



# Autumn: out in the fields

The farmer selects the stock from which to breed. The ram serves the females - ewes. Coloured dye (raddle mark) is attached to the ram so the shepherd knows which ewes have been served.

The ewes are kept on good pasture for 3 weeks before and 6 weeks after so that the fertilised eggs can develop successfully. It takes five months 'gestation period' for a lamb to grow.

As part of regular footcare, sheep can be vaccinated against footrot.

## THE SHEPHERDS CALENDAR

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- Buy new breeding ewes
- Worm breeding stock before mating
- Breeding flock prepared for mating
- Dip all sheep against sheep scab
- Routine footcare

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