

# New Mexico Bighorn Sheep Ewe/Ram ID

## Lambs

- Lambs weigh 8-10 pounds at birth and up to 40 pounds by the end of the summer.
- Lambs are not born with horns and by end of summer they are just beginning to push through the skin.



## Ewes

- Ewes are the most common class of bighorn sheep seen.
- Ewes typically weigh between 150-170 pounds.
- Ewe horns are slender and narrow at the base.
- Ewe faces are more elongated and blocky than young rams.



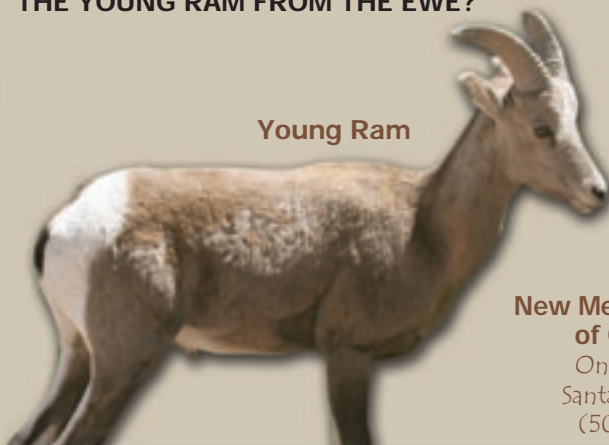
Three Young Rams

## Young Rams (1-4 years of age)

- Young rams have faces that are shorter than a ewe and more "lamb-like."
- Young rams typically have a wider horn base than ewes.
- Although their bodies may be similar in size, young rams are stout and more muscular than ewes.
- Testicles are visible on all males 18-months of age and older.



**CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE FEATURES THAT DISTINGUISH THE YOUNG RAM FROM THE EWES?**



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