



Top 5

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VITAMIN E

Here's another reminder—it's time to give your lambs some vitamin E! It's been well over six weeks since they've had green feed. Vitamin E deficiency can cause sudden deaths, weakness, animals going down, or reluctance to stand despite remaining alert.

Administer vitamin E by drenching in the yards or mixing it into their feed (and act quickly!).

Dosage: 2.5g per head of vitamin E powder, or mix 5kg of product with 10L of water for 1,000 sheep.

NEW Logo!

Have you spotted our shiny new logo popping up across all things AgPro? We decided it was time for a bit of a refresh! And the best part? Brand new AgPro hats are on the way. We're loving the fresh new look, and we hope you do too!



FEED WITH CONFIDENCE

Hay, silage, and oats can vary significantly in energy value, so testing what you're feeding is worth the effort! We're here to help with feed testing – give us a call to get started.

Here's a quick comparison of average energy values (MJ/kg DM):

Feed	Energy (MJ/kg DM)
Hay - Oaten	8.8 - 10.2
Hay - Pasture	8.0 - 11.3
Silage	8.5 - 11.0
Oats	9.5 - 11.5
Barley	11.5 - 12.2
Lupins	13.0 - 14.0

RAMS

Get Your Rams Ready for Joining!

Your rams are gearing up for the season ahead, and now's the time to prep them. Most of the sperm they'll use is produced in the **8 weeks before joining**, so flushing with **500g/hd/day of lupins** during this time can **double sperm production**.

Thinking of shorter joinings (4–5 weeks)? Most sperm is used in the **first 21 days**, with success dropping off sharply after that. To play it safe, add an **extra ram per mob** to ensure all ewes are covered.

Prep now for a productive season ahead!

TAKE A LISTEN

Last week, Ed partnered with Agrista to deliver a presentation on 'Integrating Livestock into Mixed Farming Systems.' You can access the webinar and podcast through the links below:

- Webinar: [Watch on YouTube](#)
- Podcast: [Listen on Spotify](#)

HERE'S TO 2025 – LESS CRAWLING, MORE THRIVING!

As the year comes to a close, I can't help but feel a bit like Andy Dufresne from *The Shawshank Redemption*. You might remember the iconic prison break scene narrated by Morgan Freeman:

"Andy crawled to freedom through five hundred yards of shit-smelling foulness I can't even imagine. Five hundred yards... that's the length of five football fields... and came out clean on the other side."

Now, I'm not saying we've come out entirely "clean" on the other side of 2024, but it's been a remarkable recovery. Competition has driven prices back to sustainable levels, and grain yields have defied gravity across the state (turns out that while rain is optional, a cool spring is not!).

This year, you faced some tough challenges—from market crashes to extreme seasonal variations—but you also made incredible strides. You've innovated, adapted, and pushed yourselves beyond your comfort zones. Resilience, as always, remains second nature to farmers like you.

As we head into 2025, I'm optimistic about the opportunities ahead. Whether it's navigating the market, fine-tuning systems, exploring new ways to manage pastures, or just tackling one footy-field-length hurdle at a time, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Wishing you a well-deserved break, plenty of laughter, and your fizzy drink of choice. Thank you for sticking with AgPro Management this year—it's been an honour to share this journey with you.

Here's to the next chapter—less crawling, more thriving!