

Top 5

AgPro's insights

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GREEN PICK DILEMMAS

Many of you have the blessing and curse of green pick at the moment. Paddocks we've seen have between 0 and 1600kgDM/ha of green, so a big range and big benefits to capture. There's ~600 in the photo below... graze it hard before it dies off! Adjust your feed budgets to account for the green feed, but remember even if there is enough to maintain your sheep (800kgDM/ha), keep trickling out small amounts of grain to feed the rumen, keeping those grain loving microbes alive and avoiding issues once they're back on usual summer rations.

As for the issue of summer weeds, soil moisture retention...call your agronomist 😊



VITAMIN E

Yes, you are right, you don't need to be giving Vitamin E right now given the green pick. BUT, it's a timely reminder, EVERY 6 WEEKS.

Research has showed that 60% of WA weaners are Vitamin E deficient over summer, even with a green flush event. So consider how often they are getting Vit E, as its vital to muscles....is it every 6 weeks?....and keep in mind it is not stable in green hay or silage.

MEAT UP: PASTURES

Georgia escaped the state last week to help run MeatUp in S.A. as prep for the WA event in August. Over the next few weeks, I'll be trickling through what I learnt as it becomes more relevant to the season.

"Pasture Intervention" was a strong theme, focusing on bang for buck and effectiveness. The best ways, in order, to increase feed quality and quantity for new or old pastures is:

1. Soil fertility. Eg Fertiliser!
2. Grazing management- graze at right time for right length of time.
3. Weed control

FYI: Changing species is the bottom of the list, and has less influence than the 3 above. For sub-clover bases, there's a new webinar coming out soon in MLA's youtube "How to Series".

PS. Highly recommend booking a \$200 return Qantas flight to Adelaide-the Hills, Barossa and

*Plains is beautiful country, full of heritage, wine
(and terminals and Xbreds!)*

TANK SENSOR

A happy AgPro-er's tank sensor seen this week.
Great value at \$600 per unit, and running cost
of \$7/month. All you need is Telstra signal!

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LISTENING TO...

What are you listening to & enjoying?

Most recent good listen was the Marcus
Oldham podcast, "AgTalk". Their episode on
what drives farm values digs deep into what
goes into valuation and fluctuations: [AgTalk](#)