



## Guidelines on Milk/Grass Transition

**Need/issue:** Post weaning management: adaptation to new feeding regime (lamb).

**Aim:** Planning and management of lamb feeding regime to ensure adequate transition between milk and grass, so that they continue to achieve target live weight gains after weaning.

**How to implement:**

The booklet from AHDB “growing and finishing lambs for Better returns” provides advice on managing the transition and other factors such as importance of minimising stress during this period.



**Description:**

- These guidelines provide advice on when to wean.
- This will be dependent on several factors, such as:
  - Grass availability
  - Ewe body condition
  - Rearing of multiples
  - Target lamb market sale
- There is also advice on creep feeding and what situations this would be advantageous to provide creep feeding.



### Expected benefits:

Improved lamb performance and high live weight gains. Reduction in weaning check during this period of transition.

### Prerequisites and/or limits:

Advice will depend on individual's situation/ climatic factors but the principles can still be applied on managing transition.

**Country:** UK

**Dairy or/and meat sheep:** Dairy and Meat sheep

### Category of Animal (ewe, replacement, lamb):

Lamb

### Attachment:

<https://www.fas.scot/article/creep-feeding-lambs/>

<https://www.fas.scot/article/should-you-wean-lambs-early/>

<https://www.fas.scot/article/weaning-strategies-to-reduce-stress-in-sheep/>

<https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/growing-and-finishing-lambs-for-better-returns>

### Topic:

- Health
- Nutrition
- Management

### Level of solution:

- Knowledge
- Practical

### Source of information:

- Farm advisory service (FAS) website
- SAC
- AHDB

