

# Why Robert Herr, Dorset

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 season breeding. Other breeds with this characteristic are Rambouillet and Merino.

Herr also maintains management practices which enable him to get an average of at least one and a half lambs per ewe per lambing. This means a total of more than four and a half lambs every two years for each ewe or an average of over two and a quarter lambs per ewe per year. These figures compare with the average sheep

owner who has difficulty maintaining an average of one and one half lambs per ewe per year.

He thinks the ability of ewes to breed within a given time span is inherited. He gets rid of ewes which are late in breeding more than twice.

As part of his close lambing program, he feeds his animals well, worms them five to six times a year, and conducts a good health program. With this kind of program he sees no



An eye ball to eye ball look at one of three young rams which will be a year old in September.



Herr is pleased with the quality of these three rams, which will be a year old in September. Herr sold one young ram at the Keystone sale for \$530 and he says these

rams are probably even better. They are shown, left to right, by Christian, Barbara and Elizabeth.

problem with intensive lambing.

### Lamb Timing

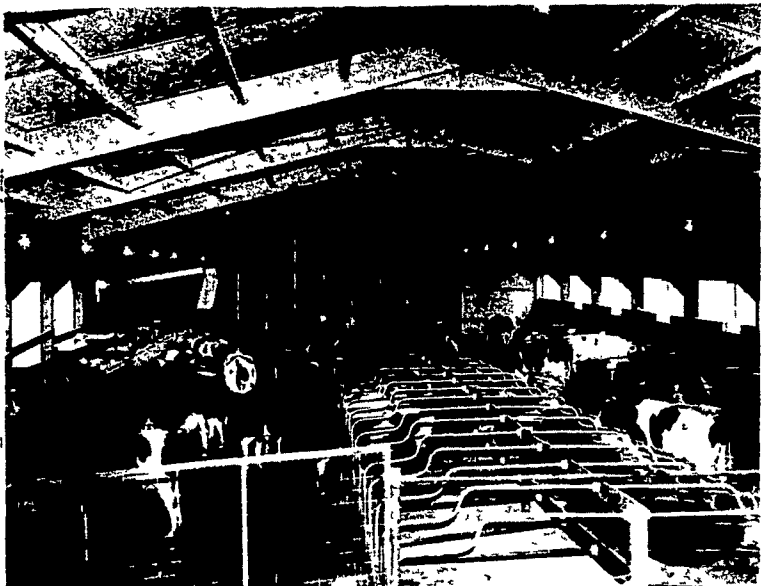
Herr doesn't sell all his animals for breeding. He also tries to drop his lambs to meet specialty markets. He thinks hitting the market at the right time is important for any sheep producer, particularly for the commercial producer.

Again, he emphasizes the importance of year around breeding, such as with the Dorsets, to enable the producer to control the market times for his sheep.

This year before Christmas he  
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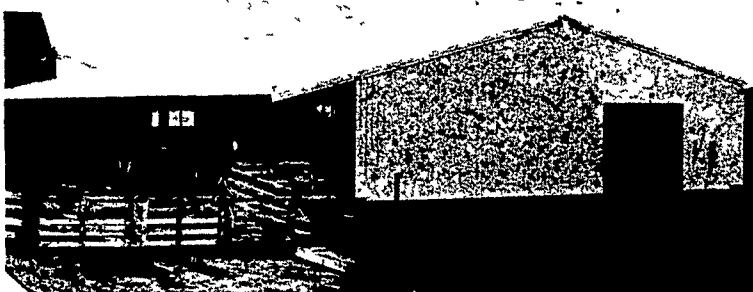
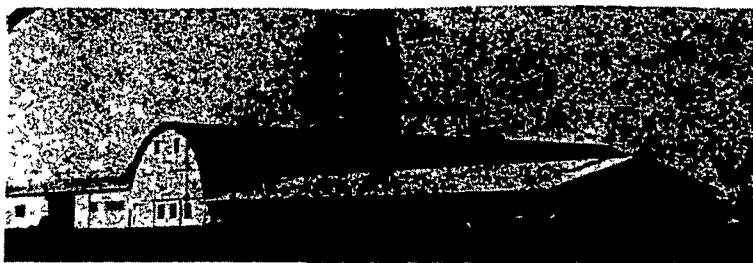
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	Miss Wayne	Miss Average
Bred.....	3 mo. younger	Same weight
Calved.....	24 months	27 months
Total invested		
by calving time...	\$304.00	\$286.00
Weight (calving time)		80 lbs. less
Produced milk		
for profit.....	3 mo. earlier	
Profit status		
at 30 months.....	\$69.00 gain	\$95.00 loss
Net profit advantage		
at 30 mo.....	\$164.25	\$95.00 loss

Yes, at 30 months, identical twin Miss Average still hadn't produced enough milk to pay for her growing costs! And Wayne researchers are betting Miss Wayne will produce nearly 1000 lbs. more milk during her first lactation—and *finish the job 3 months earlier!* Hadn't you better stop by?

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