

Decisions are the key

There was standing room only at VFFs Livestock Health and Biosecurity Victoria event, held in conjunction with the Loddon Valley Stud Merino Field Day at Serpentine in early March.

95 producers braved the heat and took the opportunity to get the latest tips and tools on making the most out of their sheep enterprise.

Achieve Ag's Nathan Scott put the point to producers that now is an exciting time to be in the sheep industry, with eLD technology opening up opportunities to collect and use information like never before. He encouraged producers to only collect information that would be useful when making decision for their enterprises because 'Tags don't make you money – decisions do'.

Jason Trompf spoke passionately about producers having a clear breeding objective. His take home message was for everyone to complete a bredwell-fedwell commercial ram buying tool which steps

producers through production goals, enterprise priorities and corresponding these to ASBVs.

Jason emphasised the importance of using all the tools available to make the best possible decision when buying rams, and ensuring breeding flock fitness was more like an off-road rally car, not an F1 racer.

Bringing everyone back to basics, Heidi Sutherland from Zoetis reminded producers about the importance of getting their vaccination technique on point. Producers enjoyed being reminded about the need for two doses of vaccine with Heidi using the analogy of the first primer dose being like the army general who has the instructions, but the real work only gets done when the soldiers arrive, aka, the booster dose.

A big thank you to all who helped put on a great event and you can head to our website to see if we're holding an event near you: www.lhbv.org.au

Note: You can visit www.sheepgenetics.org.au for further information on ASBV's or get in touch with us and we can get you a bredwell-fedwell ram buying tool.



Events

Your cattle: a seasonal guide to what's next

Location: Merino
Date: Tuesday 28 March

Your goats: a seasonal guide to what's next

Location: Horsham
Date: Friday 31 March

Your stock: a seasonal guide to what's next

Location: Bairnsdale
Date: Wednesday 10 May

Your cattle: a seasonal guide to what's next

Location: Yea
Date: Wednesday 24 May

Your stock: a practical guide to farm biosecurity

Location: Meredith
Date: Wednesday 31 May

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