

AN INITIATIVE OF

Making More From Sheep



Letting your ewes work for you

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Why?

Average Flock

1500 ewes

Marking 130% (1950 lambs)

Great Result?

Scanning at 185%

2775 foetuses

825 lambs lost @ \$80

= \$66,000

High Performing Flock

1500 ewes
marking (30% (950 (amb)))
Great Result?

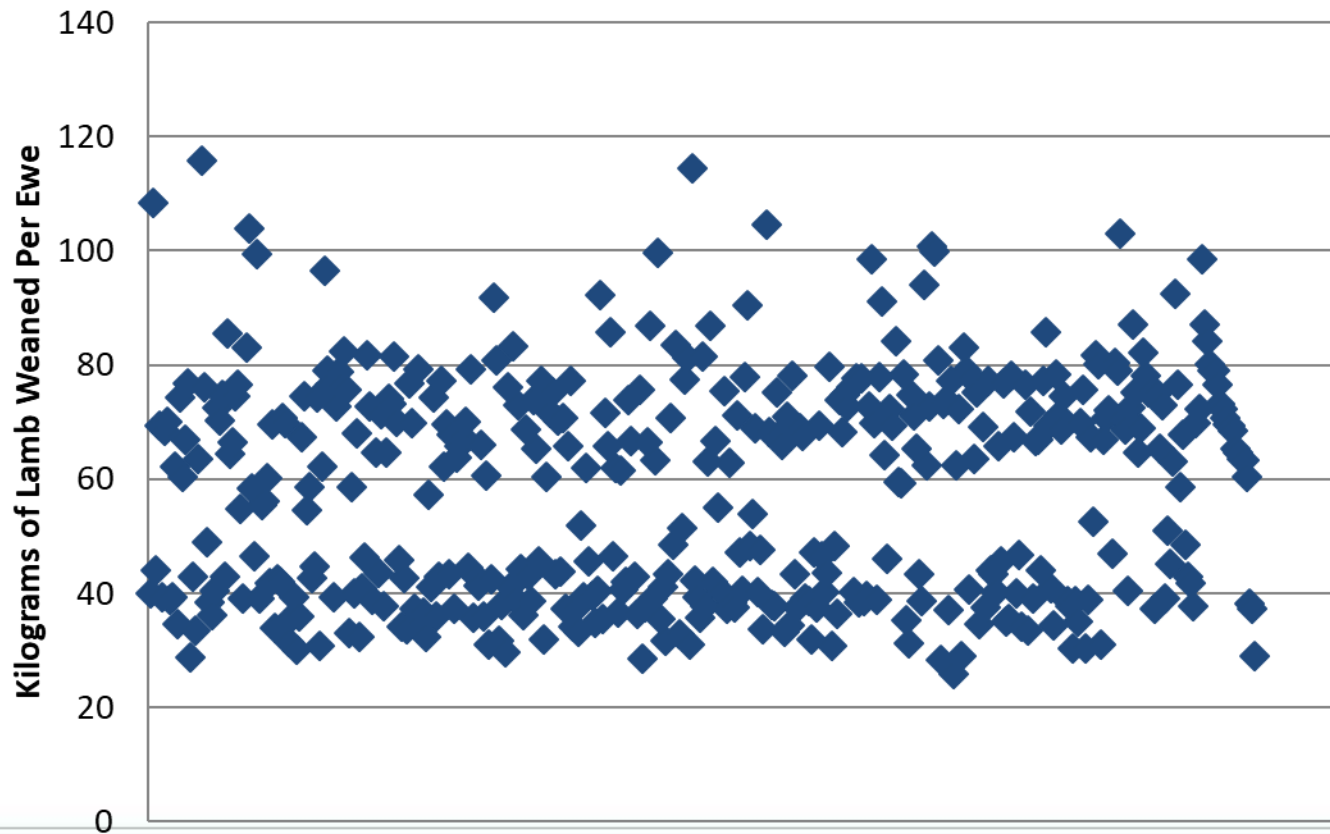
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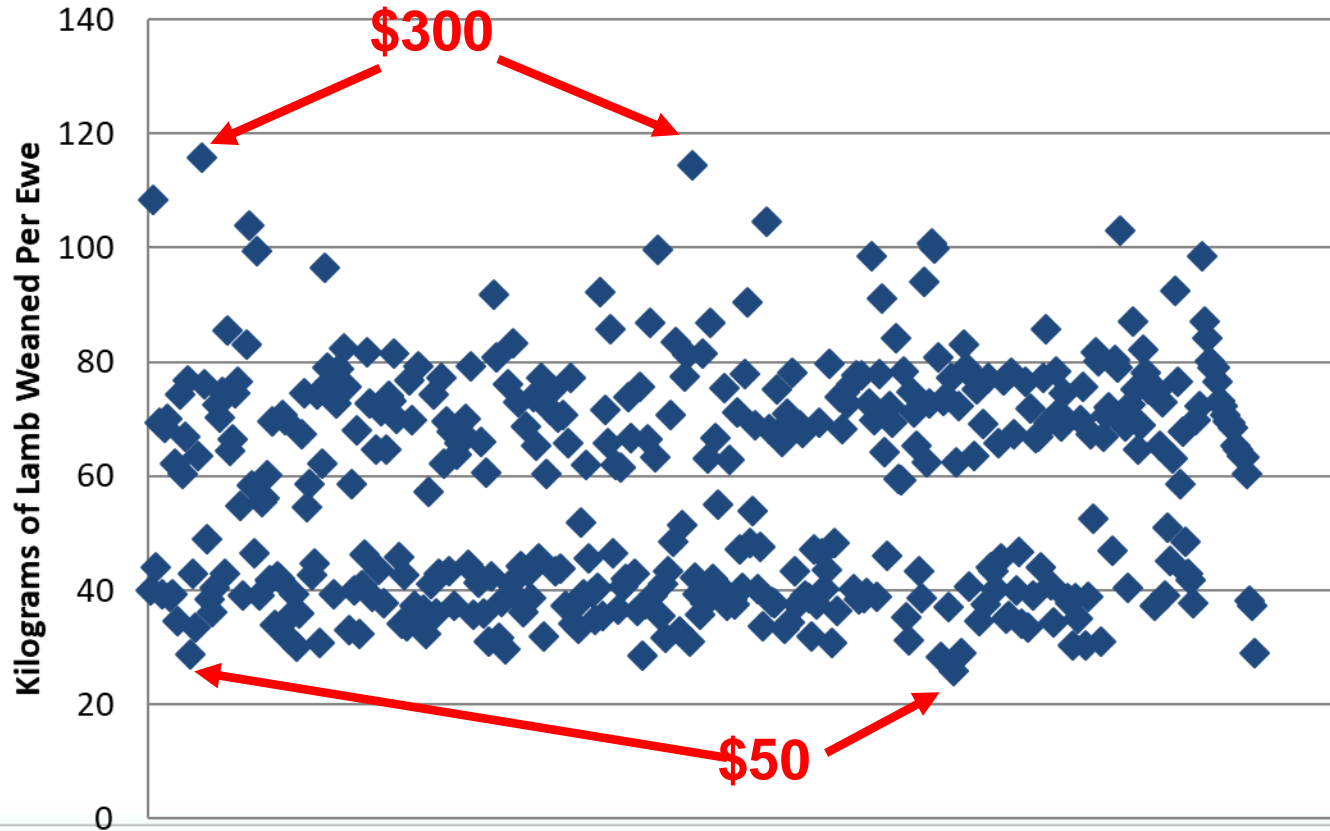
2775 foetuses
25 foetuses @ \$8
= \$66,000

\$44/ewe

Kilograms of Lamb Weaned Per Ewe



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What can we do about it?

- Scanning
- Ewe condition & nutrition
- Feed on offer and ruminating
- Paddock Selection/Size
- Lambing mob size

- Disturbance
- Predator Control
- Sire Selection – Birth weight

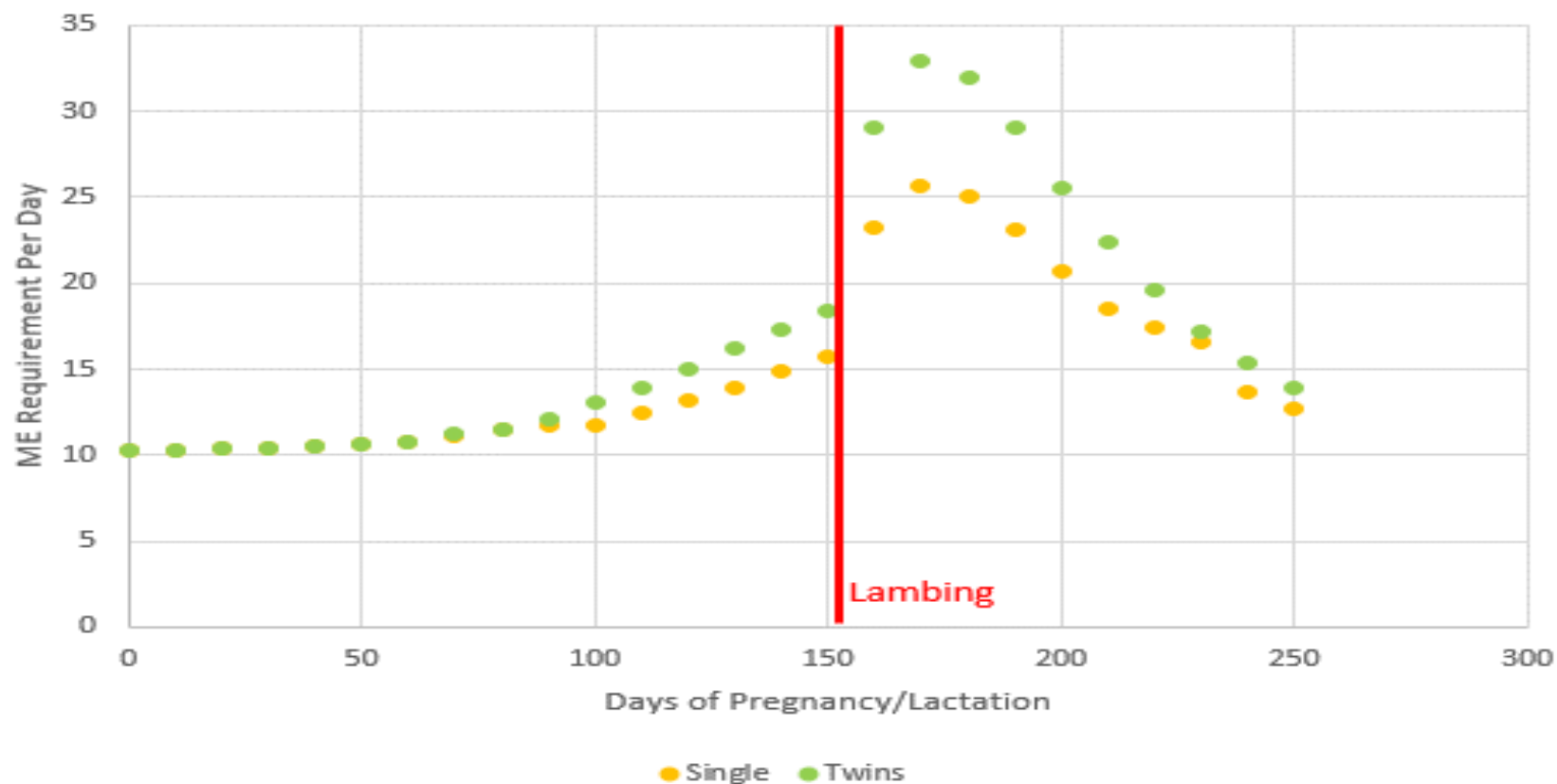
Plenty!



Scanning and Ewe Management



Ewe ME Requirements



Feed on offer

- Feed budget
- Measure and monitor
- Predict pasture growth rates
- Pasture quality not just quantity



Feed on offer

- Time at birth site
- Ewe condition and milk production
- Shelter
 - Single Ewes – 1 000kg+
 - Twin Ewes – 1 600kg+

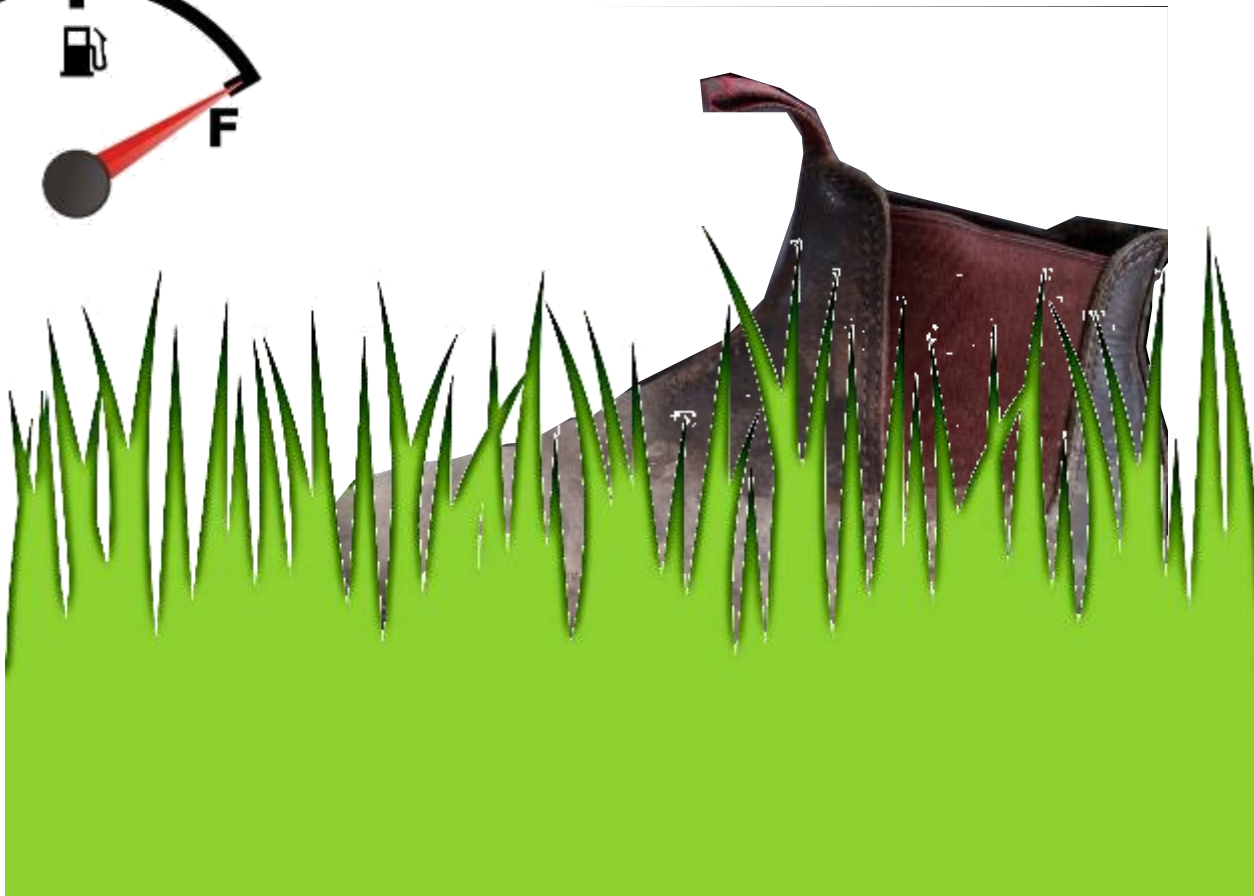




Top of elastic = 3000kg

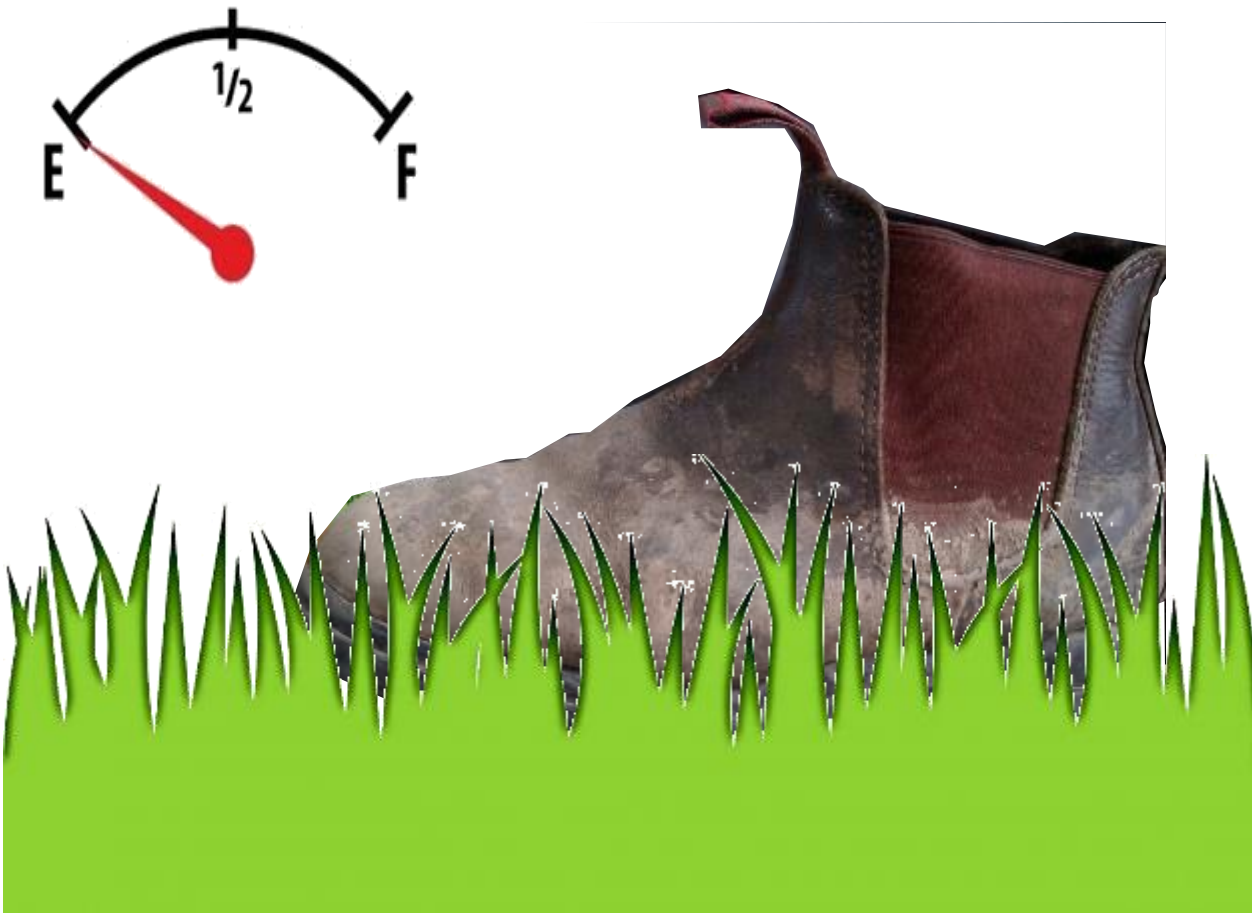
Half way up elastic = 2000kg

Top of toe = 1500kg



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Prioritize Paddocks

Twin lambing low
condition score

Twin lambing high
condition score

Single lambing low
condition score

Single lambing high
condition score

Best Pasture/Best Shelter



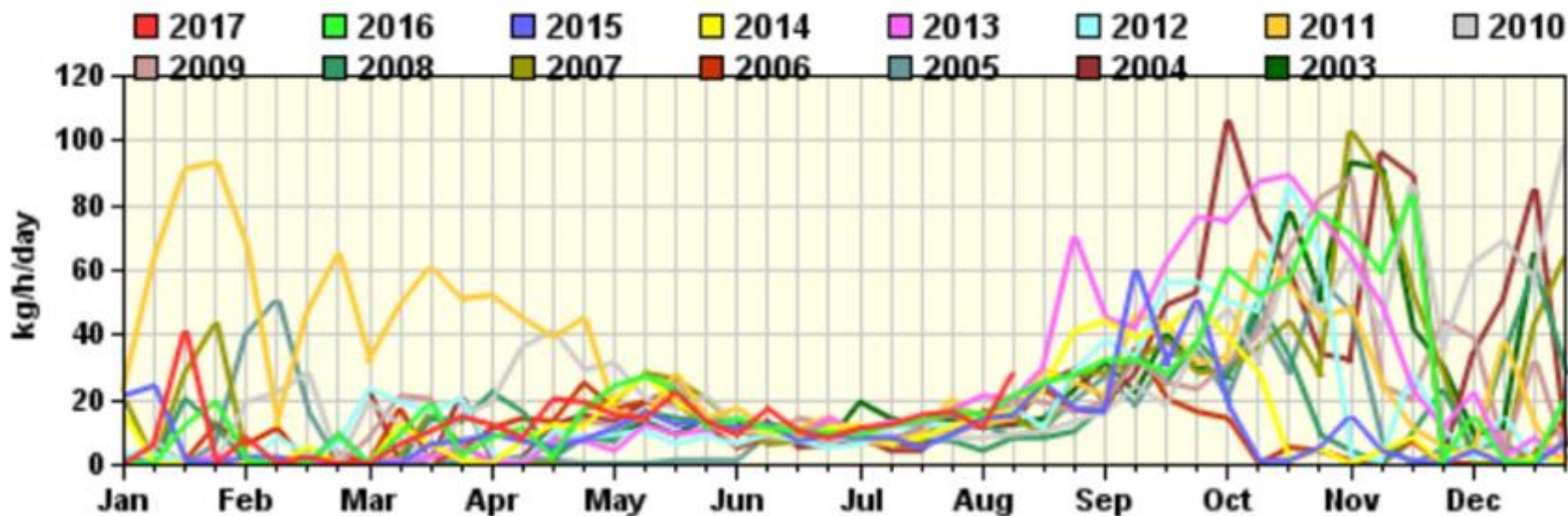
Least Pasture/Worst Shelter



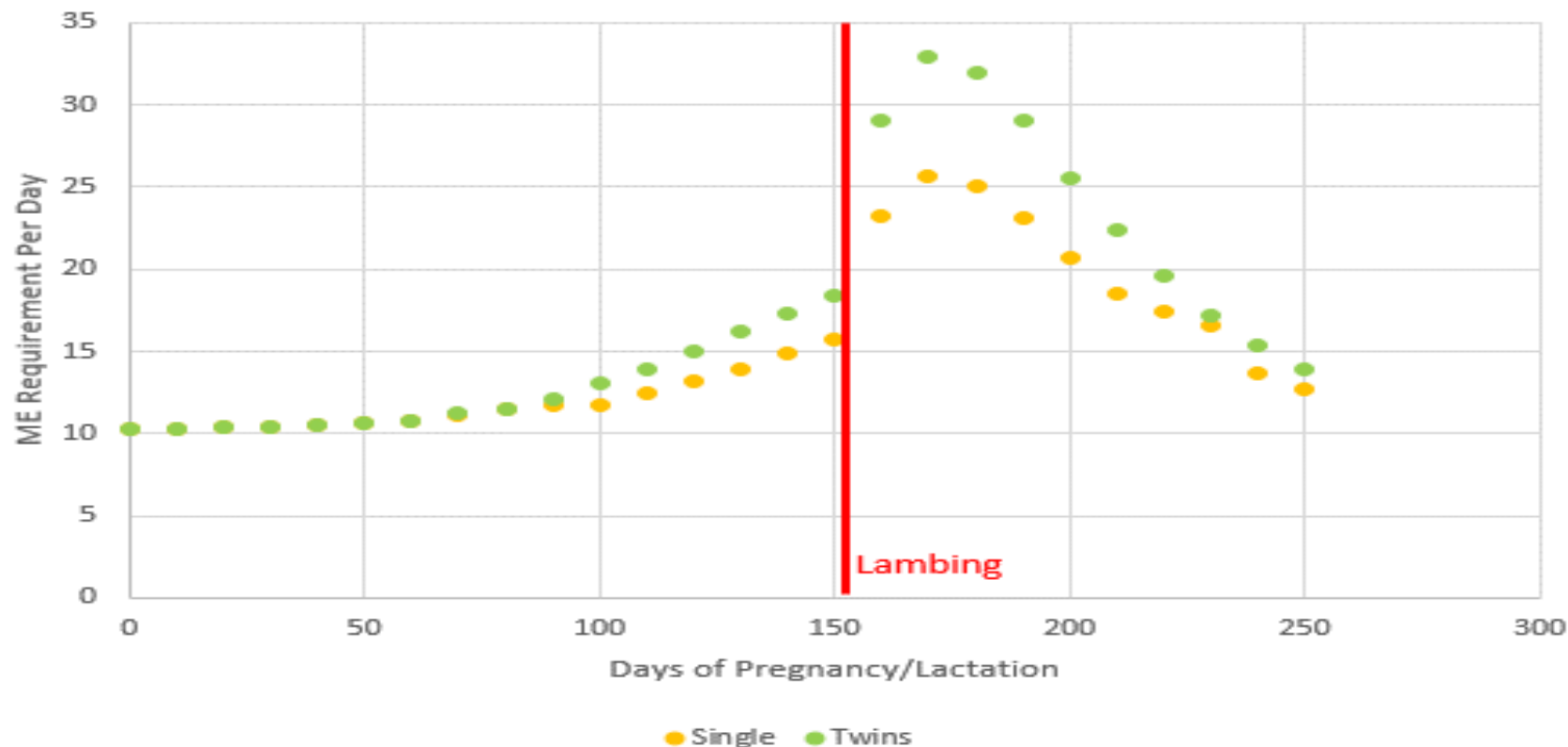
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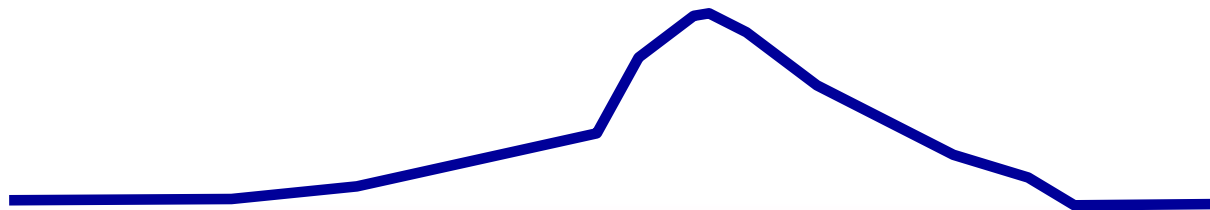
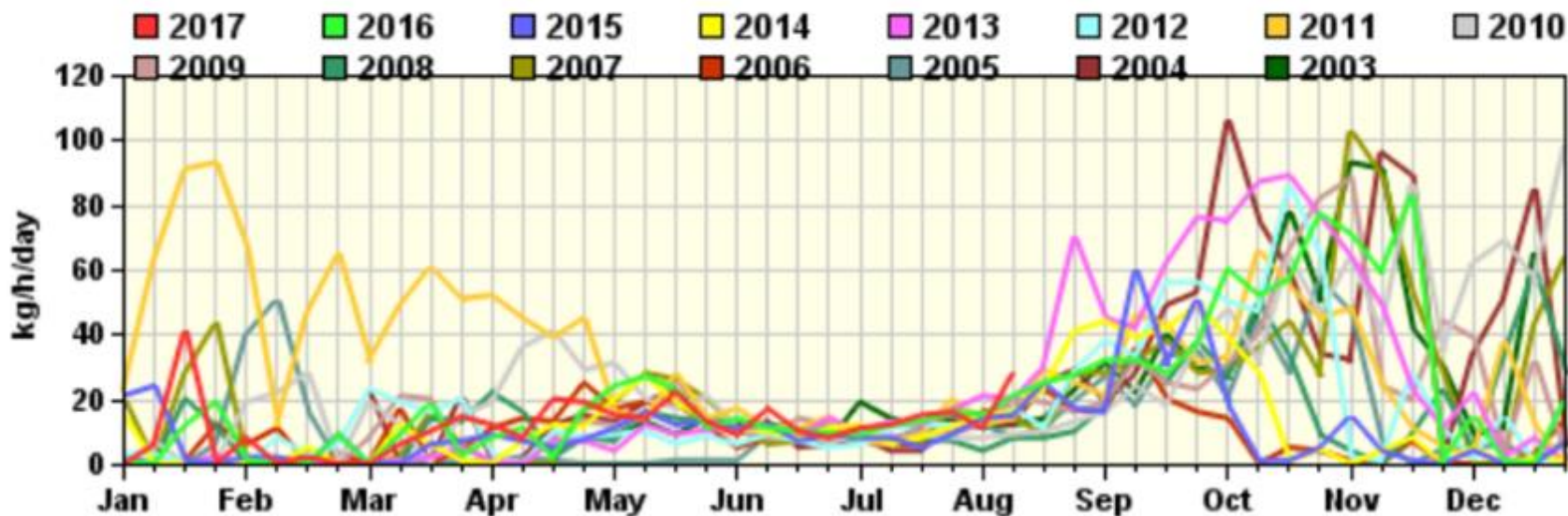
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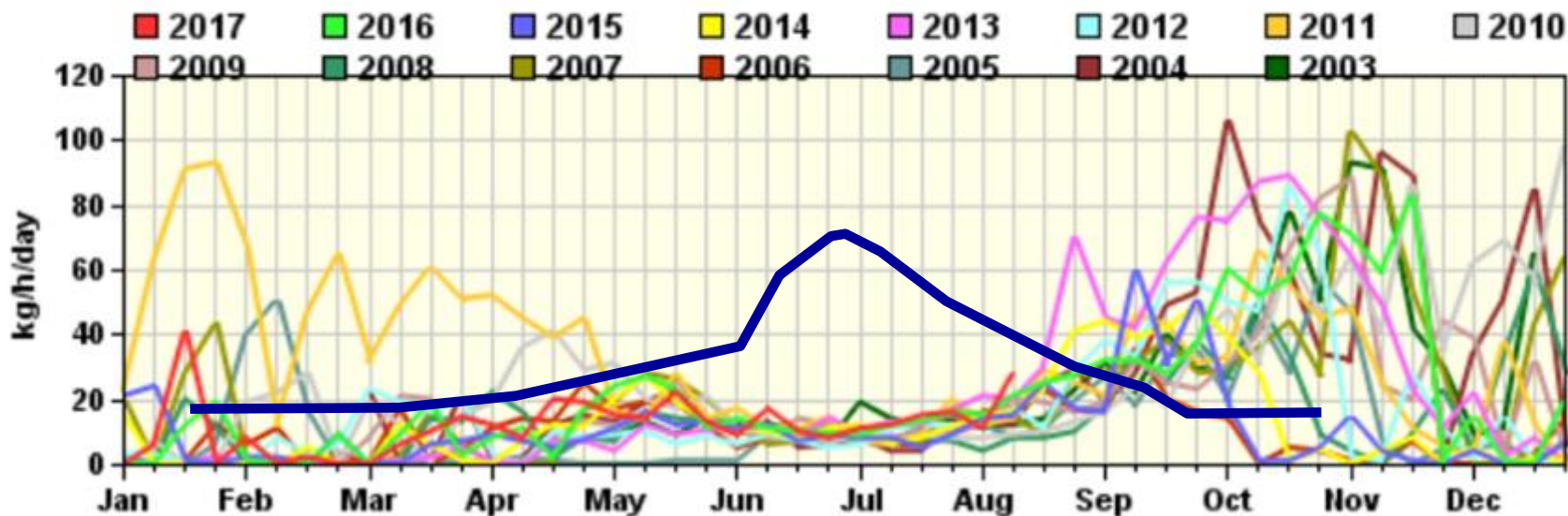
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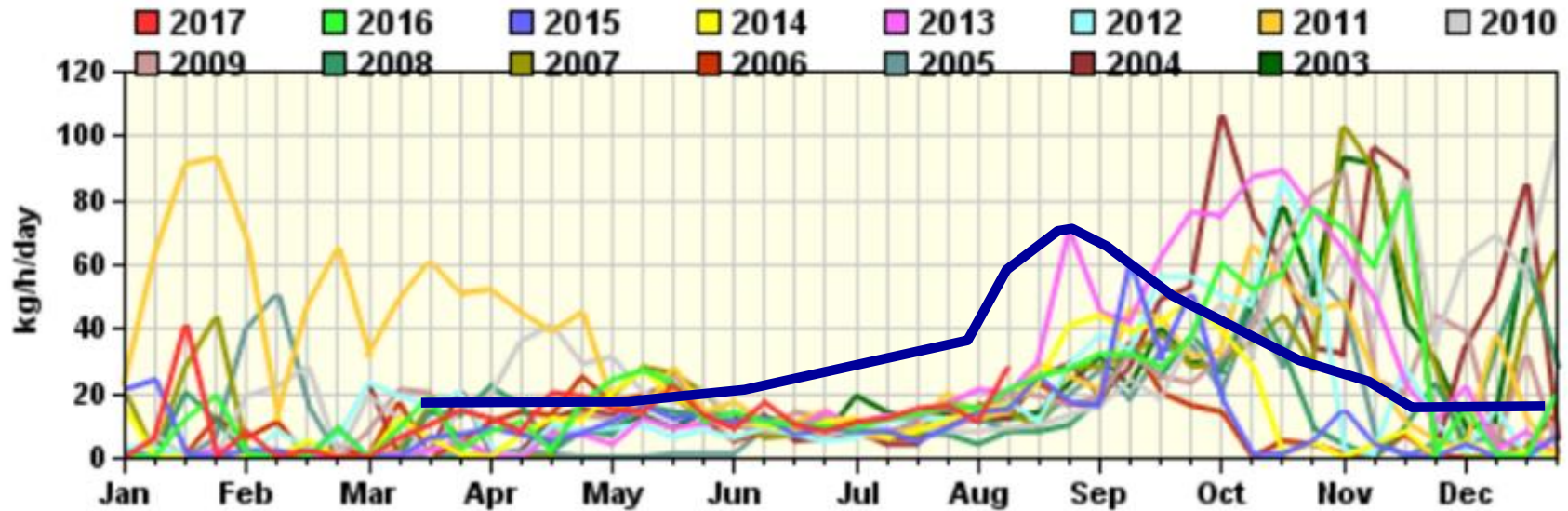
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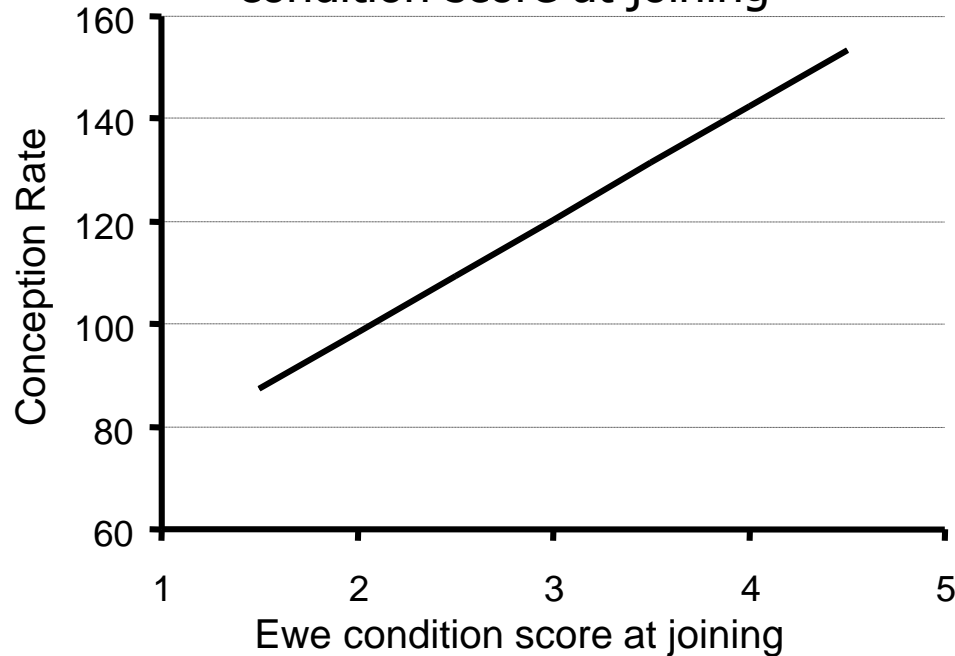




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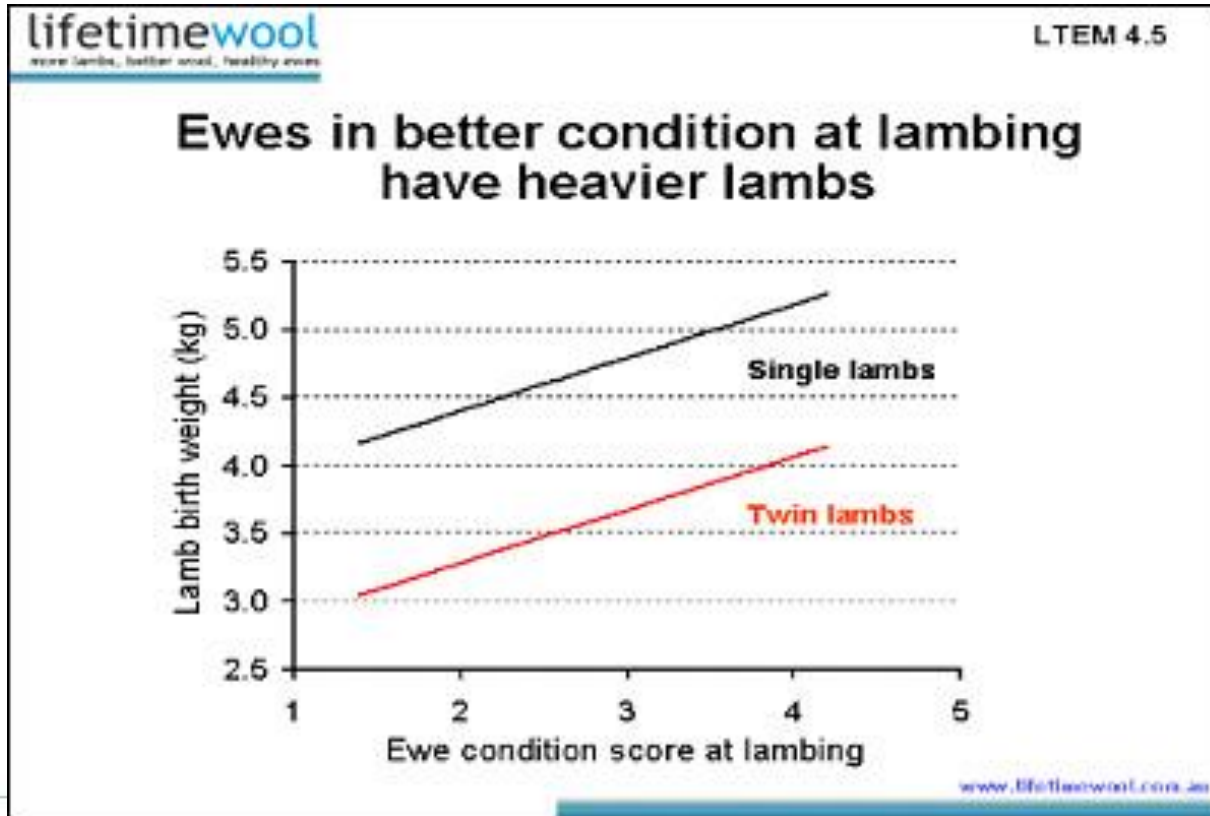
Ewe conception rates

Number of lambs conceived is determined by ewe condition score at joining

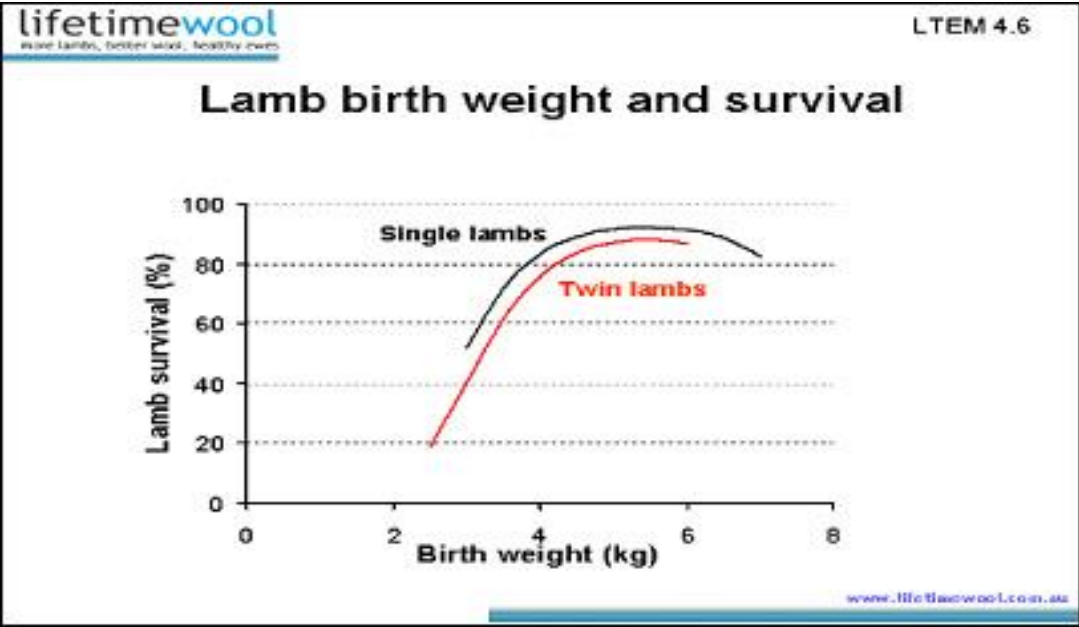


lifetimewool
more lambs, better wool, healthy ewes

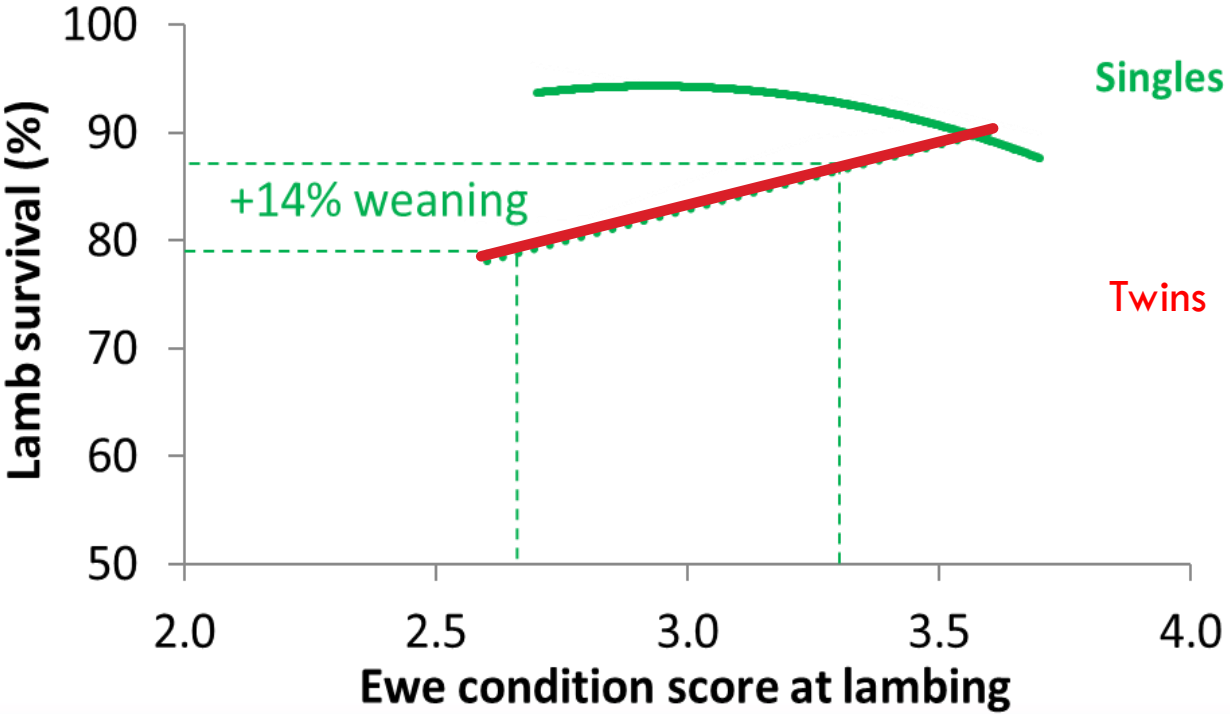
Lamb birthweight



Lamb survival

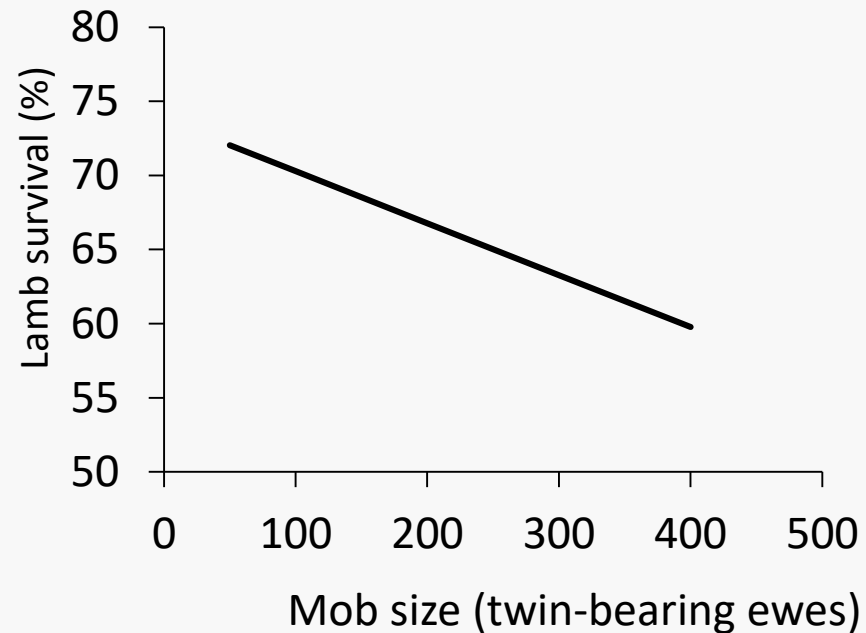


Lamb survival



Mob Size

- The most underestimated factor
- Physical number of lambs born on a given day
- Feed budget for pasture growth vs intake



Mob Size Recommendations

- **Twins**

- ✓ Merino - <100 ewes
- ✓ X-bred - <150 ewes

- ✓ **Singles**

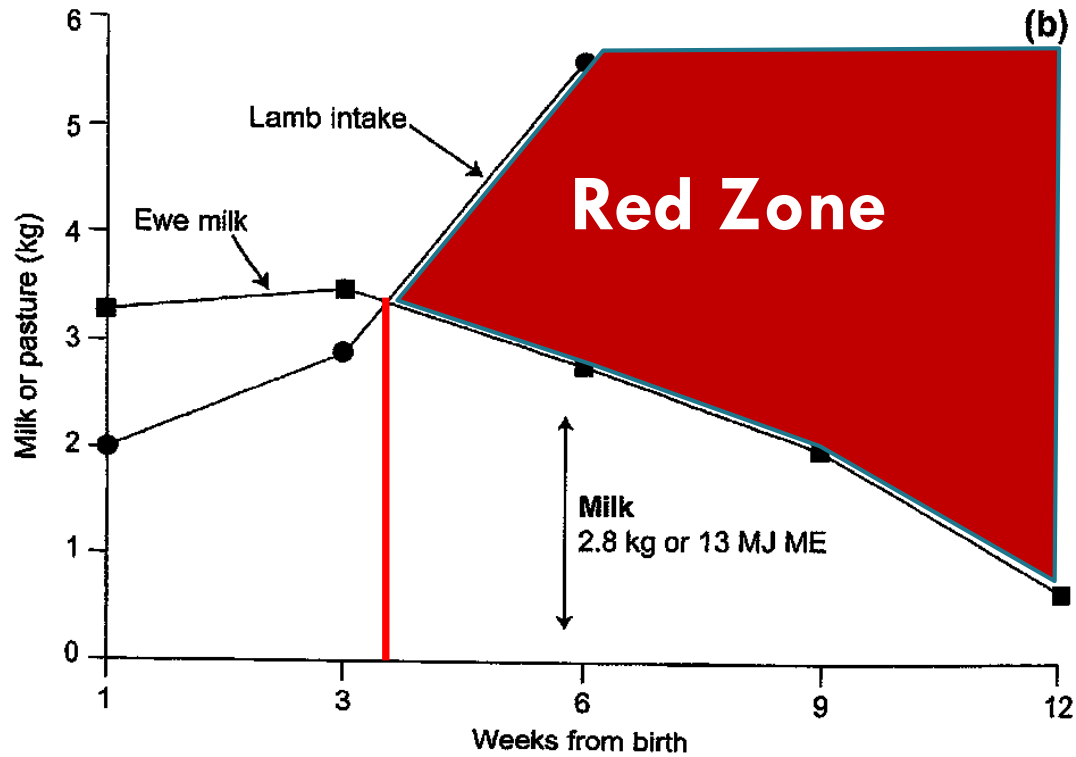
- ✓ Merino - <250 ewes
- ✓ X-bred - <300 ewes





Lamb Survival

Lamb growth to weaning



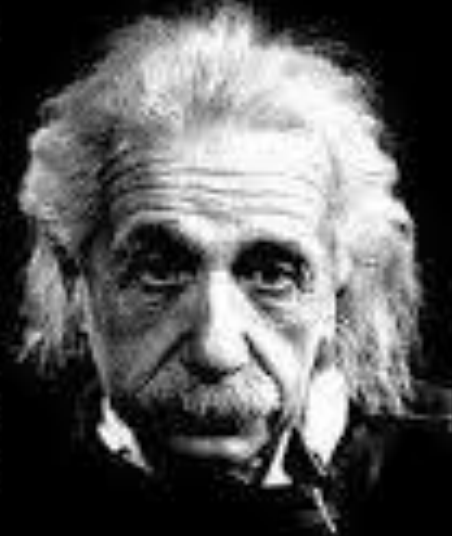
To do list.....

- Condition score ewes – joining, lambing, weaning, joining.....
- Feed budget and feed to requirements....FTFT
- Scan for multiples
- Manage multiples preferentially
- Wean early – 13 weeks

Workshops and learning programs

- Bred Well Fed Well
- Lifetime Ewe Management
- Realising Performance Potential
- Profitable Grazing Systems

"WE CANNOT
SOLVE OUR
PROBLEMS
WITH THE SAME
THINKING WE
USED WHEN WE
CREATED THEM"



Foxes

No More Excuses



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It's the Merinos

Foxes We have to Mules

They should thank us

No More Excuses
Too small that won't work for me

Not big enough

They don't understand
But I can't on a quarter scale

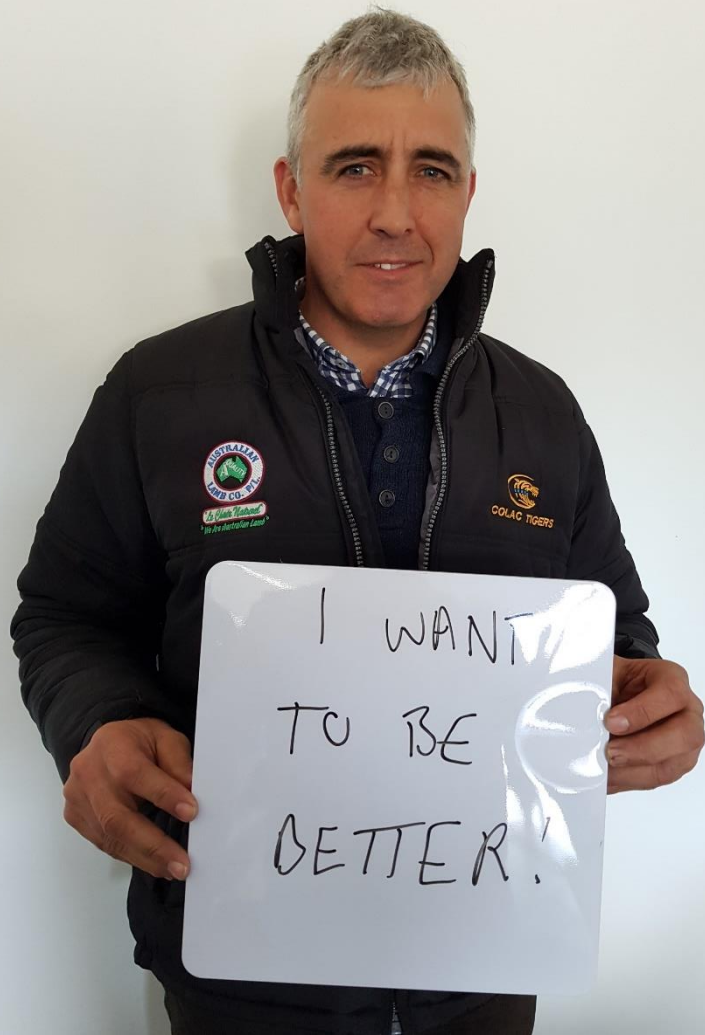
Cruel to be kind

“THEY”

This is
THE
industry!

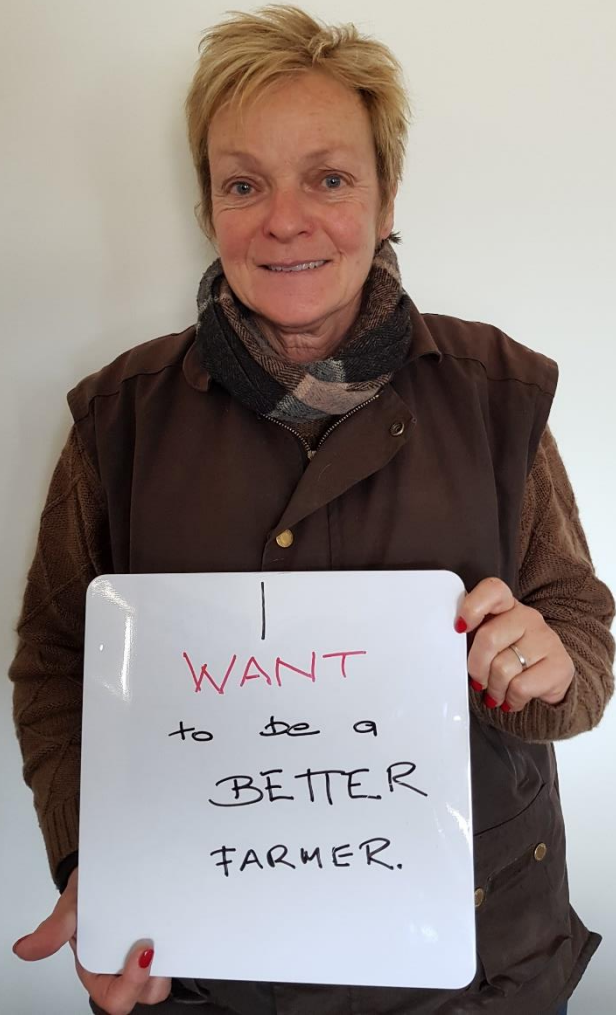
Take some ownership!

Whatever we do well
today, we can do better
tomorrow.

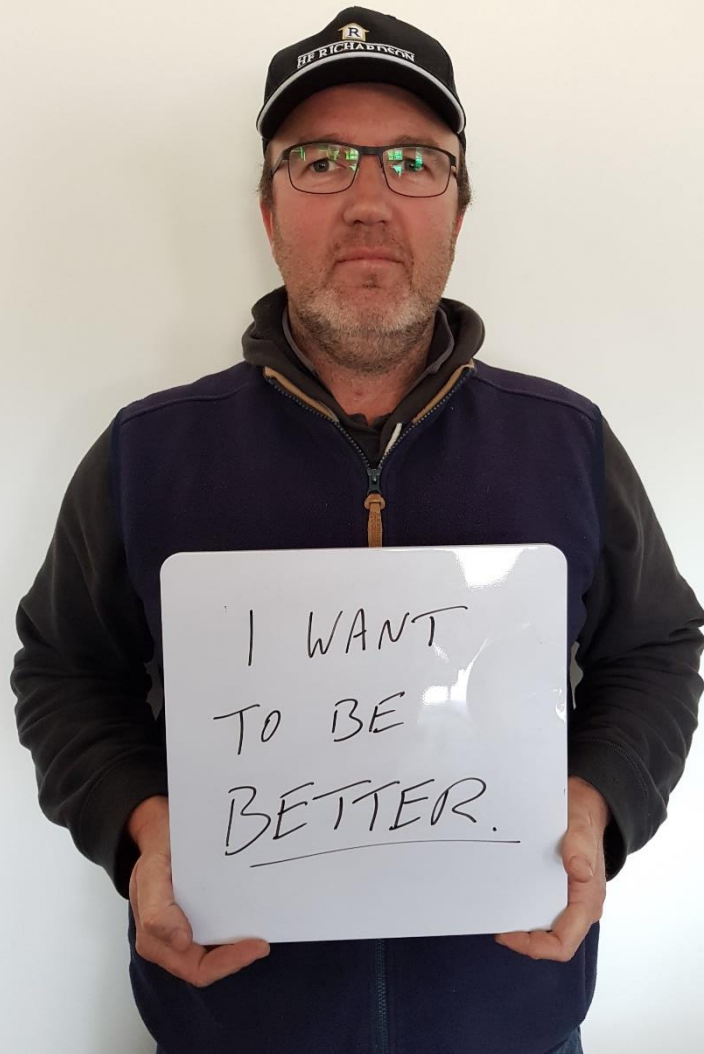


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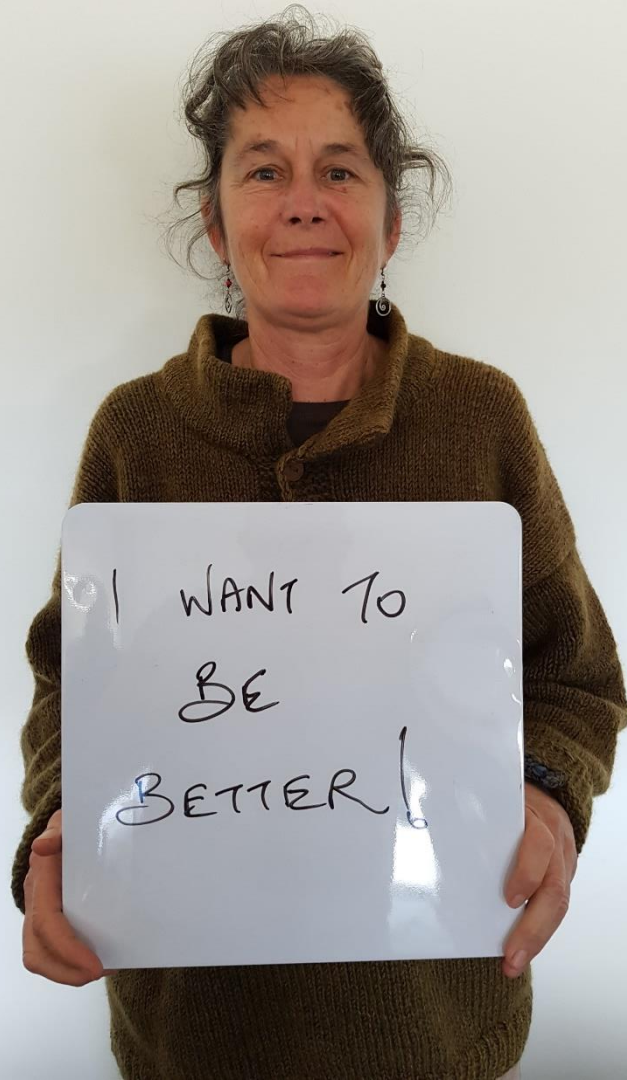


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FARMER.



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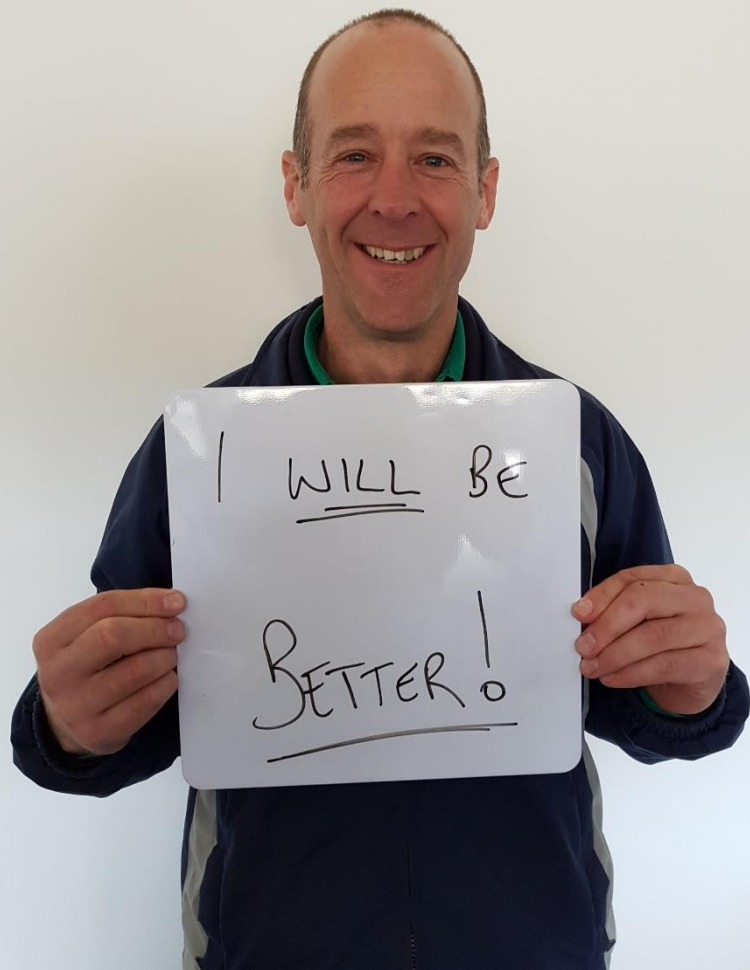






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