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Rosalind - New barley variety



Rosalind is a new barley feed variety that is an exceptionally high yielding, broadly adapted, mid-maturing feed barley.

Key Features:

- Ideally suited to environments where yield and yield stability is the top priority
- Feed barley well suited to May sowing's across a broad range of environments
- Good net form of net blotch, leaf rust and powdery mildew resistance
- Good straw strength and head retention
- Good grain plumpness and test weight

Ask at your local North West Ag store for more information.

Electronic identification for sheep and goats



You may have heard about the proposed introduction of eID tags for sheep and goats for 2017. The key message for now is not to rush in and purchase new equipment just yet.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Charles Milne, said the aim is to make sure the transition to electronic identification over the coming years is as smooth as possible for producers

"Once the implementation standards are confirmed, Agriculture Victoria will coordinate information sessions and workshops to help farmers understand the system and, where appropriate, to use it to enhance on-farm decisions."

Consultation will also occur on a transition package, that includes funding support.

"Producers should not rush into any purchases now as a result of yesterday's announcement, they should wait to find out what funding and information will be available in the next four to five weeks."

"In real terms, with the autumn drop in mind, electronic tagging for most will not begin for over six months."

The Victorian Government has made a commitment to keep the costs for farmers neutral for the first year of this change.

"With increased demand for the tags and scanning technology, it is likely prices will fall."

To read the draft electronic NLIS sheep and goat standards and find out more on this change go to the following weblink:

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/national-livestock-identification-system/nlis-sheep-and-goats>

Grain Bunker Covers



North West Ag has been working with Bartlett tarps for some years who supply truck tarps as well as bunker covers.

If you need to replace an old truck or bunker tarp then Bartlett Tarps are happy to measure up the job and supply the tarps.

Give your local North West Ag store a call if you need some help with sourcing new tarps.

Bunker Walls

We have had some recent inquiry about AgCrete bunker walls for the coming harvest.

If you are thinking about building bunkers for this years harvest then give North West Ag a call about AgCrete bunker walls.

PRECAST WALLS FOR ECONOMICAL BULK STORAGE

- ✓ **Durable:** Precast walls are long-lasting and will remain a saleable asset.
- ✓ **Strong:** Made with 40mpa vibrated concrete and non-rusting reinforcing.
- ✓ **Portable:** Cast-in lifting pins enable ease of unloading & positioning.
- ✓ No inside leg means forming ends/corners is simple, with no gaps.
- ✓ **Weatherproof:** Covers and ground liners available to suit any size layout.
- ✓ Rounded top edge and overhung lip keeps tarp covers secure & tight (No sharp corners.)

