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(a) Medium- to low-quality hay can be used in a similar manner as the oat hay.

Another self-fed ration that has been used successfully at the Dixon Springs Research Center,

Table 2.

Feeds

Ground ear com Grass-legurie hay SBOM 44% DiCalcium phosphate

It is important with all of the suggested ration mixes to freechoice a commercial salt-mineral mix recommended for sheep on a high roughage diet.

One major area we have not discussed which can cause some problems is the bridging effect of high-roughage diets in a selffeeder. Bridging merely means the feed will fail to drop down into the feed-ports of the feeder. Managing this problem is generally solved by making a daily trip to the feeder and knocking down the feed. Feeder design and materials certainly can help correct the problem, however, it is not the complete answer.

Self-feeding is not for everybody, but I do believe it can work where larger groups of ewes are being managed in a pasture condition at a time when pasture and/or feed is of poor quality. Let me hear how it has worked for you and if I can assist more give me a call. Remember they can get too fat.

Dixon, Illinois consists of 33 percent ground ear corn and 66 percent ground grass-legume hay. Self-feeding this ration can begin a month before lambing. For the lactation periods mix ration as shown in Table 2.

Lactating Ewes

Singles	Twins
%	%
33	33
62	58
4	8
1	1

Coming events:

November 18 & 19- PA Shepherds' Symposium, Hyatt Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA You should have received a complete program by now if you are on the PSWGA Newsletter mailing list or have attended past symposiums. Program and registration information can be requested by calling your county extension office or PSU at (814) 865-8301.

December 15- Deadline for mailing a county listing of the individual 4-H/FFA lamb identified or selected for the Farm Show Junior Market lamb show. Check with your county extension youth/ livestock agent.

January 8-13- 1989 PA Farm Show.

January 18-21- Am. Sheep Ind. Convention, Bally's Las Vegas, Nevada For detailed information write to: Am. Sheep Ind. Convention 200 Clayton Street Denver, CO 80206.

