



Top 5

March 11th, 2025

VITAMIN E

Here's your reminder about Vitamin E again! We want to keep those lambs growing so don't just think there is enough in the feed. Factors including growing, harvesting and storage conditions and timing will have an impact on hay and making it difficult to predict amounts in hay. Naturally occurring Vit E is more unstable making it less reliable compared to supplements.

Deficiency is common in rapidly growing lambs and sheep on dry feed. It can cause sudden deaths, weakness, growth rate drop, or reluctance to stand despite remaining alert.

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

EID EXCEL WEBINAR

Thank you to everyone that made it to Maeve O'Brien's eID Excel webinar on the 26th February. Fear not, if you didn't get a chance to see it, the recorded version is now available via this [LINK](#)

2025 MLA MEATUP FORUM

1 week to go until the 2025 MLA MeatUp Forum in Albany! Take the opportunity to hear about the latest in red meat research, extensions and adoption whilst networking with like-minded producers and industry representatives.

Check out the agenda on page 3 of the Top 5

Follow the link to Register NOW! [LINK](#)



AGPRO NEW TO SHEEP COURSE

Register your interest now! A hands-on AgPro course designed to help participants upskill their sheep management knowledge.

Key Outcomes:

- Understanding profitable sheep systems
- Evaluating nutritional needs & feed budgets
- Condition scoring & identifying health issues

- Using EID, remote sensors, & sheep handling tech

What's Involved?

- Three half-day sessions across the year
- Ongoing phone & email support + WhatsApp group
- Access to AgPro resources & network

- DE Engineering automatic feed and Murray Sheep Handler [LINK](#)
- Byron Ag confinement feeder system [LINK](#)
- Commander Agriculture module shearing [LINK](#)

For further details follow the [LINK](#) or contact Brianna at brianna@agpromanagement.com

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FURTHER EFFICIENCY

The past two years have brought income fluctuations for the sheep sector, but it's encouraging to see ongoing investment in infrastructure and technology across the state over the past month.

Ed took the opportunity to take a look at some of this at the recent Wagin Woolorama, where it was evident the commitment the companies in the industry have in continuing to develop solutions such as remote sensors, sheep feeders, EID systems, and improved yard designs.

Innovations like the Eagle Eye sheep feeder, straw feeders, DE Engineering's automatic feeder, and the Murray sheep handler highlight the increasing focus on efficiency and workplace improvements.

One thing the past few years have made clear is that while income fluctuates, costs only seem to go one way—up. By investing in infrastructure that drives efficiency, we can better manage these challenges and create more resilient operations.

Take a look at some of the videos Ed took on the day:

- Eagle Eye sheep feeder [LINK](#)

Agenda

8.00am	Registration desk opens, tea and coffee available	
Session 1		
9.00am	Welcome, housekeeping and forum schedule	
	MLA: Welcome and market update Dave Beatty	
	Generating supply chain value Will Atkinson	
	Case study – Stirling Ranges Beef Greg Ryan and Paul O'Meehan	
	Morning tea	
Session 2		
	Mixed Enterprises 2.0 Nick Eyres	
	Feedlot steers and Harvest Road Story Ben Dwyer	
	Beyond the tag: Using eID for profit and precision Sally Martin	
	Lunch	
Breakout sessions		
	Cattle	Sheep
	SMARTBEEF Alan Peggs	Meeting market specs with Merino lambs Clark Skinner
	Rumen8 – Taking the gue\$\$ work out of supplementation Dr Martin Staines	Vetch – mixed farming approach Theo Oorschot
Session 4		
	Virtual farm tour – AgTech in action: a journey to enhance productivity Q&A session with Kent Rochester	
	Afternoon tea	
Session 5		
	Vaccinations and genomics Zoetis	
	Merino Lifetime Productivity project Bronwyn Clarke	
	Remote technology use panel Ed Riggall, Simon Anderson and FECPAC	
Session 6: Wrap-up		
	Wrap-up and evaluation	
5.00–6.00pm	Networking, canapés and drinks	

To register, visit mla.com.au/meatup or scan the QR code.

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