

As spring approaches many of us are preparing for shearing; organising shearers, and making sure there are enough consumables on hand to get the job done! At **Swan Hill Stockfeeds** we stock and have access to all shearing requisites - from a shearing plant & wool scoops through to drafting races.



You should know that **Avenge** now has a registration addition to include the double action for lice and flies, providing up to ten weeks' protection against fly strike off-shears. **Avenge** boasts 100% knockdown, immediate rain fastness and 4-week residual killing power against lice, with only a 21 day withholding period.



Extinosad is excellent off-shears and can also be used in long wool, offers a shorter withholding period of 14 days. All **Extinosad** products have a unique active ingredient called "spinosad" that kills lice, blowflies and maggots.



Gas guns; if you haven't got one, ring in to make an order! We find people who use gas guns are less fatigued from back lining all day; it is well worth the investment.



With an abundance of green feed and a number of lambs being weaned at the moment, "pulpy kidney" may become an issue for unvaccinated sheep. **Glanvac 6** and **Glanvac 6 b12** are both great vaccines to prevent "pulpy kidney".

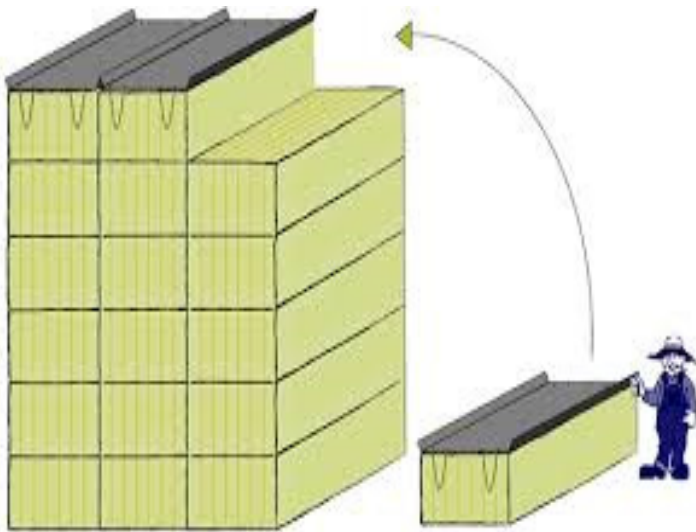
Cattle producers will know that bloat is an issue that typically occurs at this time of year, the condition caused by cattle grazing on feed that is low in fibre, and high in protein. This causes the rumen to inflate with carbon dioxide and methane, constricting the lungs increasing the chance of suffocation. Locally this is connected to pastures with a high proportion of medic, trefoil or lucerne. There are preventative measures which can be implemented; adding "bloat oil" to drinking water or using **Olsson's Bloat Liq** are very simple methods of delivering rumen anti-foaming agents.



¼ inch needles are now available, allowing vaccination with the gun held at a 45-degree angle without hitting muscle. These are simply a shorter version of the same 18G needle designed to make vaccinating easier eliminating the requirement to lift the skin.

Hat-trick! Normally \$777.00 GST incl. for 20L has been slashed to \$640.00 GST incl. **Hat-trick** is a triple combination drench, which cleans up worm populations that are resistant to white, clear or macrocyclic lactones (ML). This would be a perfect quarantine product for sheep bought in to the property with an unknown drench rotation. Price available while stocks last!





Swan Hill Stockfeeds are distributors for **Hay caps**, the most convenient in-field hay storage option. Available in either screw-in or hammer-in options, Hay Caps offer convenience and safety; you can work at ground level, or from the tractor. Outloading is made simple as the bale with the Cap is quickly replaced!

Barley grass management

Just a quick reminder now's the time to spraytop barley grass with **Paraquat 250**.

Barley grass seed impacts meat processors, the skin trade and farmers, causing:

- Carcase downgrading and trimming
- Lower skin values
- Weaner ill-thrift



Spraytopping with **Paraquat 250** allows the clovers and medics to set more seed than topping with glyphosate.

Adding **Infiltrator** improves barley grass seed set control, and increases operator safety

Le-Mat and dimethoate can also be added for Redlegged earthmite and Lucerne flea control

Sowing a low rate of oats next year will also fill the autumn and winter feed gap.