Pre-Lambing:
- Ewes vaccinated for clostridium C, D, & T
- Ewes crutched or sheared
- Feeding to prevent pregnancy toxemia {1/2 -3/4# corn or equiv./day}
- Feeding to prevent abortions {150mg OTC/ hd /day}

Lambing Area:
- Clean
- Dry
- Fresh air

Lambing:
- Sanitation is extremely important
- Provide gentle assistance if necessary {30 min w/no progress-check}
- Dip, Strip, Sip
  - dip navels       - strip teats      - lambs nurse
- Colostrum {2 oz [60cc] stomach tubed if not trying to nurse in 15min}
  - freeze extra Colostrums (2 oz bags) for emergencies
- Cold weather: - lots of towels - heat pads, lamps, box - lamb covers
  - hypothermia: “comatose” temp<90 may need 10-20% dextrose I.P.
- Confine ewe and lambs: - single 1-2 days – twins 2-3 days
  - community pen 4-5 days

Lamb Processing:
- 1 mg selenium {1cc BoSE or 0.2cc MuSe}
- Clostridium C, D,&T *day 1 best for immune system response
- Tetanus antitoxin ****especially for banding  -400 units {1.3cc for 1500 IU vial}
- Dock, castrate day 2-5 before moving to community pen
- Identify lambs {eartags, paint etc}

Pneumonia prevention:
- “Inforce “ intranasel : BRSV is viral trigger for pneumonia
  - 1cc intranasal (1/2 bovine dose) use disposable Teat cannula
  - at birth or ASAP
- “One Shot” Mannheimia (pasteurella) Haemolytica vaccine
  - 1cc sub-Q (1/2 bovine dose)
  - 5 weeks of age  Lambs
  - anytime rams, ewes *pre-lambing

Shepherd’s Kit- you may want to have the following handy
- Clean towels or rags
- Disposable sleeves & lube (thawed cold packs)
- Dog chain collar or lamb snare
- Stomach tube and 60cc syringe
- Lamb covers, heat lamp, heat pad
- “Iodine“ for navels
- Small rope halter