

Optimising Ewe Lamb Joining Outcomes

Producer Demonstration Site – Final Field Day 2026

📅 **Monday 7th September 2026** | 🕒 **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 concludes this November 2026.

Animals on Display:

- 2025 drop ewe lambs joined in 2025
- 2026 drop progeny from the 2025 drop ewe lambs

What to expect on the day

This is the Final Field day for our PDS Project. We will incorporate discussions from the host site producers as well as other guest speakers on a range of topics, including:

- The importance of meeting target weights and the flow on effects over the ewes lifetime + lamb survival.
- How we have incorporated eID into the management and tracking ewe performance over her lifetime.
- How we have used the Optiweigh unit to manage ewe lamb growth and identifying issues well before the visual cues.
- The importance and art of wet and dry udder assessments.
- Overlaying ram reproduction ASBVs – what was the impact?
- Overall project outcomes



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For more information:

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Event schedule

9:00 - 9:15 am	Arrive and register
9:15 - 9:25 am	Welcome, introductions and PDS overview <i>Sally Martin - SheepMetriX</i>
9:25 - 9:45 am	Session 1 – The importance of meeting target weights & how we incorporated eID into management and tracking performance over the life of the project <i>Sally Martin, SheepMetriX</i>
9:45 - 10:00 am	Session 2 – How we incorporated the Optiweigh unit and the ROI realised <i>Gordon Refshauge, SheepMetriX</i>
10:00 - 10:20 pm	Session 3 – Overlaying ram selection ASBVs and ewe reproductive performance <i>Sally Martin, SheepMetriX</i>
10:20 - 10:50 am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10:50 - 11:20 pm	Session 4 – Overall project outcomes – key take home messages <i>Gordon Refshauge, SheepMetriX</i>
11:20 - 11:50 am	Session 4 – Core Host Discussions and Ewe Lambs Inspection <i>Darryl Kitto – Host Farmer</i>
11:50 - 12:20 pm	Session 5 – The importance of Wet & Drying + Demonstration <i>Gordon Refshauge, SheepMetriX</i>
12:20 - 1:00 pm	<i>BBQ lunch provided during demonstrations</i> <i>Wrap up and evaluation</i>



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