

Top 5

AgPro's insights

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CONTAINMENT FEEDING

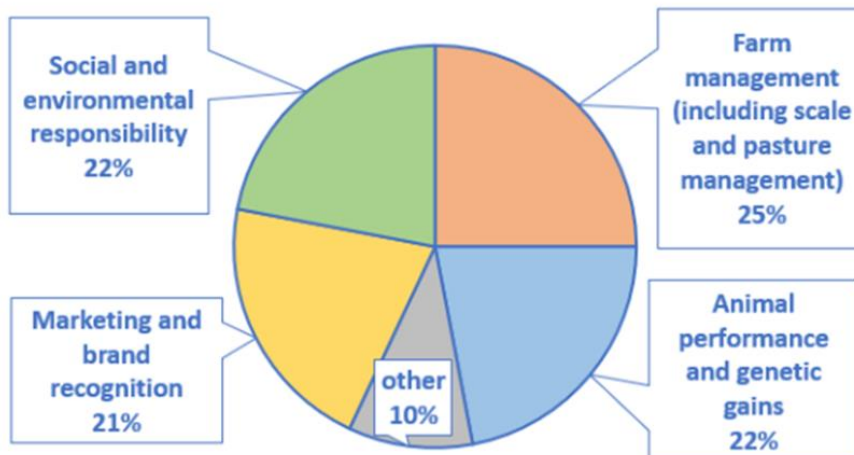
Research has been showing that a lot of us ignore recommended practices when it comes to confinement feeding. As sheep move into confinement as the season 'breaks' and paddocks are lost to the headers, review your basics that are often overlooked:

- Water quality
- CS monitor
- Feed testing (so can accurately feed budget)
- Roughage
- Calcium supp
- WEC
- Worm drench in
- Vaccine in & out (enterotoxemia)
- Slow changes in diet when moving OUT of containment
- Separate mobs- by CS and shy feeders
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10 YEAR PLANS?

According to the producers who responded to AWI's survey:

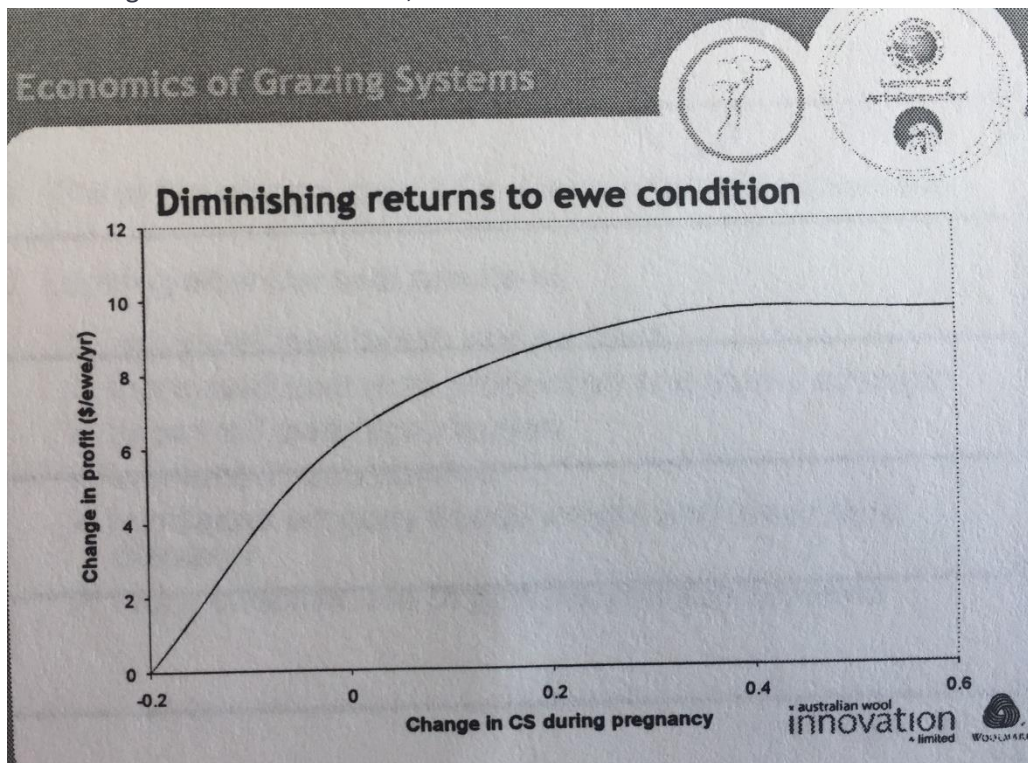
The biggest opportunities for the sheep meat industry in the next 10 years



KEEP WATCHING THOSE EWES

Condition score can easily slip, and now is the time it is most likely to-when your attention is elsewhere, and there are less paddocks available. Less paddocks= less feed, so review and adjust feed budgets!

It doesn't matter if you're a early or late lamber, this graph still applies- condition losses=profit losses, and increases=profit increases, but to a lesser extent. Key Message: keep feeding and monitoring those ewes. We know, we sound like broken records.



FROM THE SCIENTISTS:

A recent seminar gave some insights into our parasite control:

- Average 2 treatments/yr and WEC 3 times a year
- 55% farmers use single acting treatments (risk for resistance!)
- 36% of farmers done a drench resistance test in last 3 years (GET ON IT)
- 2.4% is the flystrike average rate within a mob
- WA leading state using WEC ASBV's (pat on the back!)

LISTENING TO

Other than currently listening to the rain....



Weedsmart does regional updates each fortnight which are worth a listen. I recently listened to Farmanco's Brent Pritchard discussing fence line weed management and glyphosate resistant cape weed. You can check it out [HERE](#) or use your phone's podcast app.