

# Top 5

## AgPro's insights

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### CARBON

Considering the carbon workshops we are currently running This article is timely in exploring the challenges of being involved in the carbon at the moment: [CARBON](#)

### NUMNUTS TRIAL

CSIRO is currently running an Australia-wide field trial of Numnuts, which injects local anaesthetic at the time of ring application for castration and tail docking. CSIRO pays \$1000 for farmers to be involved and there are two people on the ground in WA who can help on the day.

Participating farms would need to be able to allocate 60 male lambs for the trial to undergo castration and tail docking at marking (4-8 weeks of age) with the NUMNUTS or with a standard ring. The lambs have to be observed for two hours after the procedure (this is where the 2 helpers come in) and then they can be managed as usual.

More information can be found [here](#), or by emailing: [andrew.toovey@csiro](mailto:andrew.toovey@csiro)

### LAMBING

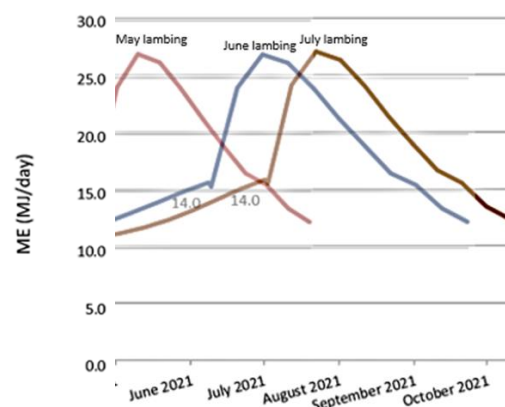
You know its been cold. Its been windy. Which is good, you should have had time to think about your ewes... Number 1: Do

they have calcium? Do they have enough feed?

800kgDM/ha for singles, which is usually when you no longer have bare ground showing between the grass and clover, and twinning ewes need 1200kgDM/ha.

Here's the reminder..... energy requirements of an average 60kg Merino ewe, at different lambing times:

Ewe Energy Requirements During Pregnancy and Lactation



### LAMBING VET

As you may have seen on WhatsApp, our "Medical kit for lambing"

- **FloPak plus** (calcium/glucose)- for Hypocalcemia

- **Ketol** (Propylene Glycol)- is a 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) might also help. (Vet: "Yes it's worth it")

-**Oxytet** (antibiotic) on hand yea- round for feet, dermo, shearing cuts ect.

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## WATCHING

WALRC TV is not a bad watch, which is clips taken from their on-farm forums. Focus is on feed systems, with most so far filmed at Kim Lester's in ManyPeaks. The WALRC YouTube channel is where can watch any of the first 5 episodes: [HERE](#).