

# ***CREEP FEEDING***

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# What is Creep Feeding?

Creep feeding is a method, in which we provide **Extra supplement feed** to the young kids and lambs.

The aim of creep feeding is to provide access to high nutrient feed (energy and protein) and water to young kids and lambs. Creep feeding is *in addition* to regular feed (milk, grazing, fodder or other feeds).



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# Purpose of Creep Feeding

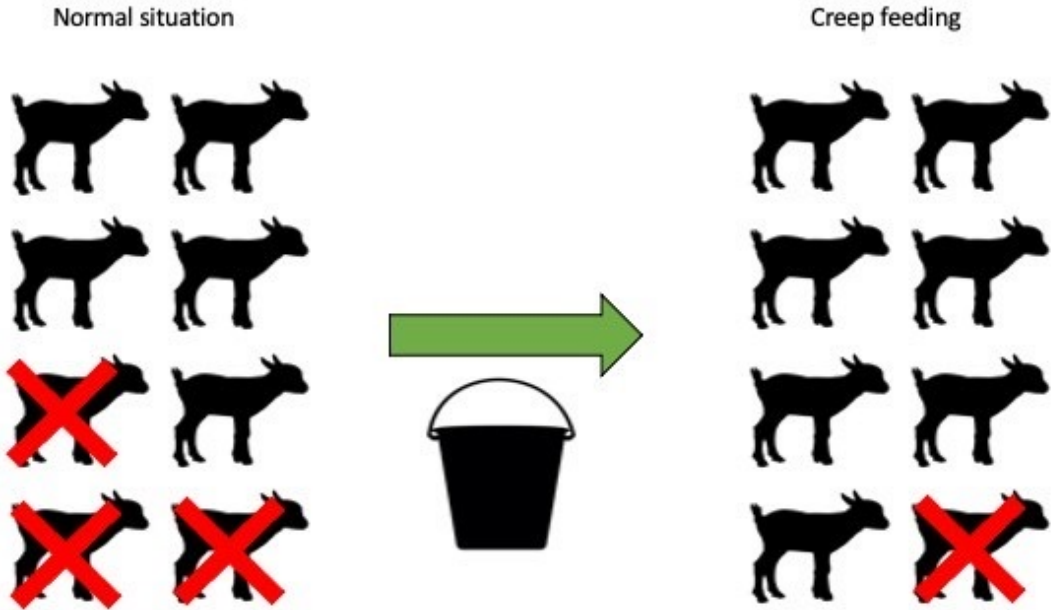
- **Reduce mortality** in the young kids/lambs by providing good quality protein feed to them.
- **Improve growth rate** of young kids and lambs



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# Advantages of Creep Feeding



- ❑ Creep feeding has been shown to
- ❑ **dramatically improve survival**
- ❑ **Creep feeding is cost-effective**
- ❑ **successful grazing after weaning.**
- ❑ **Lambs and kids can be marketed at an earlier age fetch higher prices**



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# Creep Feed: What to feed and how much?

Offer about half a pound (200 grams) of the mixed feed per animal per day, placing it in a feed container inside the creep area where the adult animals cannot get it.

Make up the creep feed by mixing a ration of ONE THIRD good-quality feed and TWO THIRDS poorer-quality feed. Choose the cheapest feeds on the list that are available to you.



<b>Good-quality feeds</b> <b>(ONE THIRD of total feed) 33 %</b>	<b>Poorer-quality feeds</b> <b>(TWO THIRDS of total feed) 67%</b>
Barseem/clover Chickpea grain Cotton trash* Cottonseed cake* Cow pea forage† Groundnut cake Jantar/Sesbania Jawar/sorghum grain Lucerne/alfalfa Millet forage† (fresh) Millet grain Oat grain Wheat bran Wheat grain*	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



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# Amount of feed to offer according to number of young animals in household.

Number of young animals receiving the creep feed	Total amount of creep feed to offer PER DAY (choose one column only)		
	pounds	kilograms	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



# Set Up Creep Barrier

- ❑ An area where young animals can access the creep feed but adults cannot.
- ❑ The creep pen can be made out of cheap materials like wood or bamboo or even by using wires.
- ❑ These gaps should be small enough for young animals only to fit through. make gaps smaller if adults fit through.
- ❑ Kids/lambs should be able to freely access and consume the creep feed.



Example of creep feeding system



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# Thank you



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