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HAVE YOU A LAMBING PROBLEM?

Here are the steps you should take if you have or suspect a breeding problem in your flocks

1. Seek competent help. (This does not mean your neighbour!)

2. Know your enemy—obtain diagnosis of your problem.

3. Take "salvage" measures—to reduce immediate losses.

4. Take preventive measures—to prevent or reduce losses in subsequent years:
   • make sure your ram management is satisfactory
   • cull ewes with defective udders
   • mate sheep on an age basis
   • lamb at the right time for your property
   • provide adequate nutrition during last six to eight weeks of pregnancy
   • lamb in short wool
   • lamb in paddocks with adequate shelter belts
   • keep lambing ewes under observation
   • where necessary, control predators
   • consult competent assistance whenever in doubt

5. Pay more attention to your sheep and do not adopt the attitude of letting your ewes "take their chance".

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