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For the latest in red meat R&D

The Domino Effect: How a change can lead to endless possibilities

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Introduction

Ben Zadow

- Kojonup
- Farms x Hectares
- X Sheep
- 70/30 sheep crop operation

Sam Lehman

- Cranbrook
- Farms x hectares
- X sheep
- 60/40 sheep crop operation

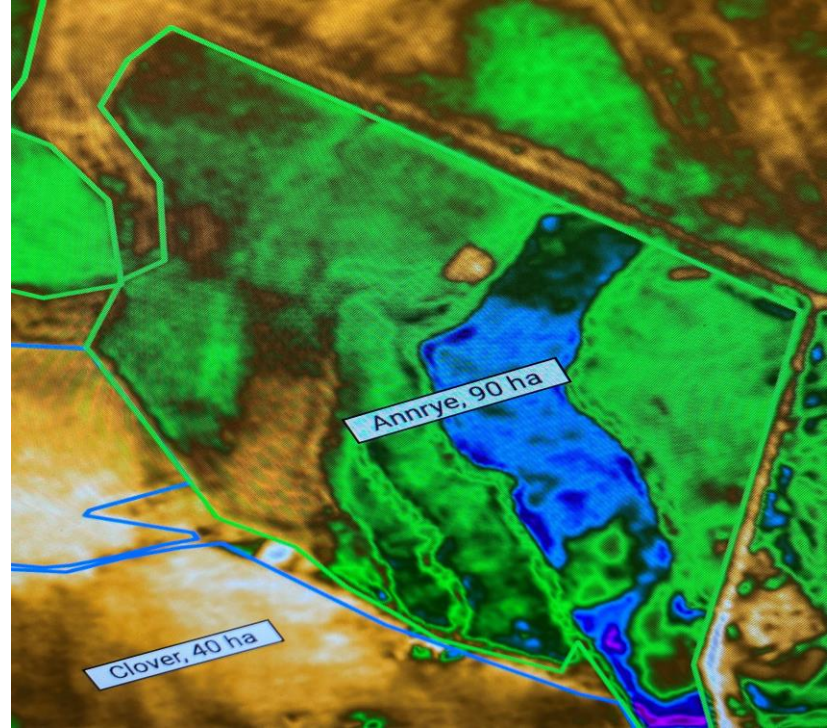
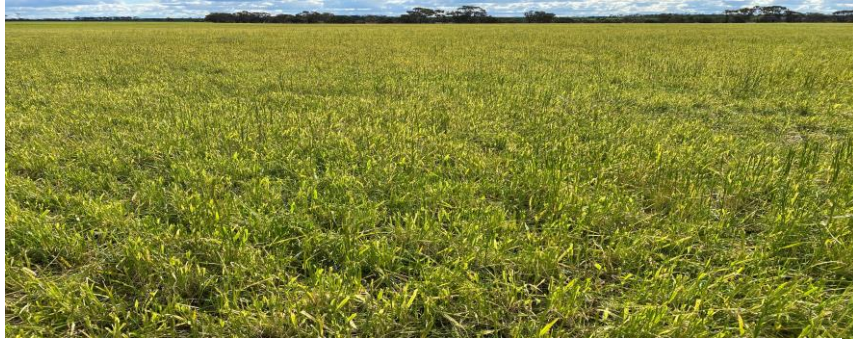
Xavier White

- Wagin
- Hectares
- X sheep
- 30/70 sheep crop operation

A question of change

- Describe your sheep system 4 years ago
- Stocking rates
- Pastures
- Time of lambing
- Grazing system
- How does it look today?
 - describe the steps it took to get there and how they unfolded

Xavier White





Ben Zadow

<https://youtu.be/mtd1zUVaDNg>

Sam Lehmann



Sam is also into aquaculture



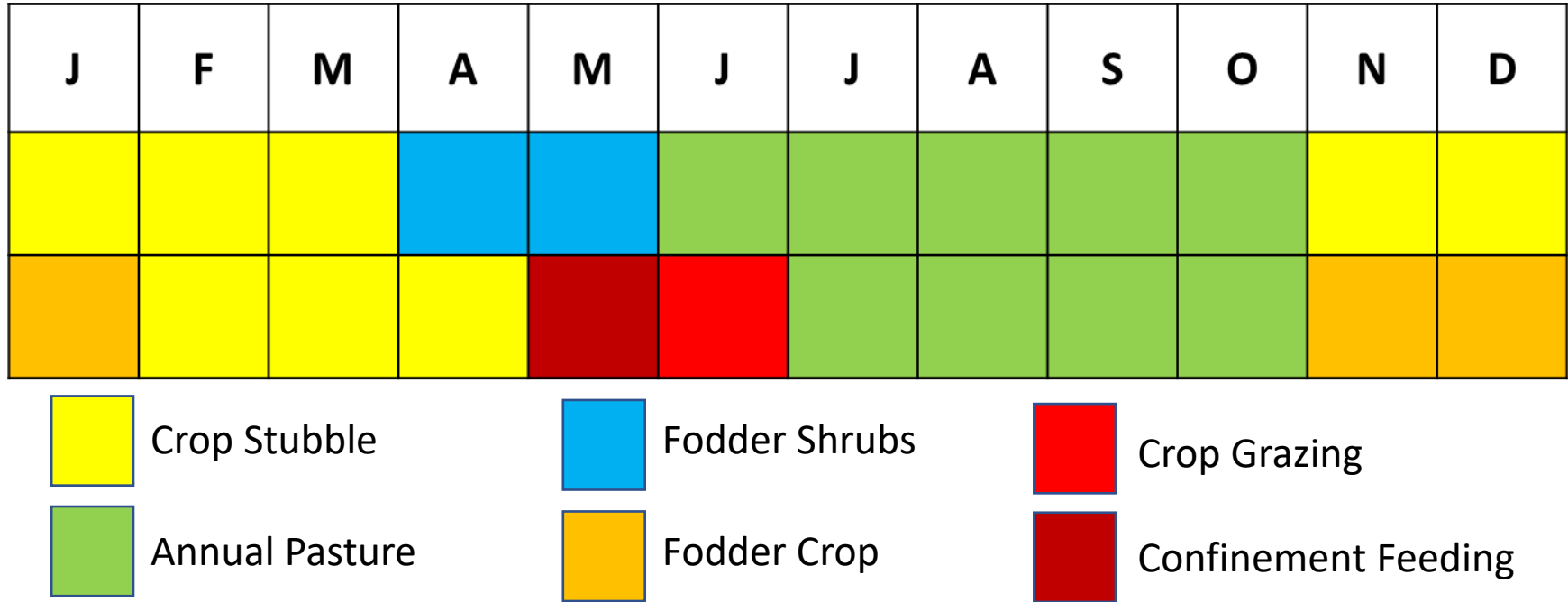
Timing and duration of lambing

Year	GSR (mm)	Start of Lambing	Length of Joining (weeks)	Ewes per ha	Conception %	Marking %
2015	265	June 15	8	6	85	93
2017	299	June 15	6	7	91	98
2019	227	July 1	5	6.5	87	99
2020	232	July 10	4	7.8	88	103

Show me the money X 2

Year	Lambs per Ewe HA	Per 100 mm
2015	5.6	2.1
2017	6.9	2.3
2019	6.4	2.8
2020	8.0	3.5
2015-2020 Variation		
Lambs Ewe HA	2.5	1.4
% Increase	44%	64%

A more robust year round feed plan



Key take home messages

1. “Keep an open mind! - the closed mind is not driven because the closed mind is certain, and certain minds aren’t curious and they’re what’s next and they’re not seeking what could be...”

Relevant tools and resources

- AWI Feed on Offer (FOO) library – <https://www.feedonofferlibrary.com/search/>
- MLA stocking rate calculator – <https://etools.mla.com.au/src/>
- MLA feed budget tools – <https://etools.mla.com.au/fbrp/#/>