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EAR MARKING: OPTIONAL

As of 1/1/2022! Earmarking of sheep and cattle is optional- it is your choice whether to do it or not. If you continue to earmark, it must be using your registered earmark.

Another job we don't have to do-unless sheep theft is a concern in your area. Have a think and make your decision sometime in the next 6 months.

BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

You've got until NYE to make sure you've given your brigade leader proof of your COVID-19 vaccine- otherwise YOU CANNOT GO TO A FIRE. How to guide: [HERE](#)

FLOCK SNAPSHOT

Thanks to MLA:

- 89% of WA's breeding ewes are Merino- the highest in the country.
- Ewe prices will likely hold, with 95% of producers planning on increasing or maintaining flock numbers.
- Merinos lamb marking numbers are down by 2% compared to 2020, while meat and XB lamb numbers increased.
- Lamb slaughter numbers are up compared to 2020

FLIES

Flies are BAD this year. We're sure you all know that-the warm but not hot weather and these darn showers are providing perfect conditions. Don't worry if you are thinking chemical is not lasting as long- its likely not. There's a lot more of the secondary strike from the hairy maggot which is making cases severe very quickly. Added to that is grassy pastures and a lot of infected eyes/cheeks- try to get around the paddocks during the silly season. That's the best you can do this year.

THANKYOU.....

For all your support, jokes about Ed's puffer jackets and keeping us on our toes. We hope everyone has time in Jan to put the feet up and get ready for 2022...we'd better get thinking of a new slogan after you've all been GETTING IT DONE IN 21!

-Ed, Georgia, Brianna and Mike

