

Talk the Talk



The scientific name for sheep is **OVIS ARIES**.



LAMBS are less than 12 months of age. Adult **SHEEP** are 12 months and older.



RAM is a male sheep. A young male is called a **RAM LAMB**. Another term for a male sheep is a **BUCK**. In England, a ram is a **TUP** and breeding is called **TUPPING**.



EWE is a female sheep. A young female is called a **EWE LAMB**. A slang term for ewe is **YOE** or **(YOW)**.

WETHER is a male sheep that has been castrated (neutered).



LAMBING is the process of a sheep giving birth.

YEARLING is a sheep between 1 and 2 years of age. **HOGGET** and **GIMMER** are terms used in other countries for yearling (2-toothed) ewes.



JUGS are small pens that ewes and lambs are put into when lambing occurs indoors.



LAMB is the meat (or flesh) from a sheep less than 12 months of age. **MUTTON** is the meat from a sheep older than 1 year.

WOOL is the fiber that sheep grow. **FLEECE** is the wool shorn from one sheep. **CLIP** is the annual crop of wool from a farm or region.

To remove wool from a sheep is to **SHEAR** it.



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FLOCK is a group of sheep. **HERD** is another term commonly used. A larger group of sheep may be called a **MOB** or **BAND**.

