

TSB Summer Newsletter featuring: Summer Feeding, Ryegrass & Ergot, Vitamin E Deficiency, Sheep Optimiser Workshops.

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Summer Feeding 2014/15

How does the 2014 growing season affect summer feeding strategies?

Following a very mixed season statewide, we are seeing a great deal of variation in feed quality and quantity this summer. In some areas there has been as much green feed over the summer as during the winter.

Check out the full article by clicking on the photo.



Vitamin E Deficiency in Sheep

Vitamin E comes from green feed and can only be stored for 6-8 weeks, which is why deficiencies are most common in the summer and autumn months.

Vitamin E and Selenium are both essential parts of a sheep diet.

Selenium works with Vitamin E to prevent and repair cell damage in the body. They also both play a role in immune function and are vital for growth, reproduction and preventing white muscle disease.

To read the full article, click on the photo.



Ryegrass & Ergot

Ergot is a developing issue where sheep are grazing stubbles over summer.

Ergot, a parasitic fungi, are toxic to livestock and can occur on infected pastures, from silage or hay or from feeding ergot contaminated grain.

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Here are some useful links...

The Sheep's Back - www.sheepsback.com.au

Meat and Livestock Australia - www.mla.com.au

Sheep CRC - www.sheepcrc.org.au

Paraboss - www.paraboss.com.au

(includes wormboss, liceboss and flyboss)

Making More from Sheep - www.makingmorefromsheep.com.au

Sheep Genetics Australia - www.sheepgenetics.org.au

2015 AUTUMN SHEEP OPTIMISER WORKSHOPS

- **Winter Pasture manipulation - For sheep, crop or the whole enterprise?** Consultant and pasture specialist Paul Omodei takes us through the strategy, timing & chemicals to optimise your pastures. He will also look at compensatory clover growth and steps that can be taken to gain confidence utilising manipulation.
- **Pasture Optimisation - What happens on my farm** - Farmers from different regions will present on their systems, what works and what's failed including manipulation, seeding cereals into pasture and crop grazing.
- **NLIS mob-based movement (MBM) recording** – You might not be aware but late last year WA missed out on having compulsory electronic ear tags. The compromise involved some major changes to the states NLIS. DAFWA's Biosecurity officers will presenting on navigating NLIS and what your obligations are when buying, selling and moving stock.

Date	Location	Venue	Time
11-Mar	Northampton	Rec Centre	1pm - 4.30pm
12-Mar	Merredin	Rec Centre	1pm - 4.30pm
17-Mar	Brookton	Eva Pavilion	1pm - 4.30pm
19-Mar	Katanning	DAFWA (town)	1pm - 4.30 pm

Please RSVP to Icon Agriculture by email admin@sheepsback.com.au, phone 9736 1055, text 0428 299 007 or hit the [Facebook page](#). Just leave your name and location attending.

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