



Sheep Ireland LambPlus

Event Timeline - Draft

What and When to Record

2008

LambPlus Event Timeline



How this document works

Below is a summary of each of the things to be done in the timeline on the previous page. This applies from the point you joined LambPlus for the 2009 service. Included are performance recording events. More information is available on the website (www.sheep.ie) including a draft recording protocol with full details of trait recording and timing of recording (to be updated preceding the event). Alternatively you can request paper copies from Sheep Ireland by calling 1850 600 900.

Web or paper

On sign up you have indicated a web or a paper service. If you have indicated a web service then all the services can be offered via the website including downloadable protocols and recording sheets. If you have indicated a paper-based service then we will send you protocols and recording sheets.

Event Timeline

Sign up

- The first step is to sign up to LambPlus

Inventory update

- Once you have signed up you will be required to update the animals on your farm including providing their NSIS tag, and pedigree.

Mating lists

- Once we have an inventory of your animals we would like to know what ewes were mated to what rams.

Double tagging

- As soon as possible (before or at lambing if possible) all existing performance recorded animals need to be double tagged.

Performance recording

Pregnancy scanning

- Record the pregnancy status of each ewe

Lambing

For each lamb record:

- Its birth dam
- Its unique tag
- Birth date
- Sex
- Birth weight
- Dead lambs
- Rearing code (if applicable)

For each ewe record:

- Lambing difficulty
- Ewe fate code (if applicable)
- Group (if applicable)

40 day weighing

- Record the weight of all lambs
- Record the weighing date

FEC monitoring test

- Carry out FEC monitoring test to assess average lamb worm burden at approximately 8 weeks of age

Weaning

For each lamb record:

- Weaning weight
- Weaning date
- Group (if applicable)

Dag scoring

- Shortly after weaning record a dag score for each lamb
- Record date of scoring
- Record lamb group if applicable

Foot scoring

- Shortly after weaning record a foot score for all adult sheep (including hoggets) pre-culling
- Record the date of scoring
- Record the group if applicable
- Foot scoring on an incidence basis should be recorded on occurrence with the date

Ewe culling record

- At weaning (or when ever ewes are culled) record the culling code for the ewe
- Record the culling date
- Whenever ewes are culled/ found dead through the year record the code and the date

Ultrasound scanning and weighing

- For each lamb record 140 day loin muscle and of fat depth
- Record the scanning date
- Record the weight
- Spread recording across a sire lines

FEC sampling

- 6 to 8 weeks after weaning collect individual animal FEC samples (when 500 eggs per gram average across flock)
- Record the date of sampling

Post weaning weights

- Record a weigh for all animals still presents
- Record the weighing date

Dag scoring

- At 8 months of age (late autumn) record a dag score for each lamb
- Record date of scoring
- Record lamb group if applicable

Foot score

- Just prior to mating record a foot score for all adult sheep (including hoggets)
- Foot scoring on an incidence basis should be recorded on occurrence
- Record group if applicable

Ewe mature weight

- Before mating record the weight hogget (18-month) ewes
- Record the date of weighing

FEC sampling

- 12-14 weeks post-wean collect individual animal FEC samples
- Record the date of sampling

Mating

- Ewe mature weight (weight of hoggets at 18 months)
- Mating list (what rams were mated to what ewes)
- Record any ewes that are ET recipients/ donors