



Intensive Lamb Feeding Protocols

Fact Sheet

Prior to Induction	7 – 10 days prior to entering feedlot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinate lambs (5 in 1 or 6 in 1) – assume purchased lambs have not been vaccinated Inject with vitamins A, D, E and B12 Address any mineral deficiencies eg. Copper, Selenium etc
Feedlot Entry	Day 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft lambs into groups with similar bodyweight and sex (max. 300 lambs/pen) Pen lambs with minimum area 5m²/lamb Provide cool clean water, 2.5cm trough space/lamb Allow 10cm feed trough space/lamb. (This can be reduced to 5cm once lambs are ad lib) Provide ad lib access to clean roughage (ideally straw or coarse hay) Introduce pellets or grain at 100g/lamb/day
Induction Period	1 – 12 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase pellet or grain allocation by 50g/day by slowly increasing access in lick feeder Open lick feeder to ad lib once lambs are comfortably consuming 700g/day
Ongoing	13 days +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weigh lambs regularly to monitor growth rates Continue to feed ad lib until target weights are achieved

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
- Situate water and feeders at opposite ends of the pen
- Ensure fresh water is available at all times and troughs are cleaned regularly

