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**SHEPHERDING HOW BENEFICIAL BUSINESS:
TIPS TO THE BEGINNER FARMER
(ВІВЧАРСТВО ЯК ВИГІДНИЙ БІЗНЕС: ПОРАДИ ПОЧИНАЮЧОМУ
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Дана стаття присвячена проблемі вівчарства та відповідає на головні питання: який це вигідний бізнес , чому даний вид фермерств є надійною справою та на чому базується дохід ферми.

***Ключові слова:** вівчарство, ферма, дохід, бізнес, реалізація молока та м'яса.*

This article focuses on the problem of sheep farming and answers on main questions: what profitable business is sheep farming, why this farming is very reliable and what the shepherding profits are based on.

Key words: *shepherding, farm, income, bines, milk and life.*

Shepherds have traditionally been farming in areas with large pastures and semi-desert or desert climates. Unpretentious animals do not require special care and conditions of wintering, but they need space and sufficient forage. In Ukraine there are not so many regions with favorable climate for breeding sheep - it is the south of the country and the North Caucasus.

Australia and New Zealand remain the largest producers of sheep wool in the world, with China and India setting records for the livestock of these animals. In Ukraine, shepherding has been developing more actively in recent years than in the last century, but it is still a long way from the first line in the ratings of domestic shepherds [1].

First of all, you need to stock up on knowledge and understanding of animal husbandry principles. Villagers who have a clear vision of the task and possible results are more likely to succeed, but theoretically a citizen who has come to terms with all responsibility can create a good sheep farm.

Even large flocks start with a dozen sheep. A year later, the practice will show how animals feel, the right ratio of sheep and rams in the flock, what weight gain. For the first time, the business will not generate income, you will need to invest in the purchase of animals, feed, haircut and more.

Demand for milk, sheep cheese, lamb, lard is high enough to organize several channels of sale. Start by selling small lots to restaurants, cafes and barbecues, profitable to market meat and dairy products in the markets. Participation in agricultural fairs will allow you to find regular buyers and customers. In order to carry out regular slaughter and marketing of lamb, there must be about 50 animals in the flock, usually selling sheep after 4 years and rams.

The size of the sheep farm is calculated based on the fact that 0.1 hectares of area is provided per animal. The price of land suitable for breeding sheep can vary significantly in different regions.

Favorite food of sheep is alfalfa. To prevent the animals from losing weight in the winter, the land is sown with this grass, and after the mowing, the hay is

Under favorable conditions, you can pay back the investment for two years. Tips for beginner shepherds To navigate future costs, start by making a business plan. The actual costs are generally higher than planned, but you will be able to understand the amounts involved [2]. Get acquainted with the theory of the question – read about the breeds, consult with experts and decide which sheep you will work with. Find out about forage and how to grow or purchase it in your area.

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