

Today is an exciting day on the farm side of things, as all of our breeding ewes (250+) get scanned. This is to tell us how well our rams have been working, but also more importantly how many lambs each ewe will have.

- *How many lambs do sheep normally have?*

Sheep usually have 1 to 3 lambs (singles, doubles or triplets) Very occasionally we have quadruplets (not ideal!)

Doubles are our preferred number. Singles are also great, as they are low maintenance! However they can lead to some difficult births, due to big lambs. Triplets are usually too much work for one ewe, and there is usually 1 weaker lamb. We sometimes orphan lambs if they are part of a triplet.

- *Why do you need to scan them?*

It is really useful to know how many lambs each ewe is having, as we can care/feed them accordingly. For example a ewe having 1 lamb requires a lot less food/extra supplements than a ewe having 3 lambs.

Secondly, during the actual birth of the lambs, having some knowledge of how many lambs are due is really handy. If 1 lamb has been born, and a second one is due, we can keep an eye until the second one has arrived. If it takes a long time we can pre-empt any issues

- *When does lambing start?*

The due date is Fri 27th March. Booking a stay with us throughout April is the ideal time to come if you wish to see any of the lambing action!

