

## Where to next for objective carcass measurement?

Meat and Livestock Australia's Christopher Ruberg provided great insight into recent research and development of objective carcass measurement at the recent Livestock Health and Biosecurity Victoria event at Milawa. Mr. Ruberg highlighted that recent grants being applied to advanced livestock measurement technologies are being managed to maintain accuracy and precision.

The benefits predicted to improve:

- industry confidence and transparency
- on-farm and off-farm decisions
- processing efficiency, and
- improved market allocation.

The dual energy scanning being applied at a facility in Bordertown has already demonstrated results in lamb. MLA believes this will contribute to a faster roll out for related technology in beef.

The predicted on-farm benefits of such technology include:

- improved data and decisions towards accelerated genetic gains
- targeted livestock for market requirement and profit
- improved feed utilisation targeting fat composition
- improved livestock health and related decisions.

We are grateful to MLA for making the time to provide some insight into this long awaited technology.

