

# **Becoming a Nudie**

# The pros and cons of switching to shedding sheep FREE ONE - DAY EVENTS

Meridian Agriculture is hosting a free event on behalf of Cashmore Park, titled "Becoming a Nudie". Presenting the economics of shedding sheep versus Maternals, making the transition whilst retaining profit driving traits for fitness and meat production, understanding feed efficiency to improve ewe performance, and its benefit in reducing a farms carbon footprint.

The speakers for the event include:

#### **Speakers:**

### Bryony Fitzgerald - CGM Advisory Pty Ltd

- Economics of Shedders vs Maternal
- Transition from Maternal to shedding sheep
- Transition time line, effects
- Accelerated program
- What the bottom line looks like in each

#### John Keiller - Cashmore Park

- Shedding Scores and how it works, time of shedding, what to be aware of
- Transitioning to Nudies, what do you want to achieve and the ways to get there
- Data collection process for Nudiés AGBU project

#### David Packer (Hamilton) - Program Manager Meat Standards Australia, MLA

#### Peter McGilchrist (Wagga) - Senior lecturer in Meat Science, UNE

- Meat eating quality parameters,
- What are the bench marks for marbling/shear force for market acceptance
- What a kill sheet looks like when Marbling and lean Meat yield are included
- Linking to ASBV's so you are ready

#### Sam Walkom (Hamilton) & Daniel Brown (Wagga) - Animal Genetics and Breeding (AGBU), UNE

- Ewe efficiency concept
- Ewe weight, turn off lamb % and growth, lambing as ewe lambs
- Net feed intake and Emission breeding values as tools in the future
- Know your carbon Foot Print
- Genomics where are the opportunities

# Peta Bradley - Manager of Sheep Genetics, MLA

- Transition of new genetics, things to be aware of
- Net Feed Intake measurements and relationship to reducing methane production
- Portable trailers to measure methane production in Stud Flocks where MLA plans this to go?

## **EVENT DETAILS**

#### **Hamilton, Vic**

**When:** 12 July 2023 **Time:** 10:00am - 4.00pm

Venue: Hamilton Showgrounds

**RSVP:** 10 July 2023

#### Wagga Wagga, NSW

**When:** 19 July 2023

Time: 10:00am - 4.00pm Venue: Murrumbidgee Turf Club

**RSVP:** 14 July 2023

#### Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

More info & Registration: Visit <a href="https://meridian-ag.com.au/becoming-a-nudie/">https://meridian-ag.com.au/becoming-a-nudie/</a> for more information and to register (registration essential)

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