

Newsletter

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A HEALTHY LAMB STARTS WITH A HEALTHY EWE



Lamb survival is a key profit driver in any sheep enterprise and the first step towards a healthy lamb is a healthy ewe. A trace mineral injection, one month before lambing is one way to improve ewe health pre-lambing. Trace minerals, such as zinc, manganese and selenium are essential for a normal functioning immune system that can help prevent problems for the ewe after lambing (e.g. Retained afterbirth, mastitis and lameness).

Providing ewes with trace minerals before lambing can also help replace the minerals that the ewe is passing on to the unborn lamb. Also, trace minerals can help bone and muscle development in the unborn lamb and help strengthen the lamb's immune system, producing a strong healthy lamb at birth.

Multimin contains selenium, zinc and manganese in a convenient, water based injection. As an injection, Multimin avoids the absorption and antagonism of oral trace mineral supplements, increasing the trace mineral status of the ewe quickly, when she needs it the most.

To find out more about how Multimin can work for you at critical production times such as joining, lambing or weaning, ask an AgriWest Animal Production Specialist today.



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ERYSIPELAS ARTHRITIS – WHAT IS IT COSTING YOU?

Erysipelas arthritis is a bacterium that causes damage to the joints of sheep, posing significant welfare and financial impacts on meat and wool producers in Australia. This disease survives in the soil and is common throughout Australia – sheep yards and camps are typical areas of infection.

This disease typically affects newborn lambs, or after marking/mulesing. Lambs will appear depressed, reluctant to stand or walk, or have a hopping gait. Infected joints are hot and swollen.

Response to treatment of the disease is minimal, often resulting in the animal needing to be destroyed. Productivity can be greatly diminished and losses from death can be high in an outbreak.

Prevention of the disease requires a combination of a vaccination program for ewes and lambs, and attention to hygiene during marking/mulesing. Lamb marking/mulesing should be carried out in temporary yards, and instruments disinfected between animals.

Eryvac vaccine can be administered to control Erysipelas arthritis. Pre-lambing vaccination of the ewes will provide passive transfer of immunity to newborn lambs for up to 8 weeks. Ewes previously unvaccinated will require a first dose 8 weeks prior to lambing, and a second booster dose four weeks prior to lambing. Ewes that have

been vaccinated before only require one vaccination at four weeks prior to lambing.

Lambs then require a first dose at marking (4-6 weeks of age) and a second booster dose at weaning (4 weeks later). Each dose of Eryvac costs approximately \$0.65/head – a cheap form of insurance to ensure the health and productivity of your lambs.

Financial gains from increased productivity due to prevention with Eryvac are significant – consider \$1.30/head (for two doses) against the below financial gains:

ON THE AVERAGE-SIZED FARM, AN ANNUAL FARM PROFIT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO INCREASE:

PRIME LAMB PRODUCERS	FINE WOOL PRODUCERS
\$10,974	\$15,810

SOURCE: Erysipelas arthritis in Sheep, Zoetis Australia Pty Ltd 2015

If you would like more information on the use and benefits of Eryvac, please come in and see our Animal Production Specialists today.



BROMAR LOOSE LICK FEEDERS

We have extended our range of Bromar Engineering products with the Loose Lick Feeder now in stock. These feeders are fully galvanised, hinged for easy filling, take all types of dry lick, have twin full length legs for easy moving and have a capacity of 150L (100-140kg of loose lick). For only \$517 incl. GST, these are a quality addition to your supplementary feeding system, keeping your loose licks dry and fresh for maximum performance. Drop in and see us today for more information.





LIFELINE CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

As part of the Ruralco group, we are involved in a three year corporate partnership with crisis support and suicide prevention organisation, Lifeline Australia.

Lifeline partners with organisations who share a vision for an Australia free of suicide, and supports the delivery of mental health and crisis support based services to the community. We are acutely aware of our role and responsibility within our remote and regional communities and the increased vulnerability of people in these areas who may be isolated from support services.

It is our hope that this partnership will contribute to raising awareness of help-seeking behaviours, by engaging our rural and remote communities, and AgriWest employees through a range of Lifeline activities and mental health awareness programs. We want to help the communities we serve to be more resilient and suicide safe.

Lifeline's online Crisis Support Chat service sees approximately 50% of users coming from rural and remote locations.

Small change can make a big difference:

- \$27 – enables Lifeline's crisis counselors to answer a call for help
- In 2015 Lifeline answered over 1 million calls for help
- In 2016, approximately 2,800 calls will be answered due to the partnership commitment with Lifeline

Did you know?

- 65,300 Australians attempt suicide every year
- The rate of suicide in remote, rural areas for males, youths, farmers and indigenous people is double that of urban populations*
- More than 7 suicides are attempted every hour
- 7 people die by suicide every day

*Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention AISRAP report, *Suicide in Rural and Remote Areas of Australia*, 2012, p. 1.

Proudly supporting  Lifeline

SOLAR PUMP SUCCESS

Mitch Leckie, from our Parkes branch, recently installed a 1200 watt solar system at White Cliffs, NSW.

These panels will be used to power a pump system to ensure reliable water supply across the large-scale sheep property.

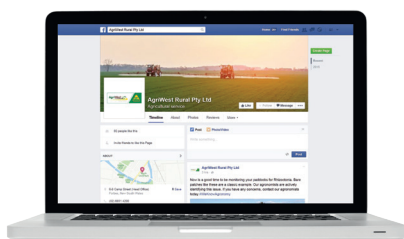
Come in and see one of our water specialists today to discuss what we can offer for your solar needs.



FACEBOOK: MONTHLY RECAP



Looking for more insights? Our Facebook page is a great way to stay informed. Regular product information and specials, seasonal insights, community events and branch updates – it's all there at your fingertips!



Last month we continued our staff profiles, discussed petcare and the health of your animals, looked at hidden potential in every piece of dry feed to maximise your returns, provided a review on Agfarm Advantage March 4 – a great new grain marketing option and looked at a recent solar pump which we have just installed.

Don't miss out on our content for next month – Like our page now!



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WIRE CLEARANCE

We currently have a great range of Waratah pre-fab wire stock available at clearance prices.

**27 X Waratah Hinged Joint
6/90/30 Sg 200Mt**

**ONLY
\$249 ea**

**SAVE
\$75**

22 X Stocktite 6/90/30 200m

**ONLY
\$259 ea**

**SAVE
\$65**

6 X Stocklock 7/90/30 200m

**ONLY
\$349 ea**

**SAVE
\$81**

9 X Stocktite 8/90/30 200m

**ONLY
\$329 ea**

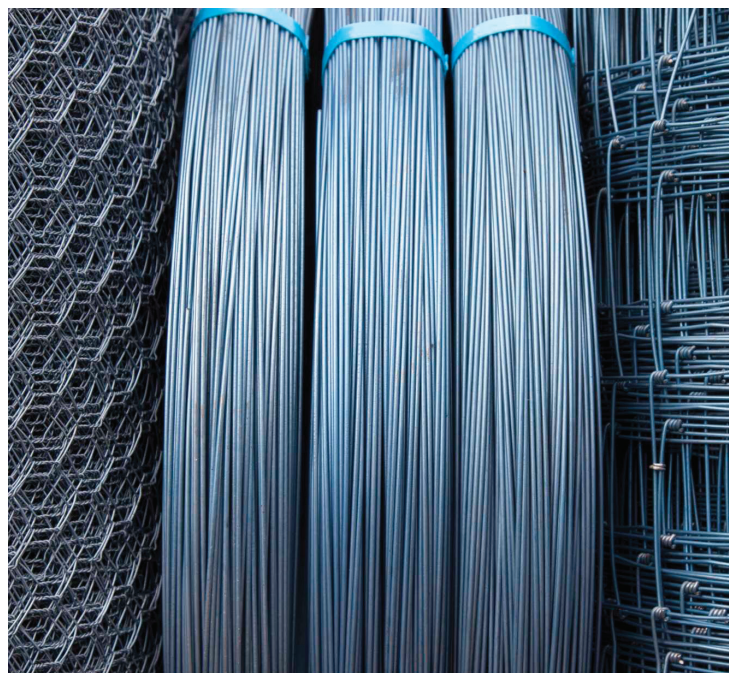
**SAVE
\$75**

6 X Stocktite 6/70/30 200m

**ONLY
\$240 ea**

**SAVE
\$50**

Prices include GST only while stock lasts.



Contact an AgriWest specialist today for more information.

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