

# Top 5

# AgPro's insights

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Surprised at the number of you who ask "Where's Top 5?!" whenever we are late with it (Sorry!) Glad to know it is being read & is of use.

If there's anything you want to see included, or you come across something, please don't hesitate to send it through.

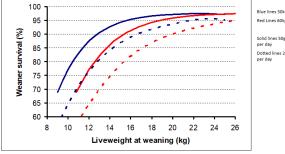
#### TWIN LAMB SURVIVAL TECH

Here's a video we watched this week-promising signs for utlising melatonin to increase twin survival in the future, by improving lamb survival at the birth process: VIDEO

#### **WEANING: MORE INFO**

Liveweight at weaning and survival

LTEM 5.3



Weaning weight explains 95% of variation between weaning to 1 year of age.

- Most deaths are within the first 3 months of weaning
- Rule of thumb growth rates through summer:
  - If over 20kg = 1kg/month
  - Under 20kg = 2kg/month

### **2020 REPRO PERFORMANCE**

DPIRD research shows that WA Merino's average reproductive rate is 128%, coming from a pregnancy rate of 88%.

Early lambers averaged 85% pregnant, with late lambers 4% higher.

The full report can be found HERE

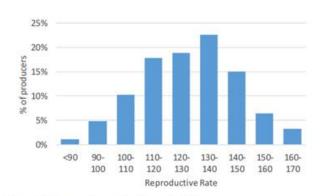


Figure 2 Scanned reproductive rate (%)

#### **FLIES: BASICS**

Let's review.

- Flies come out when daytime temps are over 15 degrees, and its wet. You're experiencing THE perfect spring this year for flies
- Crutching gives you 6weeks protection from breech strike...but only 3weeks if your sheep are scouring



 Flies on your farm are YOUR FARM'S fly population. So its worth checking resistance- see if there are any free tests available:

narelle.sales@dpi.nsw.gov.au

## WATCHING....

Seriously, WATCH IT. We can see you haven't! Georgia's mammoth effort capturing the Fowlers of Esperance's livestock enterprise in this fantastic video for MLA MeatUp forums. Keep an ear out for the per hectare analysis: WATCH