

Re: Super-large egg?

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If you do not sell / kill . Sheep they end up with no teeth .

At about 5 years old they start to loose teeth .

from then on they can not eat properly .

We got 2 ewes few years ago they were suppose to be 2 years old . That year we bred them and got twins from both. the next year again twins. When the lambs were 2 days old I had to take 1 of each to raise . At 1 week old the other lambs were going down hill verry fast .We caught the lambs and ewes and found 1 ewe had 2 teeth left the other had none. The quieter of them I hand fed until the lamb was weaned the other one .Died a month later. there was nothing left but skin and bone. I reared here lamb .she grew only the size of a 3 month old lamb .

I gave her to a friend so she could not get in lamb as she may have had a full sized lamb and it would have killed her to have it.

Peggy

"Bird!" <zbird@nospamuk2.net> wrote in message

news:V2drd.19136\$9A.329686@news.xtra.co.nz...

> *Ha, I'd love to be able to do the whole self provision thing, I really would*

> *but this thing about eating ones own livestock is a hurdle I can't get over.*

> *I think maybe naming them doesn't help.*

> *The neighbour gave us a bit of bacon from his pig.... I had looked into this*

> *beasts eyes, I'd scratched its ears... I ate the bacon..... I also felt*

> *quietly guilty as a result.*

> *If it had been our pig, seen every day, cared for by us.... I couldn't have*

> *eaten any of it.*

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> *My theory is, have animals that can provide for you without having to be*

> *killed to do it. Chickens come high on my list because they get on with*

> *laying their eggs without a 'midwife' being present. Next is a milking*

> *animal, bit more work involved getting the milk but worthwhile.*

> *We're looking for a milking goat so I guess I'll find out just how much work*

> *is involved.*

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> *Gawd, think of the banquet one could have if one had the where-with-all to*

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- > *have homekill.*
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- > *I wish the neighbour had your husbands ability to cull old ewes, he has*
- two*
- > *and they had twins and triplets this year. Poor old things are really,*
- well*
- > *and truly on their last legs. The thought of these two gems not being*
- around*
- > *any more is very sad but they are so old and struggling to cope which is*
- > *sadder. Both were pets and have real personalities. I hope these two are*
- > *too old and knarly for dog tucker, they deserve a bit of dignity.*
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- > *Bird!*
- > *"angie" <angie_arsnic@hotmail.com> wrote in message*
- > *news:41ad4a4c@quokka.wn.com.au...*
- >> *HI Bird ,*
- >> *I skipped a bit .*
- >> *I do not kill my chooks .*
- >> *My husband only kills the old sheep that are no longer productive.*
- >> *And my also die of old age .*
- >> *My pet sheep I can not eat so we send the meat off to the in-laws.*
- >> *Yours Peggy*
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