

## **BESTWOOL/BESTLAMB Newsflash – 2/7/2010**

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### **[BWBL Forum Page on Website](#)**

BWBL members and associates can register to add comments to the forum page. Click on the top right REGISTER button the BWBL website complete the registration form and submit. An email confirming your registration will be sent to you. Once you have received this email and noted down the details you can then use these details to LOGIN to the BWBL website and add comments to forums that may be posted. I have added a forum asking for comments about the recent Feweture Farming Conference in Bendigo. Tell us your thoughts on the forum site.

### **[LAMBEX Event](#)**

The inaugural LAMBEX event - a two-day conference and tradeshow designed to promote the business case for sustainable lamb production - will take place at Burswood Resort in Perth, from August 4-6. An impressive line up of speakers and a challenging conference program, as well as a gala Grands-lamb industry dinner on the Thursday evening is on offer at \$330 for farmers for the entire package. The organising committee has been responsible for achieving widespread cross industry collaboration of researchers, processors, live exporters, farmers and state and federal government to bring the event together. Registration forms and the full conference program are available at [www.lambex.com.au](http://www.lambex.com.au) or by contacting event organisers Esther Price Promotions on 08 9525 9222.

### **[Grassland Society 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference](#)**

**WHEN:** 10 - 12 August

**WHERE:** Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre

Adapting the global challenges to local choices is the big challenge facing agriculture today. Taking a look at the big picture is very important, but how do we take this information and make any necessary changes on farm?

This year, the Grasslands Committee has set a program with various speakers addressing these topics and more. Looking at the big picture as well as some practical solutions

Register online and download the conference agenda visit [www.grasslands.org.au](http://www.grasslands.org.au)

### It's Ewe Time!

Wean 10% more lambs per hectare - Achieve 10% more carcase weight - Make sheep easier to manage

**WHEN:** Tuesday 24 August

**WHERE:** Showground Function Centre, Hamilton

**COST:** \$20 per person

**Reserve your seat today call 1800 675 717.** For more information visit [www.makingmorefromsheep.com.au](http://www.makingmorefromsheep.com.au)

### Transporting Stock

During winter livestock are often trucked long distances to agistment and if not carried out correctly, the journey can take its toll on the animals' health and wellbeing.

- Plan the journey and follow best practice guidelines at all times
- Do not transport livestock that are unwell and have injuries
- Abide by the recommended feed and water curfews when transporting livestock
- Ensure stock settle into their new surrounds to prevent losses

**Owners and truck drivers can obtain a pictorial 'ute guide' *Is it fit to load?* DPI and direct from MLA phone 02 9463 9333**

### War on Locusts

The Victorian Government will invest \$43.5 million to put in place a wide-ranging strategy to tackle what could potentially be the biggest locust plague in the last 75 years. **Read the press release at the following website address [www.premier.vic.gov.au](http://www.premier.vic.gov.au)**

### National Scanning Contractors Conference

**WHEN:** 28/29 July

**WHERE:** Bendigo Motor Inn, 232 High St, Kangaroo Flat

The Sheep CRC is funding a conference for scanning contractors to be held in Bendigo at the end of July. The conference will commence at mid-day on 28th and conclude at mid-day on the 29th of July.

The aim of the conference is to assist with contractor networking, technical updates on sheep industry issues and an opportunity for you to discuss scanning industry issues with your peers.

The Program is still being finalised but will include:

- an update from the Sheep CRC on current research into sheep reproduction;
- a discussion on the pros and cons of scanning;
- demonstrations of RFID (electronic tags) and integrating it with your scanning and handling gear; and
- current scanning contractor issues.

Funding will cover accommodation and meals at the conference, so all you have to do is travel there and be prepared to participate. Bendigo was chosen as it is the most central to scanners in Victoria, South Australia and central/southern New South Wales. If scanners from further a field can attend then that part of Victoria has plenty of sights to see. By car the venue is an hour and a half from Melbourne airport. We have budgeted on 40 scanners attending the conference so if you would like to attend please download the registration form below and send to Chris Shands via email to [chris.shands@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:chris.shands@industry.nsw.gov.au) or via fax to 02 6730 1999. Download the National Sheep Scanners Conference Registration and February Newsletter <http://www.sheepcrc.org.au/files/pages/news-and-events/field-days-workshops-and-webinars/scanning-contractors-conference/No-4-Scannes-news-0210.pdf>

### Farm First Aid

Agriculture is a dangerous industry with a high accident and injury rate so it is important to not only work safe but to be prepared in the case of an emergency.

- Responding quickly to farm accidents can mean the difference between life and death in some cases
- Locate a first aid kit in farm workshops, shearing sheds and all vehicles
- Regularly check kit contents and replace missing and out of date items
- First training can provide a skill for life and a greater level of confidence to help in a medical emergency
- Keep emergency numbers for the hospital, doctor, ambulance, fire brigade police and poisons information centre next to the telephone

Phrase of Wisdom - "Opportunities always look bigger going than coming".

Have a good weekend, Annette  
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