

Sheep Management Practices

Ovine

species name for sheep

Fine Wool Breeds

produce wool fibers which have a very small fiber diameter and are known for their flocking instinct

Medium Wool Breeds

cross between a fine wool breed and a long wool breed; large framed and capable of producing a high quality, high yielding fleece

Long Wool Breeds

produce high yielding fleeces; popular among hand spinners

Meat/Terminal Sire Breeds

breeds of sheep which excel in feed efficiency, rate of gain and muscularity

Dairy Breeds

milked to produce products for human consumption

Prolific Breeds

known for their multiple births

Purebred Sheep

used for genetic potential

Commercial Sheep Production

aimed to maximize production and market value of offspring

Ruminants

animals with a four compartment stomach

Enterotoxemia

overeating disease

Staple Length

length of the wool fibers

Gestation

length of pregnancy

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Castration

removal of the testicles from a male animal

Docking

removing the tail at or near the tailhead