

# Top 5

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## PASTURES & NITROGEN

Phil BL posted [THIS](#) link to help with nitrogen decisions- aim is right Rate, Place, Time and right Nitrogen.

## FOOT & MOUTH

Georgia got FMD training in Nepal a few years ago, so here's her crash course for producers: Just like COVID, early ID is going to be key! So don't hesitate to call your closest DPIRD vet if concerned.

Infecting any cloven hoof animal, it's seen as blisters in/on the mouth, nose, above or between hooves. The blisters pop early on and create sores like the ones in the photos.



**SHEEP:** often don't display dramatic signs of infection- known as 'silent shedders'. Means FMD could very rapidly spread undetected.  
**CATTLE & PIGS:** obvious foot pain. Cattle drool excessively, and pigs will squeal in pain.

Unlike COVID, we won't let it spread across the entire country- which means a combination of lockdowns, vaccination and destroying animals. Basic biosecurity will be in the next Top 5.

## LISTENING TO...

AgPro Cast- Dr Adrian Baker covering everything you need to know right now about the break of season-confinement, conception rates, deaths we're seeing and sheep systems: [HERE](#)

Stay tuned for more into the high rates of dries and twins- we're looking into it as scanning continues.

## LAMBING EMERGENCY KIT

- **FloPak plus** (calcium/glucose)- Hypocalcemia
- **Ketol** (Propylene Glycol) game changer for preg tox.

*As the above issues present the same way, if you are treating a ewe, use both.*

-**Meloxicam** (long-acting anti-inflammatory) can also help. Some AgPro'ers use Buccalgesic instead, as have it on hand.

-**Oxytet** (antibiotic) on hand year-round for feet, dermo, shearing cuts ect. Also the best for mastitis.