

Mouthing Sheep for Age

The approximate age of a sheep can be determined by their teeth. All sheep have 8 lower incisors. From birth to approximately 1 year of age, sheep have milk teeth. Each year, until 4 years of age, 1 pair of immature incisors are replaced with permanent incisors.



Birth to 1 year 8 milk teeth No wear



1 year of age
2 middle permanent incisors
6 milk teeth



2 years of age 4 permanent incisors 4 milk teeth



3 years of age 6 permanent incisors 2 milk teeth



4 years of age 8 permanent incisors No wear



5+ years of age 8 permanent incisors Gaping and wear



Broken mouthed
5+ years of age
Severe wear
broken or missing teeth

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