

In this Maggot Mail: Regional Roundup, Hunter Landowner Survey, AWI AGM, Grazing Hail Damaged Cereals & the new LTEM App.



THE SHEEP'S BACK

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Regional Roundup & Summer Crops

This Regional Roundup we are asking the following:

- Fly Activity - what flies and intensity?
- Started feeding? How much per week?
- Dry feed quality out of 10?
- Rain in the last month and impact?
- General thoughts on the season,
- [Click here](#) to check out the report.
- The picture above is of Stargazer sorghum sown in Cuballing on 2/10/14 at a rate of 5kg/Ha with 80kg of Agras. Paddock sprayed 10/9/14 with 2L Glyphosate and sprayed 28/9/14 1L Paraquat. Mostly sown with DBS Bar but reverted to combine after getting bogged too many times!



HAIL HAIL HAIL

You've had hail! Hopefully you're well insured and have sheep!

Obviously this can be a huge feed resource, however it also can be a serious pain in the stomach for sheep that can lead to a horrible death from [grain poisoning](#) as they have ad lib access to grain (click link for further info). To prevent this, a slow introduction to the grain is recommended over two weeks, gradually building up to 500 grams/day. Another alternative is to take the stock into the paddock every day for about an hour, increasing the amount of time each time. Note, the farmer who used this method suggested it was very time consuming and would perhaps try the feeding option next time. Another tip that has been mentioned is if there is extensive hail damage then rotate sheep through paddocks rather than waiting for grain to run out before changing paddock, as this can again cause grain poisoning. Use common sense in these approaches and if sheep are showing signs of grain poisoning, reduce the ration or time spent in the paddock.



Wool's Evolution Demonstrated at AWI AGM

AWI's AGM was held last week, where it was announced that R& D spending would be increased. [Click here](#) to find out what was outlined including a presentation from HRH The Prince of Wales. A webcast of the AGM and the annual report can also be accessed through the link.



LTEM App

The popular Lifetime Ewe Management (LTEM) course now has an iPhone Application, putting millions of dollars of research and extension into a tool to assist farmers with the feed requirements of their stock. An android version will be available in the next couple of months. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Hunter-Landowner Farmer Feedback Sought on Hunting Coordination

One of the preliminary findings of the Australian Hunter and Landowner Survey is that both farmers and hunters believe that better coordination of on-farm hunting activities is required. The independent survey – the first of its kind on such a scale, is currently open to farmers and hunters around the country and has had an overwhelmingly positive response. [Click here](#) to find out more or access the link to participate in the survey if you are interested.

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