



**Your complete  
feeding and  
care guide for  
Cattle, Sheep  
and Goats**



# Keeping guide

## Cattle

With all types of cattle, disease can wipe out profits practically overnight.

It is essential to draw up a **Herd Health Plan** with your vet to help keep calves, breeding stock and finishing cattle healthy. It is important to observe good biosecurity precautions to guard against disease risk.

## Sheep

Frequent inspection for injury, illness, fly strike or other forms of distress is important and ailing sheep should be treated without delay.

The flock should be protected from internal parasites, given the adequate vaccinations against bacterial infections and veterinary advice should be sought.

The Most Common Dietary Diseases:

Disease	Cause	Treatment
Lambing Sickness (Hypocalcaemia)	Calcium deficiency in lactating ewe	Check calcium content of diet or apply drench
Grass Staggers (Hypomagnesaemia)	Magnesium deficiency usually brought on by cold wet weather	Feed diet containing adequate magnesium
Twin Lamb Disease (Pregnancy Toxaemia)	Inadequate ewe nutrition around lambing time. Can be stress induced	Higher energy feed or increased feed rate

If uncertain seek veterinary advice

## Goats

To maintain the health of your goats, there are certain tasks that need to be undertaken on a regular basis:

- ▶ **Foot trimming - this needs doing every 6 - 8 weeks.**  
A surform plane and hoof paring clippers are the best tools for the job.
- ▶ **Worming - minimum number of treatments and maintain safe grazing - consult your vet for further advice.**
- ▶ **Vaccinating - goats should be vaccinated on an annual basis against a range of clostridial diseases.**

# Useful hints and tips

## Cattle

- ▶ Always group animals in relation to same size, age and breed.
- ▶ Never run out of feed.
- ▶ Ensure adequate supply of long fibre to reduce bloat and acidosis.
- ▶ The higher the daily liveweight gain for the first months of life, the better the carcase conformation class, and the younger animal will be the most efficient in terms of feed conversion
- ▶ Always make sure there is adequate trough space.
- ▶ Ensure adequate loafing and bedding area.
- ▶ Animals kept inside should be well bedded with clean straw.

## Goats

- ▶ If you provide your goats with the basic requirements of fresh air, dry housing, clean land, roughage, the correct concentrates, fresh water and plenty of fuss and affection, they should pretty much take care of themselves.



## Sheep

- ▶ At tupping, aim for condition score 3.0-3.5.
- ▶ Feed ewes in poor condition 0.25kg per day from 2 weeks pre tupping to 3 weeks post tupping.
- ▶ Allow 7-9 litres of fresh water daily per ewe (1.5-2 gallons).
- ▶ Feed 0.5kg Farmgate All Stock per expected / scanned lamb in the 3 weeks pre lambing, but check condition score and consider feeding some concentrate from 6 weeks pre-lambing, then double it post lambing.
- ▶ Sheep can't have copper as it can cause Copper Toxicity when feeds above 25/mg/kg are fed for a sustained a period. Copper toxicity occurs by copper building up in the animals liver, so ensure that all concentrates fed to sheep have no added copper in the formulation.
- ▶ If feeding more than 1 kg / day, split into two feeds. Record all performance details and procedures carried out.



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