



Our Services

- Sheep, Cattle & Goat Scanning using ultrasound technology
- Wet & Dry scans
- Twinning
- Ageing of fetuses
- Tru-Test compatible software
- Three Way drafting system
- PTIC certificates for cattle

Phone Justin now to book him in on a date that suits you and your livestock.

Farm Shearing World

Sheep Scanning P/L have opened an online store to meet your shearing needs. We will soon be adding fencing energisers – check out our store on eBay. Shop at your convenience.

When you log into eBay type in 'Farmshearingworld' as the seller you want as that is our store and seller name. Grab a Bargain.

Workshop – Managing Pregnant Ewes

Thank you to all of you who attended the workshop on 9 March 2010 put on for Sheep Scanning Pty Ltd clients by the Department of Primary Industries and the Cooperative Centre for Sheep Industry Innovation. This very useful workshop helped those who attended gain knowledge of ways to improve productivity and therefore, profitability of their lambing production.

New Scanning Technology

Make your ewe management easier with the new software we have installed on our scanner.

The new software enables the scanner to write onto a Tru-Test indicator. This means that if you have your ewes electronically tagged, you can now get the recorded scanning data on the day of scan to add to your database. The scanning results can now be recorded against a ewe's electronic ear tag through a Tru Test XR3000 as each sheep is scanned. For those farmers who want to manage individual animals within a flock, this will be a quick and easy way to identify litter size to each animal scanned on the farm.

Ask Justin about this technology when you call to book him in to scan your sheep and cattle.

Timetable For Best Scans – Sheep

To get the most accurate scan possible, it is of upmost importance that you scan on the correct date. Too early and the operator will not pick up the fetus. Too late and it is too difficult to pick up litter size. Ring Justin when you take the rams out to get the best date for your scanning organised.

A guide for scanning sheep is –

For a 6 weeks joining of your ewe flock, scan 6 – 7 weeks after the rams come out or 85 – 95 days after the rams go in with the ewes. If you join for longer and want a twin scan, you still need to scan between 85 – 95 days and come back to rescan all the empty ewes at a later date. Wet and Dry scanning can be done successfully from 6 weeks after your rams come out to full term.



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Cattle Crush Safety Alert.

It is **vitally** important that you maintain your cattle crush to standard that is safe to work with. A safe working environment for the scanning operator, farmer and farm workers in and around cattle yards includes:

- working kick gate in the crush
- safety latch on sliding gates
- functioning (non slip) head crush
- lubrication on all moving parts
- experienced stock workers

Having functional, safe equipment not only **prevents injuries**; it **increases the scanning accuracy** as the scanning operator is able to obtain easier access for better positioning behind the cattle.

USEFUL LINKS

WWW.SHEEPCRC.ORG.AU

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Timetable For Best Scans – Cattle

A Successful scan on cows can be obtained from 6 weeks of age onwards. It is easier to scan cows 6 weeks after the bulls come out, rather than leaving them and scanning the cows closer to the calving date.

Scanning Results So Far This Season

Sheep

As usual the autumn lambing ewes have varied results. There has been no real consistency during this period. Rates have varied from 20% in lamb to 95% ewes scanned in lamb.

There is a pronounced change to more consistent results for scanning starting from mid March. Mostly over 85% ewes scanned in lamb although there were some farms which were well down on last year's results.

Generally there are more twins this year and Justin has seen an explosion of triplets coming through.

Please ask if you want to scan exact litter size. Every lamb is worth it this year!

A point which was brought up by Sue Hatcher at the 'Managing Pregnant Ewes' workshop was that with the abundance of feed available now the likelihood of distocia with single lambs getting struck and then dying from brain damage is likely to increase.

By identifying singles and modifying the ewe's diet accordingly can limit distocia. This has an added benefit of keeping the ewe from having a stressful birth and the possibility of subsequently dying.

Cattle

Generally cows have scanned well this year. Some early results were not as good as last year due to a very dry Spring. Results have been between 70% and 98% scanned in calf.

When one of our clients was asked if it was worth scanning their cows at 98% in calf, his reply was: "My profit is my cows' fertility, I need to identify and cull every empty cow for the future fertility of my herd."

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