



Top 5

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CONFINEMENT FEEDING

With the season changing and, the topic of confinement feeding is becoming common. The key question to ask yourself is, WHY are you doing it? Is it to allow pastures to establish, manage sheep condition score, or manage limited resources (feed, water, labour), or increase efficiency? Always keep in mind your aim.

There is no perfect system, but a few rules of thumb include:

- Space 2m² -5m² per head. Most common size is 50x50m for 500 sheep. If using a small paddock, you can have up to 1500 sheep.
- Ideally draft mobs by condition.
- Draft the tail off after 4 weeks.
- Induct with Pulpy kidney vac.
- Feeding: 20cm/head if using a trough
- Water 1cm/hd, and away from the feed

Here are some short videos that show a few simple set ups being successfully used in the Great Southern, discussing how each set up works, rations and some steep learnings:

[Zadow](#) [House](#) [Addis](#)

Confinement feeding can vary depending on your resources and genetics, please touch base



with us either through the Whatsapp or individually if you want to discuss further.

UPDATED FEED BUDGET TOOL

There is a new version of the Feed Budget Tool now available!

Don't forget if you need any assistance Ed, Georgia or Brianna are only a phone call away and are happy to help you out.

Follow the [LINK](#) to download now! But remember, you need to save the document to your computer prior to using it.

FEED COST CALCULATOR

Look at our simple and easy to use Feed Cost Calculator. You may have seen Ed using it at your recent catch ups!

Identify the cost of different feeds such as, lupins, oats, barley and hay and determine the cost/hd, per week and total cost for number of sheep.

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AGPRO WEBSITE UPDATE

Updates have been made to the client portal area of the AgPro Management website. These include:

- Updated download function of documents, excel spreadsheets and tools (previously we had a few issues with some of these features)
- Latest version of the helpful Feed Budget Tool in the Tools section.
- New Apps section where you can find links to all of the apps AgPro find useful for livestock management.

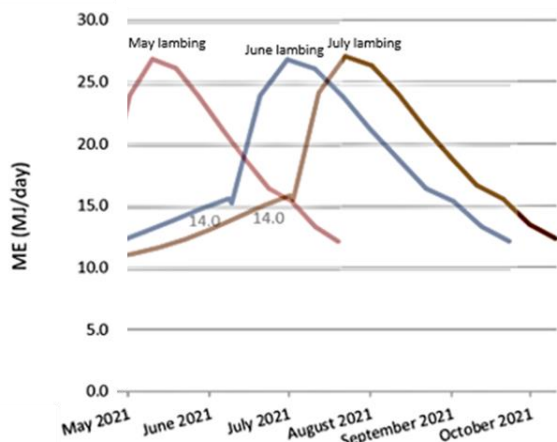
If your login having trouble with your login contact Brianna at brianna@agpromanagment.com and she will get your account sorted.

[LINK](#) to client login area

REMINDER ABOUT EWE NEEDS

Reminding you of the current energy requirements of pregnant 60kg Merino ewes, with different lambing times:

Ewe Energy Requirements During Pregnancy and Lactation



PODCASTS

Ed's been busy over the last few weeks putting some interesting and informative podcasts together!

- **Episode 49** – Everyone has a plan till they get punched in the mouth [LINK](#)
- **Episode 50**- Join Ed and Flint Hills rancher Daniel Mush Rush, from the US, and Phil Barrett Lenard as they gain insight into US beef production and agriculture in general [LINK](#)

You can hear their previous episode (Episode 18) here! [LINK](#)

- **Episode 51** - New Zealand isn't so different from us bro! - with Matt Holden and Roger House [LINK](#)

If you've listened to any great podcasts recently, feel free to send them in!

ED'S QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

