

Making More From Sheep



Making more from sheep is a user friendly manual produced by the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA). It is a best practice package of information, tools and learning opportunities for Australian sheep producers.

Module 11: Healthy and Contented Sheep

This module presents an effective approach to managing the health and welfare of your flock by:

- Implementing effective health management programs
- Taking a proactive approach to sheep health and welfare
- Having healthy sheep that are exposed to fewer chemicals
- Adopting strategies that minimise chemical use and delay development of chemical resistance by sheep parasites.

The module will give you confidence that sheep parasites and diseases can be managed in a cost-effective manner to maximise enterprise profitability.

At the end of each section within the module, the manual provides producers with “Signposts”. Signposts are a list of references, contacts and internet resources that provide you with further, often more detailed sources of information and assistance with useful links and contacts about education programs that can further help producers. At the end of the module there are 19 tools provided which range from:

- Energy and protein requirements of sheep
- Condition score targets for all sheep classes
- Template for a management calendar
- The ‘Feed cost calculator’
- Bodyweight targets for weaners and young ewes
- Water quality for sheep
- Diagnosis and management of trace element deficiencies
- Guidelines for management of worms
- Detection and management of drench resistance

- Guidelines for the management of liver fluke
- Guidelines for the management of flystrike
- Guidelines for the prevention of clostridial disease and cheesy gland
- Diagnosis of important diseases
- Minimising the risk of potential sources of disease
- Quarantine periods and procedures for important sheep diseases
- Principles of control and eradication of footrot, lice and OJD
- Common sheep diseases and predisposing factors
- Zoonotic diseases of sheep
- Check list of on-farm animal welfare compliance

Almost 250 leading sheep producers and technical experts helped develop the 11 modules in the manual, which cover subjects ranging from soils and pasture to wool and meat marketing, animal health, genetics and farm sustainability:

Module 1 – Plan for Success

Module 2 – market focused wool production

Module 3 -market focused lamb and sheepmeat production

Module 4 – capable and confident producers

Module 5 – protect your farms natural assets

Module 6 – healthy soils

Module 7 – grow more pasture

Module 8 -turn pasture into product

Module 9 – gain from genetics

Module 10 – wean more lambs

Module 11 – healthy and contented sheep