

Get your lambs and kids off to the best possible start

CLIP • DIP • STRIP • SIP

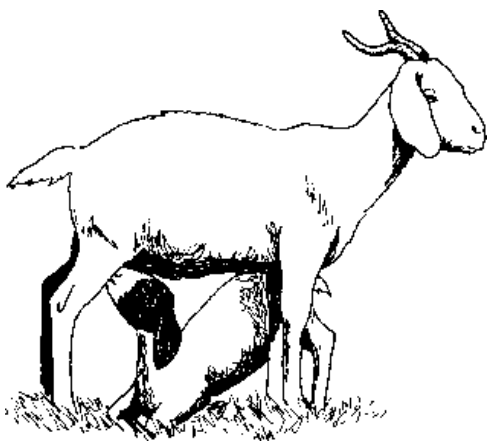


CLIP means to trim the umbilical cord to a length of 1-2 inches. Some cords do not require clipping.

DIP means to treat the navel area with a disinfectant to help it dry and prevent infection. Iodine has been the “gold standard” for navel disinfectants.



STRIP means to strip the teats to remove the wax plugs and make sure the dam has enough colostrum. Stripping can be done while the female is standing or you can set her on her rump. The most likely cause of little or no milk is mastitis.



SIP means to make sure the newborn(s) consume enough colostrum (first milk) and as *soon* as possible. The “rule of thumb” is *at least* 10% of their body weight in the first 24 hours.

