

Top 5

AgPro's insights

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Surprised at the number of you who ask "Where's Top 5?!" whenever we are late with it! (Sorry!) Glad to know it is being read, and is of use.

If there's anything you want to see included, or you come across something, please don't hesitate to send it through.

MARKING PERCENTAGES

There's a mix of results coming in from around the state, but for most, percentages are down. We've heard of 20% lower than average in Merinos, XB and even maternals. Feel free to send us your data as you get it, would love to analyse and be able to share exactly how we've all been impacted.

WEANING

Depending on where you are in the state, grasses should have been sprayed to prep weaning paddocks. Sheep should be in good condition so predicting few issues with weaning weights. Try adding the following to your management this year:

- Manage the tail -draft off bottom 20% every month (or at least once before harvest, and once late summer)

- Weaning drench then WEC every 4wks
- If you already had twins separate, keep them separate- these are high risk with higher nutrient requirements (same with sex, boys are fragile darlings)

CONFINEMENT: HEGGATONS

Notes from last week's Sheep Innovation day (WALRC, WAMMCO, MLA), where Craig Heggaton discussed his confinement set up:

- Increase DSE by 4-6 by confinement feeding
- Cost \$3,500 to set up 50mx50m pens
- 220-240 ewes/pen
- Dual purpose- also uses for weaning/feedlotting lambs
- 3head/metre of water trough
- \$30-40/hd feeding cost
- Up to 1.5kg/hd/day pellets, ad lib barley straw
- Feed truck, daily- 1.5hrs to feed 12,000hd.

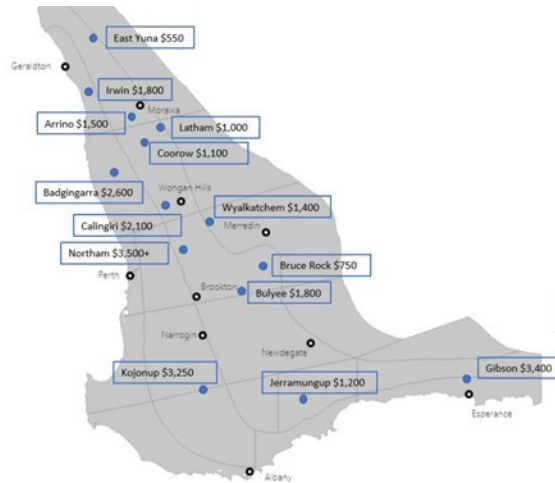
BOOMING LAND VALUES

What's the impacts? Planfarm data delivered at the Sheep Innovation day

- Net worth has increased
- Return on Capital is down (ROC, %)
- Lease rates higher, but not sticking to the "5% of land value" rule of thumb
- Capitalization is important
- Question is: increase productivity of existing land, or buy more?

We'll continue to share more as this year's AgPro benchmarking is analysed.

Recent sales (\$/arable acre)



WATCHING....

Georgia's mammoth effort capturing the Fowlers of Esperance's livestock enterprise in this fantastic video for MLA MeatUp forums. Keep an ear out for the per hectare analysis:

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