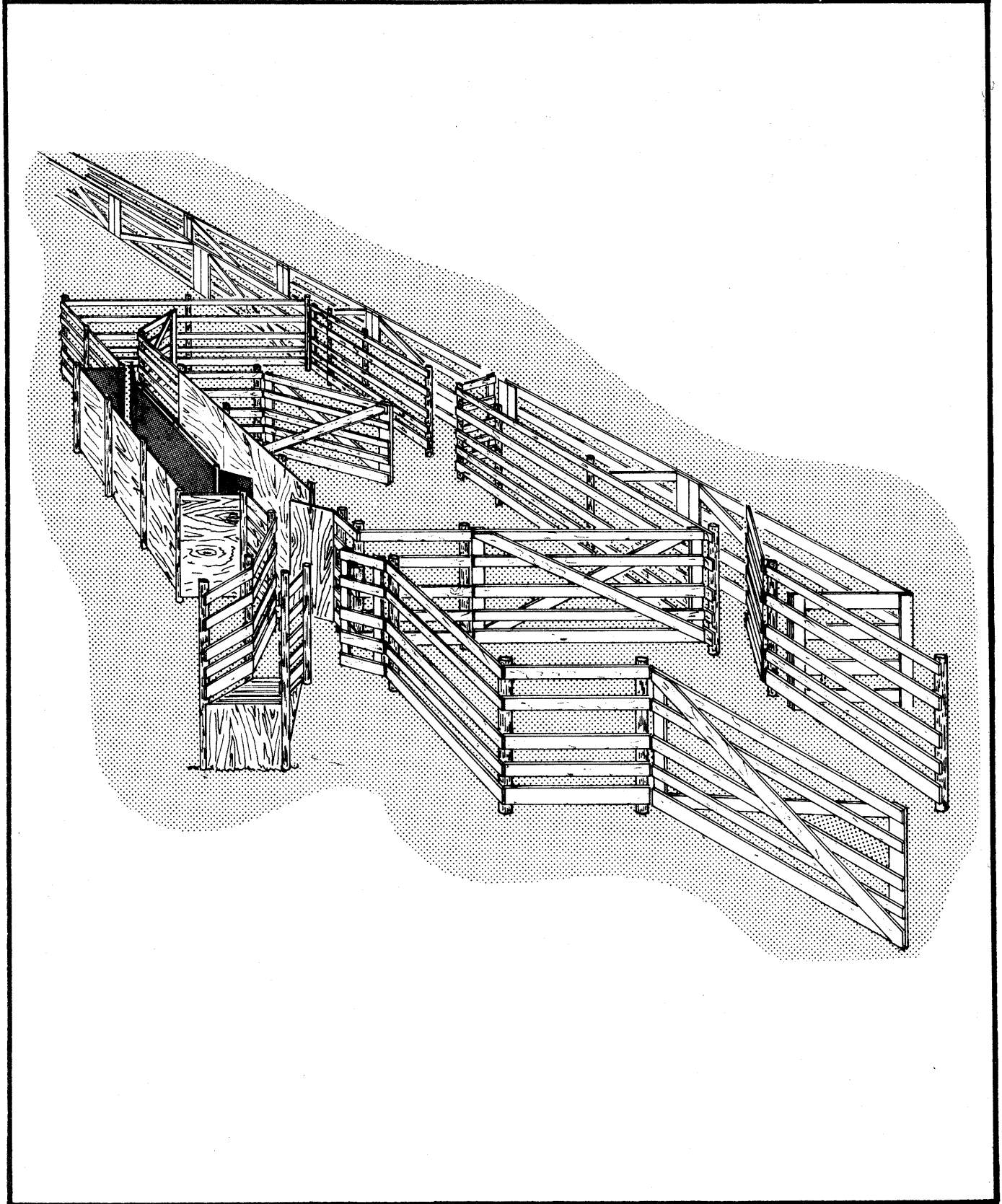


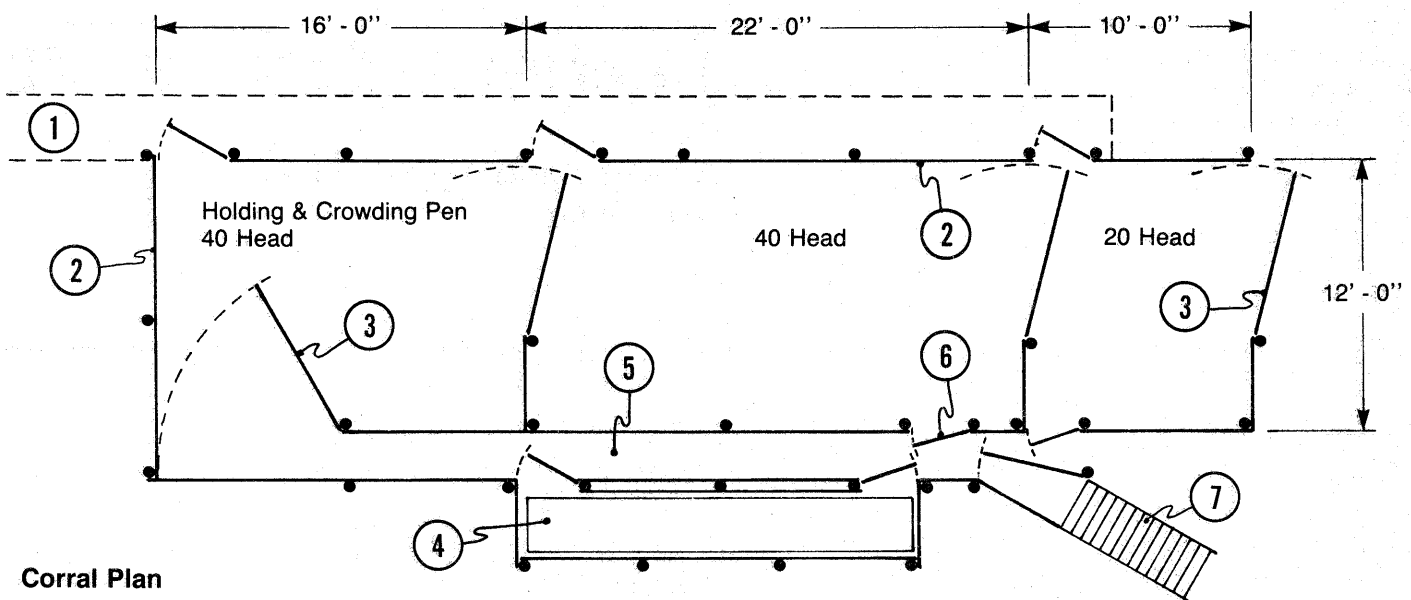


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Leaflet Plan S - 420

Sheep Handling Facilities
100 Head





Corral Plan

1. portable fencing from sheep housing to sheep handling facilities - see C.P.S. plan 4832
2. 4' high sheep corral fencing - see C.P.S. plan 4813
3. 8' wide gate - see C.P.S. plan 4813
4. foot bath
5. working chute - see C.P.S. plan 4812
6. cutting gate
7. loading ramp - see C.P.S. plan 4841

This plan shows a corral layout suitable for holding 100 breeding ewes, in the wool, with lambs. Well planned handling facilities with strong fences, gates, and chutes make a sheep enterprise easier to manage.

Arrange corrals to handle sheep quickly, quietly, and with a minimum of stress on both the sheep and the operator. Arrange corrals to take advantage of sheep's natural tendency to run in certain directions. Sheep in a corral run more easily away from the sun or toward their pasture. If neither of these two routes is open, they go toward other sheep or where they entered the corral. If one animal disappears around a corner, others will try to follow.

Minimum corral space requirements are:

- 6 sq. ft./breeding ewe, in the wool, with lamb
- 5 sq. ft./dry ewe
- 10 sq. ft./ewe with 100 lb. lamb
- 4 sq. ft./feeder lamb

Fencing should be smooth and without sharp corners to prevent animal injury and shagging wool.

The fence and gates are constructed utilizing 1" x 4" and 1" x 6" lumber as shown in CPS plan 4813.

The working chute is used for sorting, weighing, holding, spraying, and other essential management operations. A chute adapter insert can be hung into the working chute to reduce the chute width for handling feeder lambs (CPS plan 4812). Sheep coming out of the working chute can be sorted into pens with the cutting gates or directed up the loading chute. The construction of a loading chute for double-decker trucks is detailed in CPS plan 4841.

Suggested widths for working chutes are:

- 14" to 15" for ewes and rams
- 10" to 11" for feeder lambs

Portable fence sections can be used to direct sheep from the shed to the handling facilities and then back to the shed. Temporary steel posts are driven into the ground to support portable fence sections where necessary. Portable fence sections are shown in CPS plan 4832.

These handling facilities should be located on a well drained site conveniently located for moving sheep with respect to other facilities.