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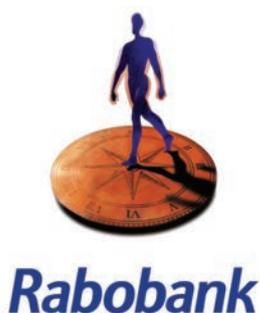
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A Note from the EO

Welcome to the new look Facey Group Newsletter! We are very excited to be showcasing our new communications with you. Look out for our newsletters every month and we will be sharing more information also via various social media channels.

It's been a busy few months in the office. We have a number of events being planned and we hope to see you all out and about. Please see the coming events section in the newsletter. Amy, our Agricultural Research and Extension Coordinator has been hard at work getting our trials sorted and some of these are detailed in Amy's write up in the newsletter.

Facey Group welcomed a new staff member this month. Eliza James from Cuballing has taken on the role of Communications and Engagement Coordinator and she has done a stellar job pulling our new newsletter together.

Our annual Women in Agriculture Event is on the 21st July in Wickepin. We have a number of exciting speakers booked, including Sabrina Hahn to talk all things gardening. Please join us for a day of information, great food and company.

I would also like to tell you about a not-to-be-missed event on the 10th August in Wickepin. We are having a double event firstly starting with Greg Smith from Wayland Legal who is an Industrial Relations Lawyer. Greg will talk us through the new Work Health and Safety (2020) Act. These new laws will have a direct impact on your businesses and it is critical that we all understand our obligations.

If any of your employees are seriously injured or hurt you may review a significant fine and jail time. Greg's talk will also help you to understand the next steps you need to take within your business to be compliant. Greg will start at 4pm and then conclude at 6pm for a sundowner preceding our AWI Future Wool dinner. We hope to see as many of you stay on for this dinner event. We will have a tasty lamb



Dr Kelly Pearce, Facey Group Executive Officer

dinner followed by a talk from Marius Cumming and Ellie Bigwood from AWI on everything from wool research and markets and more. Will be a great opportunity to catch up.

New projects- we have an exciting new project currently submitted to MLA which will look closely into reproductive wastage in sheep. This project will require participants so watch this space. We have projects submitted to the State NRM program with a Landcare focus. We are also signing off several new projects ready for start next year and busy writing more new applications.

In your membership pack we sent out a survey and also on text and email. We encourage as many of you as possible to complete as it helps us to plan our projects. Here is the link if you haven't yet completed. Click [here](#).

With seeding all wrapped up we hope spraying, lambing and the coming school holidays go well for you and your family.

Facey Findings

The Facey Findings puts a spotlight on past projects conducted by the group that have been presented in the Trialas & Demonstration Results Handbook.

Our resident Agronomist and Committee Secretary, Helen Wyatt provides a brief summary each month to showcase our work and refresh ideas.

Tough Seasons Project **Improving livestock productivity in increasingly variable seasons.**

A joint project with MLA & AgPro Management with 2 key aspects -

- Sowing cereals to increase pasture bulk/biomass
- Deferring grazing via feedlotting/confinement

The benefit -

- June FOO was 3.5 times higher in deferred
- Paddocks/sown cereal paddocks
- 18% higher pasture energy levels – very important for lambing ewes
- Marking Percentage and weaner survival increased by 1%
- 0.2 improvement in Ewe Condition Score
- Supplementary feeding ceased 2.5 weeks earlier

The potential cost - Economic analysis for 2020 is still to come.

This project will continue to run until the end of 2022 – with this years increased pasture performance already it will be interesting to see how the seasons compare and if the benefit is just as positive in ‘good’ years.

For more information on this trial please refer to the 2020/21 Trials & Demonstration Results Booklet or call in to the office.



AgREC Update

Amy Bowden

With seeding finally at a wrap, all of Facey Group's trials are in the ground and a large proportion of the emergence data collection has been completed. I think we can all agree – what a fantastic start to the 2021 season. Our trials are up and away and thriving due to the abundance of early season rainfall. Our 2021 trials are covering the topics of canola emergence, lime incorporation, barley grass control, organic soil amelioration and a double break rotation using a high-value pulse. As the season progresses, I look forward to posting updates on the advancement of each trial in coming newsletters.



Photo: Two weeks difference in canola growth at the Optimising Crop Establishment trial site.

The past couple months have been very exciting at the Facey Group, with many future project applications completed, events organised and the addition of a new staff member, our Communications & Engagement Coordinator Eliza James. I am looking forward to implementing some of the exciting changes we have been working hard to deliver, over the next 6 months at Facey Group.

I would like to remind all Facey Group members that we sincerely value your input regarding research priorities, operational pain-points and Agribusiness development. If you have any suggestions for research projects, workshops or skill development programmes we can deliver please drop by the Facey Group office or give any of the Facey Group staff members a call.

AgREC Update Cont.

Trial update: Canola Establishment – is it improved through the application of wetters to the seed in marginal conditions?

The focus of this project is to investigate the use of wetting agents, applied directly to canola seed to understand the impact it has on crop establishment and end of season yield in water repellent soils. The project will test the efficiency and profitability of directly coating wetter to seed compared to the current grower practice of furrow and banded treatments. The two wetting agents we are trialling in the 2021 season are SE14 and Bi-Agra, on Hyola 559TT canola seed.

The small plot trial was sown on the 29th April 2021 at Geoff Poultney's property. Although soil testing and Molarity of Ethanol Droplet (MED) testing was used to determine a water-repellent site for the trial, a rainfall event of approximately 70mm occurred one week post-sowing. Although no significant difference has been determined in plant establishment between treatments, plant biomass, grain yield and grain quality are still to be measured. In addition to increasing moisture retention, these wetting agents minimise nutrient loss so despite the seasonal conditions it will be interesting to evaluate how the treatments perform.



A canola establishment trial update with completed early season statistical analyses will be included in our 2021 Spring Field day booklet.





SAVE THE DATE'S
GGA Precision Ag Workshop
co-hosted with CFG
Variable Rate Nitrogen & Spraying
Yealering - 28th July

Spring Field Day
8th September

Harvester Set-Up Workshop
with GRDC and Facey Group
Kondinin - 22nd September

Grow - Nurture - Flourish

Facey Group presents your annual

Women In Agriculture Day

Wednesday 21st July 2021

8:30am until 3pm

Wickepin Community Centre

ON THE AGENDA....

Prof Graeme Martin—UWA

Sue Bestow— National Soils Advocate

Chesney Maloney—Two Dogs Hardware

Rhiannon Mouritz—Remedy Physio & Pilates

Ellie Bigwood—AWI

Sabrina Hahn—Hort with Heart

Members \$65 & Non-Members \$85

Includes a delicious morning tea & 2 course lunch

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FACEY GROUP
Shaping the Future

A NOT TO BE MISSED EVENT....

SESSION 1: GREG SMITH- NEW WHS LAWS

Greg is an Industrial Relations Lawyer and Director of Wayland Legal who has spent more than two decades specialising in Employment Law and Workplace Health & Safety.

Greg will talk on the new **Work Health and Safety Act (2020)** and what it means for you and your business. Greg will help you to better understand your obligations and suggest practical steps to ensure your business is compliant.

SESSION 2: AWI-FACEY GROUP FUTURE WOOL DINNER

Australian Wool Innovation and Facey Group invite woolgrowers to an evening celebrating our natural fibre. Join us for a sundowner followed by dinner with AWI speakers to discuss:

- Global wool market update
- New markets for wool
- Research & development projects in WA and nationally
- Wool product developments
- Wool education programs



TIMES:

Session 1: 4pm Greg Smith
Session 2: 6pm Wool Dinner

COST: \$20 per business- pay online or cash on day

DATE: Tuesday, August 10th

VENUE: Wickpin Community Centre

[REGISTER HERE](#)

before Wed, August 4th.

WINNING WITH WEANERS

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WORKSHOP INVITATION

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

- Learn about the short, medium and long term impacts of poor weaner management on flock productivity.
- Develop a weaner management plan for your weaners, including setting a target weaning weight, target weights at key times, and feeding options.
- This practical workshop will help you identify key management strategies that will assist you in improving the performance of your Merino weaners, thereby optimising their performance in your flock for their lifetime.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP DETAILS

Workshop location and address:

**Wickepin Community Centre
24 Wogolin Rd
Wickepin, Western Australia 6730**

Date: **30th August 2021**

Presenter: **Andrew Ritchie**

Time: **9:00AM Start - 2:30PM**

Cost: \$75 per person. This includes morning tea, lunch and all workshop materials.

To find out more and register visit here <http://sheepsback.com.au/events/>



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Animal Health Update

Dr Michylla Seal,
Genstock Veterinarian/Director

Marking -- Pain Relief Options

Buccalgesic & Meloxicam/Metacam20

Are non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) that requires a veterinary prescription. Buccalgesic is administered orally with a specialised gun, it must be administered near the cheek (buccal) region in the mouth rather than drenching. Metacam and Meloxicam have the same active ingredient (NSAID) as Buccalgesic but is administered by a subcutaneous injection. Both Buccalgesic and Meloxicam20/Meloxicam are absorbed rapidly and deliver pain relief in 15 to 30 minutes. The efficacy lasts for up to 3 days.

Numnuts

Is a ring applicator that injects a local anaesthetic at the time of application. 1.5mls is administered to the tail and 1.5mls is administered to the scrotum. Local anaesthetics are prescription only medication that can be purchased from veterinarians. They are short acting (do not last long in the body) but are fast acting blocking the pain signals of nerves, thus alleviating acute pain for 60 to 90 minutes.

Tri-solfen

Is a combination of a short acting and long-acting local anaesthetic combined with adrenalin in a gel spray to extend its duration of action (plus an anti-

septic). It provides immediate and prolonged pain relief for up to 24 hrs. It only needs to cover the wound. It has a rapid onset of action but with much shorter duration of action than NSAIDs.

The Verdict. Studies showed that pain relief does improve pain behaviours and liveweight gains in the 14 days post mulesing. We know that there is no difference between treated and untreated in weaning weights due to the compensatory growth in lambs but there is more to the equation than weaning weights, such as mortality, immune competence, and longer-term growth. More studies are required to quantify this. Multi-modal pain relief (using more than one type of pain relief product) has the best outcomes for animal welfare.

Consumers know that lamb and wool are amazing products, we do not need to sell this to consumers. We need to give the modern consumer confidence that they are making a responsible decision when purchasing sheep products. The story we should be promoting to the consumers is that Australian sheep producers are the world leaders in the adoption of pain relief in sheep production enterprises.



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Please see tables below for a comprehensive list of how to choose what product is right for you and your set up.



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ANIMAL BREEDING SERVICES

Brand	Buccalgesic [®]	Metacam 20 [®] Meloxicam [®]	Tri-Solfen [®]	Numocaine [®]
Type of drug	Anti-inflammatory	Anti-inflammatory	Local Anaesthetic	Local Anaesthetic
Alleviates pain caused by	Castration, tail docking, mulesing	Castration, tail docking, mulesing	Castration with knife and tail docking with knife and hot knife, mulesing	Castration, tail docking with ring
Time of start of pain alleviation	From 15 minutes	From 15 minutes	<1 minute	<1 minute
Application method	Oral with custom applicator	Subcutaneous Injection	Fan spray applicator	Injection with Numnuts [®] device
Availability	S4 - Vet Prescription	S4 - Vet Prescription	S5 – Over the counter	S4 – Vet prescription
Meat WHP	10 days	11 days	90 days	0 days
Approx. Cost per 15kg lamb	\$0.45 to \$0.63	\$0.70 to \$1.01	\$0.79-\$1.05	\$0.60 per dose

OPTIONS FOR PAIN RELIEF	
RINGS ONLY	Numnuts [®] +/- NSAID (Buccalgesic [®] or Metacam20 [®])
HOT KNIFE (tail) and RINGS (castration)	Numnuts [®] +/- Tri-solfen [®] on tail +/- NSAID (Buccalgesic [®] or Metacam20 [®])
HOT KNIFE (tail) and KNIFE (castration)	Trisolfen [®] or NSAID (Buccalgesic [®] or Metacam20 [®]) or Both +/- Numnuts [®]
MULESING	Trisolfen [®] or NSAID (Buccalgesic [®] or Metacam20 [®]) or Both



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NEWS from Our Partners

Strong fundamentals to support grains and oilseed prices in 2021/22



Rabobank



*Rabobank grains and oilseeds analyst
Dennis Voznesenski.*

Grain and oilseeds prices tumbled in May with CBOT wheat, corn and soybeans declining on average by eight per cent (month-on-month) before staging an early-June rebound, according to Rabobank grains and oilseeds analyst Dennis Voznesenski.

Improved US weather sped up plantings in May, and buoyed corn-acreage expectations moved prices lower, he says. But diminished stocks and persistent inflation concerns remain.

Coupled with Brazil's burnt safrinha corn crop and it being "still some way to go before the northern hemisphere crop is secure", Mr Voznesenski says this means there could still be price upside above the already-supported price outlook.

"Global wheat prices had a volatile month in May, peaking at around US\$770/bu before retreating back to US\$660/bu," he says. "And now, in early June, prices are trading around US\$680/bu."

A tightness in the global corn balance sheet, which caused the corn price to double over the past 12 months, and weather issues in wheat-growing regions have been supportive of wheat prices trading higher this year, he says.

"Global corn stocks are at their lowest level since 2015/16 following the fourth consecutive year of consumption exceeding production," he says. "The deficit for this year is due to some marked changes in imports and export availability from some of the world's largest corn-market participants.

"China has increased its import of corn by 240 per cent in the 2020/21 season and there are diminishing stocks in the US, the world's largest corn-producing nation.

"On top of this, drought has severely affected the corn harvest in Brazil, the world's second-largest corn exporter.

"While there is reduced export availability from Europe and the Black Sea region."

With stocks so low, Mr Voznesenski says nervousness in April and May about the state of the 2021/22 US corn crop moved prices to seven-and-a-half-year highs.

“Wheat prices have come along for the ride, because corn, which accounts for 70 per cent of the grain used in feeding livestock globally, has become so expensive that alternative feed grains are being sought,” he says.

“And this is translating into increased demand and higher prices for wheat.”

Mr Voznesenski says global wheat prices are set to stay around 20 per cent above the five-year average over the coming year, with CBOT wheat expected to trade, on average, in the USc/640-USc650/bu range over the coming 12 months.

“Domestically, buoyant global prices will be critical for maintaining good local prices in the face of another favourable production outlook,” he says.

Rabobank forecasts total winter crop planting this season to hit 22.93 million hectares, up two per cent year on year and within one per cent of the 2016/17 record high.

“Assuming average rainfall conditions from now to harvest, we expect a wheat crop of almost 29 million tonnes, barley of 10 million tonnes and canola at 4.1 million tonnes,” he says.

Factoring in strong overseas demand, and an Australian dollar in the high USc70s, Mr Voznesenski says Rabobank forecasts port track prices for wheat to trade on average at \$300/tonne over the next 12 months, with marginal softening in Q1 2022.

“For track barley, we expect an average price of \$250/tonne, dipping in Q2 2022,” he says.

“While for canola markets, we see non-GM canola trading in the mid to high \$600s/tonne range and GM canola in the mid to high \$500s/tonne range this year.”

To find out more about other Rabobank research, contact **Rabobank Narrogin on 08 9890 0600** or subscribe to **RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness Australia & New Zealand on your podcast app.**

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Our Fuel Gauge Offer



- **One Summit Fuel Gauge set up on your property**
- **Open to all Facey Group Members**
- **Get in contact with Brett Coxon for Details.**

Each year, more and more WA growers are making use of Summit Fertilizers' in-season nutrient Fuel Gauges.

The Fuel Gauge concept is based on the fact that it's often hard to detect nutritional deficiencies in actively growing crops or pastures if you are not able to compare the growth directly with plants that have a non-limiting nutrient supply.

While placing nutrient rich strips in paddocks and assessing growth improvements is a useful observation, it certainly doesn't create a fertilizer recommendation. It is still just a useful observation.

Summit uses unique software developed for WA conditions that provides meaningful in-season nitrogen recommendations. It does all the hard work, crunching the numbers to reveal an appropriate nitrogen rate most likely to optimise the paddocks potential.

NDVI (normalized difference vegetation index) readings are taken on and off the nitrogen rich strip by Area Managers armed with GreenSeekers® and inputted in to the in-season nitrogen calculator, along with other information such as the paddock sowing date.

The Fuel Gauge software then predicts the response to nitrogen and calculates the rate required to achieve the optimum yield. Growers can be assured that Summit Fuel Gauge recommendations come from extensive local research.

Get in touch with your local Area Manager

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Area Manager, Narrogin
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Helping to grow a leadership pathway for our growers



Activity in our grower scholarships programs are heating up, with applications open for one program and a two-year report completed for another.

A large part of CBH's Community Investment Fund is directed towards building regional capacity and leadership skills in our communities. It's to build strength, resilience, knowledge and skills for future industry leaders to work towards a sustainable and profitable grain growing industry.

We offer a series of scholarships, courses and support awards which identify future leaders, including Growing Leaders Scholarships, Nuffield Scholarship, Grass Roots Leadership Short Course, Governance workshops and Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Scholarships.

Nuffield Scholarship

In May, our 2019 Nuffield Scholar Johanna Tomlinson published her report which focused on the issue of soil acidification. See the report [here](#).

It's one of the biggest soil health challenges in the South

Coast region of WA, where she and husband Wayne own and operate mixed farming operations. It's also a challenge for other large areas of WA and New South Wales, and about half of Australian agricultural land is at risk. Soil acidity can limit crop and pasture choice, production and profitability. Throughout Johanna's travels to the Americas, Asia and Europe, she found consensus on the most cost-effective way to manage it: apply lime.

"So, the question then became how can industry and government support farmers to adopt best practice management."

She says growers need more localised knowledge and proof to demonstrate the return on investment on buying and applying lime.

"Our local grower and natural resource management groups have a huge role to play, and I feel that they need more support to amplify their impact."

The Nuffield Scholarship is a unique program that provides Australian farmers with an opportunity to travel overseas and study farm to fork issues they believe will add value to the industry. CBH typically sponsors one WA Nuffield Scholar's journey every two years totalling \$52,000.



Growing Leaders Scholarship

Applications are open for the 2022 Growing Leaders Scholarship program, which will be the fifth consecutive year the scholarship has been offered to growers.

2021 recipient farmer Lucy Hall, from Arthur River, is a few months into her Growing Leaders Scholarship program, a program that places up to two growers into Leadership WA's 10-month Signature Leaders course. Lucy is the eighth recipient of the scholarship that is aimed at building a pathway to leadership within the agricultural industry and at CBH either through the Growers Advisory Council or our Board.

"I'm excited about connecting with new people from outside the agricultural industry and learning from people in different industries across WA," she said.

"I feel my participation in this course will help me discover more about my leadership style while new connections will help bring new ideas and thinking into the community and groups I work with."

The Growing Leaders Scholarship program places up to 2 people each year in Leadership WA's 10-month Signature Leaders Course, with each scholarship valued at \$15,500.

The scholarships are targeted at emerging regional leaders who are involved in or aligned with a grain growing enterprise in WA, who has demonstrated grower group and community involvement.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, a brochure is attached and there is more info on the GGA website [here](#). Applications close 31st July 2021.



Supporting Australian grain growers
and their communities

How To Prepare For Your End of Financial Year

EOFY can be a daunting time for farm businesses. However, having accurate and up to date information ready for your appointment with your accountant saves you time. This blog covers the top 7 tips for preparing your cashbook and budget and what reports to provide your accountant for a seamless tax return.

Follow the steps below to gather the correct information. It is important to provide the information listed below to your accountant so they can prepare and advise you appropriately.

1. Update Your Cashbook

Check that there are no outstanding debits or credits in your cashbook. All transactions listed need to be received or paid in this financial year for moved to the next to ensure GST is not over or underpaid.

2. Finalise Your Payments

If there are any large capital payments you would like to claim tax deductions on in this financial year, you will need to move the date to be within this financial year.

You may want to move an invoice such as CBH prepayment forward to have it this financial year. However, carrying a large purchase forward may affect your cash flow over the next 12-24 months. The amount you save on tax by moving the payment may not be worth the implications. We recommend you seek advice from your accountant before making a decision. For assistance on entering this into Agrimaster, follow this [help article](#).

3. Check COVID-19 Relief

As COVID-19 has fluctuated through the year, it's important you check how government initiatives such as JobKeeper have affected your farm business tax.



For more information, visit the [ATO's COVID-19 support for businesses web page](#). In addition, we recommend asking your accountant for advice on the tax and superannuation implications of COVID-19.

4. Update Your Super Contributions

To claim a tax deduction in your income tax return for superannuation paid, you are required to pay all employees by 30th June. For the tax deduction to be successful, payment must have arrived in each employee bank account before 30th June. For more information, visit [Superannuation Obligations 2020/2021](#).

5. Update Your Budget

Ensure your budget is up to date, including projections until the end of this year. This will assist in pulling the reports you need for your accountant. If you have budgeted for an expenditure that did not happen, this will need to be moved to the next financial year.

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6. Match Your Codes To Your Accountant's

Your accountant may not want the number of codes you have in your Agrimaster. For example, you may have five codes so that you can review different types of stock sales. However, your accountant may only want to check the total number of sheep sales. To resolve this, you can match up to their one code to your five codes so that when you run your [Cash Trial Balance Report](#), you can run the report in their code set. To do this, review the alternate code sections to make sure you haven't added any new codes to this financial year that may need an alternate code.

7. Prepare Reports For Your Accountant

Now that your data is up to date, it's time to pull some reports to provide a snapshot of where your farm business stands on 30th June.

A. Stacked Report

Pull a Stacked Report on all of the plant purchases you have made throughout the year. Compare this against what you have in your asset register and what your accountant has on record.

B. Budget To Actual Comparison Report

Once you reconcile the month of June, run a 12 month [Budget to Actual Comparison Report](#). This will provide you with an EOFY financial snapshot of how your business performed & analyse if your current cash flow is above or below where you expected it to be.

C. DR & CR Outstanding Report

As stated above, we recommend you clean up your outstanding's before giving your financial year figures to your accountant.

This will ensure your file has clean data for the new financial year. To learn more, visit [Create An Agrimaster DR & CR Outstanding Report](#).

D. The Wages Tax Deductions Report

You will need this report to complete payment summaries for employees, check that the figures in Agrimaster match your payroll software and check that all the wages transactions for this financial year are recorded correctly. To learn more, visit [Prepare The Wages Tax Deductions Report](#).

Gathering the information you need for EOFY can be time-consuming. However, it provides you with an overall view of your financial health and year-to-year growth to make reliable business decisions.

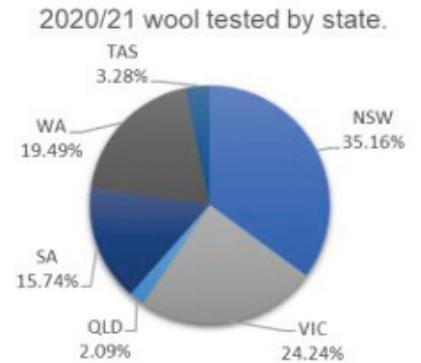
For more information, talk to your accountant and follow the [EOFY Guide](#). It's a step by step guide through the relevant content you need for your end of year obligations.



NEWS from Our Partners

AWI Wool Market Intelligence

Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) provides weekly and monthly information on wool production forecasts, retail and trade market reports, consumer insights and trend monitoring, along with fibre market research to woolgrowers and partners. The monthly market intelligence review for May 2021 is now available. [READ HERE](#)

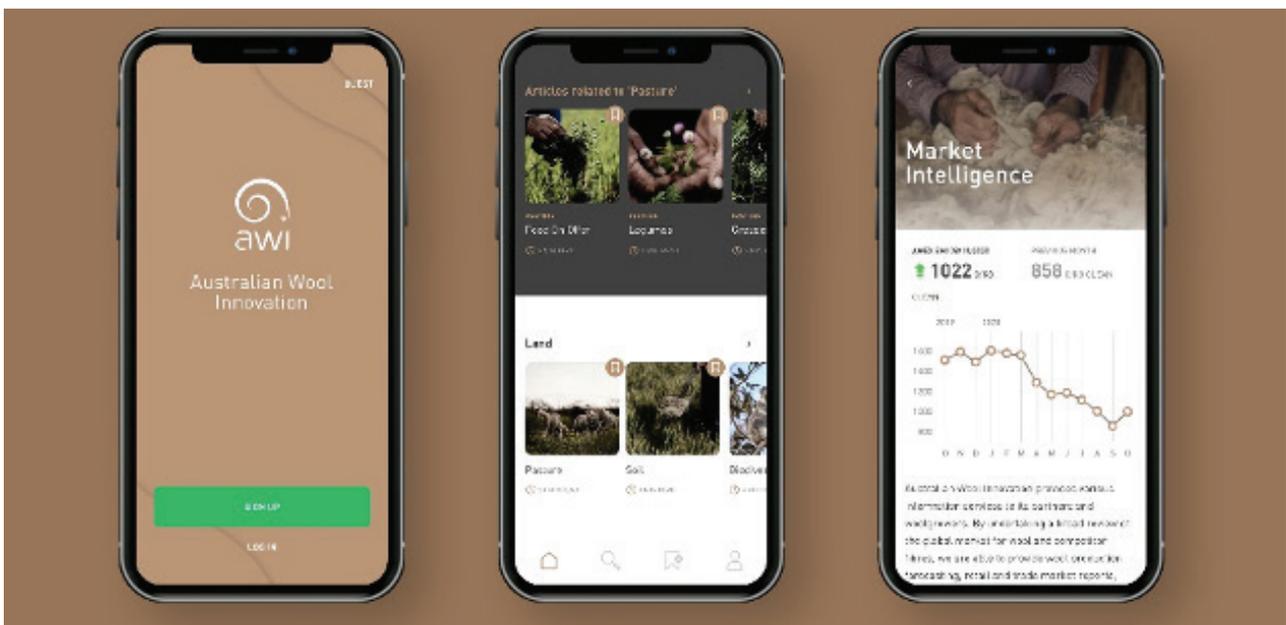


New Season Wool Products – Winter 2021

With winter approaching, Australian Wool Innovation has compiled for Beyond the Bale readers this special preview of a selection of quality wool and wool-rich products that will be available from Australian brands this season. Discount offers are available on selected products, exclusively for Australian woolgrowers. Happy shopping [here!](#)

AWI Grower App

A new way to get the latest wool industry updates. Australian Wool Innovation has launched a new mobile phone app for woolgrowers and anyone interested in the Australian wool industry. The AWI Grower App allows users to customise and prioritise the information they receive from AWI. Popular updates include regular market reports, production forecasts, industry news, podcasts plus research and are easily accessible at the forefront of the app. The app is compatible with all iOS and Android phones and can be downloaded [here](#).



Upcoming Opportunities

GRDC Events

· [AFREN foliar disease and fungicide resistance workshop \(Katanning\)](#)

27 July from 9:00am until 28 July (4:00pm)

· [AFREN foliar disease and fungicide resistance workshop \(Northam\)](#)

29 July from 9:00am until 30 July (4:00pm)

Nuffield Scholarship Applications are now open for up to 20 [Nuffield Australia Scholarships](#) that give Australian farmers a global perspective to learn, grow and remain competitive. Applications close 6th August 2021.

The Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation's annual Livestock Forum on Friday 30 July will feature new research for beef and sheep producers to apply on-farm and panel discussions with industry experts.

When: Friday 30 July 2021 9 am to 2 pm.

Where: Joyes Hall at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga and *online through an interactive conference platform*

Cost: Attend in person \$25 per head (includes morning tea and lunch) or join online \$10 per head.

Register [here](#).

Women & Leadership Australia Scholarships

Development scholarships of up to \$5,000 per person available for women in the Farming and Agriculture Sector. To help encourage more women to step into leadership roles across the Farming and Agriculture Sector, WLA is offering scholarships for three leadership development courses. Second semester funding must be allocated by the end of June. Expressions of Interest are being sourced until the end of June (unless allocated prior) [HERE](#).

MLA MeatUp Forum

Thursday 5th August | UWA

MLA MeatUp Forums deliver the latest in red meat Research, Development and Adoption. Designed by a local producer working group, the program should be hard hitting and ensure everyone takes home knowledge and tools to implement on farm. For more information on presentations and how to register check out the [flyer](#).

GIWA Barley Forum

Join in person or online for a whole of WA barley value chain discussion. The 2021 GIWA Barley Forum is on Monday 26th July at Crown Perth, from 1pm. GIWA welcomes member and non-member participation free of charge. More info and registrations [here](#).

Encouraging young Australians to choose a career in agribusiness.

The 2021 Agribusiness Australia Scholarship is now open for applications from eligible high school students across Australia. This \$3,000 scholarship is part of Agribusiness Australia's key priority of encouraging students into the sector to ensure that agribusiness continues to be a major contributor to the Australian economy. The scholarship winner will be announced by Prime Super at the Agribusiness Australia Annual General Meeting networking event on 30 August 2021 (details of the event to be advised closer to the date).

The application deadline is noon on Monday, 19 July 2021 and further details about the terms and conditions of the scholarship can be found in the application form.

[Click here to download the 2021 Scholarship Application Form](#)

The Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP)

is a dynamic experiential learning program focused on the development of leadership for individuals and collectives who are contributing to the future prosperity of rural and regional Australia. Leaders are engaged in a series of unique, immersive experiences to develop the adaptive skills to confidently overcome future challenges and act for the 'greater good' of rural and regional Australia. More [here](#).

The Farming & Grazing for Profit School – Albany 19-25 July 2021

Unlock the potential of your farm business. Everything in agriculture is interconnected – land, soil, production, business and people. Therefore, nothing in our school is treated in isolation. We cover each concept independently as well as integrating them to ensure the most appropriate decision making is achieved. [More info here](#).

Industry NEWS

National Soil Strategy Released

The Australian Government's National Soil Strategy was released with the 2021-22 Budget in May. It sets out a twelve-point plan to value, better manage, and improve Australian soil for the next 20 years. The government has committed to a \$214.9 million soil package of which \$196.9 million is funded through the budget. Click [here](#) to read the full document.

Have Your Say on the Future Drought Fund

If you're a primary producer, community representative or ag innovator, the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment want to hear from you! They need your help to identify research and adoption priorities for regional and national drought resilience under the \$5 billion Future Drought Fund. Take the survey [here](#).

ABARES' most recent agricultural commodities report suggests that overall meat consumption in Australia is down but there is debate as to what is driving this. [Article from Beef Central](#).

Rural Bank Farmland Values Report

Understanding the value of farmland is important to everyone in agribusiness, especially farmers. The Australian Farmland Values report tells the story of national and regional farmland performance.

Despite the impact of COVID-19, Australian farmland values showed resilience. The median price per hectare of Australian farmland increased by 12.9

per cent in 2020. This marks the seventh consecutive year of growth, bringing the 20-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR) to 7.6 per cent. Keeping in line with the long-term trend, we expect farmland values will continue to rise in the short to medium term.

The 2021 report takes a closer look at more than 263,000 transactions over 26 years. These transactions account for 315.9 million hectares of land with a combined value of \$167.3 billion. Understanding the significance of local data, we've also looked at trends across 27 regions nation-wide. And in a new addition to this year's report, we've compared farmland values with commodity prices. View the report [here](#).

National sheep flock rebuilding quickly

MLA's 2021 sheep industry projections show the flock is rebuilding, which will help Australia continue to hold its position as a global export leader. Read more [here](#).

2021 Season: Cyclone Seroja has potential to be a season-opening game changer. Widespread summer rain across the grain growing regions of Western Australia has resulted in most regions starting off the growing season with subsoil moisture reserves. All regions have received average or above average January to March rainfall based on records dating back 120 years. Download the rest of the [GIWA Report](#).



Industry NEWS Cont.

Canola shines bright as West Australian crop could reap top dollar

Landline, ABC – 30 May 2021

Record plantings, early rain and a global shortage of oilseed crops could set up West Australian farmers for a \$2 billion canola harvest. Farmers across Australia are expected to sow almost 2.9 million hectares of canola, with more than half of that to be planted in Western Australia...A combination of increased demand from China for global oilseeds such as soybean and canola, and drier than usual conditions in key global production areas like Canada and Europe have contributed to the high prices. Read more [here](#).

WA Landcare Network Member, Carbon Positive

Australia launched their new Household Carbon Footprint Calculator this month. Everything you do in life has an impact. From how you commute to work, to what you buy at the grocery store. Your lifestyle choices contribute to your carbon footprint. Did you know that Australian's have one of the highest personal carbon footprints in the world? The good news is, together we can change that. Carbon Positive Australia is proud to announce the launch of their new Household Carbon Calculator. With support from [Lotterywest](#) and [Anthologie](#), a Western Australian creative agency, they have created a FREE step-by-step online calculator that will help you understand your personal carbon footprint and provides facts, tips, and practical steps to reduce and offset your emissions.

Based on Australian emissions factors, Carbon Positive Australia's user-friendly version of Australia's first and original carbon calculator provides a transparent and accurate calculation that you can track over time.

It will empower you to make positive changes to reduce your carbon footprint and combat climate change. Read more [here](#). And access the calculator [here](#).



A-UK free trade agreement

The free trade agreement will see Australian beef and sheepmeat gain access to the UK over a 10-year transition period. Read more from the MLA [here](#).

Asia's growing middle class key to rural Australian economies

'Brand Australia' is still incredibly desirable to the Asian consumer and with the Asian middle class set to rise to 3.5 billion people by 2030, there is ample opportunity for agribusiness in Australia. [Read More](#).

Prices, season, demand makes now as good as it gets for ag. The view that conditions are now as good as it gets has come through loud and clear in Rabobank's latest Rural Confidence Survey. [Read more](#).

Market in a froth over world-first oat milk.

THE world's first regenerative and carbon neutral oat milk, produced by Western Australian-based Wide Open Agriculture (WOA), has become highly sought-after by cafes, consumers and retail partners. [Read more](#).

Golden canola price loses some lustre as prices fall. Australian farmers are expected to sow their largest canola crop this year, planting just under three million hectares nationally. [More here](#).



Podcasts of the Month



The Signal

Episode - Do Australian farmers rely on exploitation?

Today on The Signal, why is the Australian agricultural sector so reliant on foreign workers? And will the Government's proposed changes make things better or worse?

RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness



RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness Australia/NZ

Episode - Australian Urea: Am I getting ripped off?

Local urea prices have been increasing quickly in recent weeks – in some cases rising AUD 50/tonne in one week! Are these price rises justified? Cheryl Kalisch-Gordon and Wes Lefroy discuss.



The Profitable Farmer

Episode 75 - The latest and greatest in all things Ag Tech!

This episode explores where Ag Tech, open air robotics, and on-farm automation has arrived to over the last 10 years; the current advancements most impacting our industry; what we can expect in technological advancement on-farm over the next 10 years; what is required to make it a commercial reality; and (perhaps) how we each need to change our mindset and perspective in order to embrace the incredible change that awaits us.



SHEEP EASY 2021

The Sheep's Back highlight event of the year

Williams Town Hall
9 Brooking St, Williams WA

Thursday, 12 August
Registration from 8 am
Presentations 8.30 am to 4 pm

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\$50 including GST

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Hear the latest research from industry professionals



Meet trade exhibitors with their displays



See demonstrations of the latest innovations in 'Sheep Easy' technology and equipment



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tim Leeming, Paradoo Prime
'PRECISION LAMBING FOR THE MODERN FARMER'



Hear from Victorian sheep producer Tim Leeming about building precision into reproduction by shrinking pregnant ewe mob sizes and paddock sizes, and using natural shelter to maximise lamb survival.

Tickets will go on sale on the 14th of June. To book, head to sheepsback.com.au/events/





CBH GROUP HARVEST CASUAL WORK 2021

Applications are now open - apply today!

We are looking for hard working, safety-conscious people to work at our receival points across the WA grain growing region during harvest this year.

We are inviting applications for the following casual positions:

- Receival Point Operators, including grain sampling, and
- Plant Operators at selected port terminals

Depending on weather conditions, the season will commence around October and generally lasts up to six weeks.

No experience? No worries! Full training is provided - no need for qualifications or experience, just a great attitude.

To find out more about the CBH Group, what harvest is like and where to apply, simply scan the QR code below or visit:

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Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program



Priority Co-benefits

The State Government's \$15 million **Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program (CF-LRP)** is a key element of the WA Climate Policy. The objective of the CF-LRP is to unlock the potential of land-sector carbon farming in the South West agricultural zone and enable rural businesses to establish carbon farming projects that deliver verified priority environmental, community and economic outcomes, referred to as 'co-benefits'.

Investments made by the CF-LRP will be directed towards the following priorities:

1 Biodiversity and conservation co-benefits

- Biodiverse revegetation
- Address fragmentation
- Grow landscape corridors



2 Agricultural productivity co-benefits

- Build resilience of agricultural enterprises
- Increase productivity



3 Salinity mitigation co-benefits

- Protect priority water assets
- Prevent further land degradation



4 Soil health co-benefits

- Reduce the risk of wind and water erosion
- Improve soil health



5 Aboriginal economic and cultural co-benefits

- Provide business investment
- Promote Aboriginal cultural values



A detailed Investment Priority Guide and Co-benefit Standard will be released with the Program Guidelines in the first quarter of 2021.

Additional detail about the CF-LRP, what funding is available, how to apply, and online mapping and other resources will be released in the lead-up to the first round of applications in 2021.

More information

Visit the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's [Western Australian Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program](#) webpage for more information and to register your interest.

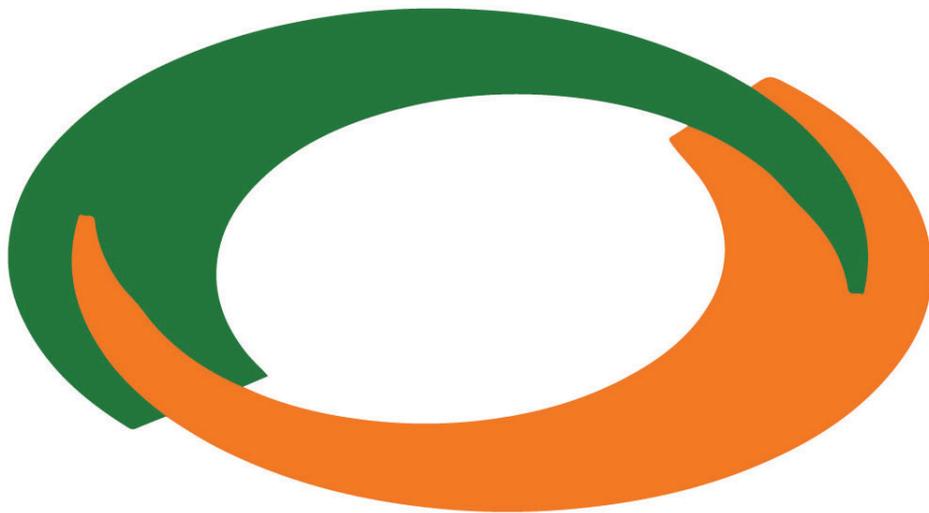
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