

Sheep producers' resource guide

Resources readily available to sheep producers looking for opportunities to enhance flock, pasture and business performance

MLA works with partners across Australia to deliver adoption programs that equip sheep producers with the knowledge and skills to put the latest research into action.

Our adoption programs are delivered by experts in the field and are focused on real solutions for commercial operations.

There are many ways for you to upskill – whether that be through an online resource, attending a one-day event, trying out a training program or getting involved in one of our longer-term programs with other producers. There are programs in this guide suitable for everyone.

If you would like to know more, get in touch.

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Learn about what's happening in your industry

1 Attend a MeatUp forum

MeatUp forums bring southern Australian red meat producers together to hear about the latest on-farm research and technologies and connect with others in the industry.

mla.com.au/meatup

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FORUM



2 Learn more about the Sheep Reproduction Strategic Partnership

The SRSP seeks to increase lamb production by lifting weaning and survival rates.



The SRSP hosts a quarterly webinar series presenting the latest sheep reproduction RD&A outcomes. There's also a monthly RD&A alert providing a snapshot of the current initiatives and events relating to improving sheep reproductive performance.

mla.com.au/srsp

3 Access MLA's market reports

Access weekly reports and analysis on livestock markets and trends around Australia. Information on export and international markets is also available. Use the interactive market tool to find exactly the data you're after.

mla.com.au/prices-markets

4 Watch a productivity and profitability webinar

This webinar series is designed to assist red meat producers to increase the productivity and profitability of their businesses.

mla.com.au/webinars



5 Sign up for MLA updates

The Weekly delivers industry news, market information and on-farm tips and tools to your inbox every Friday. It's a one-stop-shop for the latest red meat industry information.

mla.com.au/enews

Feedback magazine is the red meat industry's quarterly journal, available in hard copy and online. *Feedback* features practical, seasonal on-farm information and the latest industry innovations.

mla.com.au/feedback

7 Stay up to date with the Sheep Sustainability Framework



The Sheep Sustainability Framework was initiated by Australia's sheep industry leaders to demonstrate our sustainable practices, identify areas for improvement, and better communicate with customers and consumers.

The framework lists 21 priorities across four themes - Caring for our Sheep; Enhancing the Environment and Climate; Looking after our People, our Customers and the Community; and Ensuring a Financially Resilient Industry.

sheepsustainabilityframework.com.au

6 Connect with your regional research advisory council

MLA consults with regional committees to help guide research, development and adoption (RD&A) activities. In southern Australia, the Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) and the Western Australian Livestock Research Council (WALRC) provide input into this process.



salrc.com.au

walrc.com.au

8 Visit People in Agriculture

People in Agriculture is an easy-to-use website providing information on employment awards, benefits, wages, work health and safety, and industry news for employers within the agricultural industry.

peopleinag.com.au



Your gateway to MLA products and services

mymla.com.au

Upskill yourself and your employees

1 The toolbox

MLA's free e-learning platform, The toolbox, offers a flexible way for producers to expand their knowledge, anytime and anywhere. You can choose from a range of packages, each of which can be completed at your own pace.

elearning.mla.com.au

2 Genetics hub

Breeding values allow you to see 'under the hood' of an animal. Learn how they can help you accelerate your flock's productivity.

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YOUR PRODUCTIVITY WITH GENETICS

genetics.mla.com.au

3 Sheep GENETICS

Sheep Genetics is the genetic evaluation service of the Australian sheep industry. Sheep Genetics helps you breed or buy animals using Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) through LAMBPLAN and MERINOSELECT.

sheepgenetics.org.au

4 paraboss

ParaBoss is Australia's premier resource for parasite management information. Sheep producers can find the latest information on worm, lice and fly prevention and management strategies.

paraboss.com.au

7 Pain mitigation in sheep

The use of pain relief while conducting routine husbandry practices is an expectation. Not only do producers need to consider pain relief products for their animals, but also alternative husbandry procedures and management practices.

Scan the below QR code for an outline of available products, their costs and when they are suitable to use.



5 Vaccination in sheep flocks

Vaccines are vital part of a flock health plan. When used correctly vaccines can help prevent common endemic livestock diseases, leading to improved animal health, welfare and productivity.



6 MLA feedbase hubs

Manage your pastures for optimal performance with practical resources available at the following hubs:

- Legumes hub
- Healthy soils hub
- Persistent pastures hub
- Weed control hub

Featuring case studies, calculators, reference guides and training packages, the hubs offer plenty of practical information to support your decisions throughout the season.

mla.com.au/feedbase-hub

8 Making More From Sheep

An online manual providing Australian lamb and wool producers with best-practice information, tools and training to help them build profitable and sustainable sheep enterprises.

makingmorefromsheep.com.au

9 Become a MSA accredited producer

Through your MyMLA account select **Integrity and feedback > Sign up now > Meat Standards Australia**

mla.com.au/msa



10 Build resilience during dry times

This catalogue provides access to a range of tools and resources to assist livestock producers as they head into, manage through and plan to recover from drought.



Events and training

Find details of all planned events and training courses on the [MLA events calendar](#).



Invest in your business

1 Start with bredwell fedwell

BredWell FedWell workshops teach producers about using genetics and feed management to improve reproductive performance and flock productivity.

Attend a one-day workshop to:

- better understand how to use Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs)
- develop breeding objectives for your enterprise and identify how to use genetic selection and nutrition to achieve them
- partake in practical sessions on feed budgeting and ram selection.

mla.com.au/bredwellfedwell

2 Enroll in a BusinessEDGE workshop

Business EDGE is a two-day workshop to enhance your financial management and improve business efficiency and profitability. You will also develop strategies to determine if your business can fund future growth, how to reduce debt and how to plan for retirement and succession.

mla.com.au/edge-network



3 Take part in T90



The Towards 90 (T90) program focuses on accelerating the adoption of sheep reproduction best practices. Producers involved in the program are working towards lamb survival rates of >90% across single and twin-bearing ewe flocks. T90 consists of 10 modules delivered in various formats. Each of these modules are designed to assist producers to implement sustainable practices at different times in the sheep reproductive cycle, enabling them to get more lambs on the ground.

towards90.com.au



4 Get involved in PDS

Producer Demonstration Sites (PDS) are on-farm projects run by producer groups who want to validate the benefits of incorporating research findings into their businesses.

Producers work together with the support of a facilitator to trial and implement best practice management techniques and technologies within their day-to-day operations.

Sites are located around Australia. Visit the website to find a site near you, set one up locally and sign up to the 'PDS Updates' mailing list to receive regular PDS project updates. Applications for new sites are taken annually in April.

mla.com.au/pds

5 Participate in the Profitable Grazing Systems (PGS) program



Profitable Grazing Systems (PGS) is a long-term program that equips producers to better their business and their bottom line. The program takes a whole-of-farm business approach to improve performance and drive profit.

Through PGS, like-minded groups come together to develop their knowledge and practise their skills with the support of a specialist coach.

Some of the PGS packages on offer to sheep producers include:

- **PayDirt** value-add to soil testing results and to help producers determine how to get the most bang for their fertiliser buck.
- **Gra\$\$ to Dollars** is based on the highly successful Prograze® course. Designed to teach producers to match feed supply with feed demand to increase productivity.
- **Lifting Lamb Survival** gives producers greater control over lambing and reproduction outcomes.
- **Meat the Market** trains producers in improving lamb processing compliance and optimising meat eating quality.

mla.com.au/pgs



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Taking the first steps

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- 1 Supporting carbon neutral red meat production catalogue of products and services
- 1 Becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030
- 1 Carbon accounting technical manual