

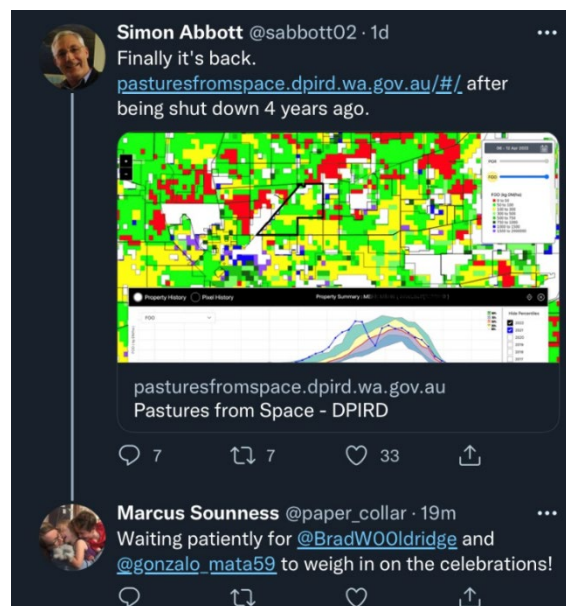
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PASTURES FROM SPACE

Is finally back in all its very useful glory!
Spend 15 minutes and from there you will be able to use it to know your pasture growth rates & feed on offer- and to better manage pastures and feed budgets: [Pastures from Space](https://pasturesfromspace.dpiird.wa.gov.au/#/)

Read up on how to use the current & historical FOO & growth curves here: agric.wa.gov.au



THE BASICS

Its not a topic we pay attention to, so here's a very simple biosecurity plan, beyond sheep movements. Mechanical cleaning is the main line of defense, then chemical.

1. Pressure washers for equipment coming on and off farm (ideally in a dedicated area, over a cattle grid)
2. Boots- scrub all the dirt off btw farms
3. Record somewhere who comes & goes

IT IS IMPORTANT....

To fill in surveys, and be represented. Every 4 years, DPIRD collects data on our sheep enterprises, intentions, knowledge and practices. 20 minutes of your time, in order to guide future industry investments and activities: [HERE](#)

JOHNE'S REFRESHER

- Even if you don't have it, you probably do-can take 3 years to be noticeable.
- Incurable: causes thickening of the bowel, which reduces absorption of nutrients.
- Signs are unexplained ill-thrift & loss of condition. Key is an obvious 'tail' in the mob, or spring deaths.
- Often worms, under-nutrition, and nutritional diseases.
- Spread by ingesting pasture or water contaminated by infected faeces.
- Gudair vaccination at marking provides lifelong immunity- many producers already have their whole flock protected. You should too, as Johne's impacts productivity and profitability.

LISTENING TO...

- Finance, family, succession, and professionalism in farming in *The Profitable Farmer*: [HERE](#)
- Oestrogenic pastures, & the melatonin research with Dr Kelsey Pool & Ed: [HERE](#)