

## **“PROLAPSE PREVENTION”**

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Rectal prolapse is a problem you don't want to deal with on your club lambs or feed lot lambs as well. Here's some ideas to help reduce the chances of this affecting your lambs:

- (1) Keep lambs cleans from coccidia and worms
- (2) Keep your pens as dust free as possible.
- (3) Treat upper respiratory symptoms immediately and reduce coughing as much as possible.
- (4) Keep your protein low and fiber at or above 14%. Provide plenty of course hay with feed. Finewools, crosses and hair sheep will have less trouble on rations with protein in the 12 to 15% range.
- (5) Keep your water source in the shade-out of the sun. Clean, cool water makes a big difference.

Producers we are all guilty of getting too aggressive and this is the #1 problem I see in medium wool and southdowns. There is a genetic predisposition to this occurrence and it has gotten much more prevalent in the black face club lambs. This is not something to mess around with--- get them to vet as soon as possible. There is no fool proof way to prevent this disease but these tips can help reduce the likelihood. Good luck with those sheep!