

01 Reports of Photosensitisation

We've had some reports of photosensitisation from a few producers. This is linked to the cowpea aphids which are found on legumes such as lucerne.

Signs include severe sunburn to all bare areas face, ears, udders, breeches, backs in recently shorn animals. This then progresses to the formation of thick skin crusts with the contraction of lips, ears and eyelids in some animals. Animals also seek out shade during any period of bright sunshine.

Affected animals should be removed from the aphid infested pasture and provided with shade until they recover.

For more information take a listen to Episode 81 - AgProCast animal health & photosensitivity [LINK](#) or this Fact Sheet [LINK](#)

02 2025 the season so far

Thank you to everyone that filled in the questions posted on the state wide Whatsapp group about the 2025 season.

Rainfall and seasonal conditions are highly variable, with some regions waterlogged and others still tight for feed. Lambing results are mostly strong, though weather and scanning have caused some lower recordings in places. Fly pressure is just starting in the north, while prices for lamb, cattle and wool look encouraging heading into 2026.

To view the whole summary follow this [LINK](#)

03 TIMERITE

With spring now upon us, its now time to find out the optimum date to spray for red legged earth mites. The TIMERITE® tool has recently been updated to reflect new data and improved modelling with dates changed in areas. So follow the [LINK](#) to find out your optimum date!



04 Round 1 Funding Open for Live Sheep Export Phase Out

Round 1 of the Supply Chain Capacity Program is now open. Producers can apply for grants of up to \$2 million towards finishing and feedlotting developments. To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate matching co-contributions. Applications close 22 October 2025.

For more information follow theses link

- Supply Chain Capacity Program [LINK](#)
- Round 1 program scheme guidelines [LINK](#)

If you have any questions please reach out to either Ed or Brianna

05 AgPro Events

AgPro has 2 events this month, which are part of our 'Maximising potential stocking rate through pasture management techniques' project funded by MLA.

For more information follow the links below:

- West Midlands area (Badgingarra/Dandaragan) - Pasture Field Tour 3rd September [LINK](#)
- Tambellup Trial Tour - Pasture Trial Tour 10th September [LINK](#)



Podcasts

GRDC in Conversation: Andrew and Marie Fowler from Chilwell farms east of Esperance, discuss their current drainage project, which involves installing tile pipes to mitigate waterlogging and improve crop yields.

Take a listen [LINK](#) They were also part of the 2022 MLA MeatUp virtual farm tour. Take a look at the tour here [LINK](#)