

SHEEP REARING



Sheep can be reared as free range (where there is no shortage of land) or under housing inside a shed. It is a very important component in dry land farming system. With very low investments can be made in to a profitable venture for small, marginal farmers and landless labourers.

ADVANTAGES

- Well adopted to environment and poor management practices
- The meat rate is increasing day by day
- Sheep are suitable for wool and meat
- Average of 1-2 kids per sheep per delivery
- Average meat recovery of 22-30 kg/goat
- Penning leads to manurial value to land

BREEDS

- **Local breeds:** Varies according to region
- **Exotic breeds**
 - Merino – Wool purpose
 - Ram Boulet – Wool and meat
 - Cheviot – Meat
 - South Down - Meat

Economics:

- Initial cost of eight month old sheep: Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 1200/-
- Sheep are sold after 6-7 years old @ Rs. 800 to Rs. 1000/-
- Rams are sold at less than year and half old @ Rs. 1500/- – 2000/-

For details regarding:

- Availability of good breeds
- Requirements and Making of Goat sheds
- Feeding of goats
- Production of healthy goats

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