

## Intensive Lamb Feeding Protocols

<b>Prior to Induction</b>	<b>7 – 10 days prior to entering feedlot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vaccinate lambs (5 in 1 or 6 in 1) – assume purchased lambs have not been vaccinated</li><li>• Inject with vitamins A, D, E and B12</li><li>• Address any mineral deficiencies eg Copper, Selenium etc</li></ul>
<b>Feedlot Entry</b>	<b>Day 0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft lambs into groups with similar bodyweight and sex (max 300 lambs/pen)</li><li>• Pen lambs with minimum area 5m<sup>2</sup>/lamb</li><li>• Provide cool clean water, 2.5cm trough space/lamb</li><li>• Allow 10cm feed trough space/lamb. (This can be reduced to 5cm once lambs are ad lib)</li><li>• Provide ad lib access to clean roughage (ideally straw or coarse hay)</li><li>• Introduce pellets or grain at 100g/lamb/day</li></ul>
<b>Induction Period</b>	<b>1 – 12 days</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase pellet or grain allocation by 50g/day by slowly increasing access in lick feeder</li><li>• Open lick feeder to ad lib once lambs are comfortably consuming 700g/day</li></ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>13 days +</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weigh lambs regularly to monitor growth rates</li><li>• Continue to feed ad lib until target weights are achieved</li></ul>

### TIPS

- Do not let feeders run out of feed
- Do not provide roughage that is too palatable as lambs will eat too much hay/straw and not enough concentrate resulting in lower growth rates and feed conversion
- Weigh lambs regularly to ensure the pens have similar bodyweights
- Remove shy feeders
- Clean water troughs daily
- Situate trough and feeders at opposite ends of pen



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