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#### Accelerated Lambing Triple Creek

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TAKING US LAMB QUALITY TO NEW HEIGHTS





## **Overview**

- 800-900 Polypay type commercial ewe flock
- Mostly confinement
  - Hoop barns
  - Open front converted catlle shed
  - Insulated pole barn for lambing
- Corn silage based rations
  - Ddgs
  - Hay
  - Corn and soybean stubble for bedding
  - Limited pasture except for crop residue in the fall





# Lambing Schedule

- January
  - 14 days
- Feb-Mar
  - Last week of Feb and first week of March
  - Ewe lambs and clean-up
- April-May
  - Last week of April and first 2 weeks of May
  - Fall lambers and clean-up
- Sept-Oct
  - 30 days starting Sept 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Expose January and Feb/March lambers





### **Reasons for Accelerated Lambing**

- Spread out labor force
- Multiple uses of equipment per year
- Sell lambs most months of the year
- Get increased production
  per ewe
  - 260-270% annual lamb crop
    - 190% Jan
    - 210% Feb-March
    - 170% ewe lambs
    - 165% Fall





### Methods for fall lambing success

- Natural
  - Very inconsistent
- MGA
  - Labor intensive, feed every 12 hours
- Cidrs
  - Labor, cost, increased ram power, short lambing window
- Light Control
  - Easy if confined, Teaser rams, cheap after initial light bulb invéstment
  - 80-85% of January lambers
  - 40-50% of Feb-March lambers



#### Questions???





