

Optimising Ewe Lamb Joining Outcomes

Producer Demonstration Site - Field Day 2024

 **Monday 9th September 2024** |  **9:00am-1:00pm**

 **220 Spackmans Lane, Tallimba, NSW, 2669**

Producer Demonstration Site (PDS)

MLA's PDS program supports producers to adapt, validate and demonstrate the business value of integrating new management practices and skills into their local farming systems.

The '**Optimising Ewe Lamb Joining Outcomes**' PDS aims to guide producers through the design of a property-specific plan using existing tools and management strategies to assist producers to identify when it is most suitable to join ewe lambs, and the management practices required.

The project began in February 2023 and will run until December 2026.

Animals on Display:

- 2023 drop ewe lambs joined in 2024
- 2024 drop progeny from the 2023 drop ewe lambs

What to expect on the day

The Field day will incorporate discussions from the host site producers as well as other guest speakers on a range of topics, including:

- Project outcomes to date
- Setting growth rate targets to successfully join ewe lambs in relation to your standard reference weight.
- Does condition score matter when joining ewe lambs? What are the requirements to get ewes prepared for the next joining?
- The art of wet and dry udder assessments.
- Key ram selection traits and tracking your ram team in preparation to target this ram sale season.
- Using eID to capture the data you need to make more informed decisions.



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Event schedule

9:00-9:15 am	Arrive and register
9:15-9:30 am	Welcome, introductions and PDS overview <i>Sally Martin - SheepMetriX</i>
9:30-10:00 am	Session 1 – Project update and key learnings so far; Setting target growth rates <i>Lucinda Eddy - SheepMetriX</i>
10:00-10:30 am	Session 2 – The importance of Wet & Dry Udder assessments – keeping ewes accountable. <i>Megan Rogers – AWI Extension NSW</i>
10:30-11:00 am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:00-11:30 pm	Session 3 – Ram selection traits and tracking your ram team in preparation for this ram selling season <i>Sally Martin - SheepMetriX</i>
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Session 4 – Core Host Discussions and Ewe Lambs Inspection <i>Darryl Kitto – Host</i>
Demonstrations 12:00 – 1:00 pm	Using eID to capture and record important traits such as:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body condition scoring• Wet & dry assessments• Birth type & Rear type (see below)• Dam Age <i>Megan Rogers – AWI Extension NSW & the SheepMetriX Team</i> SmartShepherd Collars – dam pedigree to capture rear type and ewe efficiency <i>Anthony Shepherd, SheepMatters</i>
1:00 pm	<i>BBQ lunch provided during demonstrations</i> <i>Wrap up and evaluation</i>

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