

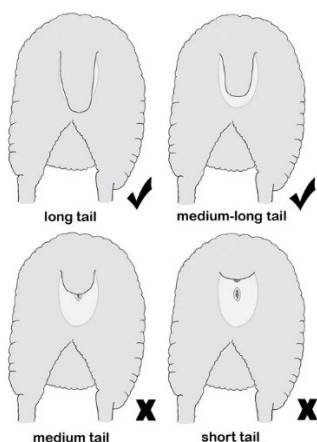
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TAILS

Nation-wide research has shown we have issue with tail docking: still too short. Over 50% of farmers dock too short, exposing the vulva. This was usually at 2 palpable joints. This is despite a majority knowing and being able to define best practice as 3 palpable joints.

Most common practice was hot knife, and rubber rings.



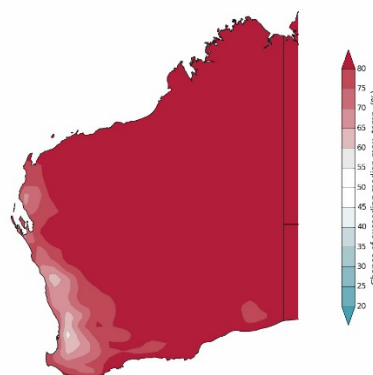
SPRING & SUMMER FORECAST

We've chatted to climate scientists and this is what we know.

Most models only look out to spring, and they're looking at a milder spring than last year. Not shorter, milder, so that's positive. The pictures below show a increased likelihood of higher average and maximum temperatures. Rain depends very much on where you are.

1 Degree warmer than average temperatures for November through to January.

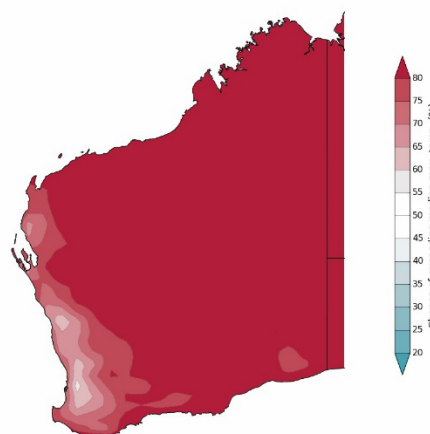
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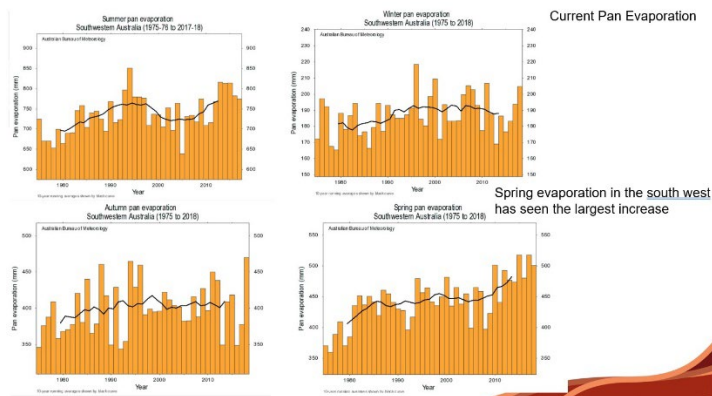
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WATER: EVAPORATION

The same climate scientist helped us understand what's been going on with our dams and the high evaporation rates. This hasn't been restricted to summer, with a large increase in spring evaporation last year. Blame El Nino, and something called the positive Indian Ocean Dipole. This is why last summer was so hot. Good news- not this year- there's

signs of a weak La Nina, which doesn't impact southern WA, and the Indian Ocean is neutral. Take home message: overall, evaporations rates have increased, but shouldn't be as bad as they were this last season.



FAME?

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