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SUMMER FEEDING

It's crunch time for feeding. Stubble value is on the decline and nutrition needs are on the incline.

An adult 50 kg sheep needs approx 8MJ of energy per day and 6% protein in their diet to maintain their body weight. Sheep eat 3% of body weight if they have appropriate protein (6% Adult, 15% Weaners) in diet.

If % protein falls below this then the sheep's intake is limited. Without adequate protein, the rumen bugs are not able to process the 3% of body weight, thus sheep intake might reduce to 1.5% of bodyweight. For a 50 kg animal this would equate to:

- $50\text{kg} \times 3\% = 1.5 \text{ kg}$
- $50\text{kg} \times 1.5\% = 0.75 \text{ Kg}$

So, the sheep might be in a paddock that has adequate energy if they were eating 3%, however at 1.5% of bodyweight they are losing weight or "melting in the paddock".

Feeding out lupins/cereals with high protein through summer increases the protein % of the sheep's diet to a level where they are able to digest and in effect "unlock" the stubbles energy.

For more information check out our Summer Feeding Management Factsheet [LINK](#)

MLA MEATUP FORUM ALBANY!

Ever wonder why some of your carcass cuts received a discount?

Well, ask the professionals as we watch a carcass cutting demonstration with butcher, Rafael Ramirez and WAMMCO's Rob Davidson, showing the value of cuts and why you get some discounts.

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



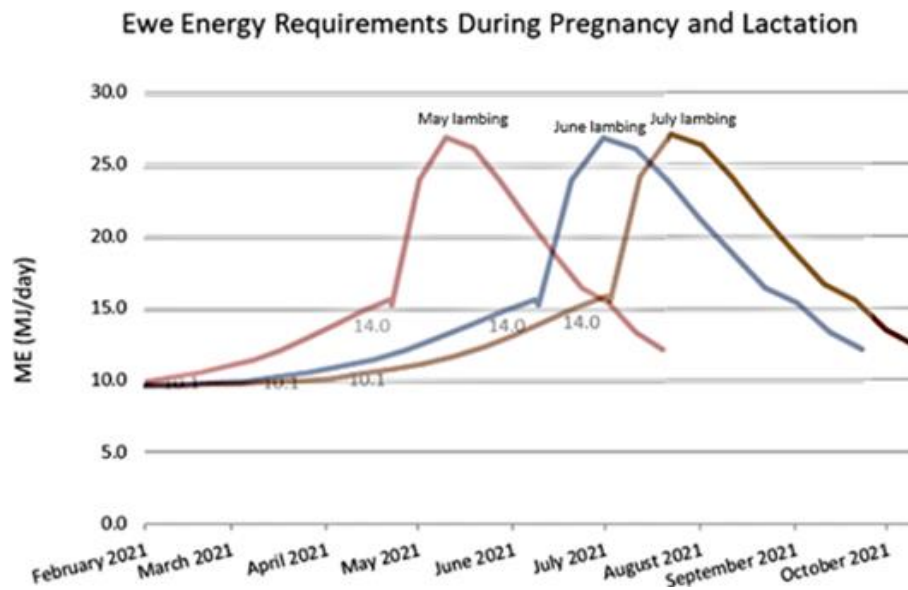
The banner features the 'meatup FORUM' logo in orange and grey, with the MLA logo (Meat & Livestock Australia) in the top right. Below the logo is a collage of three images: a group of cattle, a person in a blue shirt working in a field, and a group of sheep. The background of the banner is orange. Text on the banner includes: 'For the latest in red meat R&D', 'REGISTER NOW', 'Albany, 28 March 2023', and 'mla.com.au/meatup'. In the bottom right corner, contact information for Georgia Reid-Smith is provided: 'Georgia Reid-Smith, AgPro Management, 044 752 3110, georgia@agpromanagement.com'.

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TIME TO THINK ABOUT NUTRITION

As we head into March, it's time to be thinking about the nutrition our ewes need. For May lambers, we're on the way up with feed demands, with a 60kg May lamb needing the equivalent of 10.2MJ (550g barley/hd/day in a bare-bones paddock).



Weaners are still at the point where they are growing or dying. A 30kg Merino weaner growing slowly (less than 50g/day) currently needs 8MJ+, the equivalent of 500g/h/day of a lupin barley mix.

The exact amount is determined by the growth rate needed- the smaller/poorer they look, the more you feed to catch them up (and not let them slip over seeding!).

PODCAST

Let's rewind AgPro Cast and go back to [Episode 36](#) with Dr Adrian Baker and talk about Minerals, lamb survival and summer feeding.