



QUALITY LAMB CROPS – IMPROVED AND SUSTAINED PROFITABILITY (12 MONTHS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR WOOL FARMERS)

We teach what you need to succeed

This practical training program provides an opportunity to every wool farmer to acquire the knowledge and skills to maximise ewe flock productivity. The program is presented to small groups of farmers who meet on-farm six to seven times during the course period. Each meeting is scheduled to coincide with an important stage in the reproduction year. Each participant is equipped with those skills and knowledge necessary to achieve quality lamb crops as well as improved and sustained profitability.

1 MATING

Goal: Maximum percentage of ewes pregnant

Focus: Well prepared and virile rams
Well prepared and receptive ewes

2 EARLY AND MID PREGNANCY

Goal: Maximum foetus survival & placental development

Focus: Ewe under low stress levels
Proper placental development that will facilitate proper udder development later in the reproductive cycle

3 LATE PREGNANCY

Goal: Maximum development of the udder for maximum colostrum and milk production during lactation to facilitate maximum lamb survival

Focus: Ewes that are properly fed, which are healthy
Start managing the predation factor in and around the lambing areas

4 LAMBING AND EARLY LACTATION

Goal: Maximum lamb survival

Focus: Close observation of the lambing process
Lambs that are well fed

Identifying ewes with poor mothering ability

5 MID TO LATE LACTATION

Goal: Maximum lamb growth and development

Focus: Lambs that successfully make the transition from suckling to grazing
Prevent excessive decrease in ewe condition
Identify ewes with poor mothering ability

6 WEANING

Goal: Minimum weaning shock
Rapid recovery of ewes for next reproduction cycle

Focus: Close observation of weaned lambs
Identification of replacement ewes
Identification of ewes that did not wean a lamb
Culling of ewes with physical problems, i.e. bad udders, worn teeth, etc.,
that has to exit the flock

7 POST WEANING AND PRE MATING

Goal: Timeous preparation for the next lambing cycle

Focus: Fodder flow planning for the next lambing cycle