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Thank you for your patronage during 2015. Best wishes to you & your family for a very Merry Christmas & a prosperous 2016.

Pulpy Kidney Risk in Stubbles

For many sheep producers, the next movement for sheep in cropping areas is the movement of sheep onto stubbles, to clean up the residual grain and stubble on a low parasite pressure/risk pasture.

This movement presents a dietary change with a **pulpy kidney risk** due to the availability of grain, sometimes in large quantities especially where loading spills or overflows have occurred.

To protect against the challenge of pulpy kidney, sheep should be vaccinated with a **booster shot 7-10 days prior** to the dietary change. Use of a Glanvac B12 for this booster will also provide an **energy kick and appetite stimulant** which will be important for young sheep and breeding ewes alike as sale weights and body condition scores for joining and pregnancy are looking to be achieved.

It also presents a perfect time to do a WEC check, and in most cases, give an effective summer drench. This is a great time to give a good clean out of existing worms, and when combined with low risk paddocks, means a great opportunity to set your sheep up to make the most of available feed. It also ensures their burden is lower coming into Autumn next year for sheep that are kept on after summer.

If sheep are purchased in for grazing stubbles, keep in mind that it will be hard to know their drench resistance status, and therefore an effective quarantine drench will not only set them up to grow their best, it reduces the chance of resistant worms making a home on your own paddocks.

As we look forward, some opportunistic confinement/lot feeding over the next few months could present, and therefore vaccination and drench protocols must be considered here too, to offset disease risk and the impacts of parasites on feed conversion and productivity.

For vaccines and more information on the benefits of vitamin B12 and reducing the risk of pulpy kidney talk to your local North West Ag store.

Changes to 110L Drum Deposits



From 1st January 2016, North West Ag will no longer charge a drum deposit on 110 litre Envirodrum containers from Nufarm and CropCare. If you have purchased a 110 litre Envirodrum prior to this date you will be eligible for a deposit refund, provided the Envirodrum is in working condition and returned before 31st October 2016.

Speak to your local store for more information.

2016 Calenders Now Available



2016 North West Ag Services calendars are now available at all stores.

Note the photos on the calendars are all taken taken in the Wimmera Mallee by our own DONNA SCOBIE.