Sheep Handling Facility Design Guide

A planning guide for laying out handling pens, chutes and alleys for sheep. Use it before building or remodeling to make work safer and easier.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. List the jobs the facility must handle
2. Choose a site with good drainage
3. Plan a gathering pen and flow path
4. Design the alley and sorting gate
5. Add a working chute or restraint
6. Plan loading and unloading access
7. Review plans with extension or NRCS
8. Check safety and footing before use

YOUR NOTES

TIP Sketch the traffic flow on paper first and visit a working facility before you finalize the design.