

# **RAMS & TEASERS**

## **Joining Percentages:**

- 1 ½ yo rams with older ewes 3%
- older rams with  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  yo ewes  $-2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{6}$
- 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  $-\cos t - \text{Approx.} \$279.00 / 200 \text{ mls} = \text{enough for } 33 \text{ teasers.}$ 

Cons – time and need for triple handling

#### 2. Use of long acting prescription testosterone

Day 0 - 2ml

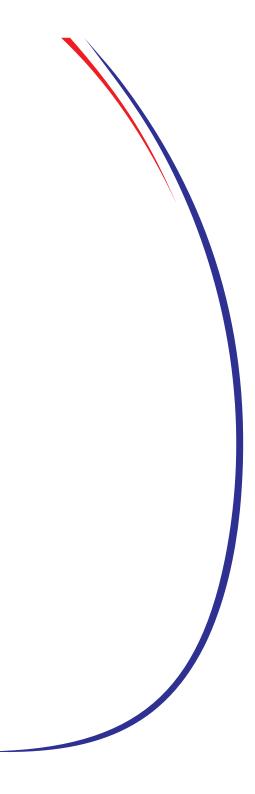
Day 7 – put in with ewes

Day 21 – teasers out, rams in

Pros – less handling, 7 days faster

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

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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

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