheep range contains minimum 15% soya bean inclusion to ensure rumen bypass protein in the diet, which is crucial for high lambing percentages.

Silage quality can often influence the rate at which supplementation is offered. Here at Quinns we offer silage analysis and nutritional support year-round, to help match our feed to best suit you. A variety of feeds are available and suitable for ewe, hogget's, rams, and lambs.



Mineral Supplementation to suit you



Quinns Supreme Spec mineral tailored specifically for sheep production on Irish grassland. Mineral supplementation throughout the ewe and lambs' life will aid the fight to prevent common mineral deficiencies. Essential minerals include

- High level of vitamin E for immunity and overall ewe health- 50mg/kg fed inclusion
- Selplex (protected selenium) for fertility and increase brown adipose tissue on lamb to reduce risk of hypothermia
- High iodine inclusion for foetal development in gestation - 10mg/kg fed inclusion

Positive results are seen with increased lamb vigour and survival through improved colostrum quality and reduced retained placenta in ewes post lambing. All minerals included aid in the reduction of mastitis occurring, promotion of suckling and muscle tone whilst reducing the incidence of stiff lambs at birth.

Quinns Intensive lamb mineral provides all necessary minerals needed by the young lamb to achieve optimum results. The inclusion of:

- Zinc for hoof health
- Cobalt for aiding Vitamin B12 absorption which assists lamb suckle and vigour.
- Ammonium chloride which will prevent Urinary Calculi which can be common in ram lambs and cause kidney stones which will set them back
- Yea Sacc included helping with rumen development and balancing rumen for optimum absorption of nutrients in early life