

Resource:**Management plan**

Apply your management plan to your six-month wether challenge timeframe and make it suit your plan, as long as you have good husbandry practices to cover health care during the time you have your wether.

Wether operations calendar

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| October February March | <p>On arrival at your school, refer to the checklist and record sheet.</p> <p>Make sure the health declaration and National Vendor Declaration accompany your wether.</p> <p>Check that your wether is free from lice and if not, treat with back liner or dip.</p> <p>Check that vaccinations and drench are up to date.</p> <p>FAMACHA monitoring should be done on a weekly basis, along with a fat score.</p> <p>Make sure that feet have been trimmed.</p> <p>Have a daily care plan in place.</p> <p>Slowly introduce feed ration to your wether if you are using premixed rations. Check with the breeder what feed has been given to the animal.</p> <p>Make sure the wethers have their mineral requirements met.</p> <p>Check the wether's record and use a spreadsheet to plot weight, mohair measurement, FAMACHA score and fat score on arrival.</p> |
| November April | <p>Weigh weekly and note weight gains. Adjust feed intake where necessary.</p> <p>Do a health check on your wether. Record signs and symptoms, and any treatment given.</p> <p>Start handling your wether by holding him under the chin and bonding with him.</p> |
| December May | <p>Wig, crutch and pizzle your wether.</p> <p>Start grooming your animal (refer to fact sheets 3 and 4).</p> <p>Do a faecal count to check for worms. Vaccinate and drench if required.</p> <p>Contact the breeder to visit your school and give advice on animal welfare and condition.</p> |
| January June | <p>Advance training your wether to a halter. Start parading and teaching him to stand as you move around him.</p> <p>Check on weight and mohair growth, and adjust feeding ration to suit.</p> <p>Look at show schedules and closing dates of entries.</p> |
| February July | <p>Continue to monitor health and weight gain, and mohair growth.</p> <p>Include more training time in your daily care plan.</p> <p>Check faecal egg counts again, and drench and vaccinate.</p> <p>Entries submitted for the show.</p> |
| March August | <p>Show time is August in Qld.</p> <p>Complete a show dip or dry grooming.</p> <p>Check wig, pizzle and crutch, and trim feet ready for the show.</p> <p>Have a show plan. Start preparation and gather equipment required for the show.</p> <p>Put feed and water buckets and halters in your kit.</p> <p>Have a plan in place to return animals to the breeders.</p> |
| April September | <p>Show time is April in NSW and September in SA.</p> <p>By travelling to the show, you can make sure welfare standards are met for your wether.</p> <p>Use the checklist to care for your wether while at the show.</p> <p>Return all paperwork to the breeder, including a health sheet documenting any medication, drench and vaccines given to the wether while in your care.</p> <p>Note: E-NVD is only valid for 14 days. Do not fill it out too soon before the show or returning it to the breeder.</p> <p>Finish your wether challenge project and sign off with your teacher</p> |