

RAMS & TEASERS

Joining Percentages:

- 1 ½ yo rams with older ewes – 3%
- older rams with 1 ½ yo ewes – 2 ½ %
- older rams with mature ewes – 1 ½ - 2%

Ram Effect on early season breeding

- poor effect with maiden ewes
- ewes must not have had contact with rams for 4 – 6 weeks prior – even in yard or shed
- effect wears off in about 6 weeks
- Ovulation occurs about 41 hours after introduction of rams/teasers. But there is no oestrus behaviour with this cycle.
- Approx. 5% of rams/teasers is optimum

Teasers

- Vasectomised rams, in on day 0, out on day 14 when rams go in
- Teaser wethers – “souped up” with testosterone – 2 programs possible

1. Use of “pizzle rot” testosterone compounds

Eg Ropel, Ringers testosterone, Banrot®

Day 0 - 2mls

Day 7 - 2mls

Day 14 - 2 mls – put in with ewes

Day 28 – teasers out, rams in.

Pros – cost – Approx. \$279.00 / 200 mls = enough for 33 teasers.

Cons – time and need for triple handling

2. Use of long acting prescription testosterone

Day 0 – 2ml

Day 7 – put in with ewes

Day 21 – teasers out, rams in

Pros – less handling, 7 days faster

Cons – Cost – Approx \$15 per teaser (cheaper for larger numbers)

For 4 – 5 teasers only, it will be cheaper to use the single shot of testosterone.

******NOTE**** LONG-ACTING TESTOSTERONE CANNOT EVER BE USED ON ANIMALS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.
TESTOSTERONE MUST BE CULLED ON FARM******

TEASERS INJECTED WITH LONG-ACTING

