Photographic Sequence of Winter Lambing
Part 2

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Fresh water for the ewe is very important!
Tube with colostrum or powdered colostrum; 60cc – 120 cc if the newborn lamb does not suck on its own or is weak
Hold lamb between your legs, head up or nose level with eyes. Do not push head up and back.

You can mark off length of tube from front of mouth to last rib – this is how far it should end up going in.
Let the colostrum or milk flow slowly, i.e. by gravity
Weigh the lambs
Write down information while it is fresh
Stanchion ewes who appear to be rejecting their lambs or are having lambs that are not their own fostered (grafted) onto them. This way lambs can nurse without ewe having to view them and she will gradually accept them.
Try to provide bright, sunlit, well bedded jugs
Artificially reared lambs drinking from lamb bar
Introduction to creep feed
Provide heat lamps to keep artificially reared lambs warm if needed, following proper safety requirements – heat lamps burn down barns every year.
Watch for and treat entropic eyes
Pull eye lids apart; use ophthalmic ointment or
Inject very carefully penicillin under the bottom lid subQ-
Ear Tagging - Watch placement
Tail Docking – Watch position,
Avoid docking too short!
Try to minimize movement
Shake Blood Stopper on the wound
Check Udders – soft, pliable, not exceedingly hot or ice cold
Mixing pens and creeps light and dry
To check lamb health daily, wake lambs and watch that they stretch and urinate. Most will then seek their dams to nurse.
Healthy Lambs
And Ewes