

# CREEP FEEDING

## Advantages



**Improves survival** of young goats and sheep and can increase resilience to disease



**Cost-effective** as it prevents feed consumption by older animals



Helps prepare lambs and kids for **successful grazing** after weaning



Lambs and kids can **fetch higher prices** and be marketed at an earlier age

Amount of feed to offer to young animals in the household



## When to start it

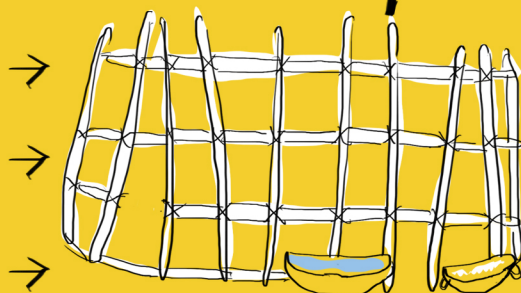
For animals from 3 weeks up to 6 months old.



Open the creep pen to the dams as well for a few days so that they can train their young to eat the feed.

## How to set it up

Wood or bamboo



No access for Adults

Free access for kids/ lambs

Food and Water

## How much to feed

**NUMBER OF ANIMALS**

**CREEP FEED PER DAY**

	Pounds	Kilogram	Handfuls
2	1	0.5	3
4	2	0.75	5
6	2.5	1.25	8
8	3.5	1.5	11
10	4.5	2	13

Choose ONE column of measuring unit you are familiar with



Young kids and lambs benefit from getting extra, good-quality feed which in terms leads to improved survival and growth rate of young ones.

Farmers can use 'creep feeding' to provide this extra feed only to kids and lambs, but not to adult animals that do not need it.



Creep feeding is in addition to regular feed (milk, grazing, fodder or other feeds).

### GOOD QUALITY FEED

Burseem/clover  
Chickpea grain  
Cow pea forage †  
Groundnut cake  
Jantar/Sesbania  
Jawar/sorghum grain  
Lucerne/alfalfa  
Millet forage † (fresh)  
Millet grain  
Oat grain  
Wheat bran  
Cotton trash\*  
Cottonseed cake\*  
Wheat grain\*

### POORER QUALITY FEED

Chickpea straw  
Peanut straw  
Groundnut straw  
Local grass (fresh or hay)  
Millet hay  
Napier grass (fresh or hay)  
Oat forage † (fresh or hay)  
Rice straw  
Sorghum forage † (fresh or dry)  
Wheat forage † (fresh)  
Wheat straw or hay

33%

67%

Slowly offer one handful of feed per head every second day for one week.

Suddenly consuming these feeds can cause digestive upsets

After that, increase the feed to the full daily amount.

† 'Forage' means the stem and leaf parts of the plant