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CONFINEMENT FEEDING

With the season changing and feed becoming limited, the topic of confinement feeding is becoming common. The key question to ask yourself before 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.

MLA MEATUP FORUM ALBANY!

Only 1 week to go until the 2023 MLA MeatUp Forum in Albany! Join the AgPro team on the 28 March to hear about the latest tools and knowledge you can adopt on farm.

Interested in shedding sheep? Take the opportunity to hear from our own AgPro consultant, Ed Riggall and producer David Stade, as they focus on the profitability of shedding sheep.

Check out the program and **REGISTER NOW** by following this [LINK](#)



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AGPRO FEED CALCULATOR

We've had few enquiries regarding feed calculator tools, as feeding starts to ramp up. AgPro have their own Feed Calculator program on excel that can be used to create a feed budget, feed plan (with printable version to take out when feeding) and ME requirements.

Find the file attached above in this email. Make sure you save the document to your computer prior to using the tool.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LIVE EXPORT

There's been a lot of discussion currently, on the phasing out of the live sheep export. Further details on this are now available on the Have Your Say page [LINK](#). There is an opportunity to provide constructive feedback explaining its effects on rural jobs, your business, flow on effects, available on the page. This will be open until Wednesday 31 May 2023.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Occupational health and safety is still a key topic for all farm businesses. Go digital with this app-based system that is design for agriculture and covers everything from policies/procedures, task management, safety checklists and more. It is currently being used by some of the AgPro clients.

Stay tuned for further information on health and safety throughout the year. [LINK](#)

PODCAST

Let's rewind the AgPro Cast and go back to Ed's favourite topic of, dry sowing cereals for pastures! Join Ed, Phil Barrett Lennard & Mike Young as they discuss pastures for different livestock systems, environments and soil types, in [Episode 39](#).