



Rich County 4-H

Show Lamb

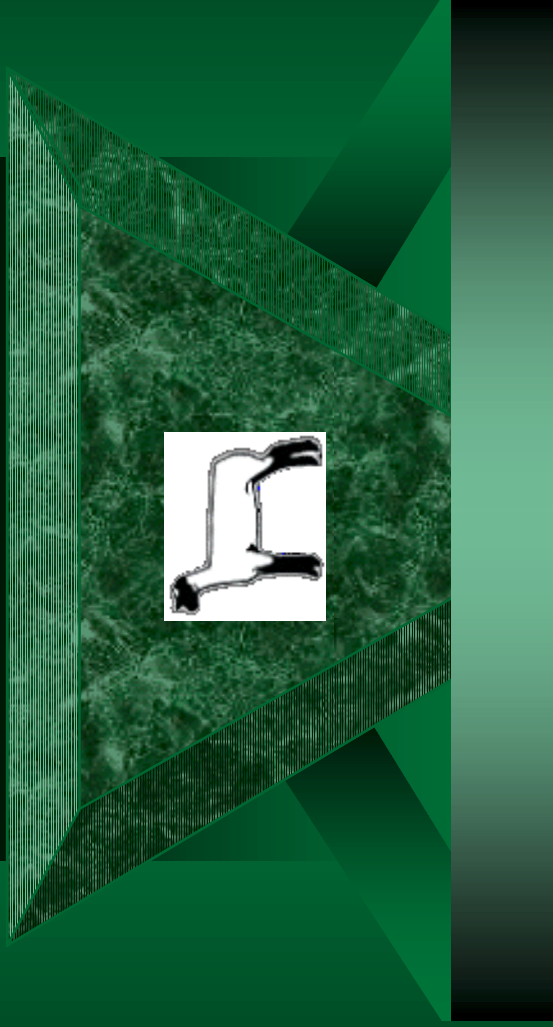
Selection

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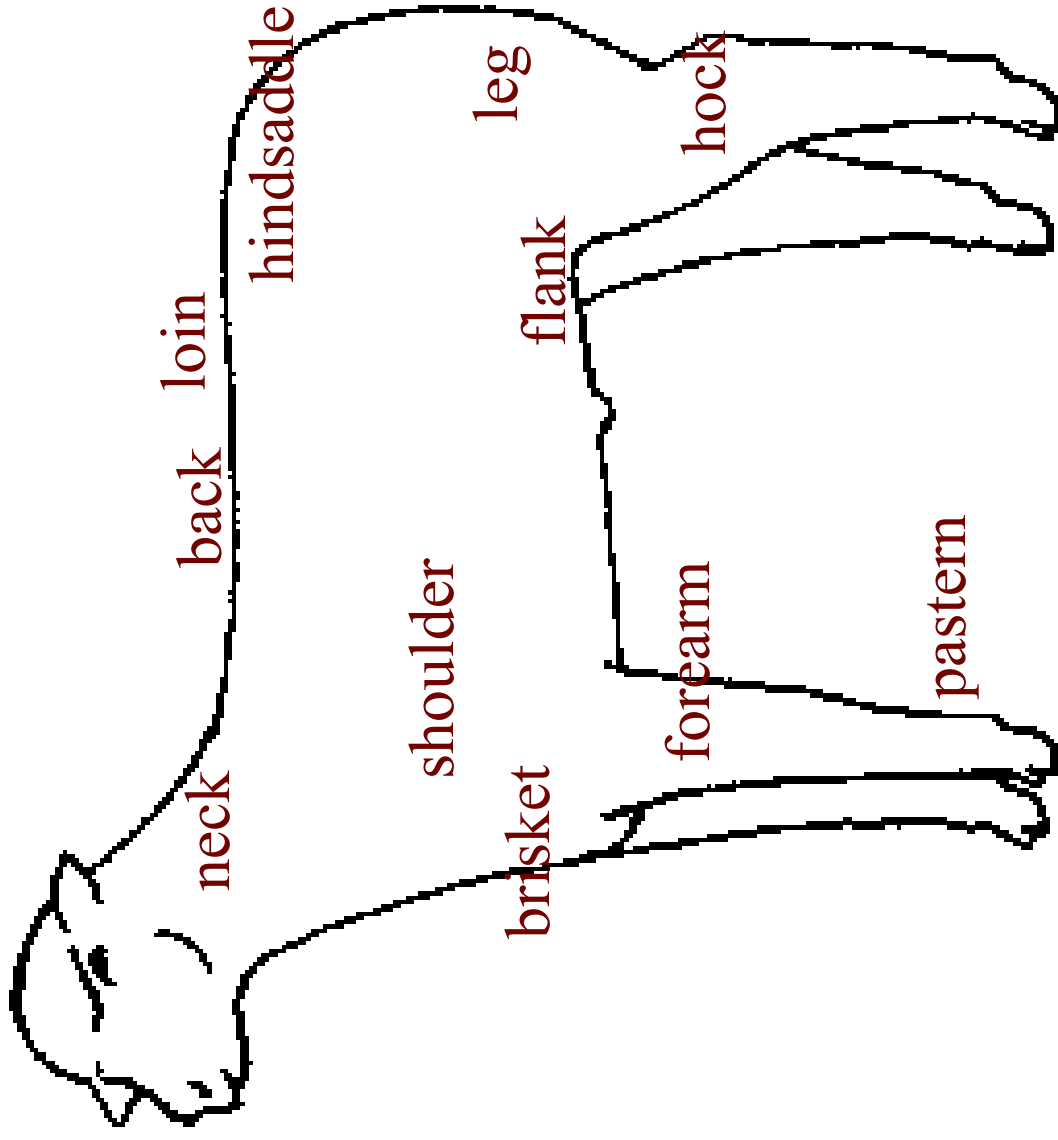
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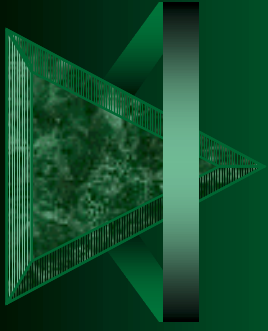
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Parts of the Sheep



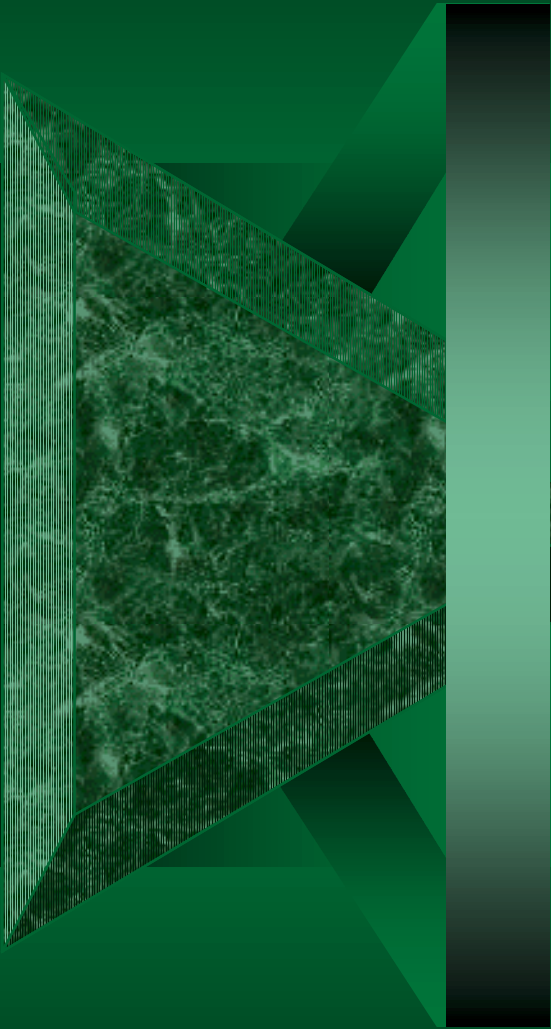


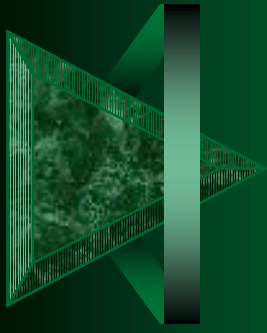
Selection Criteria

- Muscle
- Frame
- Structural Correctness
- Style and Balance



MUSCLE



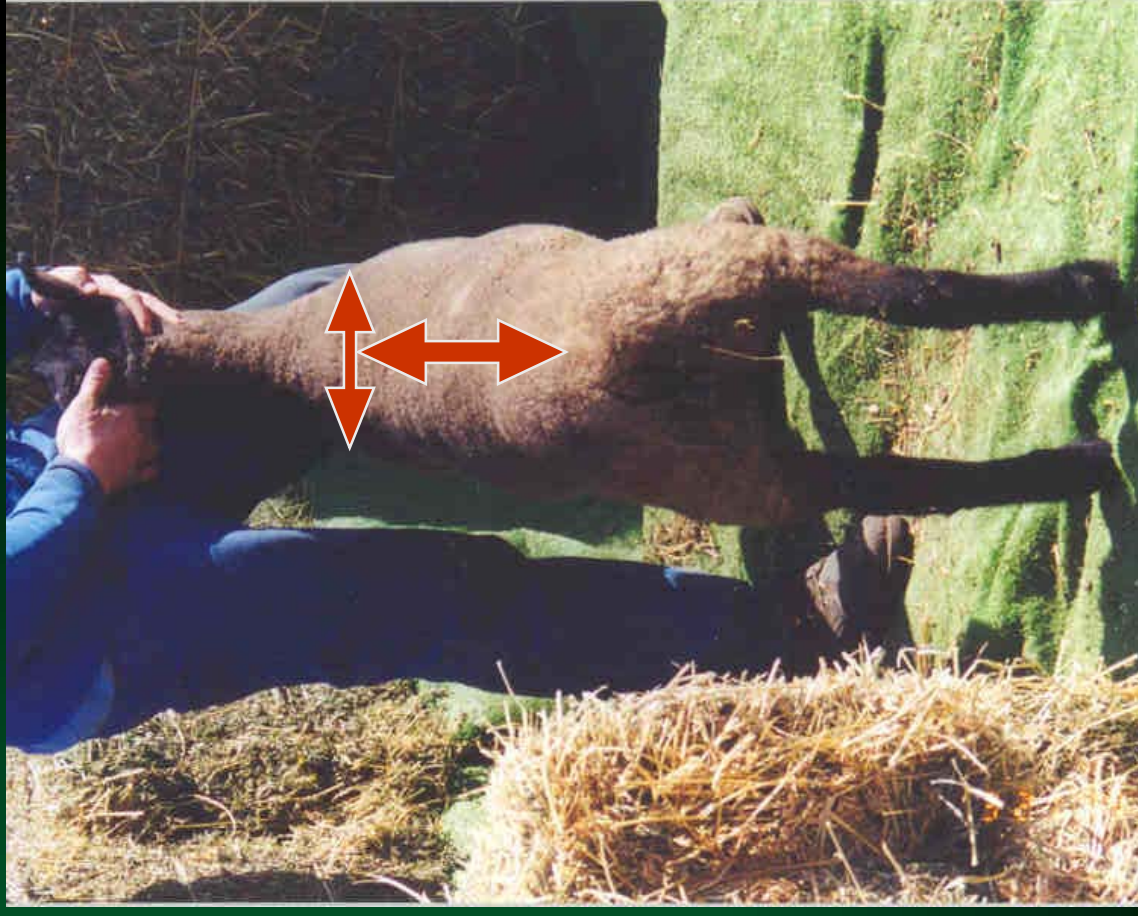


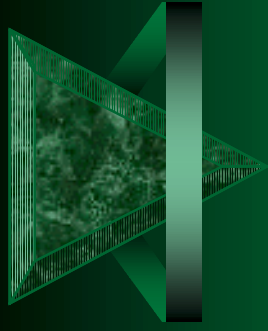
Indicators of Muscle

- Top
- Leg
- Front view
- Rear view
- Bone

From the top

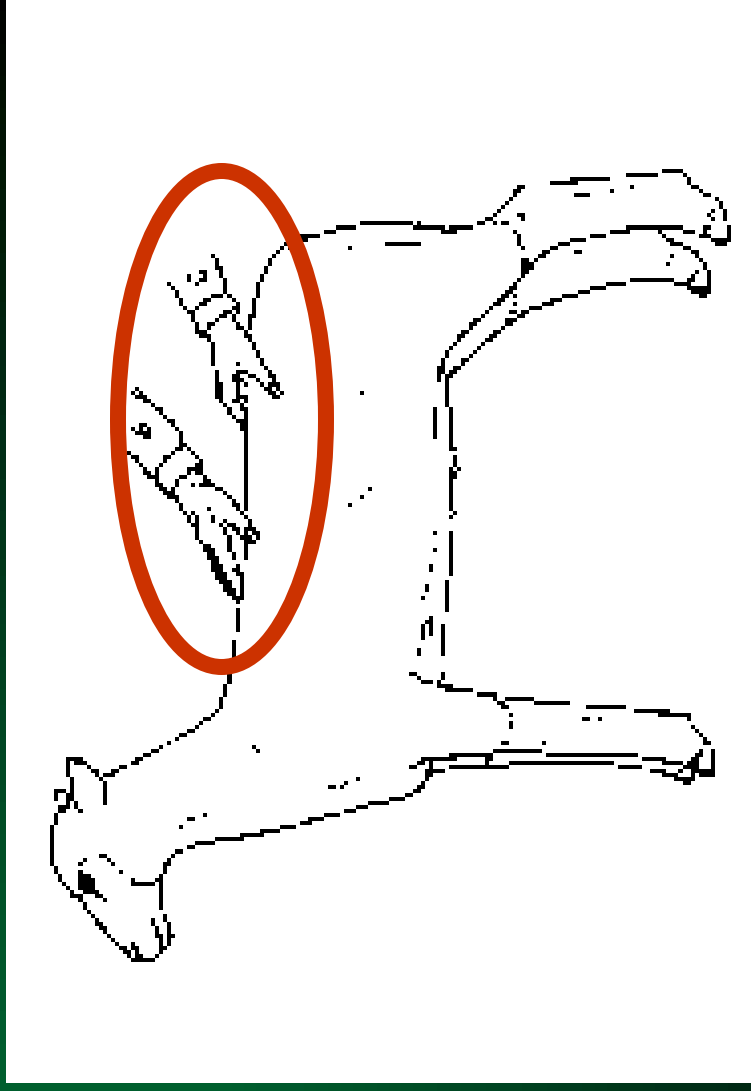
- Wide across top
- Long loin
- Thick meaty loin
- Butterfly feel along spine

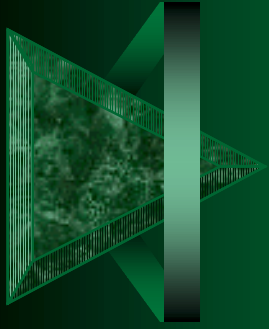




Feeling the top

- Put fingers together and feel across spine
- Check the width of loin
- Check the length of loin

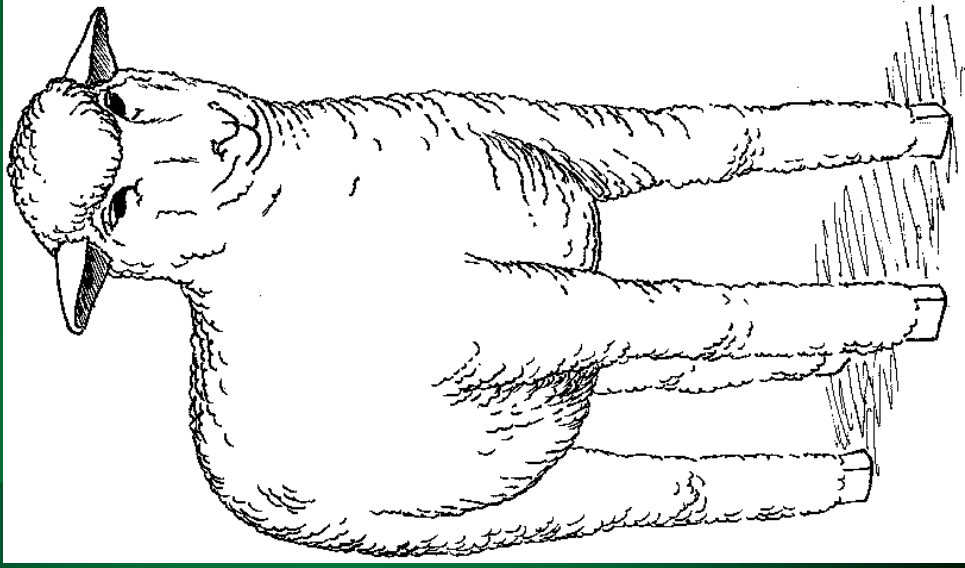


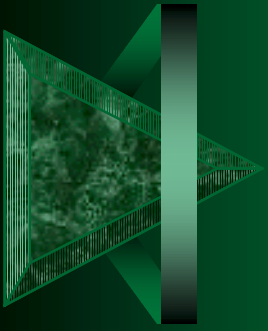


Front

- Wide based
- Clean brisket
- Large bone
- Bulging forearm
- Slight prominent shoulder

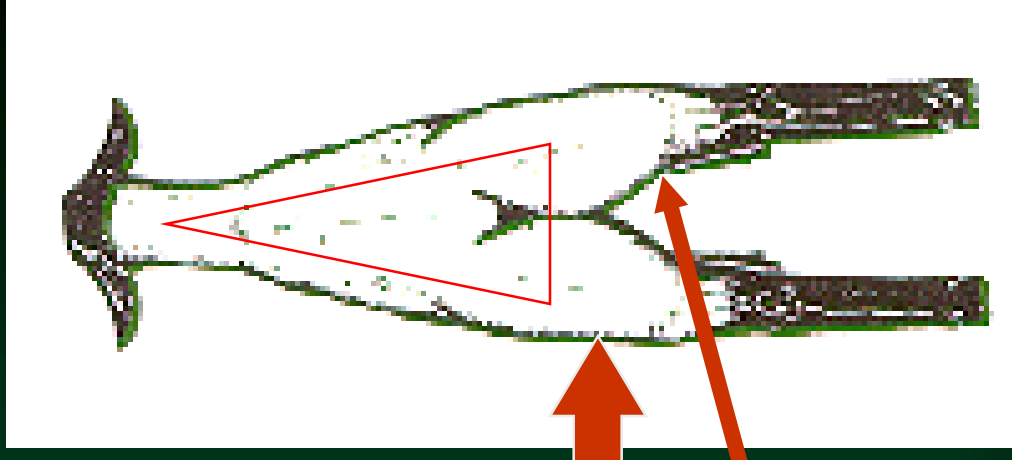
– Don't get too big a shoulder as this will make the lamb look rough





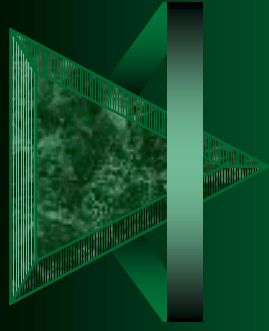
From the rear

- The widest portion should be the center or stifle
- Wide based
- Inside leg muscle
- Wedge made



stifle

wide base

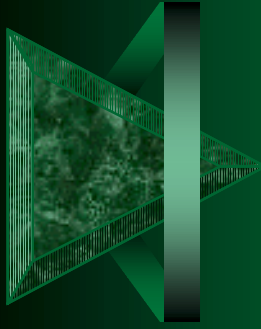


From the side

- Level top
- The hindsaddle should be longer than the front part of the back
- Long loin



You want a long topped lamb but it must be strong topped as well



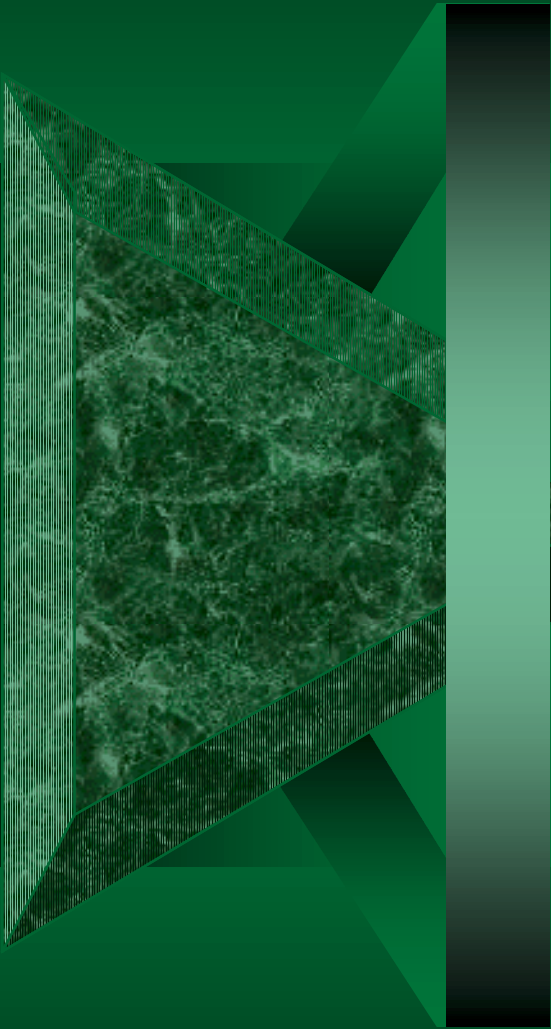
Bone

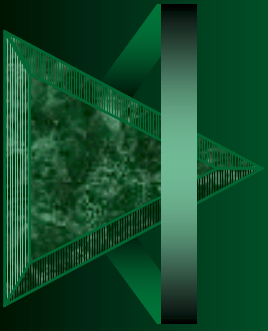


- A large bone is an indicator of muscle.



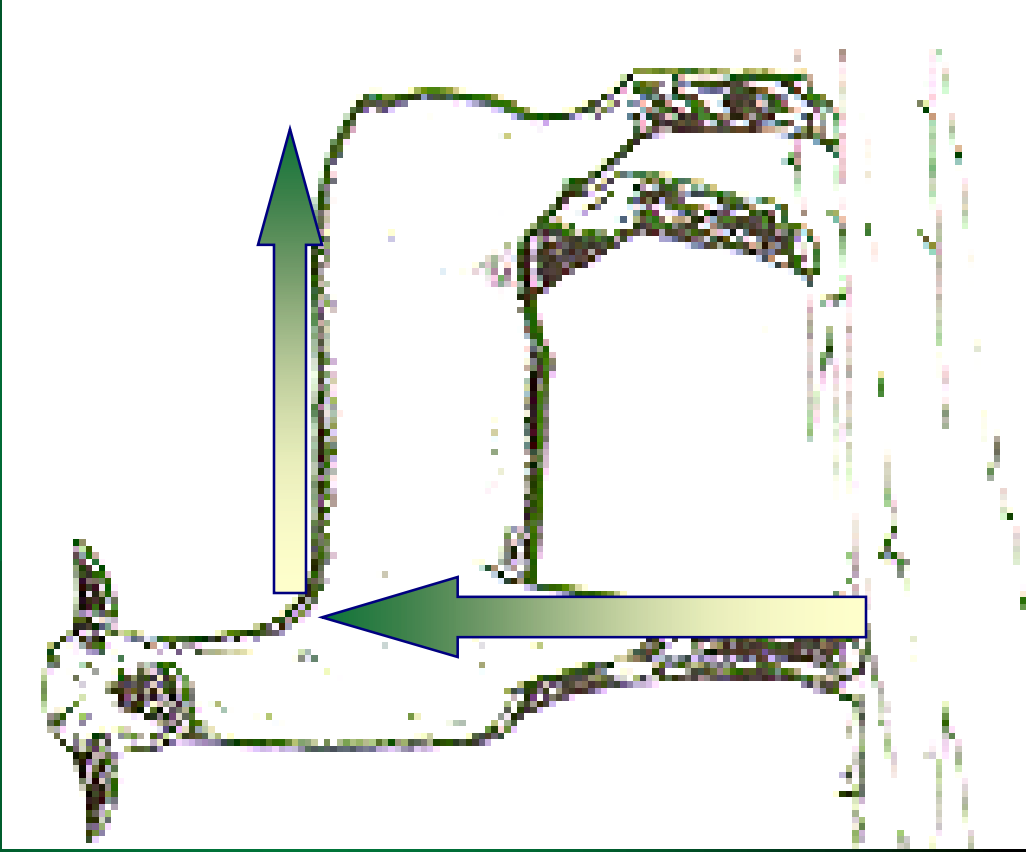
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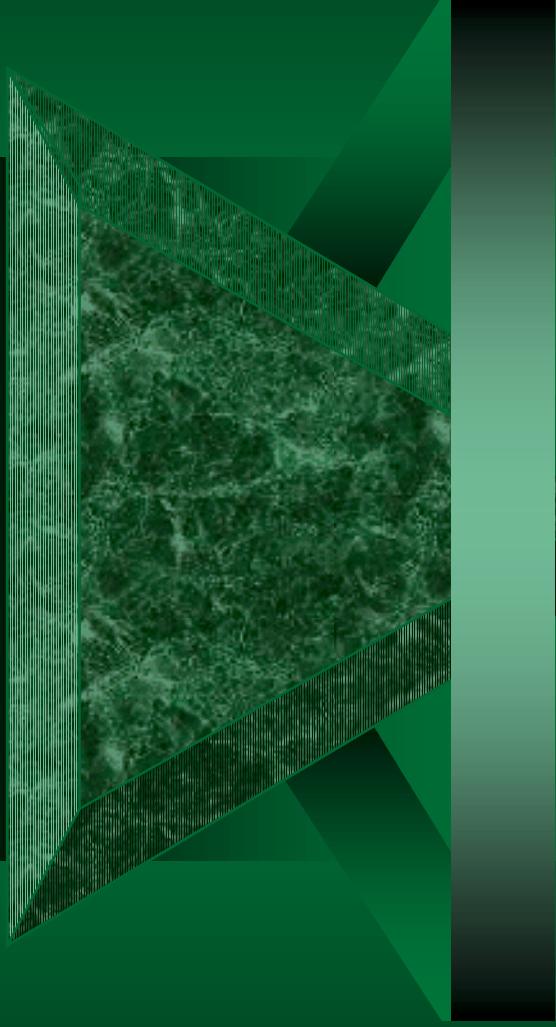




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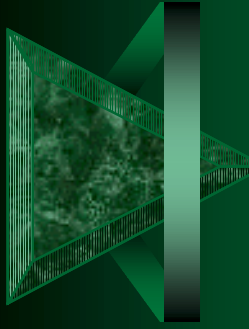
- Long bodied
- Tall





STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS

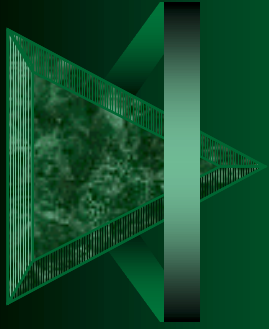




Structure

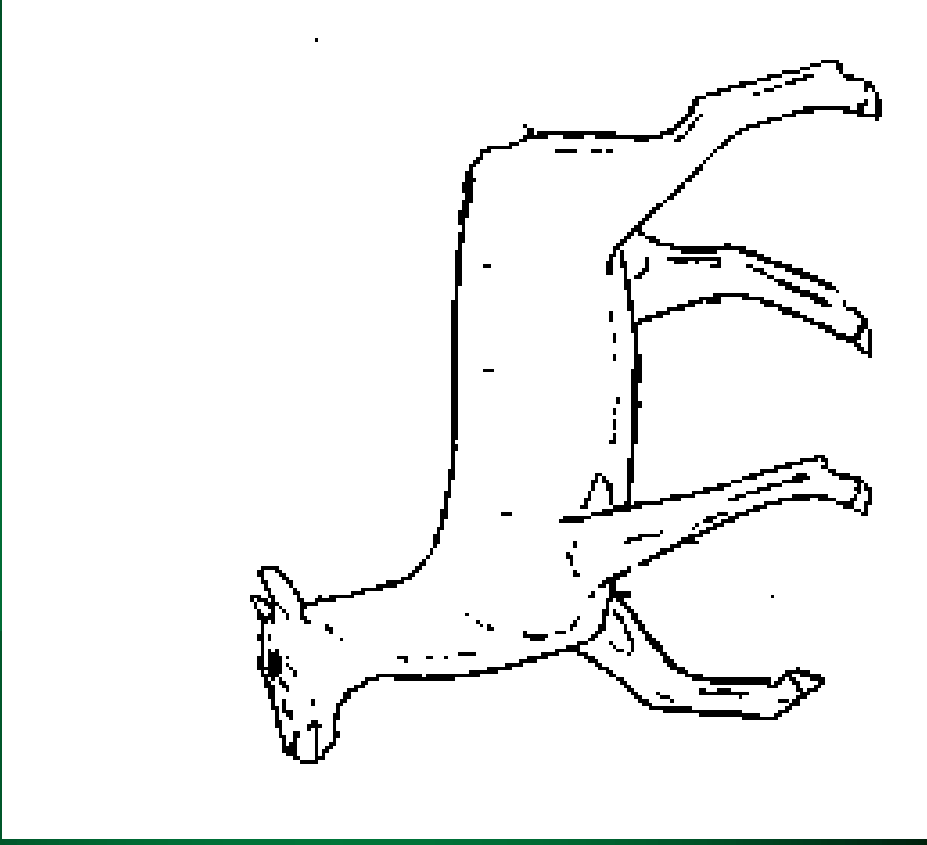


- Neck extend out of top of shoulders
- Top line should be long, level and straight
- Pasterns should be strong

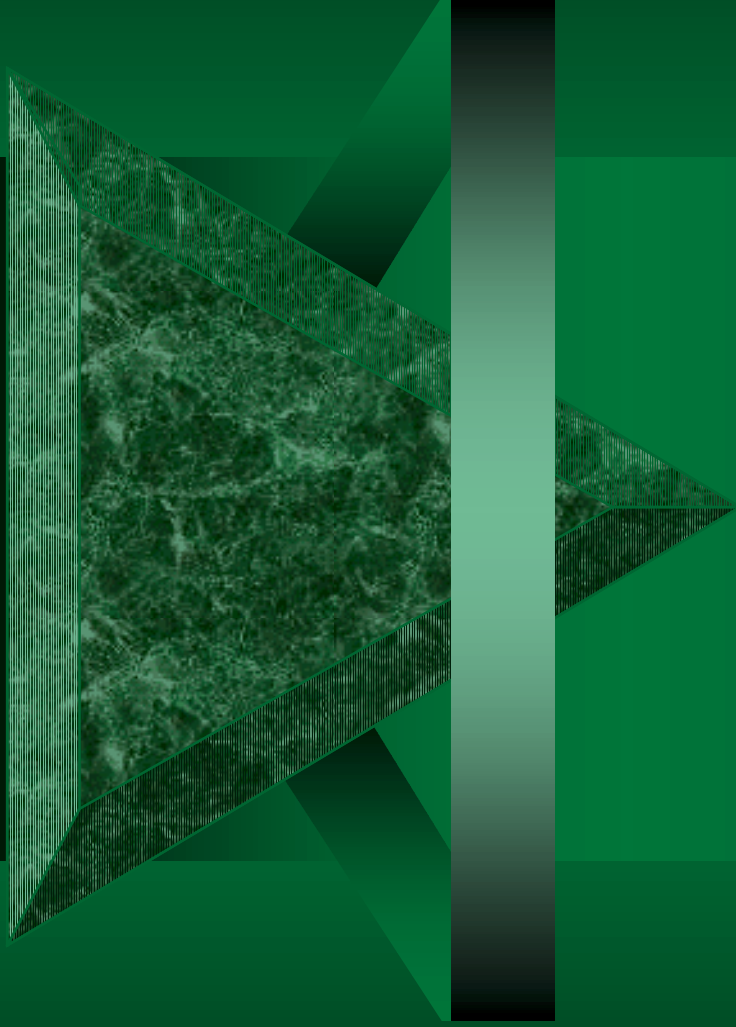


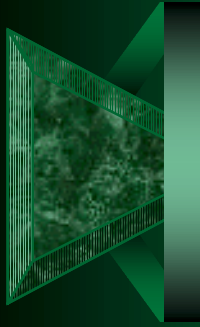
Structure

- Walk with feet wide apart
- Walk with long smooth strides
- Stay away from weak topped, open shouldered, lambs with steep rumps



STYLE AND BALANCE

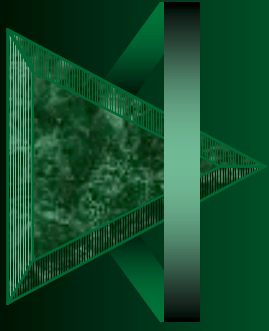




Style and Balance



- Trim extended neck
- Trim clean chest
- Long top line
- Level hindsaddle
- Trim middle
- Tight wrinkle free hide



Look for potential

- ✔ Select a Lamb that has..
 - Large frame
 - Long body
 - Long neck
 - Clean chest floor
 - Muscle indicators
 - Long, thick loin
 - Long, level hindsaddle

