Nutrient requirements for ewes vary by age, weight, and level of production. A ewe that is nursing or pregnant is in a stage of higher demand compared to the nutrients she needs for maintenance. A 130 lb dry ewe requires 1.23 lb TDN and 0.17 lb CP.

During breeding ewes experience a 10% increase in nutrient requirements. A 130 lb ewe requires 1.34 lb TDN and 0.19 lb CP.

During the entire gestation period an ewe requires up to 43% more nutrient requirements. The ewe should gain at a rate of 0.10 lbs per day. A 130 lb ewe requires 1.76 lb TDN and 0.27 lb CP.

During the final days of gestation calcium requirements double and energy is likely to be deficient. Selenium and vitamin E are critical. A 130 lb ewe pregnant with twins and triplets requires 2.4-2.75 lb TDN and 0.36- 0.4 lb CP respectively.

Lactation requires high nutrient demands especially from energy and protein sources. High quality forage should be allocated during this time. Ewes should be fed 1 lb of grain supplementation for each nursing lamb. An ewe nursing 1-3 lambs requires 2-3 lb TDN and 0.44-0.71 lb CP respectively.

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