



Ridgeview Acres




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Origins

- 1975
 - 4-H Lamb Show Project
 - Suffolks
 - Dorsets
- 2015
 - 400 ewes
 - 900-1100 head of lambs before taking to market



Ridgeview Acres

- 500 acres crops (including double cropped acreage)
- 150 acres pasture (sheep)
- 2 poultry houses
- 32 jug Lambing Barn
 - Houses 100-125 pregnant ewes
- Suffolk & Dorsets and Commercial Flocks

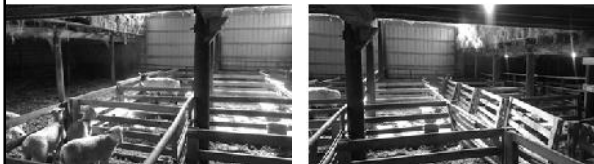


Ridgeview Philosophy

- Focus on breeding ewe lambs that need only low inputs
- Dorsets
 - Easy keeping, mothering ability, prolificacy, milk
- Suffolks
 - Faster growing, high yielding lambs
 - Heavy muscled, long loined and big legged

Lambing Season

- 70-60% Ewes lamb in the spring
- 30-40% Ewes lamb in the fall
 - 100 ewes lambed this fall
 - CIDRS used for these lambs
 - Used to produce lambs for club market



Methods of Grafting a Lamb



Feeds/Forages

- Barley/Rye haylage
- Corn Silage
- Corn/Soybeans/Barley
- 80 acres Fescue Hay



Health/Parasite Program

- Birth: Dip navels
- Two weeks of age: lambs given CD&T
- Weaning: CD&T booster

- Dewormer: Extra-Label Cydectin annually
- Spot check and treat/cull

Marketing

- Primary Market
 - Majority of flock is focused on producing lambs for the restaurant trade in N.C.
- Secondary Markets
 - Club Lambs
 - Purebred Lambs



Challenges to Sheep Industry

It depends

- Where is your operation?
 - Coyotes
 - Pasture availability
 - Marketing (limited in many areas)



Thanks you!