

# Calculating supplementary feed amounts for sheep

## Total daily requirements to maintain ewe condition

**Table 1. Nutritional requirements to maintain medium frame sheep (50 kg adult)**

Class	Protein (%)	Energy (Megajoules/day)	Fibre (%)
Dry sheep or ewes in early pregnancy	8	7 (condition score 2)	10
		8.5 (condition score 3)	
Weaners (25 kg)	14	5	10
Lambing ewes	12	See table below	10

**Table 2. Approximate energy requirements (MJ/day) of medium frame ewes (50 kg adult) to maintain condition before, during and after lambing under dry paddock conditions**

Condition score	Energy (MJ/day) dry	Single /twin	Weeks before lambing				Months after lambing		
			8	6	4	2	1	2	3
CS2	7	S	7	9	10	11.5	16	14	7
		T	9	10	11.5	13.5	24	18	7
CS3	8.5	S	10	10.5	11.5	13	20	15	8.5
		T	10.5	12	13.5	16.5	25	20	8.5
CS4	9.5	S	10.5	11	11.5	13.5	20.5	17	9.5
		T	11.5	13	14	18	28	21	9.5

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