

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB PHONE SEMINAR – TO CUT OR NOT TO CUT?

The next BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB (BWBL) phone seminar will be held at 1pm on Friday, October 2 on a phone near you.

Should a crop or pasture be cut for hay or silage? This is a question many croppers are asking when the dry spring and winter persists. How do you tell when the likely crop yields and returns will be less than returns from cutting the crop (and relative merits of hay versus silage)?

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Farming Systems Agronomist Dale Grey will discuss how best to make these decisions and get the best from your crop.

For those in wetter parts of the state who may be in a position to consider cutting pastures for hay or silage - how do you decide whether or not to cut at all (eg having surplus spring feed versus restricting stock to feed back later on) and any other issues related to relative merits of hay versus silage.

DPI Industry Development Officer David Shambrook will also discuss how best to cost out the alternatives.

To register for this phone seminar please call (03) 5355 0531 – notes for the seminar will then be sent so that participants can follow along with the presentation.

BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB CHAIRMAN RETIRES

BWBL Chairman Jamie Ramage has retired. Mr Ramage has served on the BWBL Advisory Committee for seven years and for the last four as the Chairman. His contribution has been outstanding over this time, he has guided the program through some difficult times with commitment and dedication.

The BWBL Advisory Committee praised his determination to achieve a better working program.

Mr Ramage has handed over the Chairmanship to Jason Trompf, who has been on the committee as the BWBL Coordinator representative.