



# Summer: time for shearing

Summer is time to clip off the wool fleece from the sheep (shearing). It does not hurt the sheep which needs this 'hair cut' for its welfare. It takes 2 or 3 minutes to shear one sheep. Fleeces are taken to a grading depot. The farmer is paid by the British Wool Marketing Board for the weight, type & quality of wool. Summer agricultural shows give farmers the opportunity to show their best animals and find out about new developments. 12 weeks after the lambs are born, some are ready to take to market. The best lambs will be kept by the farmer to replace his stock, or sold later to other farms for breeding.

## THE SHEPHERDS CALENDAR

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- Shearing
- Routine sheep work
- General health checks
- Fly control for lambs and ewes
- All lambs ear-marked for identification
- Agricultural shows
- Pedigree stock registered with breed societies

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