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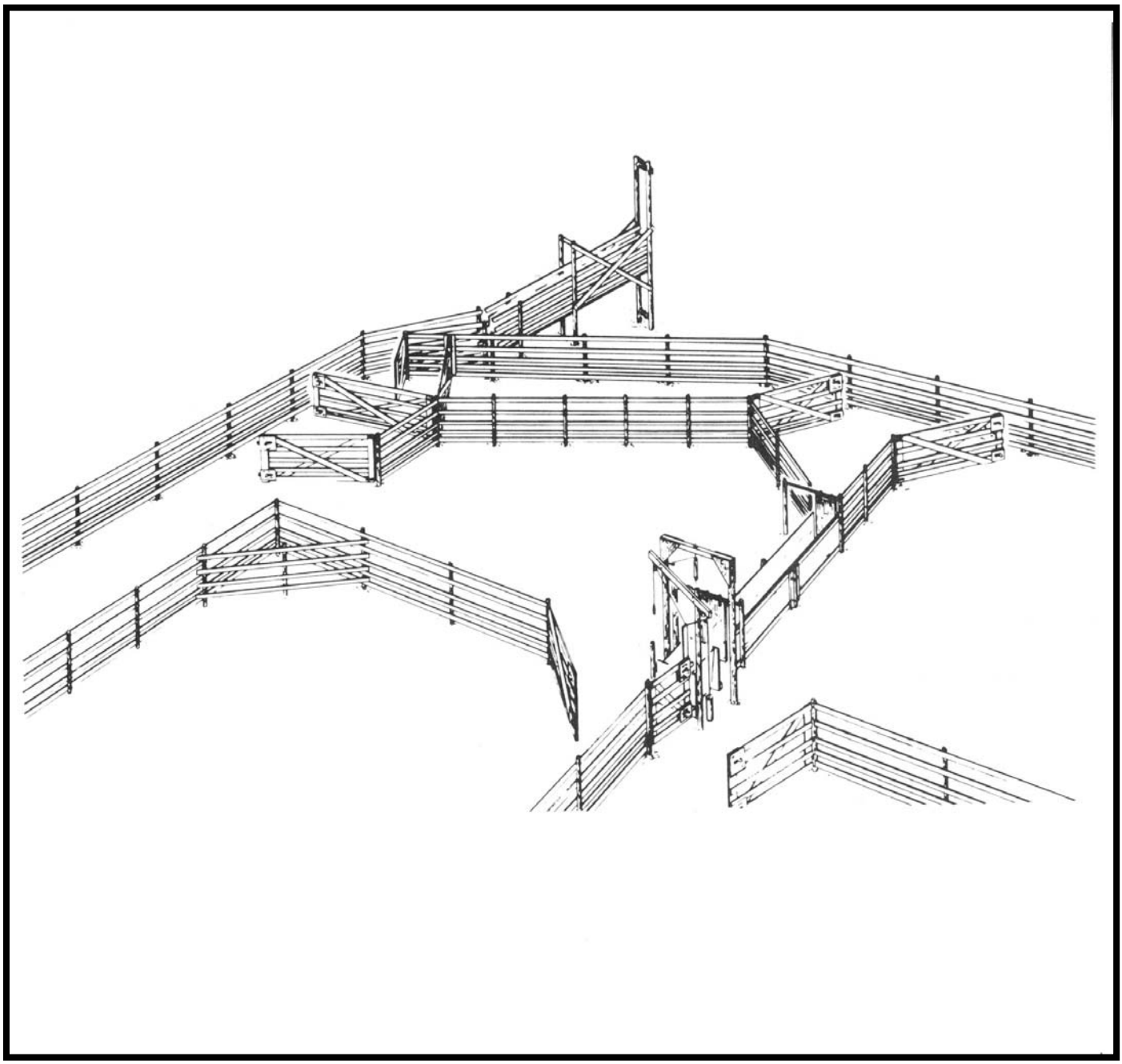

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This plan gives details for a sorting and treatment corral suitable for a flock of 1000 ewes, more or less. The fencing is arranged to handle sheep quickly, quietly and with a minimum of stress on both the sheep and the operator. Fencing should be smooth and without sharp corners to prevent animal injury and snagging wool.

Up to 200 sheep can be held in the alley; allow 6 sq ft for each bred ewe, 5 sq ft for each ewe, and 4 sq ft for each lamb. From the holding alley they can be herded into the crowding pen and directed into the working chute. Sheep move easier through a working chute if it faces away from the sun, slopes uphill slightly and leads back towards the feeding pen.

The working chute (Leaflet 353-04, CPS M4812), is 14 to 15 inches wide. A chute adapter can be hung into the working chute to reduce the chute width to 10 or 11 inches for handling lambs. An alternative detail shows how one side of the working chute can be adjusted inwards for lambs. Blocking gates in the working chute can be used to control the flow of the sheep. Hold sheep in the working chute or in the small crowding pen at the end of the working chute to spray them. A portable foot bath box can be dropped into the working chute if required.

Working gates are located in the working chute to sort sheep three ways. Any sheep continuing down the working chute can be weighted on the scale and again sorted two ways. The scale (Leaflet 353-07, CPS 4814) can be taken out of the working chute if it is not required, or the weighing crate can be left in place as a squeeze for treating individual sheep.

An adjustable loading chute (Plan 353-05, CPS Plan 4841) is shown at one corner of the corral for loading or unloading from a single or double-deck truck.

The plan also shows an optional roof shade over the working chute and weighing area, for the comfort of both shepherd and sheep during hot or rainy weather.