

## ULTRASOUNDING: KNOWING THE NUMBERS IN YOUR SHEEP HERD

Today we face the increase of feed and the BSE hurt to all the livestock industry. As a livestock producer myself I want to get the most out of my labor, stock, and feed. Knowing the best advantages for my herd and my pocket book will make my bottom line go a little further.

Ultrasounding your sheep you will be able to tell if your ewes are in lamb and also how many they are to have. When is the right time? To be able to see if they are just pregnant would be at 45 days, but if you are wanting to know the numbers of lambs the best time is 60 days. By knowing this factor you are able to feed them accordingly and cull the open ones. Another advantage is that if you only have a few ewes open and you would like to send a ram in with them you don't have to send all your rams. This way it allows you to condition the rest of the rams for the next breeding season.

If any one has questions or comments please give me a call. I would enjoy the chat.

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