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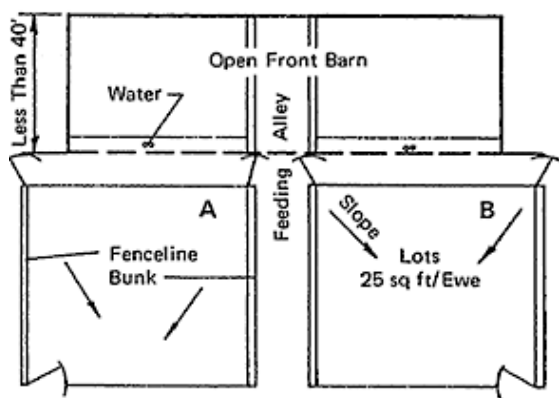
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Sheep Space Allotments

This NebGuide helps sheep producers plan for optimum spacing requirements for different classes of sheep.

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Many sheep producers are converting old farmstead buildings to livestock facilities, or are interested in building new units for sheep. A producer planning his sheep facilities needs to know the optimum spacing required for different classes of sheep. This NebGuide is designed to help make these decisions.

Open-front barn with small lots and fenceline feeding.

BREEDING EWES		
LOT SPACE	Bred Ewe	Ewe with Lamb
-- All dirt	20 sq. feet	^B 25 sq. feet
HOUSING		
-- Open sheds	8 sq. feet	12 sq. feet
-- Confined sheds (solid floors)	12-16 sq. feet	16-20 sq. feet
-- Confined sheds (slotted floors)	8 sq. feet	10-12 sq. feet
-- Confined sheds (lamb creep space)		2 sq. feet
FEEDERS FOR CONCENTRATES		
-- Hand feeding	16 linear inches	^A 16 linear inches
-- Self feeders (concentrates including pellets)	Not recommended	6 linear inches
-- Self feeders (complete rations not pelleted)	Not recommended	12-14 linear inches
FEEDERS FOR ROUGHAGES		

-- Hand fed	16 linear inches	16 linear inches
-- Self fed	8-12 linear inches	8-12 linear inches
WATERING EQUIPMENT		
-- Open tank	1 foot/15 head	1 foot/15 head
-- Automatic bowl	1 bowl/40 head	1 bowl/40 head

FEEDER LAMBS	
	Space/head
LOT SPACE	
-- All dirt	15-20 sq. feet
-- Dirt and paving	16 sq. feet
-- All paving	16 sq. feet
HOUSING	
-- Open shells	6 sq. feet
-- Confined sheds (solid floors)	8-10 sq. feet
-- Confined sheds (slotted floors)	4-6 sq. feet
-- Confined sheds (lamb creep space)	2 sq. feet
FEEDERS FOR CONCENTRATES	
-- Hand feeding	^A 10-12 linear inches
-- Self feeders (concentrates including pelleted)	1-2 linear inches
-- Self feeders (complete rations not pelleted)	4 linear inches
FEEDERS FOR ROUGHAGES	
-- Hand fed	^A 10-12 linear inches
-- Self fed	4 linear inches
WATERING EQUIPMENT	
-- Open tank	1 foot/25 head
-- Automatic bowl	1 bowl/50 head

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