

Food Labeling Program Standards for Sheep

Animal Welfare Standard	Industry Guideline	USDA Certified Organic Program	Certified Humane Program	American Humane Certified Program	Animal Welfare Approved Program
Antibiotics	Permitted	Prohibited	Permitted for treatment of disease only	Permitted for treatment of disease only	Permitted for treatment of disease only
Growth Hormones	Not prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
Access to Pasture	Not required	Required; confinement allowed in some situations	Required during grass-growing season when conditions allow	Required during grass-growing season when conditions allow	Required continuously
Access to Shelter	Shade, shelter, windbreaks recommended	Shade and shelter required	Natural or artificial shade, shelter, windbreaks required	Natural or artificial shade, shelter, windbreaks required	Natural or artificial shade, shelter, windbreaks required
Bedding	Not required	Clean, dry bedding required	Clean, dry bedding required	Clean, dry bedding required	Clean, dry bedding required
Indoor Lighting	Not addressed	Access to direct sunlight required	Artificial light at a level comparable to natural light	Artificial light at a level comparable to natural light	Windows or openings that allow natural daylight required
Minimum Weaning Age	Early weaning allowed	Not addressed	5 weeks	5 weeks	3 months
Castration	Encouraged with no maximum age limit	Physical alterations to be performed in a manner that minimizes pain	May be performed between 1 & 7 days of age; local anesthetic recommended	May be performed between 1 & 7 days of age; local anesthetic recommended	Use of rubber rings on lambs 1 wk old or less is acceptable
Tail Docking	Encouraged with no maximum age limit	Physical alterations to be performed in a manner that minimizes pain	May be performed between 1 & 14 days; anesthetic not required	May be performed between 1 & 14 days; anesthetic not required	Prohibited