

Sheep and lambs: fitness



Ensuring sheep are fit for transport

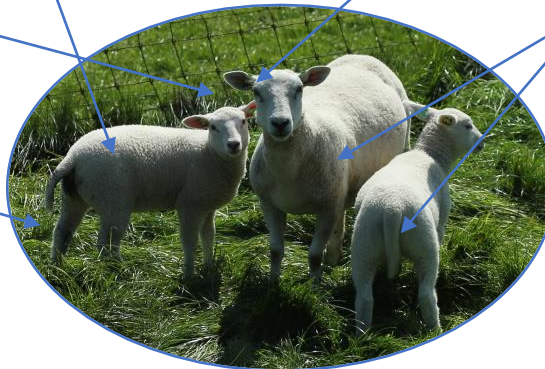
1 **Never transport** animals in pain (when moving) or injuries (e.g. open wounds), with severe system disorders or animals with lack of coordination

2 **Never transport** sheep which are recently dehorned and not healed yet

4 **Never transport** animals that are blind

3 **Never transport** lambs less than 1 week and highly pregnant ewes (more than 90 % gestation)

5 **Never transport** sheep which are not able to put weight on all four legs or that refuse to stand



**All OK?
Ready for
transport!**

**If in doubt –
leave it out!**



What are good practices?

1. Before loading, the farmer should **notify the driver** of any concerns about the sheep to be transported
2. **Asses** the sheep for **fitness** before loading by a qualified person
3. When you have **doubts** on the fitness conditions, **ask veterinary advice** to take proper arrangements for care and treatments
4. The **transporter** (as the **farmer**) is **accountable** for the fitness of the sheep



What do to with impaired fitness during transport?

1. Effective containment in a **suitable holding** area for rest
2. Provision of **feed and water**
3. **Veterinary treatment** if necessary

