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Making More From Sheep



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It's ewe time!

- ✓ Grow 10% more wool
- ✓ Achieve 10% more carcase value
- ✓ Produce 10% more lambs per hectare



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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Tuesday 15 August 2017

THE 2017 IT'S EWE TIME FORUMS ARE SUPPORTED BY:



It's Ewe Time Forums

- WAGGA WAGGA, NSW, PROGRAM

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9am	Registration	
9.30am	Introduction (Chair)	Stephen Feighan Country Manager, Australia and New Zealand Australian Wool Innovation
9.40am	Lamb – Meating Consumers Expectations	Hamish Chandler Program Manager – Genetics Meat & Livestock Australia
10.15am	Making Your Ewes Work for You	Dr Helen McGregor Consultant Achieve Ag Solutions
10.50am	COFFEE BREAK	
11.15am	Winning With Wool	Stephen Feighan Country Manager, Australia and New Zealand Australian Wool Innovation
11.50am	Healthy & Contented Sheep	Dr Bruce Allworth Associate Professor, Ruminant Health and Production Charles Sturt University
12.25pm	LUNCH BREAK	
1.10pm	Getting a Jump with Genetics	Daniel Brown Sheep Genetics Operations Manager Meat & Livestock Australia
1.45pm	Sheep Feed Options in Mixed Farming Systems	Hamish Dickson Principal Consultant AgriPartner Consulting
2.20pm	COFFEE BREAK	
2.40pm	The Business of Sheep	Basil Doonan Principal Consultant Macquarie Franklin
3.15pm	Making Sheep Easier to Manage	Andrew Ritchie Consultant Icon Agriculture
3.50pm	Closing Comments	Hamish Chandler Program Manager – Genetics Meat & Livestock Australia
4pm	CLOSE	

Session 1: Lamb - Meating Consumer Expectations

Take home messages

1. Market outlook is strong for all products (lamb, sheepmeat and breeding ewes) and producers should continue to use this period to set-up for the future
2. Increasing Lean Meat Yield Percentage (LMY%) will assist in improving enterprise productivity
3. Eating Quality (EQ) is linked to consumer satisfaction
4. Maximise genetic potential for LMY% and EQ through optimal nutrition
5. Purchase seedstock with the best combination of Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) for your production system and targeted market
6. Understand market specifications
7. Use carcase feedback to benchmark and improve performance-speak regularly with your processor
8. Weigh and fat score lambs during finishing and prior to sale

Best practice indicators

- Prepare lambs for market under Meat Standards Australia best practice procedures
- Know target markets and match genetics and nutrition
- Use LAMBPLAN and MERINOSELECT ASBVs to select rams
- Use carcase feedback to improve compliance

Notes

Things I can do at home:

WHERE TO LEARN MORE:

Websites:

www.makingmorefromsheep.com.au

www.sheepcrc.org.au

www.sheepgenetics.org.au

Workshops & Learning Programs:

Life Time Ewe Management:

<http://rist.edu.au/lifetime-ewe-management>

Bred Well Fed Well: www.mla.com.au/bredwellfedwell

Realising Performance Potential:

www.wool.com/about-awi/media-releases/lift-your-merino-performance-with-new-free-one-day-workshop/

Profitable Grazing Systems:

www.mla.com.au/profitablegrazingsystems

Publications and Tools

Making More From Sheep manual – Module 10 – Wean More Lambs

More Lambs More Profit: www.mla.com.au/publications

Lambing Planner: Making More From Sheep Module 10 – Tool 10.2

Lambing Planner App: www.agric.wa.gov.au/management-reproduction/lambing-planner

The Weaning Planner

Condition Score Card

Feed Budget Tables

Drought Feed Calculator

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Session 4: Healthy & Contented Sheep

Take home messages

1. Get animal health right – have a plan to reduce the chance of any animal health issues
2. Worms can reduce carcase weight by 2kg
3. Understand your whole flock's worm risk & use effective drenches
4. Flies may be costing up to \$4 per head in flock management and treatment
5. Lice – Check for lice, treat all sheep effectively
6. Talk to your vet about appropriate analgesic use
7. Understand the risk factors for foot abscess
8. Have a written biosecurity plan

Best practice indicators

- Know the health risk of introduced stock including drench resistance status, vaccination status, lice and footrot status
- Plan ahead for animal health control measures using a credible source of information, including veterinary advice when appropriate
- Buy rams with better resistance to parasites
- Worm test lambs prior to weaning, drench depending on outcome and wean on to low worm pastures
- Conduct drench resistance test regularly

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WHERE TO LEARN MORE:

Websites:

Making More From Sheep
www.makingmorefromsheep.com.au

ParaBoss
www.paraboss.com.au

Workshops and Learning Programs:

Profitable Grazing Systems:
www.mla.com.au/profitablegrazingsystems

Producer Demonstration Sites:
www.mla.com.au/producerdemonstrationsites

Publications and Tools:

Making More From Sheep Module 11
– Healthy and Contented Sheep

Pain Relief – Frequently asked questions
www.wool.com/on-farm-research-and-development/sheep-health-welfare-and-productivity/sheep-health/breech-flystrike/welfare-improved-surgery/

Biosecurity Plans
www.mla.com.au/what-do-producers-need-to-do-to-meet-the-new-lpa-requirements/meet-biosecurity-requirements/

Flystrike Assist App (available soon)

MERINOSELECT and LAMBPLAN

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