



# Spring: new beginnings

Spring is usually when the lambs are born and is a very busy time for the farmer because the sheep need to be looked after day and night.

When a lamb is born it is very wet and slippery; the mother licks it dry and a healthy lamb is soon standing up and drinking milk from its mother.

The first milk, called colostrum, is very important. It contains anti bodies which gives the lamb immunity and protects it from disease. It can only get these anti bodies from its mother.

## THE SHEPHERDS CALENDAR

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- Lambing
- Worm ewes
- General health checks
- Ewes vaccinated to maintain disease protection and pass on immunity to new born lambs
- Ewes run through foot bath to protect against footrot
- Vaccinate lambs for disease prevention

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