



For the latest in red meat R&D

# Recovering from drought and lifting ewe numbers via confinement feeding

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# Things I'll cover today

- What we did
- What we learnt
- How we recovered
- What we'd do differently









## What we did

- 1. Decided to feed
- 2. Why?









#### What we did

- Decision to feed stock
  - Preservation of ground cover
  - An investment in genetics
  - A belief that the drought wouldn't last



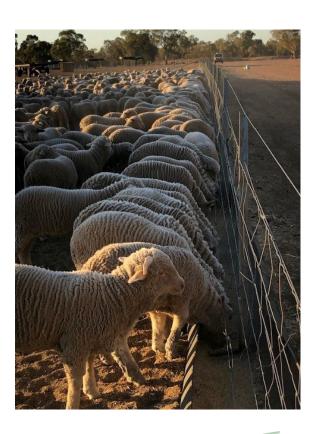




### How we did it

- Measured and controlled nutrition
  - What animal?
  - What do they need?
  - How do we give it to them?











# Measure, weigh, control!









## What we learnt

- Insights
- Timing
- Precision
- HR cost







# Recovery

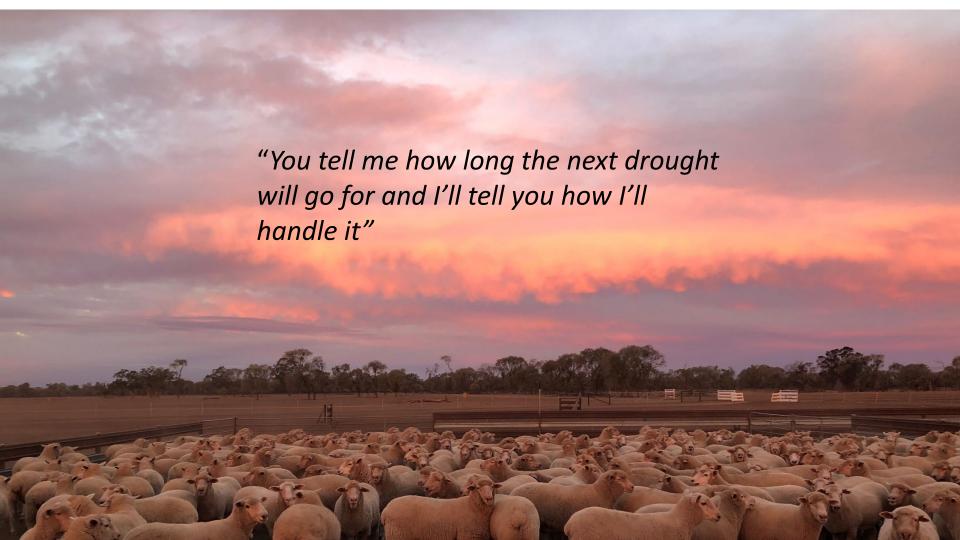
- Breeding
- Trading











### The future

- What we would do differently?
- Feeding AND selling are both legitimate options
- Data-driven decision making
- Investment now for the future in Infrastructure.





## Take home messages

- Make a plan for managing dry times even if you don't stick to it! Don't be afraid to adapt and change the plan as you work through it.
- Use real and timely data to help inform your decision making
- Don't fall into the trap of trying to save money when it cost you money to implement.
- Have your finger on the pulse keep an eye on the influences to your business
- Ask for advice when you need it. Consultants, veterinarians and animal nutritionists are all valuable resources.







### **Tools and resources**

- Lifetime Ewe Management
- Lifting Lamb Survival

Links to all programs above can be found in Forum proceedings







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