



Top 5

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REMEMBER THE FOUR Ts

If you haven't started already, then it's time to start getting your rams prepared for joining. It takes about 7 weeks for sperm to develop from initiation to ejaculation so preparation needs to start at least 8 weeks prior to joining.

To check your rams are healthy complete the Four T's:

1. Teeth – check for sound mouth and gums. Check for overbite/underbite as this is a highly heritable trait.
2. Testes and tossle – Feel that testes and epididymides are firm and no lumps. Check the penis for abnormalities or swelling
3. Test – get rams tested that have unexplained lumps/swelling in epididymides for ovine brucellosis
4. Toes – trim feet if toes appear to long and treat and monitor rams with signs of lameness.

For further information on getting rams prepared follow the [LINK](#)

INTRODUCING THE NEW AGPRO WEBSITE!

Brianna has been working hard to get our new AgPro Management website up and going. Follow the [LINK](#), look around and let us know what you think.

There is a special section for clients only. You'll find all things AgPro from past and present



including upcoming events, handy tools, previous Top 5 newsletters, webinars and more! Keep an eye out in your inboxes in the coming weeks for your invite, which will give you your login details to access the client only area.

MEATY MATTERS CLIMATE FORUM

Held in Perth last week, the Meaty Matters Climate Change Forum delved into methane/greenhouse gases and the key role livestock play in climate change. With presenters including UWA Prof. Phil Vercoe and CSIRO Dr. Brad Riddoutt. A few key points taken from the day:

- 2-12% of energy is lost in cattle via methane
- Decrease methane by changes to animal genetics (breeding) and diet (forage)
- Different plants consumed by livestock contain different amounts of methane.
- Continued research is being done on the impact of additives and amount needed to be consumed by animals to decrease methane.
- 75% of grazing land is unsuitable to crops, 86% of feed is unsuitable for human consumption and 1kg of plant based food has 4kg of by products which get fed to livestock.
- Enteric CH₄ is a full cycle

Follow the [LINK](#) to view the full program and keep up to date when the recording from the forum is made available.

PODCAST

Looking for something to listen to whilst harvesting. Ed's been busy putting 2 great Summer Management and Q&A podcasts

together.

[Episode 44 - Dr Adrian Baker- We're Back!
Summer Management, live ex and more.](#)

[Episode 45 - AgPro Cast Summer Q&A 1](#)

THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR

Well, another year is almost over! The team at AgPro would like to thank you for your support and keeping us on our toes throughout 2022. We look forward to another busy year in 2023.

