

# Top 5

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## WATER

The Kondinin Group have been producing great resources over the last 2 years regarding drought management. This one is about Water use which is handy for summer planning. Page 10 has a great article about calculating water capacity, while 16 discusses trough system set ups. Read it [HERE](#)

## PROFITABLE FINISHING

Finishing lambs to market specs was a headache last season with tight space and specs. This year, use this list to guide your decisions:

1. Know your target market and its specs.
2. Know the profit drivers of your finishing system- is it stocking rate? Feed efficiency?
3. Know cost of production!! So can know your margins.
4. Look at forward contracts to manage risk.

## WEANERS

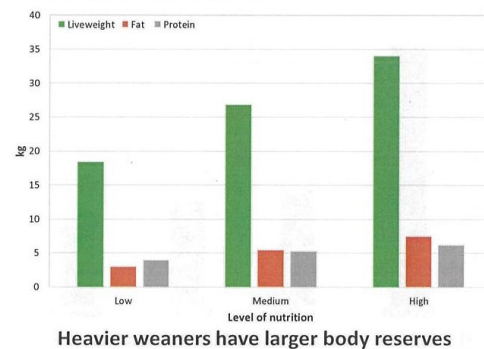
With shorter spring feed and a predicted average grain availability, early weaning (oldest lamb at 14weeks) is VITAL. For most, this means if you haven't weaned, you should. And if you haven't imprint fed, DO IT NOW.

Don't forget the weaning drench-not just for worms, flies are bad, control the dags.

Imprinting to ensure animals recognise feed and there is no energy gap is important, as

weaners don't have large fat reserves to draw on, meaning they go backwards fast. The graph shows this nicely- heavier weaners have larger body reserves so buffer changing diets/gaps better

## LIVEWEIGHT AND ENERGY RESERVES



Heavier weaners have larger body reserves



## LISTENING

Farmanco's Eric Nankivell has a good chat about making informed, strategic decisions. He covers the importance of utilising your data to ID opportunities (benchmarking!) as well as using consultants 😊. We thought it was particularly relevant given the price of land these days, and the role we (Ed) often plays as your sounding boards!

Listen [HERE](#)

## RAMPING UP REPRO WORKSHOPS

Looking forward to ram prep-Apparently the Moora event is full, but if you want a AgPro summary, let us know. GNOWANGERUP : Oct 16, WILLIAMS Oct 21. Run by AWI looking at optimising ram performance.

More info & register: [HERE](#)