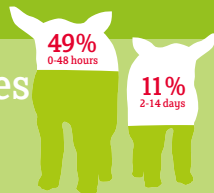


The golden hours - managing new born lambs

Problem

High mortality rates in newborn lambs

Ref: Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC) lambing survey



Reasons

- 1: Disease
Viruses, bacteria and protozoa can cause diseases such as watery mouth, coccidiosis and tetanus.
- 2: Hypothermia
New born lambs are at risk of hypothermia if their body temperature is not maintained.
- 3: Starvation
New born lambs must receive adequate colostrum and nutrition in order to survive.

Prevention

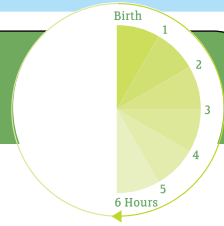


Our top tips to help give your lambs the best start...

- 1 Make sure the lamb can be identified with its mother and is well bonded
- 2 Check the lamb is dry
- 3 Treat the navel cord within 15 minutes of birth
- 4 Check the lamb has suckled and ingested sufficient colostrum
- 5 Check the ewe has an adequate milk supply
- 6 Avoid unnecessary interference
- 7 Ensure good hygiene



Colostrum - feed it as soon as you can!
within the first 6 hours if possible

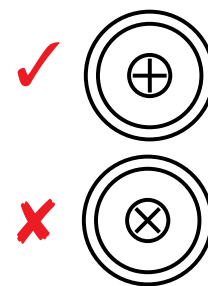


Lambs are born with no antibodies to protect them against disease...



How to mix the milk

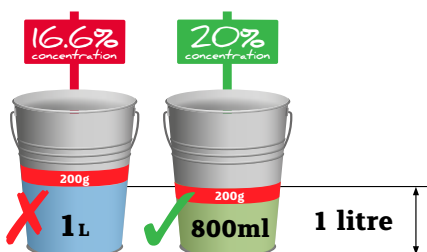
- 1 Add half the water below 45°C to the clean bucket
- 2 Weigh the powder
- 3 Add powder to the bucket and mix thoroughly until smooth
- 4 Add remaining water and mix thoroughly
- 5 Check temperature is 37-39°C and feed



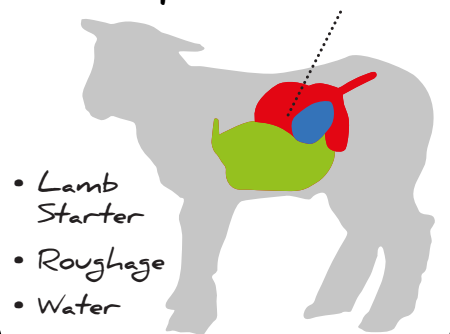
Correct way to install a teat

Mixing Milk

Make sure milk is mixed to the desired concentration - simple yet confusing!



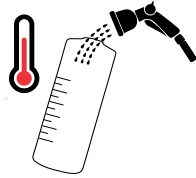
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How should I wash my feeding equipment?

① Rinse

32-38°

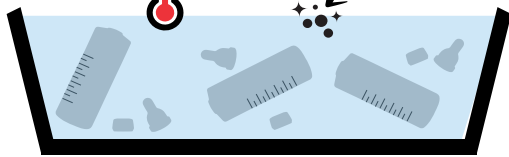


② Soak

54-57°



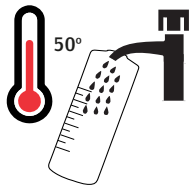
Add liquid detergent



30 mins



③ Scrub



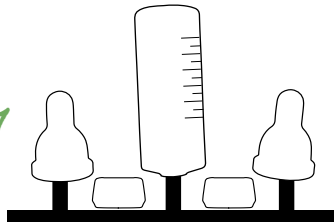
④ Wash

Add sanitiser



⑤ Rinse

⑥ Dry



Roughage

- Offer straw in racks off the floor
- Straw not hay



Are you ready to Wean?

- A minimum of 2.5 x birth weight
- A minimum of 35 days old
- Consuming 250g of solid feed/day

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