

Sheep Gestation Chart

147-day lambing reference for US flocks. Add breeding date + gestation days = expected lambing.

Quick reference

Industry average: 147 days (~5 months) · Normal range: 142–152 days

Lambing window = average gestation ± breed variance. Twins and triplets often arrive 1–3 days early.

Breed	Avg days	Typical window
Black Sheep	147	142–152 days
Dorper	147	145–150 days
Dorset	147	142–152 days
Generic Sheep	147	142–152 days
Hampshire	147	142–152 days
Katahdin	147	142–152 days
Merino	148	147–150 days
Miniature Sheep	145	140–150 days
Suffolk	146	145–147 days
Texel	147	142–152 days
White Sheep	147	142–152 days

147-day breeding date lookup

Breeding date	Expected lambing
Jan 1	May 28
Jan 15	Jun 11
Feb 1	Jun 28
Mar 1	Jul 26
Apr 1	Aug 26
May 1	Sep 25
Jun 1	Oct 26
Jul 1	Nov 25
Aug 1	Dec 26
Sep 1	Jan 24
Oct 1	Feb 24
Nov 1	Mar 26
Dec 1	Apr 26

How to use this chart

1. Find your breed in the table (or use Generic Sheep for crossbred flocks).
2. Use the 147-day lookup chart or add gestation days to your breeding date.
3. Plan for the ± 5 -day window, not a single calendar day.
4. For week-by-week timelines and shareable results, use the free calculator at useturnrow.com/tools/sheep/gestation-calculator/