

# FOUNDATIONS OF SHEEP AND WOOL PRODUCTION



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*This workshop is being trialled in the pilot phase*

Prospects for the wool and sheepmeat industry have rarely looked so good. Perhaps you are interested in getting into sheep or looking to expand but need more information and knowledge? The Foundations of Sheep & Wool Production workshop has been created by Australian Wool Innovation to provide the adequate skills and knowledge to confidently and effectively manage or expand a sheep enterprise.

The workshop is suitable for all producers and all levels of experience. However, it's been developed to specifically meet the demands and skill of the next generation, younger producers and employees, and upskill those who are about to enter or re-enter the sheep and wool industry.

The course will outline what practices you should perform, when you should be doing them and how these tasks will affect the productivity of your enterprise. The workshop has both practical and theoretical components and will cover the following topics; nutrition, reproduction, breeding and selection, pasture and grazing, animal health and welfare, the sheep business; and preparing and selling the product.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- The basics of sheep nutrition
- Supplementary feeding and creating feed budgets
- Productive condition score targets
- Importance of time of joining
- Why you need a breeding objective
- Effectively manage your greatest asset – pregnant ewes
- Pasture production, energy supply and demand
- Key health and welfare risks and how to manage them
- Profit drivers of a sheep and wool enterprise
- Possible 'back door'/dry times strategies
- How to plan your sheep system
- Sale preparation, sale options and requirements

### WORKSHOP SPECIFICS

- Two-day workshop – 8.30am – 4.00pm
- Australia wide, delivered through AWI's State Grower Networks
- 10 - 15 participants per workshop
- Free registration fee, this workshop is limited and still in the pilot phase
- Fully catered (morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea)

### WHAT TOOLS AND INFORMATION YOU WILL RECEIVE?

- Full set of workshop notes
- Skills and tools to assist you implement what you have learnt
  - Digital worksheets as well as hardcopy tools
  - Signposting to further sheep industry resources
- An excel, self-populating management calendar
- A network of peers and fellow sheep producers in your region

### WHEN AND WHERE

Any future workshops will be run on a demand basis through AWI's State Grower Networks across Australia. To see any upcoming workshops in your state, go to:

STATE	WEBSITE
VIC	<a href="http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/beef-and-sheep-networks/bestwool-bestlamb">www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/beef-and-sheep-networks/bestwool-bestlamb</a>
QLD	<a href="http://www.leadingssheep.com.au">www.leadingssheep.com.au</a>
NSW	<a href="http://www.sheepconnectnsw.com.au">www.sheepconnectnsw.com.au</a>
SA	<a href="http://www.sheepconnectsa.com.au">www.sheepconnectsa.com.au</a>
TAS	<a href="http://www.sheepconnecttas.com.au">www.sheepconnecttas.com.au</a>
WA	<a href="http://www.sheepsback.com.au">www.sheepsback.com.au</a>

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