

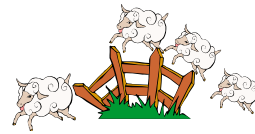
# FITTING MARKET LAMBS

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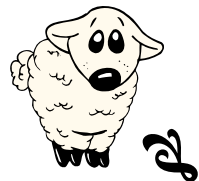
## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FITTING YOUR LAMB?

- ☞ To make the lamb look it's best for the judge.
- ☞ To bring enhance the lamb's best qualities.



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "FIT" YOUR LAMB?

- ☞ Fitting lambs for show requires more than simply washing and shearing them.
- ☞ You must fit the lamb from head to toe.
  - ... Clean the face and ears
  - ... Wash and Shear body
  - ... Clean armpits
  - ... Trim & Polish hooves



## BEFORE SHEARING...

- ☞ Wash lamb using any type of livestock soap, or liquid dish soap (Dawn, Ivory, etc...)
- ... A clean fleece is easier to shear and extends the life of clipper blades.
- ☞ Be careful to remove all soap when rinsing.
- ☞ A bath towel is adequate for drying short-fleeced lambs in warm weather.
- ... But don't dry them completely.



## WHILE SHEARING

- ☒ Shear a lamb's wool while it is still damp.
  - ... Clippers perform better in loose, damp wool.
  - ... Use a good brand of clippers, with surgical blades, to ensure a smooth clip and attractive lambs.
- ☒ Shear lambs so they are smooth.
  - ... While shearing, run the clippers parallel to the length of the body rather than vertical to it.
  - ... Shearing parallel to the length of the body will make lambs appear balanced and longer bodied.



## WHILE SHEARING (CONTINUED)

- ☒ Do not shear slick the wool below the knees and hocks.
  - ... Card out the leg wool and blend it in with hand shears or electric clippers to improve structure and bone appearance.
  - ... Leave wool on the legs to improve the balance and eye appeal of lambs.
- ☒ Use small animal clippers to clip closely around the eyes, ears, or delicate areas.



## AFTER SHEARING

- ☒ Condition the hide
  - ... Mane & Tail Conditioner works great!
- ☒ Cover lamb
  - ... with a "slinky" (spandex lamb tube) or even a larger T-shirt will be okay
- ☒ Provide a clean, well-bedded pen to keep lambs clean and dry.



## SUPPLIES TO USE WHILE SHEARING...

- ☒ Halters
- ☒ Soap
- ☒ Hose
- ☒ Nozzle
- ☒ Towel
- ☒ Clippers
  - ... Blades
  - ... Oil
- ☒ "Slinky" or Shirt



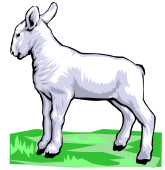
## PREPARATION THE DAY BEFORE SHOW

- ☒ Wash Lambs
  - ... Face
  - ... Ears
  - ... Body
  - ... Armpits
  - ... Legs
  - ... Hooves
- ☉ Any touch-ups?
  - > If so, get the clippers out
- ☉ Put a clean “slinky” on.
- ☉ Is the pen clean?



## THE MORNING OF THE SHOW

- ☒ Is the lamb clean?
  - ... If not, wash again
- ☒ Trim hooves
- ☒ Wipe ears & nose
- ☒ Polish hooves
- ☒ Before going in the ring, you can spray Freshen Up, Cool Blue, or Silk on the lamb to enhance the feel of the hide.



## FRESHEN UP

- ☒ Skin moisturizer for lambs
- ☒ 12 oz. cans
- ☒ Recommended for slick sheared lambs just after shearing and washing to replenish oils.
- ☒ Does not need to be rinsed out.



## COOL BLUE

- ☒ Quart spray bottle
- ☒ A terrific show day product for lambs.
- ☒ Spray evenly over the entire body for a great shine, but more importantly a fresh, firm feel to the hide.
- ☒ It actually braces the body to make the lamb feel more firm to the judges touch.



### SILK

- ☞ Quart spray bottle
- ☞ A tremendous product for show lambs.
- ☞ Use daily or as a show day preparation to add the ultimate silky smooth handle to the lambs skin.
- ☞ Spray evenly over the entire body and brush in.



### MUST HAVES IN TACK BOX:

#### Personal:

- ☞ Halters
- ☞ Soap
- ☞ Hose & Spray Nozzle
- ☞ Nozzle
- ☞ Towel
- ☞ "Slinky" or Shirt
- ☞ Hoof Trimmers
- ☞ Hoof Polish (black shoe polish)
- ☞ Clean Rags and/or Baby Wipes
- ☞ Bucket
- ☞ First Aid Kit
- ☞ Permanent Marker

#### Group:

- ☉ Sheep Stand
- ☉ Clippers
- ☉ Blades
- ☉ Clipper Oil
- ☉ Extension Cords



### CONCLUSION:

- ☞ What's the purpose of fitting?
- ☞ What is fitting?
- ☞ What do you do before the fair?
- ☞ What do you do the day before the show?
- ☞ What do you do the morning of the show?
- ☞ What are some must have supplies?



ALWAYS REMEMBER...



FAIR TIME IS FUN  
TIME!

