



## TESTIMONIAL

The challenge of LTEM is a measure to manage which I had always been a fair judge of livestock. The thing that I had not been undertaking was the physical measuring of the condition of my animals. So the first thing LTEM teaches you is to condition score your animals. The main objective is to be able to keep your stock at condition score three (CS3) throughout the year.

The second step is to calculate the energy requirements of each class of stock at CS3, then measuring the energy available to the stock from the paddock and comparing the two (required v available) shows a surplus or a deficit in the energy requirements. If you have a surplus it is happy days, if there is a deficit then the shortfall needs to be made up by either a move to better pasture or the addition of supplements.

At the end of 2014 the Hay District had the dubious honour of having the lowest recorded rainfall for the year in NSW. As a direct result of measuring and maintaining our stock in CS3, supplementing the ewe hoggets that had not achieved target body weights we recorded our best pregnancy test results ever in January 2015, with 94.6% of ewes scanned in lamb after a five week mating."

Bert Matthews - Sheep Producer, Hay NSW

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## LIFETIME EWE MANAGEMENT (NON ACCREDITED)

- > Course Duration: 12 months, 6 x 1 day hands-on sessions per year with 5-7 producers
- > Training Location: Nation wide
- > Commencement Dates: Flexible start times throughout the year
- > Entry Requirements: There are no entry requirements for this course
- > Study Area: Sheep

### About the course:

The Lifetime Ewe Management program runs over the 12 month weaning to weaning cycle. The timing of each meeting is linked to critical stages in the management of the ewe's reproductive cycle. All sessions involve a visit to each participant's farm and focus on condition scoring, pasture assessing and feed budgeting activities that are practical and applicable to the farm business.

The program also focuses on improving producer understanding of the influences ewe nutrition has on the performance of the ewe and her progeny.

The Lifetime Ewe Management workshop provides a pathway for you to develop a successful and productive animal production system.

### Key topics covered:

- The principles and practices of LTEM
- Preparing the ewe for joining
- The impacts of ewe nutrition in early to mid-pregnancy
- Potential reproductive rate and the impacts of ewe nutrition in late pregnancy
- Managing lambing 'The fruits of your labour'
- Putting it all together - the principles, practices and outcomes

### Cost:

Full cost - \$ 2,150 per participant

Australian Wool Innovation subsidy (for eligible wool growers) - \$ 1,165 per participant

Cost to participant - \$ 985 per participant

### Structure:

5 - 7 participants on 4 - 6 enterprises. LTEM trainers are accredited industry experts.





### LTEM impact:

- Over 3,000 producers have taken part
- 25% of the national ewe flock have been influenced (10 million ewes)
- LTEM has driven marking rates by up to 30% per hectare, driven mostly by improved lamb survival
- Ewe mortality reduced by 33%

### LTEM App:

AWI has developed a free App for producers which records key measurement information used in LTEM and is available on iOS and Android devices. It has had over 1,500 downloads to date.



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