



FEED365 and FutureSheep Field Day

A great big look at all the feedgap options under the WA autumn sun

Event program

Wednesday, 5 April 2023

9.00am	Arrival morning tea and seed company displays.
10.00am	Welcome and introductions with event MC - Dr Bronwyn Clarke , Chair, WA Livestock Research Council.
10.10am	Why you should be excited by today's opportunity: FEED365 Project leader Dr Daniel Real explains what's new, what's different and what's impressing him most in the project's early stages.
10.20am	The MLA connection: MLA is a partner in the FEED365 and FutureSheep projects, with funding contributed through the SheepLinks program. MLA's Mitch Plumbe explains the outcomes they expect to see from this work.
10.30am	Why FEED365 is more important than you may have thought: The climate is changing and so too must our approach to pasture. Here's the global climate model's projections for temperature and rainfall in the Great Southern by 2050 - DPIRD's Dr Meredith Guthrie from the FutureSheep project.
10.40am	Back to the future: So given those projected temperatures and rainfall patterns – what does that mean for farm production in 2050? DPIRD's Paul Sanford gives us his likely scenarios.
10.50am	FEED365 simplified: With 48 grazing plots and 16 different treatments, Project Leader Dr Daniel Real explains what to look for in the coming trial site visit.

11.05am	Soil characteristics of the two field sites: A feature of the project is the ability to compare performance on two very different soil types. DPIRD's Dr Shahab Pathan gives us a quick run-down on the soil types featured.
11.10am	An early look at the data: While the project is still in its early stages, there's a story emerging on pasture and DPIRD's Maddie Mellawage explains.
11.25am	How an investment in autumn feed alternatives can impact animal production: The true value only emerges if it plays out in the sheep. DPIRD's Claire Payne shares what's been discovered so far.
11.40am	Angelo's Golden Rules: There is no silver bullet to this feedgap challenge and DPIRD's Dr Angelo Loi is known for his 'golden rules' of optimising the process. This is a timely reminder of what they are.
11.45am	So what else are we going to see? FEED365 has a team of researchers involved and we've asked Dr Clinton Revell, Paul Sanford and Justin Hardy to tell us what they think has the greatest appeal and relevance to the region.
12.00 noon	Lunch break
12.30pm	Meet the seed teams: Dr Bronwyn Clarke runs a series of rapid-fire interviews with the seed and nursery company reps – so we hear what's commercially available and brings greater relevance to the field trip.
1.00pm	Buses depart to Site # 1
1.15pm	Arrive Site #1
2.20pm	Board buses
2.40pm	Arrive Site #2 – afternoon tea break and the launch of the new TederA Agronomy fact sheet and manual.
3.30pm	Return to Katanning Leisure Centre.
3.45pm	Arrive Katanning

