





Design Your Facilities to Implement Your Management Plan

Design Steps

- 1. Define the sheep management plan
- 2. Define the sheep management groups
- 3. Determine the number of sheep in a management group
- 4. Design the pens for sheep comfort
- 5. Develop farmstead plan for now and the future
- 6. Develop the pen layout into a facility design sketch
- 7. Consider labor efficiency in design layout
 - 1. Feeding
 - 2. Bedding and manure removal
 - 3. Handling and moving sheep

Develop a Sheep Management Plan

- **□** Define management groups and number in group
- List Needs of sheep
 - Comfort
 - Environment
 - Nutrition
 - Health Care
 - Movement between groups
 - Manure Handling
- ☐ List Needs (and wants) of the Owner
 - Convenient feeding
 - Convenient manure handling
- **□** Determine features that meet these needs and (wants)
- Prioritize the list of features
- **☐** Flexible space design (seasonal needs)
 - □ Group pen housing
 - Lambing space
 - ☐ Sheep handling space
 - **☐** Shearing space

Sheep Management Groups

- Ewes (Milking)
- Dry Ewes
- Rams
- New born lambs
- Growing lambs
 - Males
 - Females

Consider Sheep Behavior in Design in pen and facility design

- □ Flocking instinct
 - **■**Social animals
 - ☐ Like to see each other
- ☐ Fearful by nature
 - **☐** Isolation
 - ☐ Predator (you)
- **☐** Social Ranking
- **☐** Remember bad experiences
- ☐ Hard to fence

Sheep Management Plan "Needs of the Sheep"

- Provide a safe, comfortable, & healthy environment
 - Space to rest and walk
 - Clean & dry resting space
 - Fresh Air (Ventilation)
 - Draft free (Ventilation)
 - Adequate feed and water
 - Exercise (Activity)
 - Manage temperature extremes
 - 50-60 °F Adults, 0-55 °F no production affects
 - 54-65 °F Kids

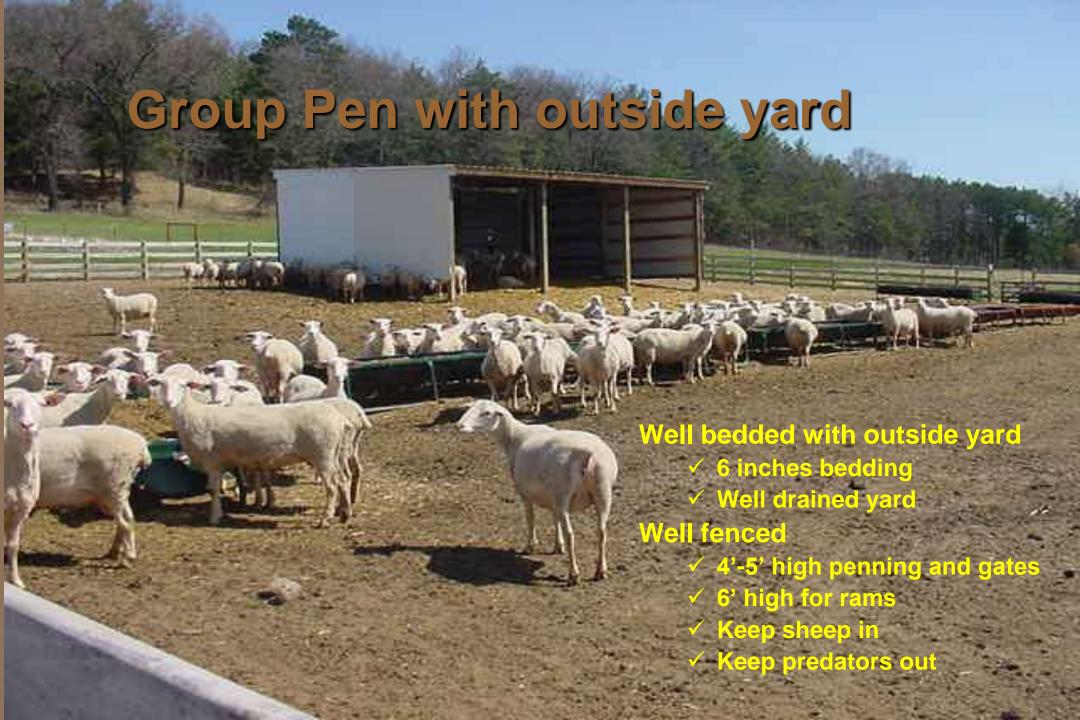
Sheep Bedded Resting Space

9	Housing Type	Ewes (150-200 lb)	Ewes with Lambs (150-200 lb)	Rams (180-300 lb)	Young Lambs	Feeder Lambs
•	Bedded pen	12-16 s.f	15-20 s.f.	20-30 s.f.	2 s.f.	(30-110 lb) 8-10 s.f
•			(1.5 -2.0 s.f. creep)			
9	Dirt Lot	25-40 s.f.	30-50 s.f.	25-40 s.f.	NR	20-30 s.f.
•	Paved Lot	16 s.f.	20 s.f.	16 s.f.	NR	10 s.f.
9	Total Confinement	20-25 s.f.		NR	8-10 s.f.	8-10 s.f.
	Individual Pen	6' x 6'	6' x 6'	6' x 6'	4' x 4'	4' x 4'
	Pasture	0.5 acre		MWPS Sheep Handbook 1994		

Sheep Management Plan "Needs of the Owner"

- **■**Safe & Labor efficient
 - Observation, feeding, cleaning, handling & treatment
- ■Effectively utilize a farm's resources
 - Land
 - Capital
 - Labor
- **■** Environmentally friendly





















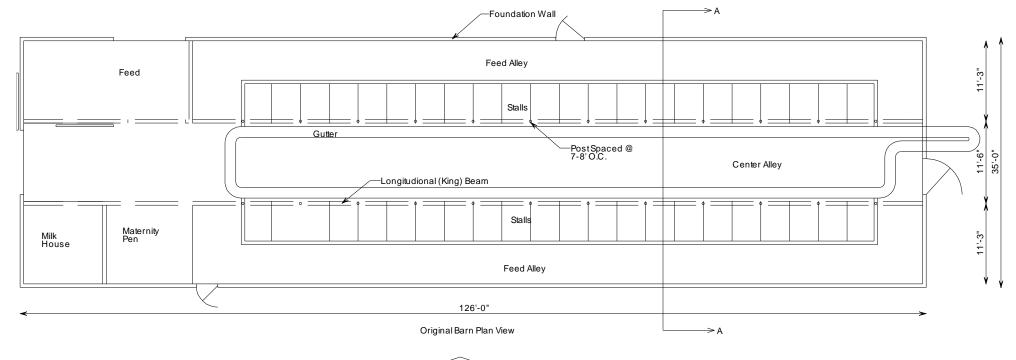
Remodeled Dairy Barn Design Considerations

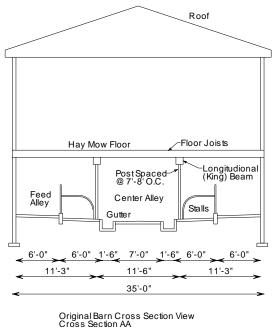
- Use milk house for warm space
- Remove gutter cleaner
- ✓ Fill in gutter
- Protect water lines from freezing
- Consider access for feeding equipment
- ✓ Consider access for manure removal equipment
- Minimal structural changes
- Work around columns
- ✓ Minimal new concrete work
- ✓ Ventilation design
- ✓ Parlor space close to milk house

Remodeled Facilities

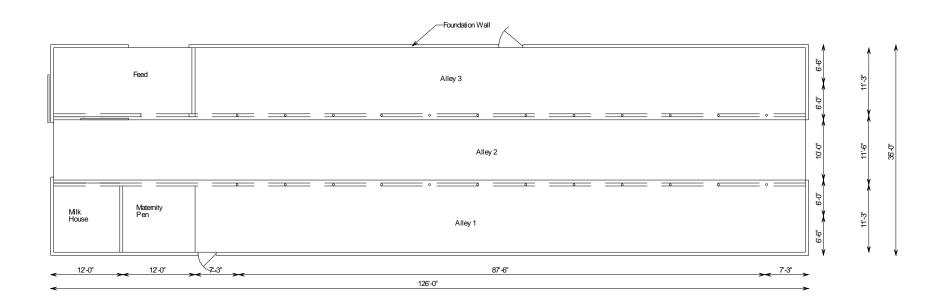
- ✓ Two Story Dairy Barn
- √ Heifer Barn
- Machine Shed
- √ Horse Barn
- √ Car Ports
- ✓ Hoop Barn
- ✓ Greenhouse Frames
- ✓ New Post Frame Barn

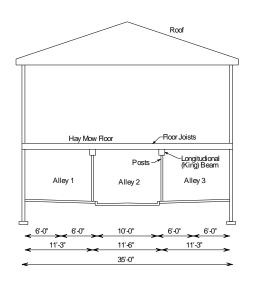






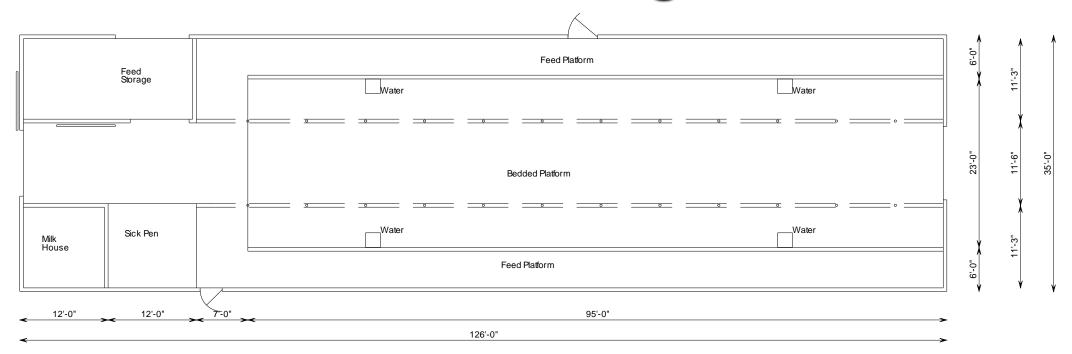
Existing StallBarn





Stall Barn Alleys

Tie Stall Remodel to Sheep Housing

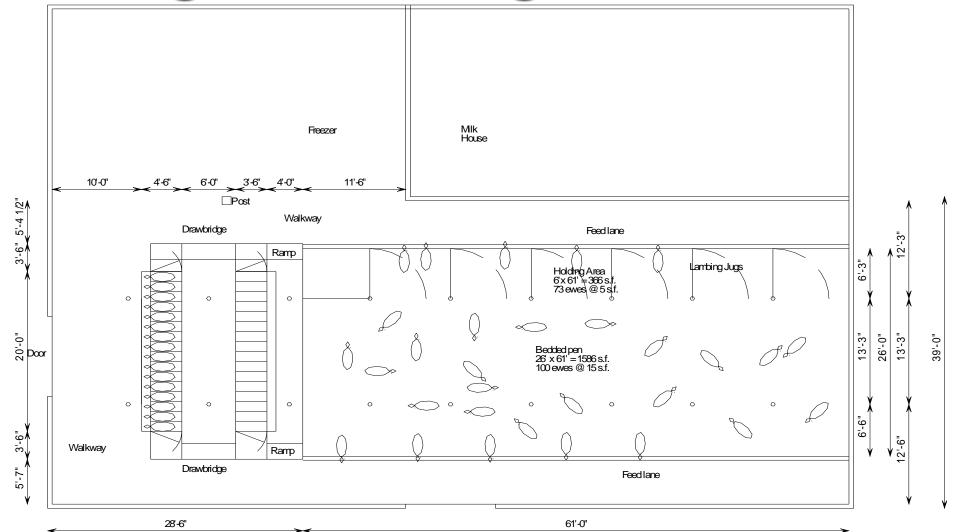


Bedded Platform 23'x 95' = 2185 s.f. 100 head @ 20 s.f./head bedded space 22"/head feed space 200 head @ 10 s.f./head bedded space 11"/head feed space





Tie Stall Barn Remodel Sheep Housing and Milking







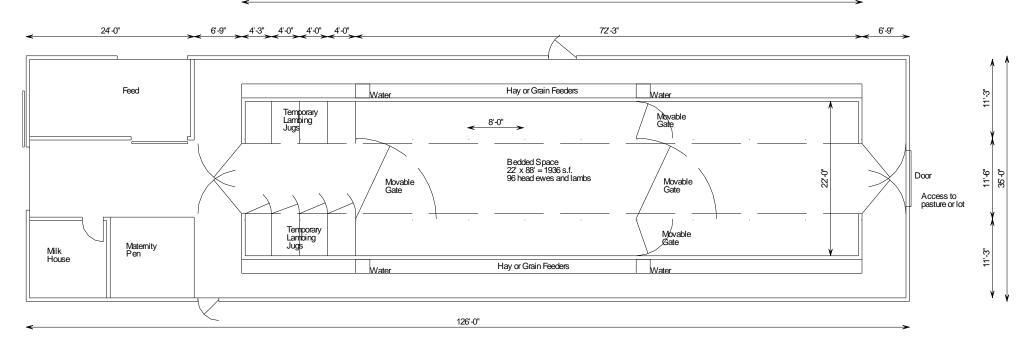




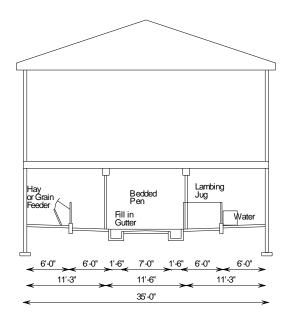


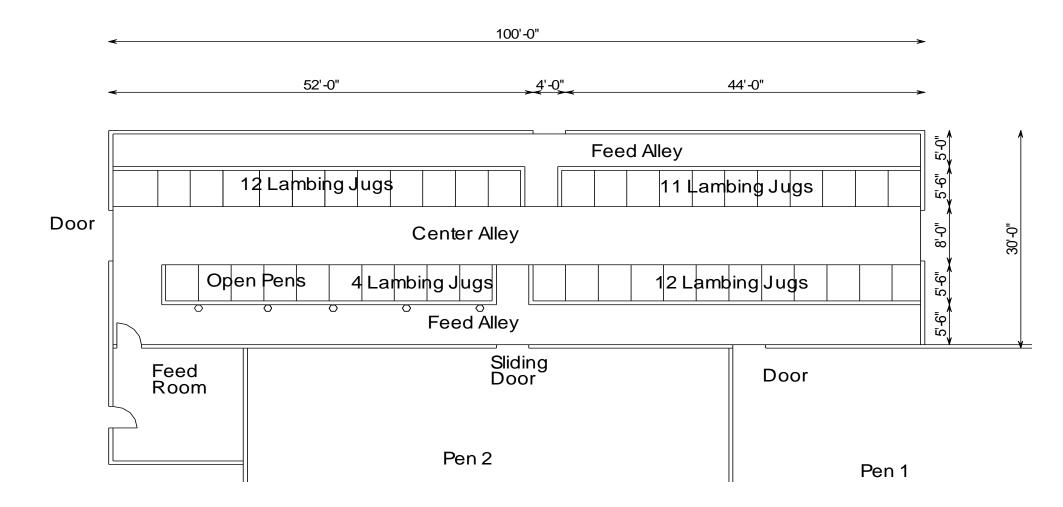






Tie Stall Remodel Lambing





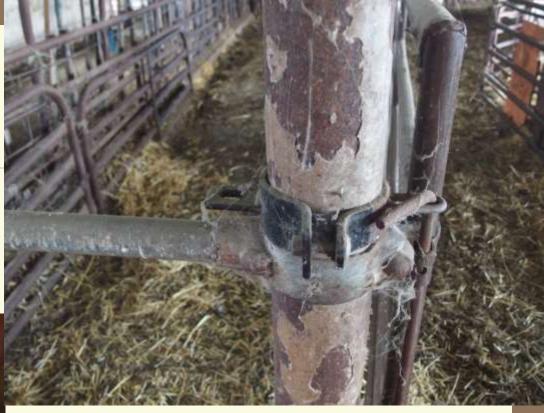




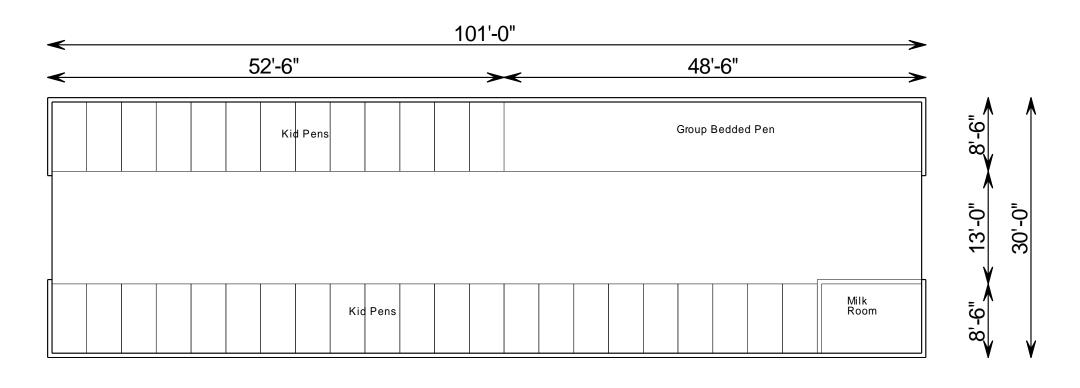


Gate Hinges for 4" diameter posts





Remodeled Calf Barn for Lambs









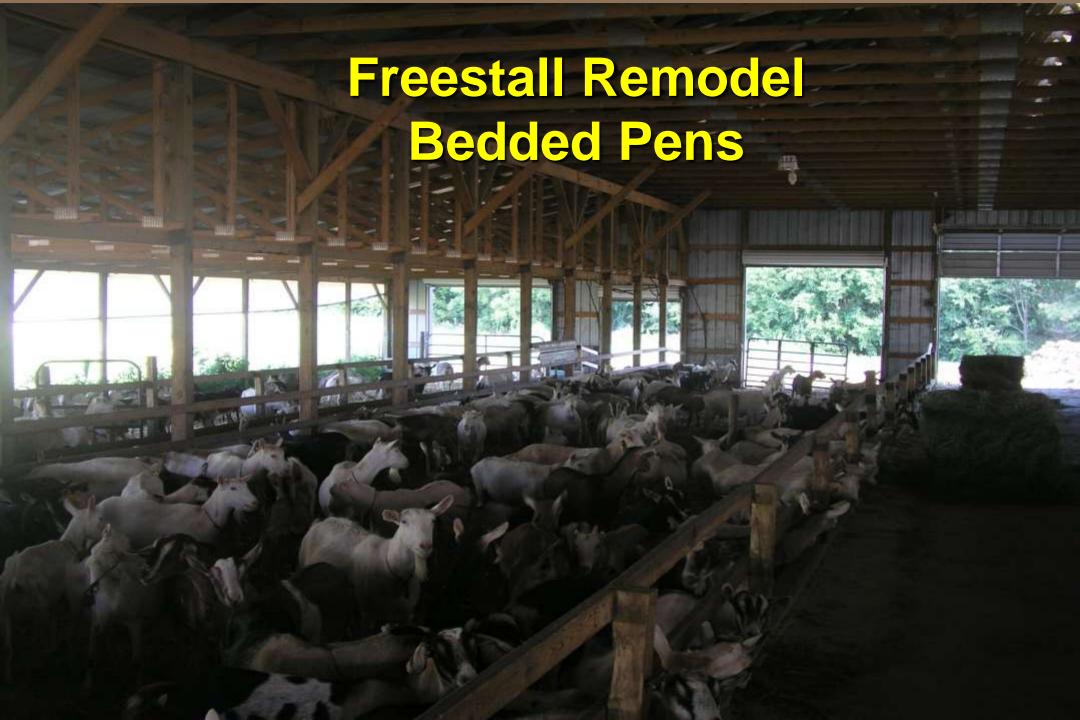
Remodeled Freestall Barn for Dairy Goats

151'-0"			
` <	75'-6"	75'-6"	`
Water	Bedded Pen 19' x 75' = 1425 s.f. 60 head @ 24 s.f. 15" feed space/head	Bedded Pen 19' x 75' = 1425 s.f. 60 head @ 24 s.f. 15" feed space/head Water	Water
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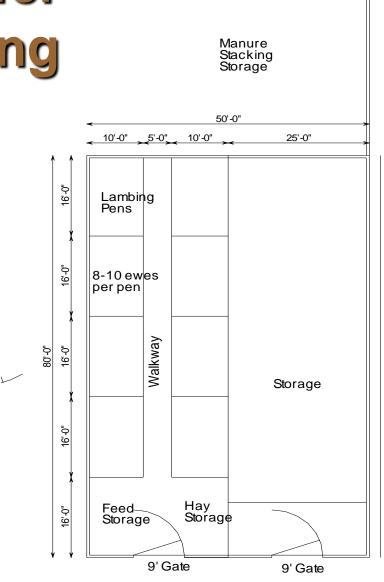








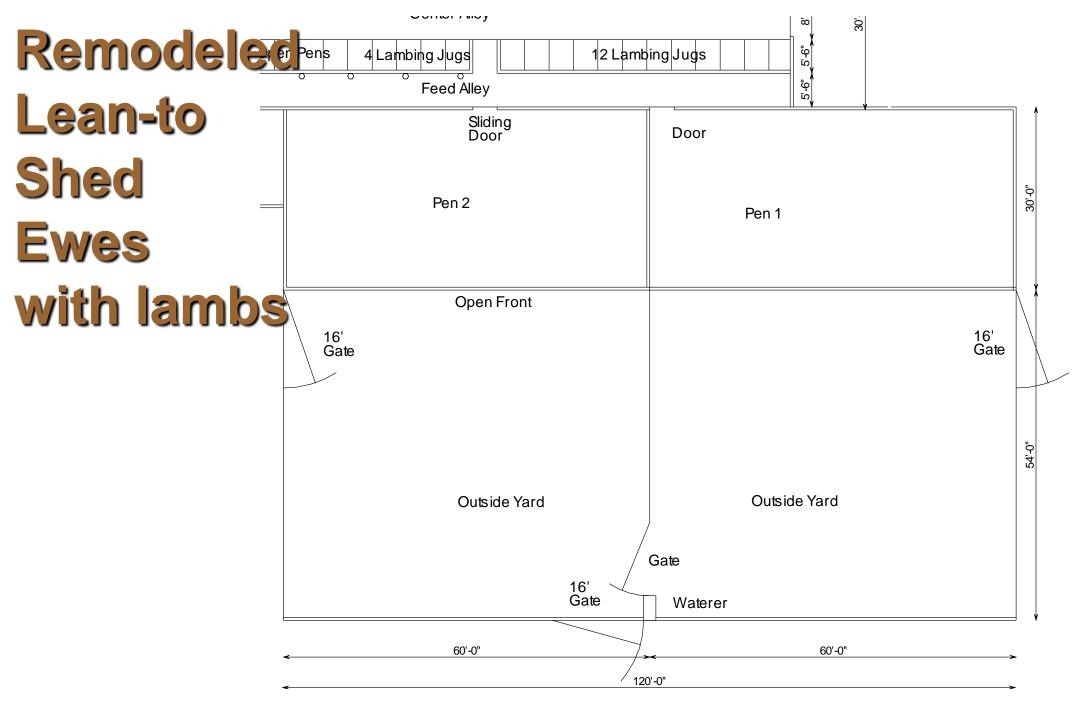
Remodeled Heifer Shed for Lambing







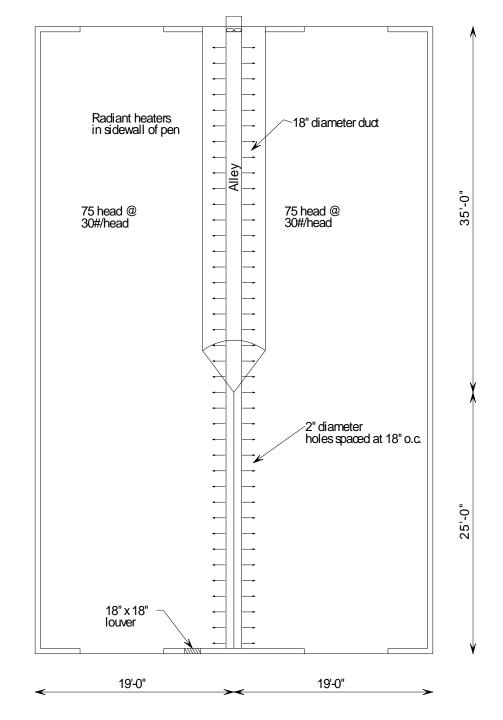








Spooner Sheep Hoop Barn



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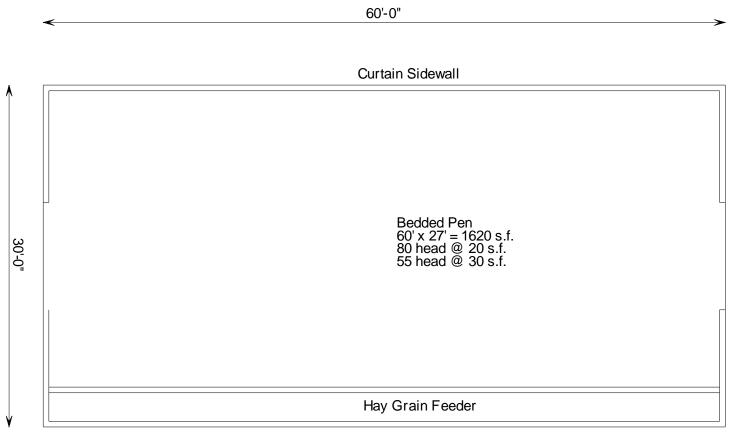






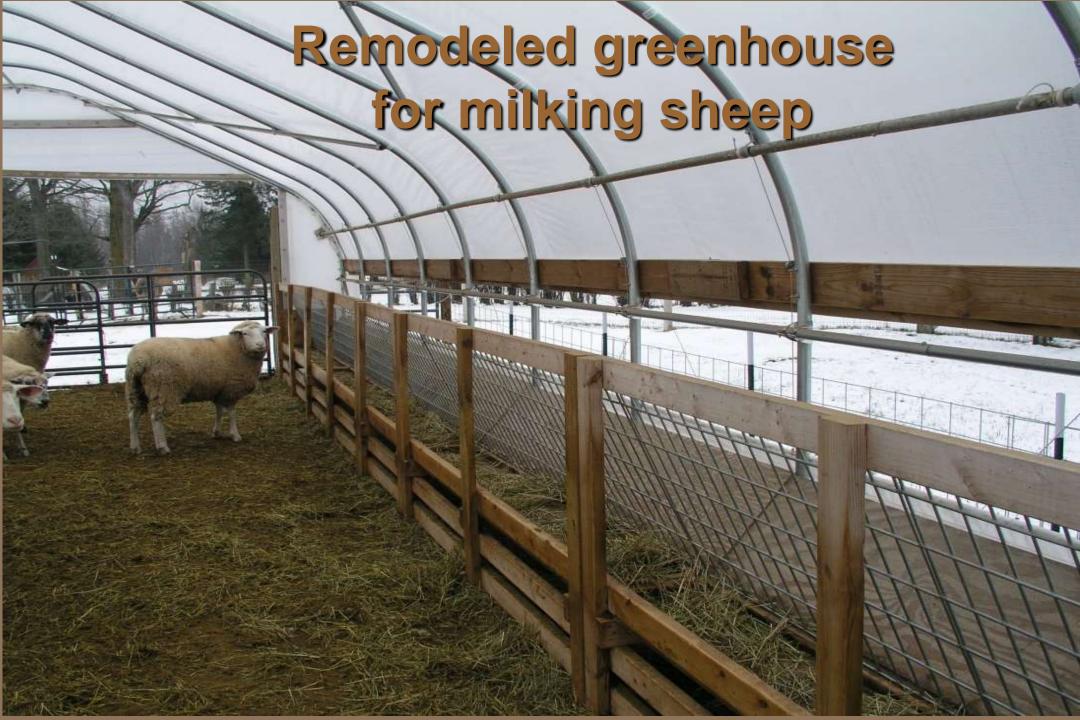


Remodeled greenhouse for milking sheep

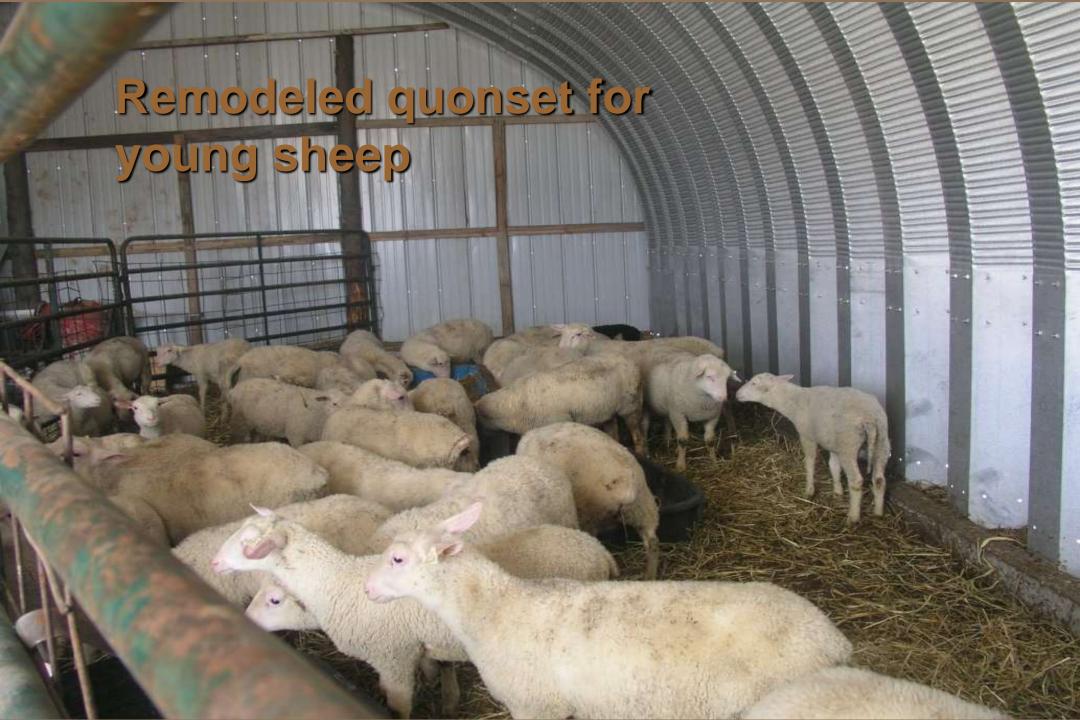


Curtain Sidewall









Remodeled horse barn for sheep



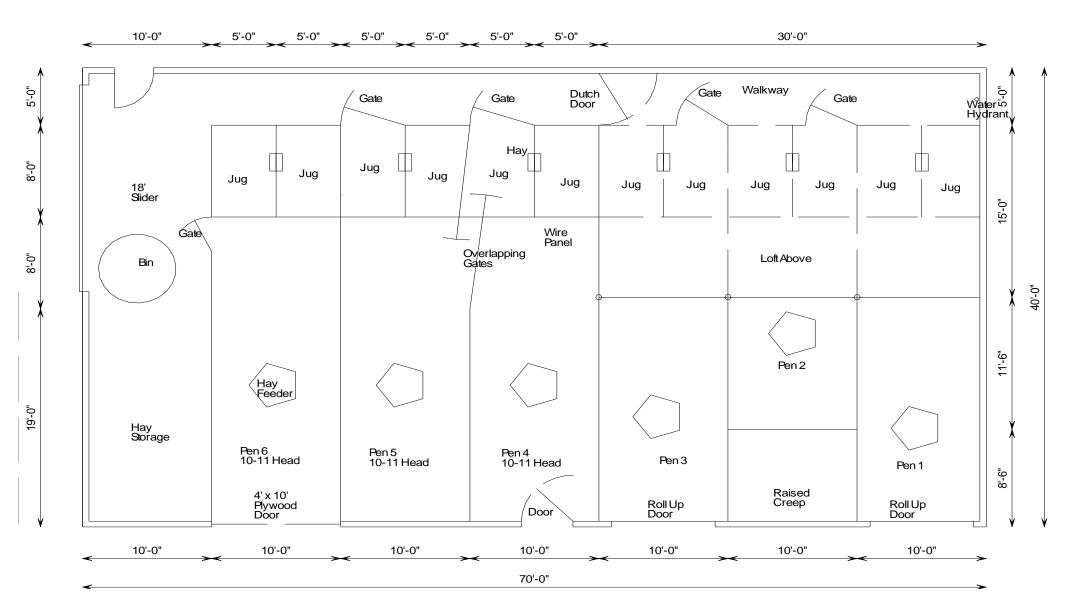






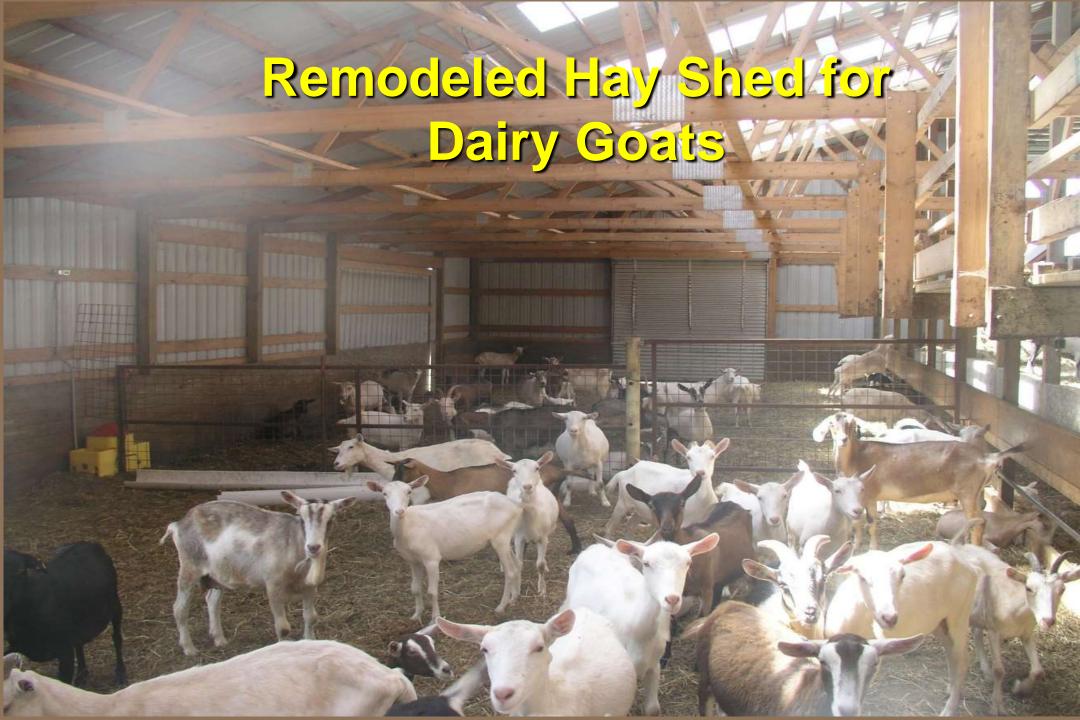


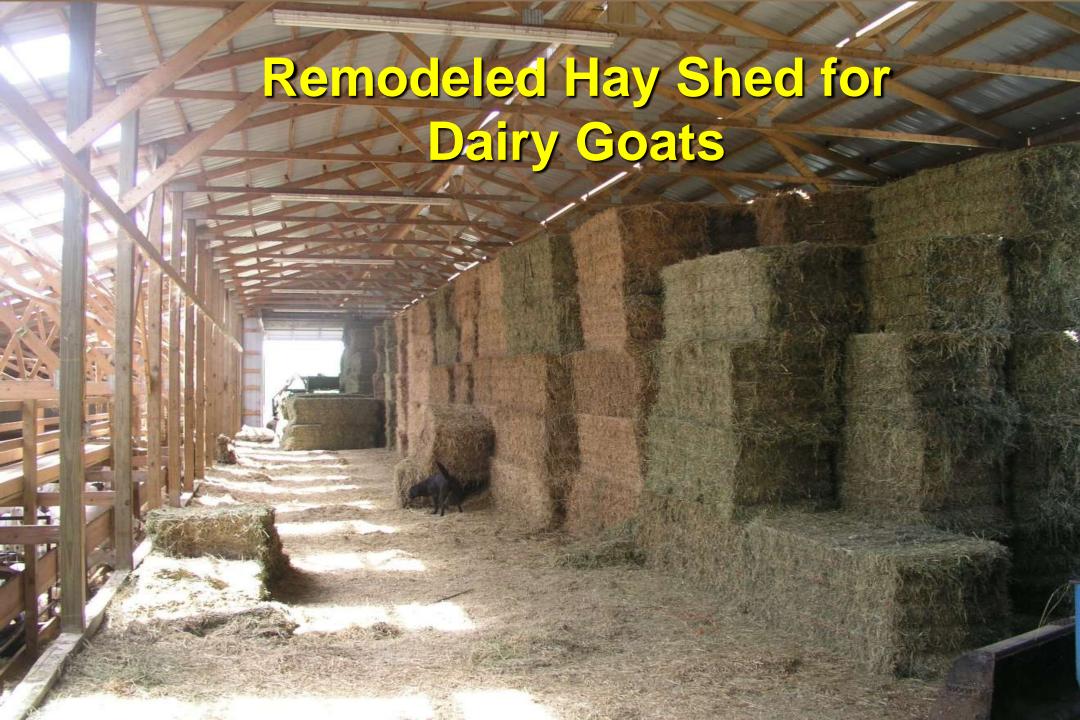
Remodeled Hay Storage Building



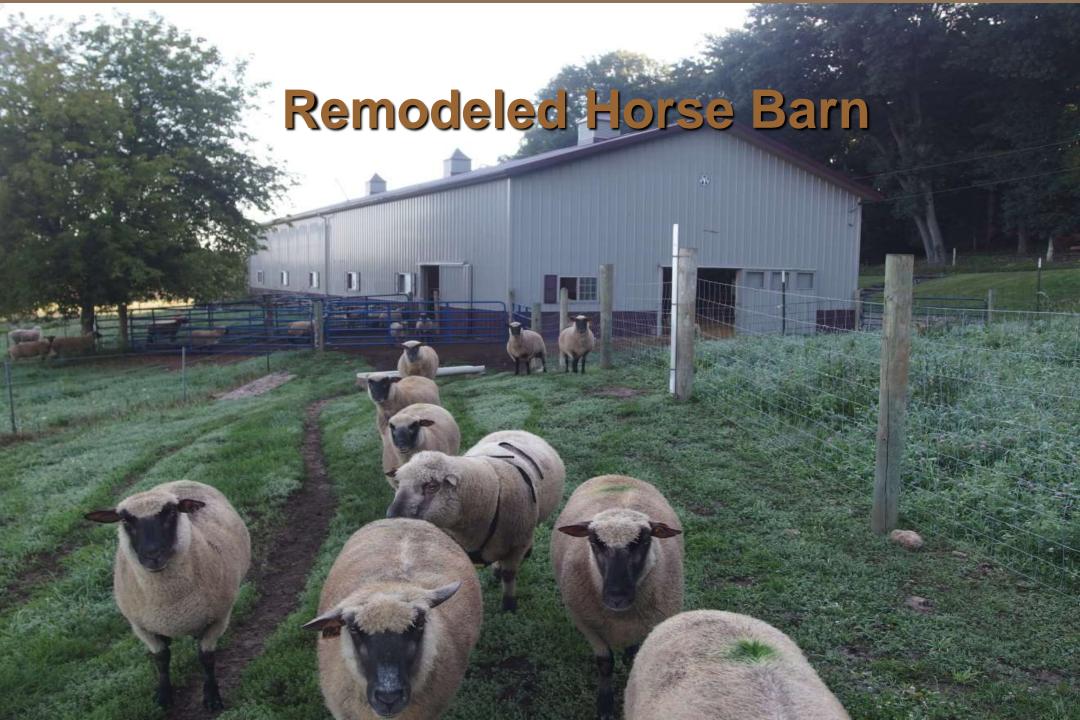




















Ventilation

Mechanical

Winter

- 4 air changes per hour or
- 20 cfm per adult goat

Summer

- 30 air changes per hour or
- 150-200 cfm per adult goat

Draft free

- Adults < 1.6 ft per second
- Kids < 0.6 ft per second

Natural

Winter

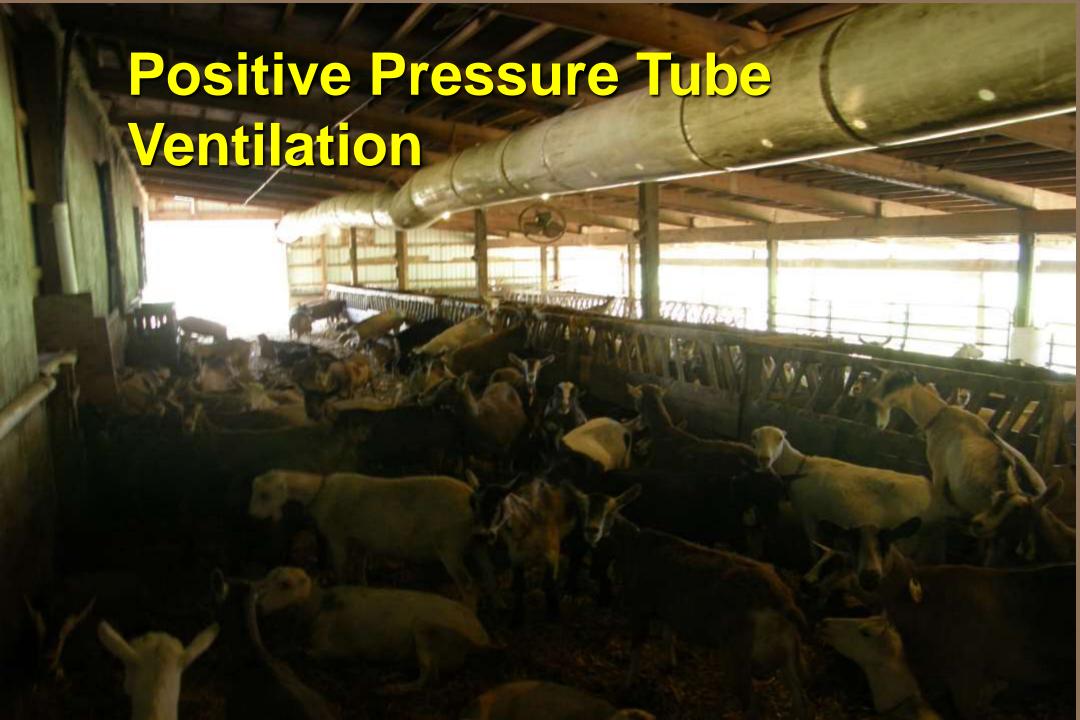
- 2" ridge outlet /10' building width
- 1" eave opening/ 10' building width

Summer

Open doors or sidewalls



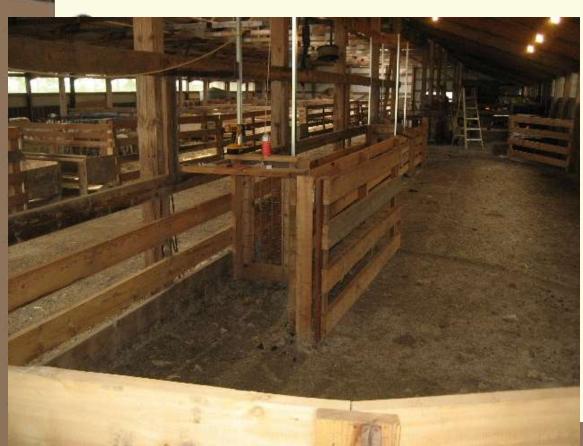


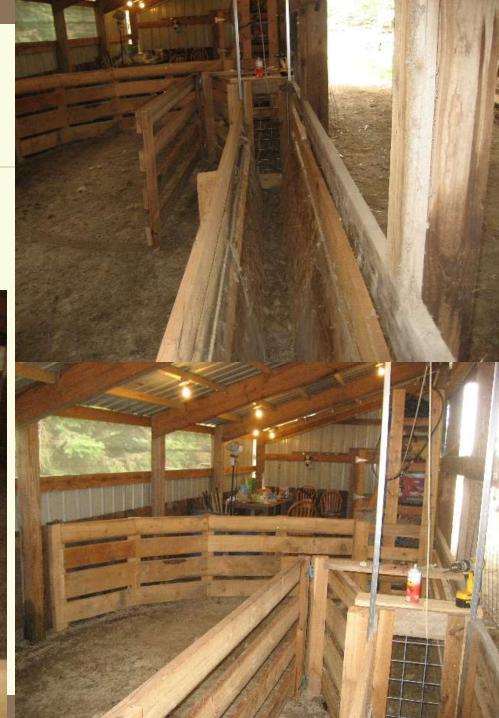






Handling Facility Example















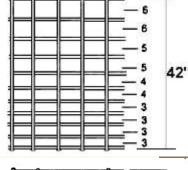


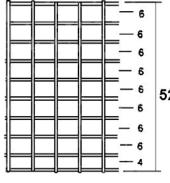




Fencing Options

- Chain Link
- Woven wire
- Hog/Sheep panel (wire spacing)
- Cattle Panel (wire spacing)
- HT wire
 - 8-10 strands
- Electrified HT
 - 5-7 strands some hot
- Woven wire/Netting
- Electrified (psychological barrier)
 - Offset at shoulder height keeps sheep off fence
 - 7" off ground for predators
- Train sheep to electric fence









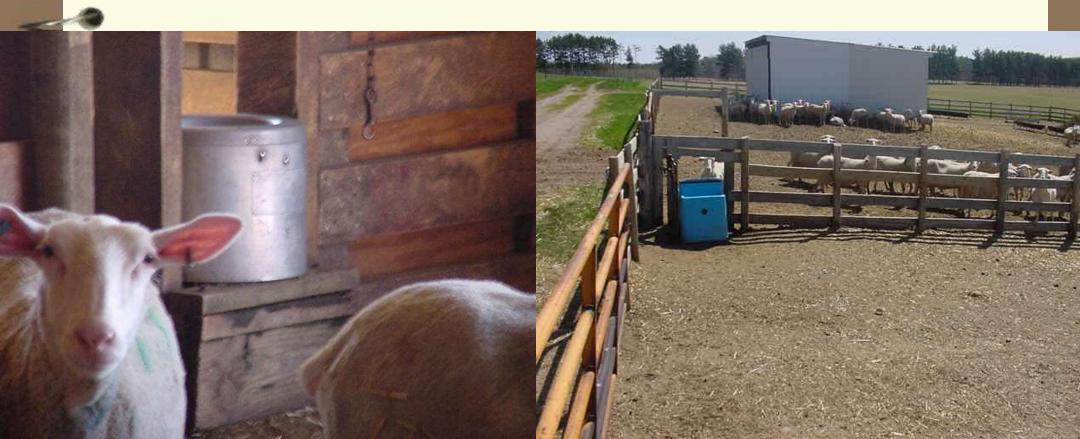
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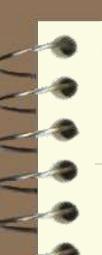
- Quantity
 - □ 0.1-0.3 gal. per day new lambs
 - 1.5 gal. per day feeder lambs
 - □ 2-3 gal. per day adults
 - 40-50 ewes per bowl
 - ☐ 12" water tank for 15-25 ewes
 - ☐ 50-75 lambs per bowl
 - ☐ 12" water tank for 25-40 lambs

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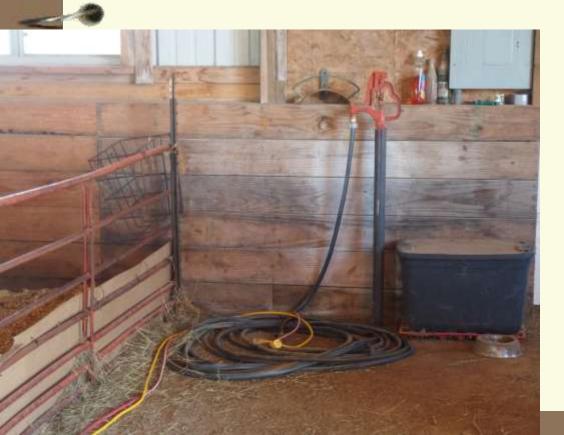


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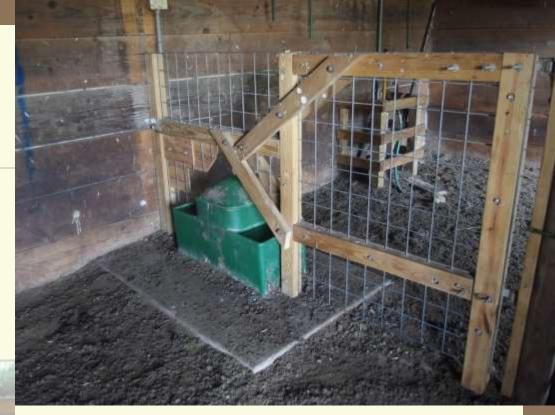


Water System Designs













Feeder Design

- Hay
- Forage













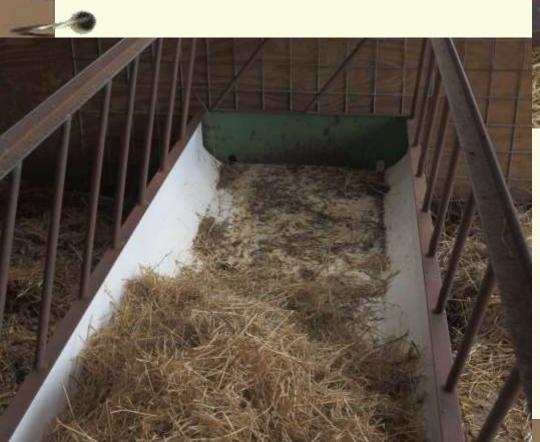








Hay Feeder Repair

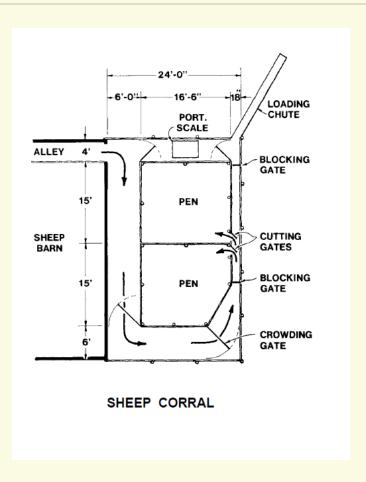


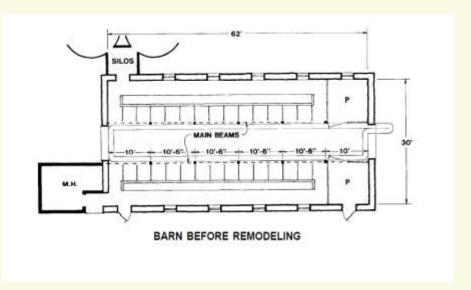


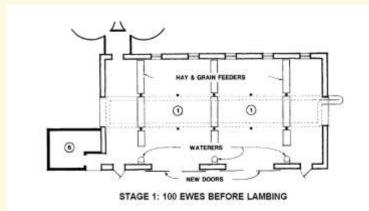


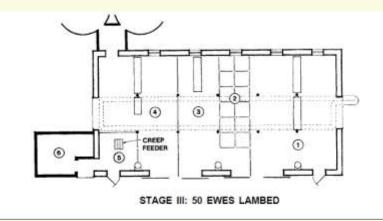


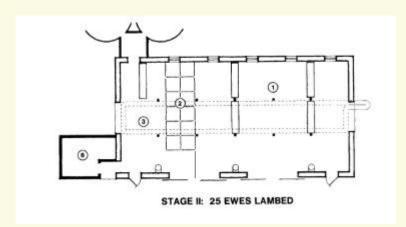


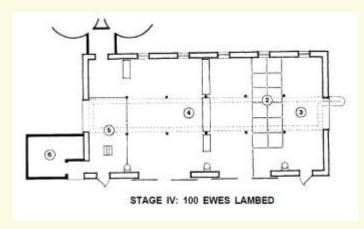


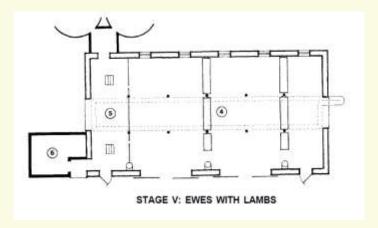


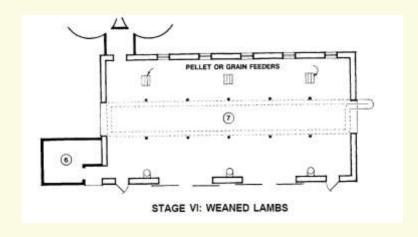


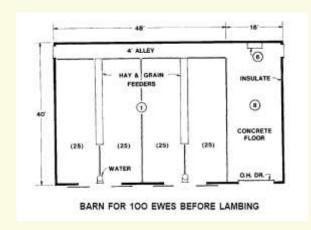


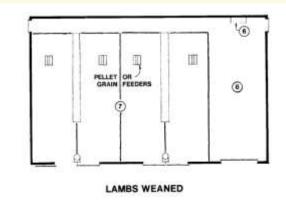


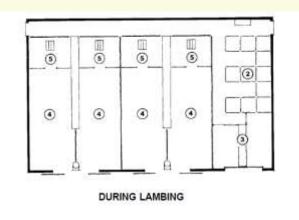












Reasons for Handling facility

- Safety
 - Animals
 - People
- Stress
 - Anmals
 - People
- Labor efficiency
 - Ease tasks
 - Yours
 - Veternarian

Handling Facility Tasks

- Sorting
 - Lambs from ewes
 - Male from female
 - Ewes for breeding
- Vaccinations
- Weighing
- Worming
- Pregnancy check
- Foot trimming
- Crutching
- Drenching
- Shearing
- Loading/unloading

Handling Facility

- 12' Crowding Pen with 4'-5' high solid sides
- 10' long working chute
 - 4'-5' high solid sides
 - 12" wide at bottom
- Squeeze chute
- Headgate
- Loading Ramp
- http://www.sydell.com/



Handling Facility Design Areas

- Holding pens
 - Group size
 - Low density holding
 - High density holding
- Forcing (crowding) pen
- Drafting chute or Race (single file)
 - Sorting (Drafting) gate
- Work Area
- Separation
- Handled individually
- Work with the existing
 - Lanes
 - Paddocks
 - yards



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Sheep Handling Behavior

- Sheep behavior can be predicted
- Sheep will follow one another
- Sheep move toward other sheep willingly
- Sheep do not like to be enclosed areas
- Sheep will move from tight spaces to areas with more space
- Sheep move away from workers and dogs (predators) or frightening things
- Sheep have a good memory of bad experiences
- Sheep prefer to move:
 - Over flat areas > uphill > downhill
- Sheep prefer to move from dark areas to light areas
 - Avoid contrasts (walking into the sun)
- Sheep prefer familiar paths over new paths
- Stationary sheep are motivated to move by sight of sheep running away
- Sheep will balk (stop) forward movement when they see sheep moving in the opposite direction
- Sheep will move faster through long narrow pen than through a square pen
- Sheep move through race better if they cannot see operator
- Sheep move better around slight corners or curves
- Sheep will move to an open area rather than what they perceive is a dead end
- Young lambs that have been separated from dams will move back to where they were separated
- Sheep react negatively to loud noises and banging, barking
- Young sheep move through handling facilities when they have been trained by older sheep

Site selection criteria

- Centrally located to pastures or group pens
- Drainage
- Shaded
- Orient chute NS versus EW
- Vehicle access

Handling Facility Design (1 of 3)

- Holding Pen Design
 - 5 s.f per head holding area
 - Long and narrow
 - − Width < 30 feet
- Forcing pen
 - − Width < 10 feet
 - 30-40 degree angle on one side only
- Races < 5 feet and straight
- Single file race curved
- Sort gates
 - Small flock 2 way sort
 - − Large flock − 3 way with 2 gates

Handling Facility Design (2 of 3)

- Holding pens no larger than necessary
- Avoid obstructions and sharp edges
- Rails or sheeting on inside
- Smooth surface splinter free
- Easily operated gates and latches
- Simple flow pattern

Handling Facility Design (3 of 3)

- Race Design
 - Narrow enough to present sheep singly
 - 14" for small breeds
 - 20" for larger breeds
 - 15-20 feet long with unobstructed view to identify sheep coming
 - Smooth solid sides
 - Clear escape route ahead of sorting gate
 - 36 "high sides
 - Sort gate at least 36" long (swing)





☐ Parlor Platform

- 18" wide space
- -3.5' long
- Headlock
- 36"-40" parlorplatform





Remodeled Milking Parlor











Sheep Milking

http://hambydairysupply.com/xcart/home.php?cat=16

http://www.caprinesupply.com/

http://www.delaval.com/Products/Sheep_goat/default.htm

http://www.westfalia.com/nz/en/products_services/proformance_equipme

nt/products/milking_equipment/default.aspx

http://www.portablemilkers.com/page/page/1586842.htm

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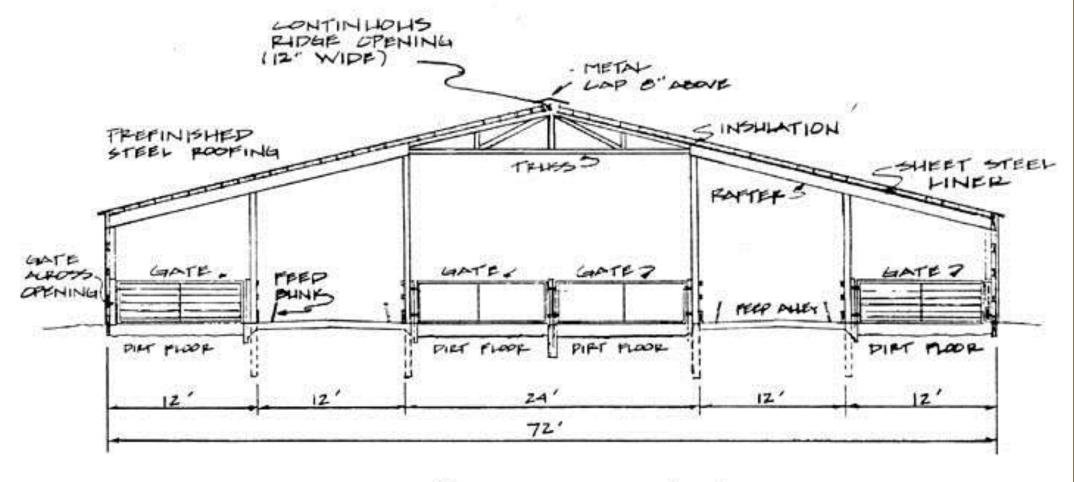


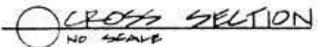
Educational Resources

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- http://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/sheep_code_of_practice.pdf
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- □ http://www.sheepandgoat.com
- http://www.ontariosheep.org/
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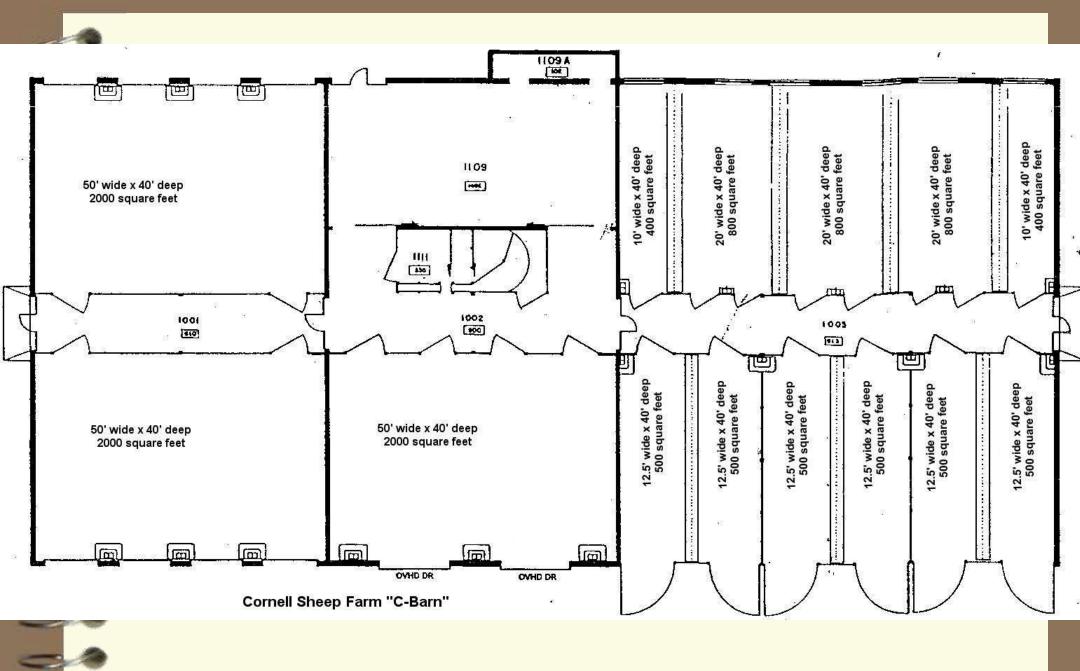
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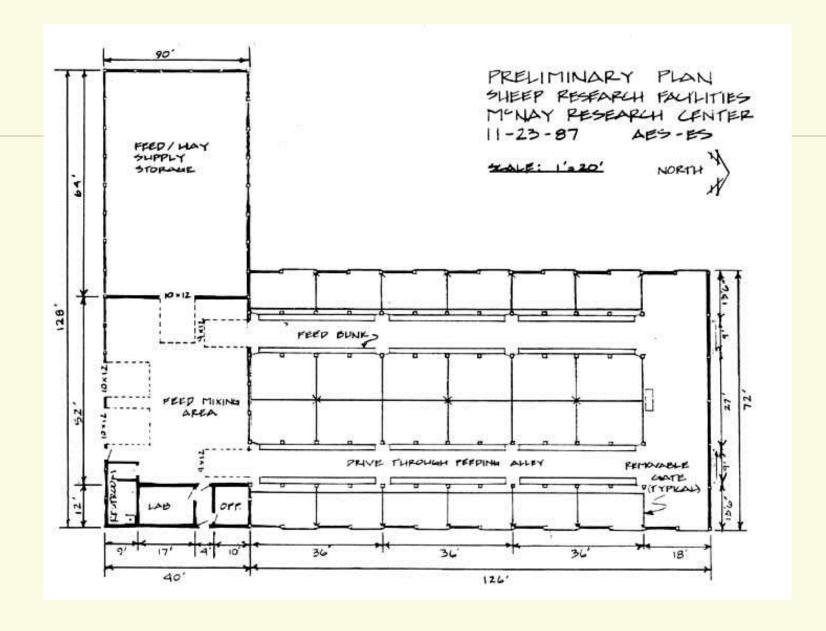
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- □Be:
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 - Safe for both workers and goats
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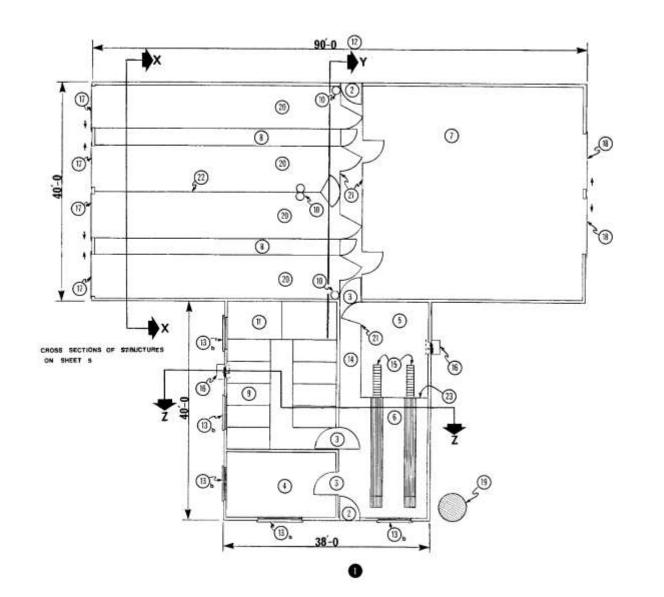




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1. Floor plan 2. 1'-5 x 6'-8 insulated door 3. H'-8 x 6'-8 self +closing door milk house 12'-0 x 20'-0 5. Halding Area 12'-6 x 17'-6 5. Filking farlour 12'-5 x 22'-9 see details #8 7. Hay Storage 39'-0 x 40'-6 8. Hay Feeder for details see sheet # 3 9. 9-4'-0 x 3'-0 Kid Pens, walls 4'-5 high 10. Water Bowls 11. 7-- 7'-0 x 10'-3 Kid Pens 17. either end may be extended to suit requirements. 13. (a) Mindow with insulated panel under for installation of milk cooler. 19. (b) Insulated Windows. 11. W'-D wide return alley 15. 2== 1'+9 wide x 6'-0 long steel ramps with It high ridges to prevent stipping, rump rises 2'+8 above floor tevel. li. Exhaust Fan. 17. Disding Doors 6'-0 x 8'-0 for clean out 18. Sliding Doors 10'-0 x 8'-0 for hay storage 19. feed Bin. 20. Feed Area cach area app. 3'-2 x 44'-6 21. 4'-2 High Fenning. 22. Optional W'-0 high dividing fence with swinging gate. 23. Optional Wall and Door may be used in place

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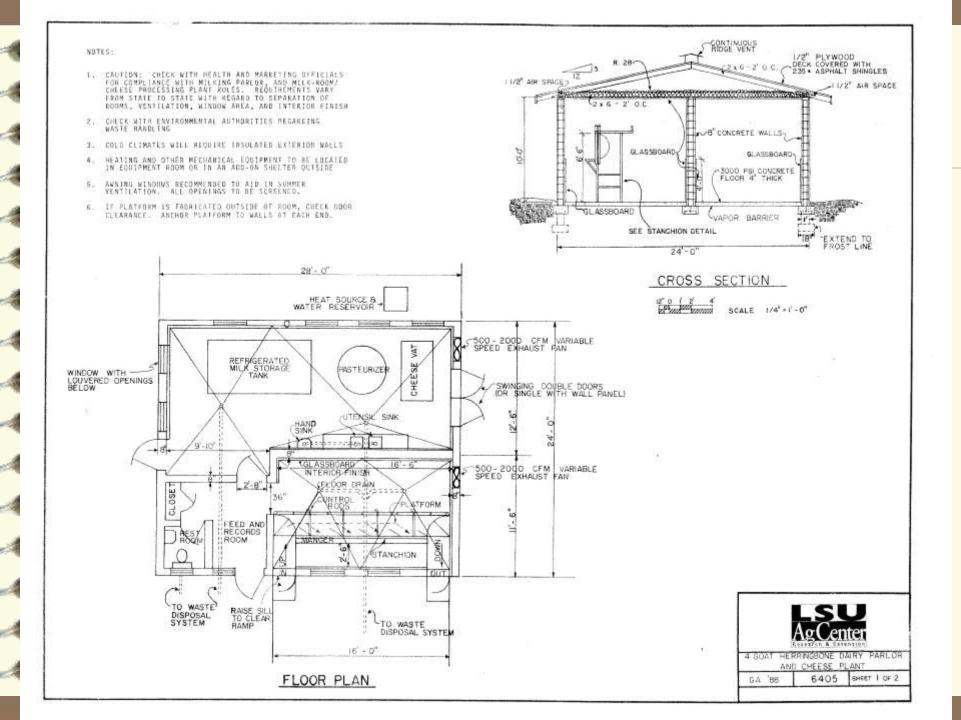


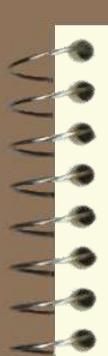
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100 DOE CAPACITY GOAT MILKING BARN PLUS FEED AREA

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Feeder Design

- Grain
- Creep feeders













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 - 15-18" wide space
 - 3.5' long
 - Headlock
 - 36"- 40" parlor platform







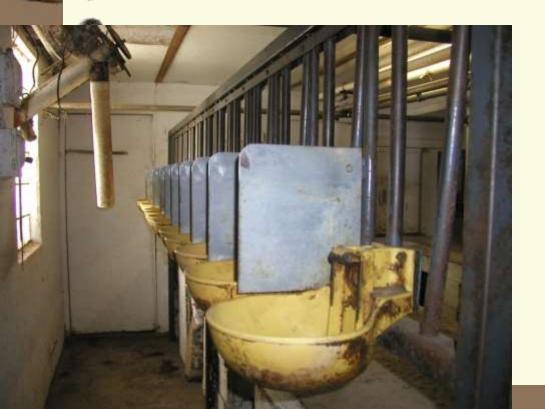








Milking Parlor



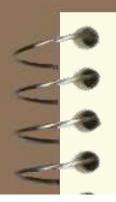




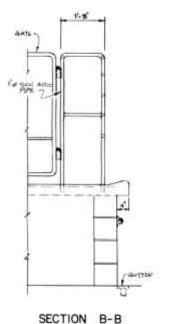


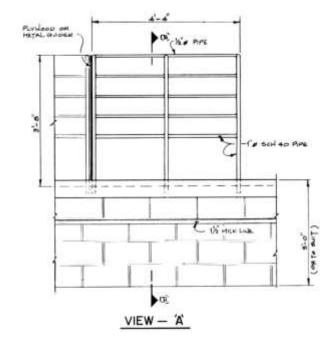
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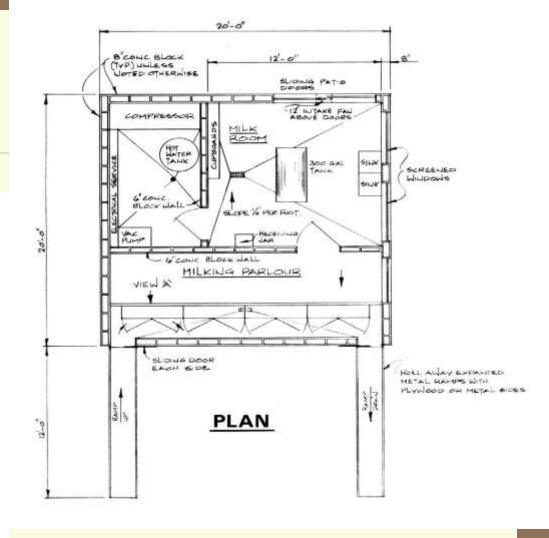
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Goat Milking Parlor



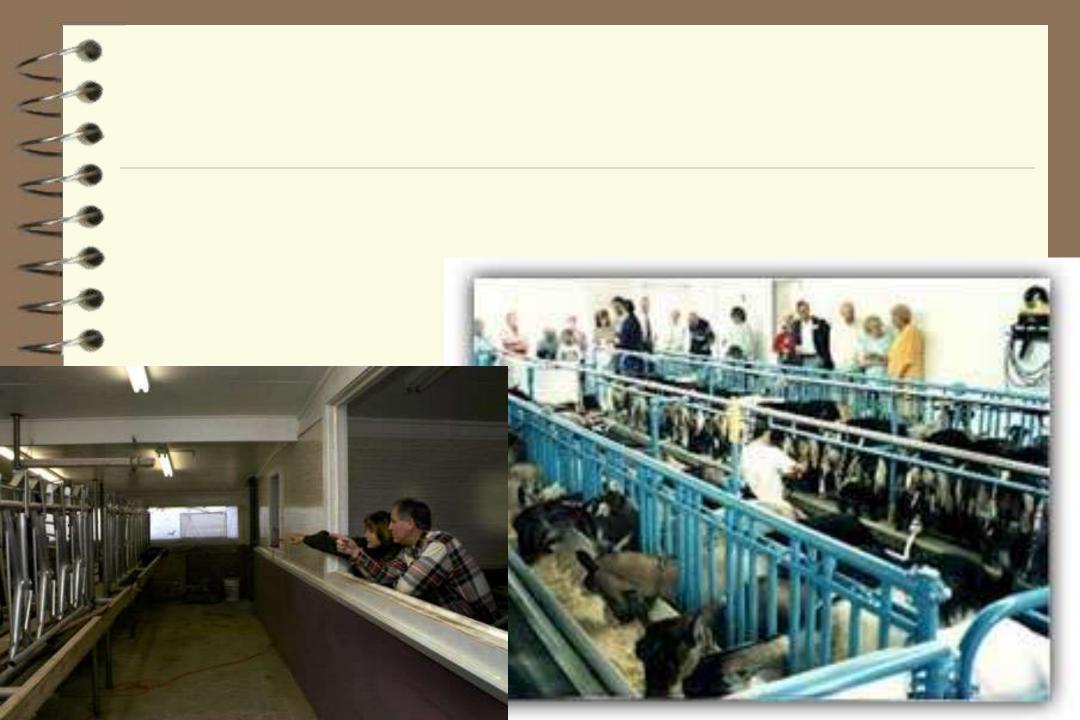






Manure Storage

15% of body weight (60-70 m.c.) per day





Bedded Pens

Shelter (roof)

- Resting Space
- Feeding Space
- Walking Space

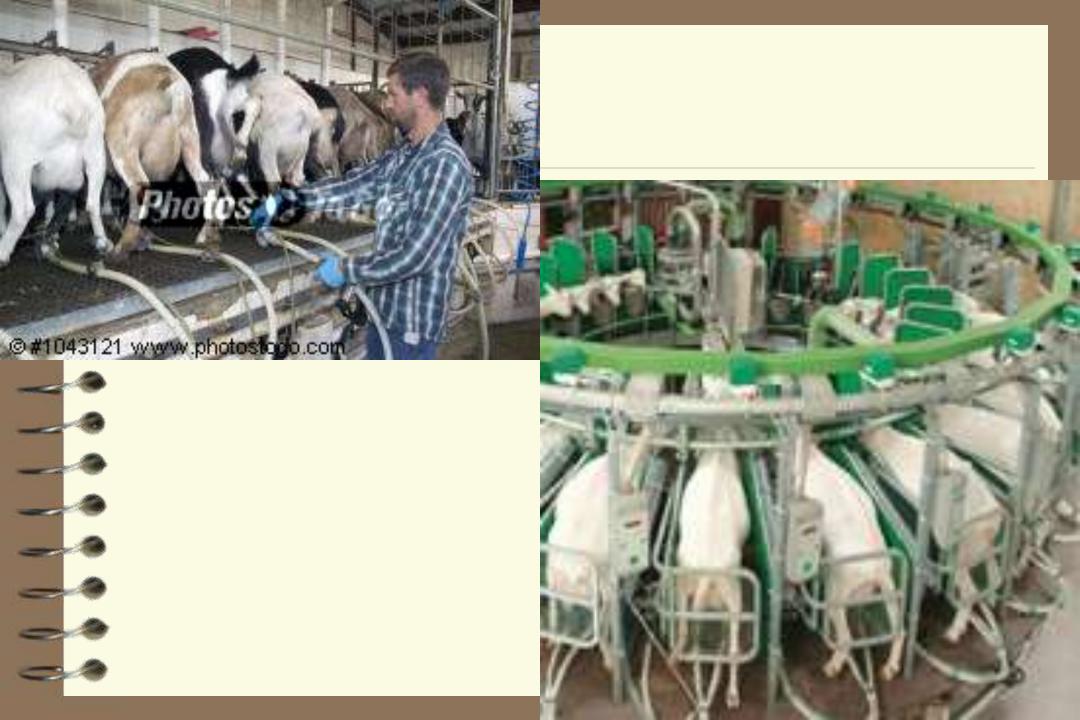




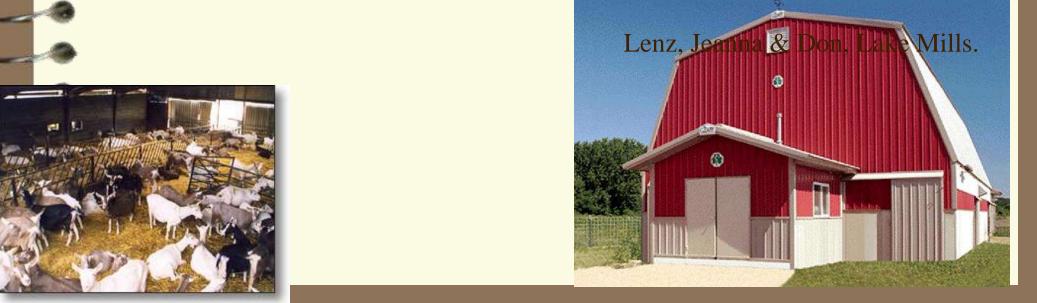


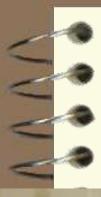
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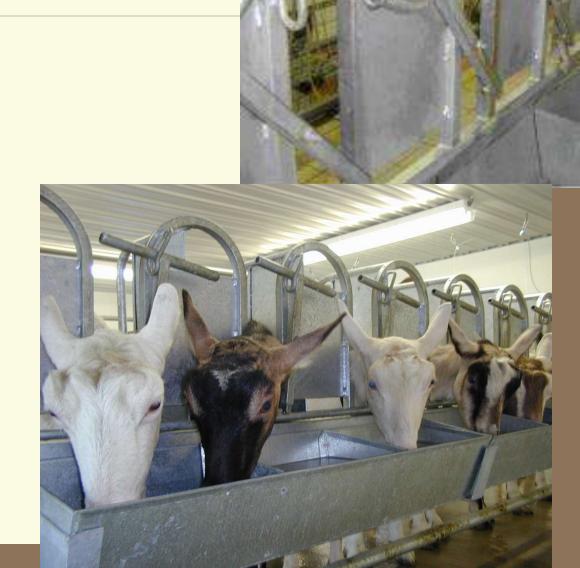






Milking Parlor





Educational Resources

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- http://adga.org/facts.htm
- http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/meatgoat.html
- □ http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/goatoverview.html
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Educational Resources Meat Goats

- □ http://bedford.extension.psu.edu/agriculture/goat/Meat%20Goat%20Production.htm
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- □ http://www.das.psu.edu/goats/production/
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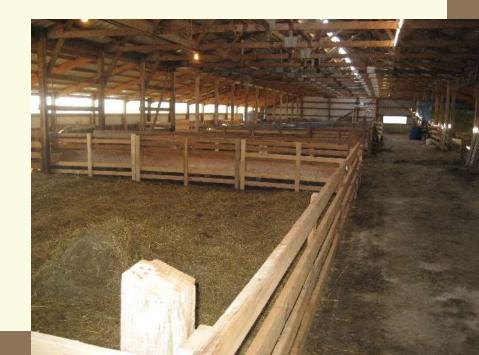
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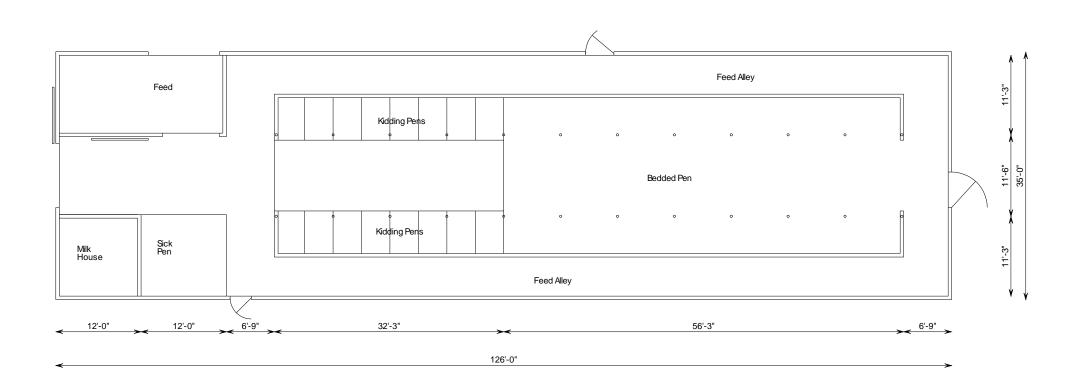
Group Pen Design Options

- Total Confinement Bedded Pen
- Solid floor preferred over slotted floor
- Well fenced
 - 4'-5' high penning and gates
 - ☐ 6' high for rams
 - Keep sheep in
 - Keep predators out

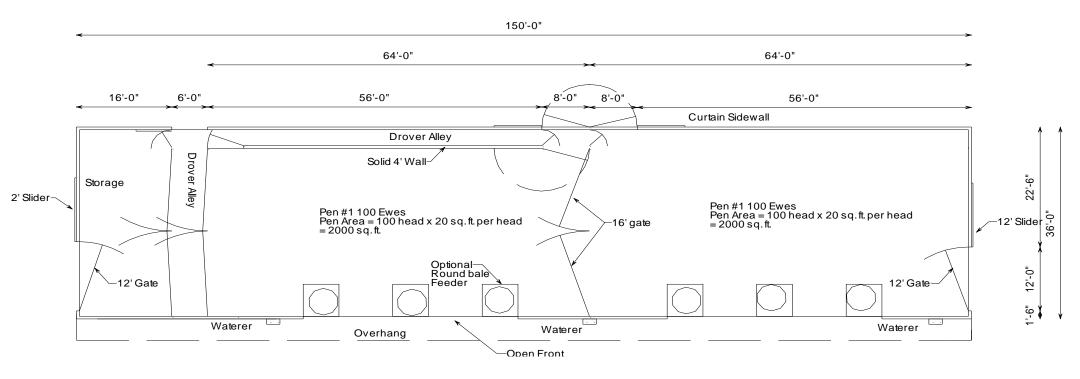




Remodeled Tie Stall barn for Lambing



New Construction Milking Sheep Barn





















The Design Process

- Develop the sheep management plan
- Investigate and develop alternative designs
- Evaluate alternatives and options
- ☐ Choose the "best" system design
- ☐ Troubleshoot and implement the design

Change Parameters

Iterate Design

Sheep Management Plan

- Housing in stable group(s)
- Spacious indoor enclosure(s) with straw bedding
- Access to spacious outdoor enclosure(s) with pasture
- Provision of bulky food
- Gentle familiarization to any new situation;
- Knowledgeable, patient and gentle-and-firm animal care personnel
- Working with rather than against the animals during procedures

Viktor Reinhardt and Annie Reinhardt Animal Welfare Institute

Sheep Feed Space Design

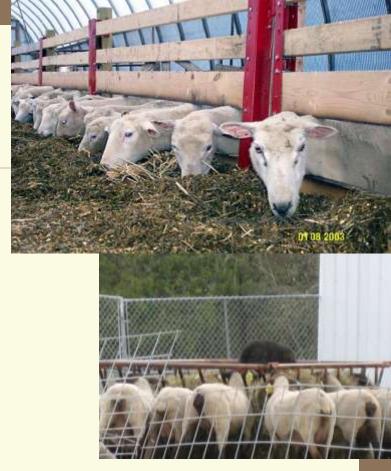
- Ewes
 - 16"-20" limit fed
 - 6"-8" self fed
- Dry Ewes
 - 4" 6"
- Rams
 - 12" limit fed
 - 6" self fed
- Feeder Lambs
 - 9"-12" limit fed
 - 2" self fed





Feeder Design

- Off the floor
 - Reduce parasites
 - Keeps feed clean
- Toe Board
- Throat height
 - 12-15" for ewes (size of breed)
 - 10-12" for lambs (size of breed)
- Slant bar feeder or keyhole
- Livestock panels with cutouts for heads



Five Freedoms

- 1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor.
- 2. Freedom from Discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- 3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- **4. Freedom to Express Normal Behavior** by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- 5. Freedom from Fear and Distress by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

Sheep Shed Design

- Three sided shed
- Low eave height for sheep
- High eave height for equipment access by skid steer or loader for manure removal
- Dirt floor can be used
- Concrete under feeding area

Shelter Options

Calf Hutches







Run in Shelter

Run In Shelter Quonset Huts Porta Huts





Permanent Shelter Options

Hoop Shelter
Greenhouse Shelter
Post Frame Building
Remodeled Barns

