



Sheep CRC Extension Activities & FlyBoss

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Why Flystrike Extension?

- Wool producers know how to prevent strike
 - but situation & conditions changing
- Breeding needs to start now
 - but won't have immediate effects
- Management changes
 - can make a difference
- Integrated approach
 - requires current & complete information
 - forward planning

What Flystrike Extension?

- FlyBoss Information
 - Single source of information about flystrike management
- FlyBoss Tools
 - Decision support for:
 - management changes
 - new situations
- Flystrike management workshops
 - PowerPoints
 - Handouts and tools

FlyBoss Information



SUSCEPTIBILITY



Factors which make sheep susceptible to flystrike

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Long term breeding plans to reduce risk of flystrike

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FlyBoss information

- Most already available
 - Scattered in:
 - state Farmnotes
 - Reports
 - books, etc
- Collated, checked
 - Gaps identified
 - New information obtained if necessary
 - Updated for current conditions
 - Re-written where necessary

FlyBoss development

- Collected into web format
 - Overview
 - Detailed explanations
 - Videos
 - Downloads

Spray Ons

There are a range of spray-on products that can be used to protect sheep during periods of high flystrike risk.

The table below indicates the advantages and disadvantages of using spray-on products.

Technique	Advantages	Disadvantages
Spray-on products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• can be used for long wool flystrike prevention• ease of application – can be applied with a power assisted applicator, which helps ensure consistency and reduces operator fatigue• products ready for direct application so no additional water required• disposal of empty containers only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cost• applicator must be matched to the product

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Spray-on flystrike prevention

Spray-on products are easier, more convenient alternatives to hand jetting. These products are usually applied undiluted along the backline of the sheep but in some situations, additional bands are sprayed around the breech area. The principal advantage of the spray-on products is their ease of application as no additional water is required. This is a particular advantage in the drier and more isolated areas where large volumes of water may have to be carted long distances for wet applications. These products may be taken to the sheep.

Many of these products can be applied using power assisted (compressed air or LPG gas cylinder) applicators. This assists with consistent delivery of the selected dose, ensures rapid and reliable refilling of the gun and reduces operator fatigue. For smaller flocks the simple manual squeeze type applicators available offer a

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Hand jetting sheep in a race with a T-bar wand

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Contacts and newsletters to help provide assistance

- Industry Training**
- Recent News**
- Newsletters**
- Producer Stories**
- Contacts For Assistance**
- Acknowledgements**
- Useful Links**

More Information

To find out further information on any of the categories below, please click on the appropriate heading:

[Industry Training](#)

Provides information on Flystrike Management workshops being held nationally.

[Recent News](#)

Read the latest press releases.

[Newsletters](#)

Download Newsletters provided by DAFWA and CSIRO and keep any eye out for the FlyBoss Newsletters and Bulletins which will provide latest updates and industry training information.

[Producer Stories](#)

Read case studies from several producers and information provided from the Sheep CRC Information Nucleus sites.

[Contacts for Assistance](#)

If you are looking for more information or need assistance with any aspect of flystrike management, please contact the representative in your state.

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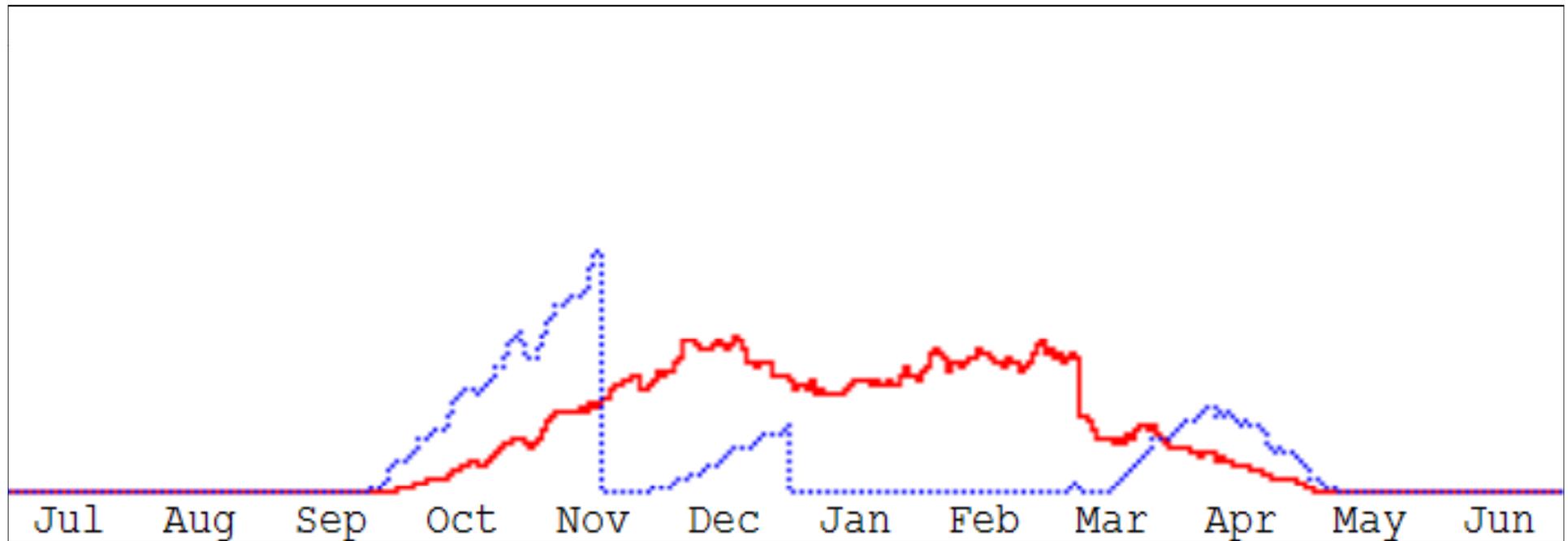
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FlyBoss information sections

- **Susceptibility**
 - Types of strike, flies, monitoring
- **Breeding and Selection**
 - Scoring, ASBVs, breeding to reduce susceptibility
- **Management**
 - Annual, shearing, crutching, treatment, dags, NWD
- **Treatment**
 - Chemicals, methods, Struck sheep, OH&S, resistance

SUSCEPTIBILITY	
	Factors which make sheep susceptible to flystrike
Breech Strike	
Body Strike	
Blowfly Biology	
Blowfly Identification	
Monitoring Flies and Seasonal Conditions	
Geography	
Other Types of Strike	

FlyBoss Tools



FlyBoss Tool Development

- Flystrike model based on weather
- Estimate strike risk throughout year
- Adjust for management effects
 - Shearing
 - Crutching
 - Chemical treatment



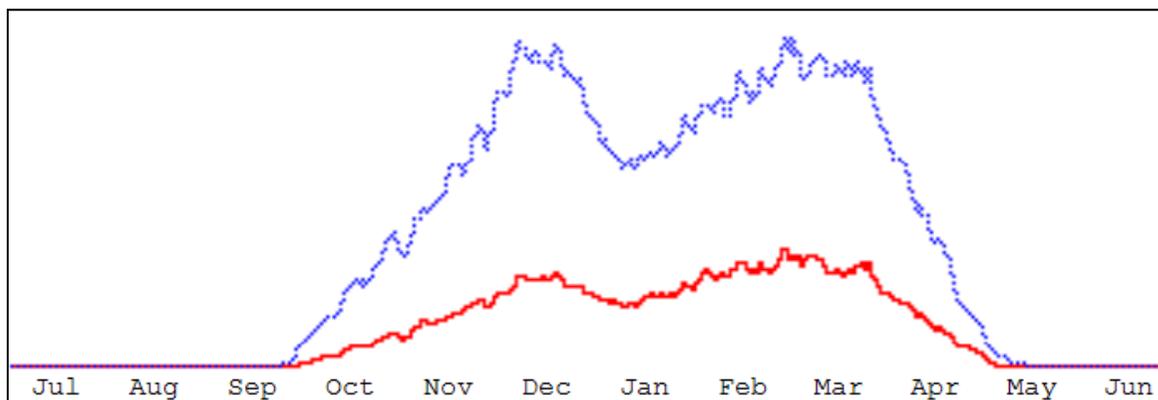
FlyBoss Tools - Comparisons

- Compare alternative management systems
 - Breech modification
 - Mulesed, clips
 - Shearing
 - Date
 - Crutching
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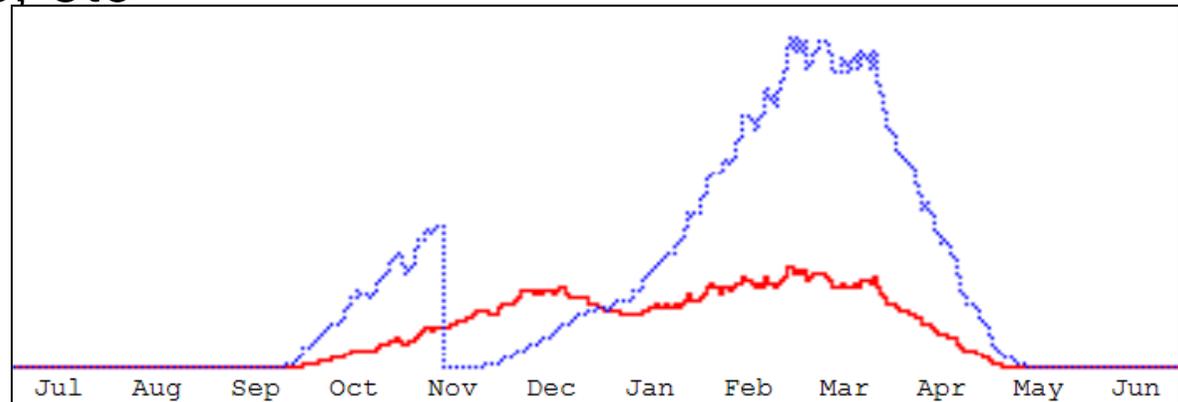
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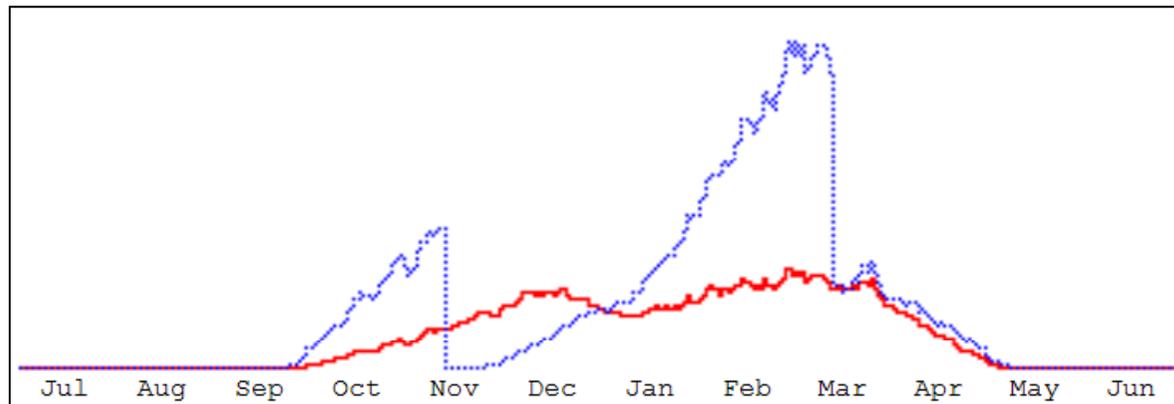
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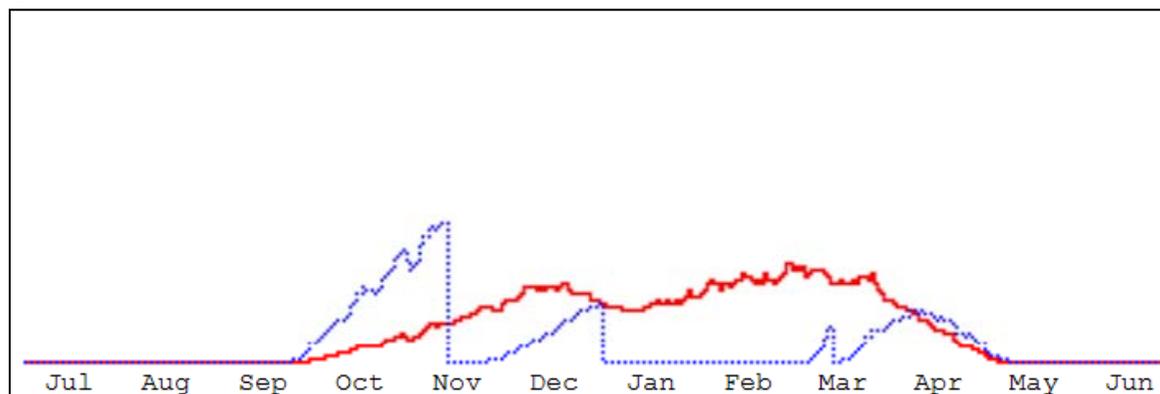
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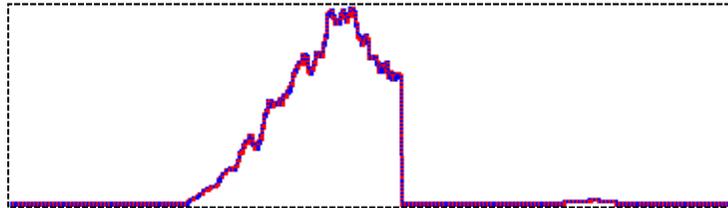
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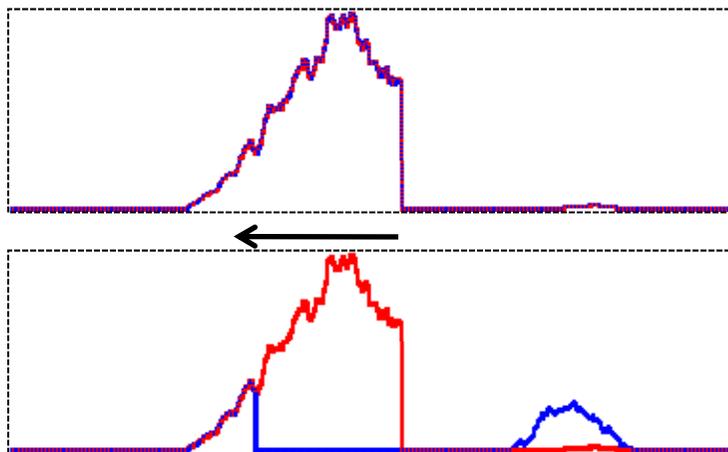
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- Optimise chemical treatment time
 - Compare
 - different treatments
 - different time of treatment



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FlyBoss Tools - Products

- Products lists
 - Current chemical information
 - From LiceBoss

Product	Chemical	Group	Pest	WHI	WHP	ESI	Pack	Cost(\$)	Cents/Sheep
Blowfly and Lice jetting fluid	Ivermectin	Mectin	LiceFly	42	7	7	5	390	47
Clout Blowfly Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
Cy-Guard SC	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
Cyrazin Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	14	7	405	35
Cyro-Fly 500	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
Cyromazine 500 SC	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	14	7	405	35
Cyromazine Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	14	7	405	35
Extinosad	Spinosad	Spinosyn	LiceFly	0	0	0	5	880	53
Fleececare (Lice)	Diflubenzuron	IGR	Lice	180	0	0	10	770	29
KFM Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
Lucifly Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	14	7	405	35
Paramax (Concentrate)	Ivermectin	Mectin	LiceFly	42	7	7	5	410	49
Proguard Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	14	7	405	35
Strike (Lice)	Diflubenzuron	IGR	Lice	180	0	0	10	770	29
Strikeback SC	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
Venus Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	14	7	405	35
Vetrazin Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
Virbazine Liquid	Cyromazine	Cyromazine	Fly	60	7	21	7	405	35
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FlyBoss Tools – Wool Res

- Wool residues
 - Wool residue calculations
 - From LiceBoss

Active Ingredient Temephos OP

Expected Range 0.29 - 2.4 mg/kg wool

Expected Average 0.97 mg/kg wool

Target Eco-wool from 2010 2.0 mg/kg wool

Probability of exceeding Target 6%

FlyBoss Workshops



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Flystrike Workshop Development

- Based on workshop pilots in NSW
- Set of:
 - PowerPoints
 - Other Tools
- Modified as required for other regions
- Tested in other states



Workshop Content

- Integrated approach to flystrike
- Manage change away from mulesing
- Skills to assess flystrike risk
- Using a flystrike management plan
- Importance of National Wool Declaration

Outline for the day

- Introduction & flystrike history
- Biology of the blowfly
- Understanding your flock's susceptibility
- Flystrike control strategies
- Developing a strategy for effective flystrike control
- National Wool Declaration

Key messages

Monitoring

- Trapping is a monitoring tool, not an effective control
- About two weeks between finding blowflies and strikes
- Flies like wet or humid areas, and sheltered from the wind.
- In hot climates flies stay near trees to keep cool, in cool climates they stay warm in the sun away from trees.



Flock Susceptibility

- The key to managing flystrike
- **reduce the susceptibility of your sheep** for
 - Breech strike
 - (reduce breech wrinkle and dags)
 - Body strike
 - (reduce fleece rot)
- Evaluate susceptibility of your sheep
 - easy, and
 - low cost



Flystrike Calendar

- Review current practices
- Create a Flystrike Management Calendar
- Ensure all staff:
 - know the plan
 - have right skills
- Implement & monitor
- Update and improve



Shearing and Crutching

- Flystrike risk is determined by wool length
- Fine-tune fly risk by:
 - Adjusting shearing date
 - Crutch more strategically
- Many new issues with shearing/crutching non-mulesed sheep



Breech modification



- Dock tails to correct length
- If mulesing:
 - use an accredited operator
 - consider using pain relief
- Clips achieve about half the effect of mulesing

Dags and scouring

- Dags are more of a flystrike risk than wrinkles
- Most scouring caused by:
 - high worm burdens
 - or 'hypersensitivity' to low worm burdens
- Plan ahead to reduce scouring and worms
 - Worm Egg Count (WEC) is the way to know
 - Young animals are most at risk, then lambing ewes
 - Plan your worm drench strategy



Chemical treatment

- Use chemicals strategically to prevent flystrike
- Struck sheep will need to be treated to:
 - control maggots
 - prevent re-strike
- Manage against the development of resistance
- Think about:
 - the insecticide ‘class’ (not products)
 - treatments used for lice control.



Breeding and Selection

- Breeding gives a permanent improvement in
 - resistance to breech strike and body strike
- Increase resistance to breech and body strike while maintaining or improving performance
- Small changes in average flock wrinkle score = big reduction in high risk sheep



Eco-system Management

- Take advantage of your own knowledge
 - Know your property
 - Move susceptible sheep at times of high risk
 - Away from high risk areas
 - To where they are most visible for easy checking
 - Plan lambing schedule with flystrike risk factors in mind
 - Check sheep more often at periods of high risk
 - Have a management plan for struck sheep



Integrate all suitable strategies

1. Shearing and crutching
2. Breech modification
3. Dag management
4. Chemical application
5. Breeding and selection
6. Ecosystem management

Flystrike Management Workshops

Available since February 2010

- 13 workshops held so far – WA, Tas, Qld, SA, Vic
- 387 producers have attended
- 30 workshops planned for 2010/11
- 11 currently listed on FlyBoss site
- Use the Industry Training tab (FlyBoss – More information for upcoming workshops)
- Delivered by Sheep CRC and state departments



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