

“TIME MANAGMENT”

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With school starting very soon, the luxury of having the kids around and handy for valuable “hands on time” with the show animals now becomes more difficult. Some practical tips include the following:

- (1) Exercise and road work on a Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday schedule. If your children are involved in varsity sports or other school activities, you can bet Fridays and Saturdays will be filled with all kinds of activities.
- (2) Being consistent with your work-out routine is a must, and tracking on “every-other-day schedule” is recommended. Running 3 times per week is generally recommended for sheep and goats. Sunday afternoons after church and lunch might be the best day each week for some intense showmanship sessions or more detailed management ---such as shearing, boot work, basic practices such as weighing, evaluations and/or animal health routines.

PRO TIP---Sheep and goat feeders don’t forget how sensitive these animals are to inconsistent feeding intervals. Feed twice a day as close to 12 hours apart as possible. Parents get your routine and priorities set because this is a “time intensive sport” where barn time is a must if you plan on being competitive! Thanks, and good luck with your show stock!