Feed on Offer Photo Library

Use in conjunction with the Lifetime Ewe Management feed budgeting tables available at lifetimewool.com.au



Cereal crop FOO values

Grazing cereals is common in many regions. The following relationships between Green cereal height and the FOO values have been supplied by the Grain and Graze project. Full details of grazing and use of cereals by livestock can be found at www.grainandgraze2.com.au

If the crop is less than 25 cm tall, sown at 17.5 cm spacing, use the relationship below between crop type, height and yield. For all green cereals, the energy content is usually 11-12 MJ/kg (72-78% Digestibility).

Wheat: Each 1 cm = 60 kg/ha, Feed on Offer For 15 cm rows add 10% to the FOO values. Barley: Each 1 cm = 75 kg/ha, Feed On Offer For 20 cm rows reduce the FOO values by 10%.

Triticale: Each 1 cm = 65 kg/ha, Feed On Offer

Lifetime Ewe Management

The FOO Library was developed by Australian Wool Innovation and the Rural Industries Skills Training Centre to help people undertaking the Lifetime Ewe Management course. Further details can be found at;

Australian Wool Innovation: www.wool.com

RIST Centre: www.rist.com.au

Lifetime Ewe Management: www.rist.com.au/lifetime_ewe_management

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en.	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	667	762
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	73	38
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	11	5
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	8.1	
Crude Protein (%):	15	7
Pasture Height (cm):	2	1
Ground Cover (%):	50	
Legume (%):	50	
State:	NSW	
Location:	Central West	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Prairie grass	

Comments

	Green	Dead	
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	857	667	
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	73	38	
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	11	5	
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	14		
Crude Protein (%):	15	7.4	
Pasture Height (cm):	6.5	4	
Ground Cover (%):	90		
Legume (%):	20		
State:	NSW		
Location:	Central West		
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate		
Major Species:	Prairie grass		

Comments

2nd year pasture - therefore expect higher bare ground%'s as the pastures still establishing.







		Green	Dead
\sum_{i}	Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	952	1,048
 	Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	58.1	42.7
	Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	8.4	5.7
	Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	6.6	
	Crude Protein (%):	9.8	6
	Pasture Height (cm):	1	1
	Ground Cover (%):	10	00
	Legume (%):	()
	State:	NS	SW
	Location:	Central West	
	Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
1	Major Species:	Couch	grass

Comments

Paddock grazed recently. Low pasture quality and low stocking numbers caused uneven grazing. Tropical pasture used in GrazFeed.

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	Green	Dead	
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	450	710	
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	75	41	
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	11.2	5.5	
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	10		
Crude Protein (%):	17	3.0	
Pasture Height (cm):	3	2.0	
Ground Cover (%):	50		
Legume (%):	40		
State:	NS	SW	
Location:	Centra	l West	
Climate Zone:	Mild/V Temp		
Major Species:	Prairie grass		

Comments

This paddock has been spelled for 80 days and has had very little rain







	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	860	1,050
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	70	31
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	10.4	3.8
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	8	
Crude Protein (%):	9	4.5
Pasture Height (cm):	3	2.0
Ground Cover (%):	9	5
Legume (%):	5	
State:	NSW	
Location:	Central West	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Couch grass	

Comments

Paddock rotationally grazed by cattle, no stock fo 10 days prior to samples taken



		Green	Dead
á	Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	570	570
	Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	61	32
	Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	8.9	3.9
	Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	5.3	
	Crude Protein (%):	7	5
	Pasture Height (cm):	3	2
¥	Ground Cover (%):	10	00
	Legume (%):	0	
7	State:	NSW	
	Location:	Central West	
1	Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
	Major Species:	Spear	grass

Comments

Paddock has been rotationally grazed in the last week







_	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	290	380
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	61	32
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	8.9	3.9
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	3.8	
Crude Protein (%):	7	5
Pasture Height (cm):	1	1
Ground Cover (%):	35	
Legume (%):	0	
State:	NSW	
Location:	Central West	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Couch grass	

Comments

Paddock has been rotationally grazed in the last week



	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	380	380
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	69	48
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	10.3	6.7
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	11.0	
Crude Protein (%):	18	6
Pasture Height (cm):	5	4
Ground Cover (%):	85	
Legume (%):	20	
State:	NSW	
Location:	Central West	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Phalaris	

Comments

Paddock set stocked for 6 weeks prior to testing







		Green	Dead
4	Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	95	570
	Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	69	48
6	Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	10.3	6.7
	Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	6.1	
	Crude Protein (%):	18	6
	Pasture Height (cm):	1	2
	Ground Cover (%):	5	0
	Legume (%):	15	
4	State:	NSW	
ij	Location:	Central West	
	Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
86	Major Species:	Prairie grass	

Comments

Paddock set stocked for 6 weeks prior to testing



	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	950	650
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	59	38
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	8.6	4.9
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	8.2	
Crude Protein (%):	14	4.1
Pasture Height (cm):	3	2
Ground Cover (%):	60	
Legume (%):	0	
State:	NSW	
Location:	Central West	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Red grass	

Comments







		Green	Dead	
	Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	1,250	300	
1	Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	63	54	
d)	Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	9.1	7.6	
	Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	11.7		
1	Crude Protein (%):	10	3.2	
Ĺ	Pasture Height (cm):	8	3	
Į.	Ground Cover (%):	7	0	
į	Legume (%):	5		
	State:	NSW		
	Location:	Central West		
1	Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate		
Z	Major Species:	Prairie grass		

Comments

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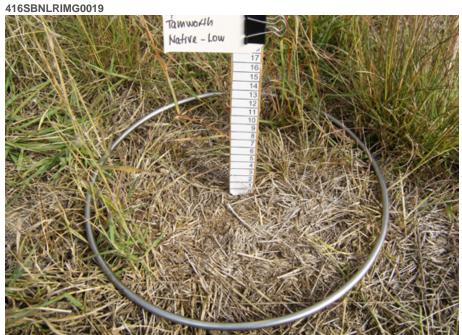
	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	420	1,070
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	55	30
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	7.8	2.9
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	5.5	
Crude Protein (%):	13	10.3
Pasture Height (cm):	2	2
Ground Cover (%):	75	
Legume (%):	0	
State:	NSW	
Location:	North-West Slopes	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Blue grass	

Comments

Sample taken during a very dry summer period; samples taken <1 wk after grazing







	Green	Dead
Feed On Offer (kg/ha):	690	751
Digestibility (%): Equivalent to	57	40
Metabolizable Energy (MJ/kg):	8.2	5.3
Sheep Intake (MJ/day): 50kg dry, Condition score 3	8.4	
Crude Protein (%):	6.6	6.2
Pasture Height (cm):	4	3
Ground Cover (%):	85	
Legume (%):	0	
State:	NSW	
Location:	North-West Slopes	
Climate Zone:	Mild/Warm Temperate	
Major Species:	Redgrass	

Comments

Dry autumn

