

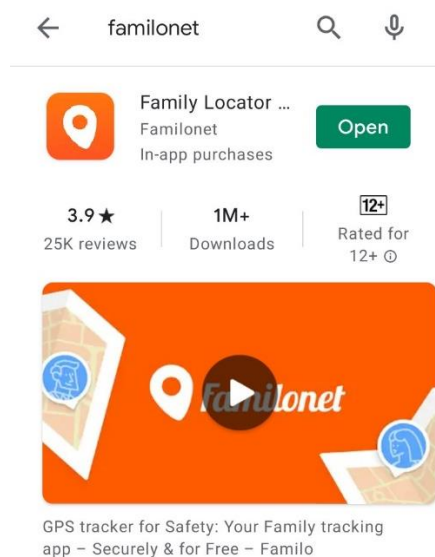
AgPro's insights

The Top 5

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SAFETY TECH

People not answering the 2-way or running late? We got the idea from a farming mum with lots of motorbike riding roaming farm kids! *Family Locator* is an amazing safety feature especially in large or multi-farm operations (ticks a few boxes for OHS for workers!)



SHEARING SHEDS

Should all have the new NVD version with LPA incorporated. If not, hard copies are free until June 30- you can order through your LPA account, where can also access and set up electronic NDV (eNDV) if you haven't already: [LPA ACCOUNT](#)

NON-MULESED DEMO SITES

You might know that AgPro has been running non-mules trials across the state. Let us know if you want to be involved this year, or are thinking of giving it a go. Non-mulesed mobs were on average 0.78kg heavier than the mulesed. This ranged from no difference to a 4kg advantage, while one mob was 4kg lighter than the mulesed mob. Mobs' average weaning weights ranged from 23.9kg to 36kg. Unfortunately birth type was not taken into account, with many producers not having EID. Stay tuned for more data as the year progresses!

SHEARING & APPETITE

Clients have been asking what the impact of shearing is on wool growth, and is it true sheep put on weight after shearing? Well yes, shearing can mean increased wool and meat growth. However, shearing impacts appetite, rather than growth directly. When unlimited feed is available, shorn wethers' feed intake increased by over 50%. For more info check out our document: [SHEARING DOC](#)

FLYSTRIKE RESISTANCE: MAIL YOUR MAGGOTS

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So far we know that Ivermectin & Spinosad have no resistance, BUT dicyclanil (Clik)- resistance is increasing, luckily not as badly as the Eastern states! Check how you are tracking with free testing:

FLYSTRIKE RESISTANCE TESTING AVAILABLE

NSW DPI is currently offering sheep blowfly insecticide resistance testing to woolgrowers.

For details, contact Narelle Sales via email at narelle.sales@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 4640 6446.

While you collect maggots for resistance testing, consider grabbing extra for vaccine research, and be grateful you aren't the one opening them after a few days in the mail.

MAGGOT COLLECTION PROCESS

The University of Melbourne has collection kits ready to send to woolgrowers. After you have received the kit, if you then get a struck sheep all you need to do is simply:

1. Collect maggots from a struck sheep into one empty tube.

Preferably maggots from only one sheep per tube. If you are having significant fly problems this season, you can be sent more tubes. Fill in the form with collection details.

2. Fill tube containing maggot sample with the provided liquid buffer and screw sample tube lid

on tightly to prevent leaks.

If you are not able to post back within a few days of collection, store in a fridge or cool place.

3. Post samples back to us in the reply-paid envelope. If you have collected multiple samples at a time, these can be posted back in the same envelope.

For more information or to request a blowfly maggot collection kit, contact the University's Blowfly Collection Team at:

blowfly-collection@unimelb.edu.au
or (03) 8344 2362