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Local Climatic Outlook for the Season WEBINAR

Presented by Dale Grey

The last few years have seen challenging extremes in our Australian climate - from drought to floods.

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seasonal climate models, and weather analysis for primary producers and the Barossa region.

Tuesday 29th November 8.00-8.45 pm (SA time)
Half an hour presentation by Dale, followed by 15 mins, Q & A.

(If you are unable to attend the webinar, please register to receive the recording.)

[Register Here](#)



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information you require to join the webinar. Further enquiries call 0412 500 752 or email: jane.evans@biggroup.org.au

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Containment Ewe Case Study-
Brett Nietschke



BS and YL Nietschke's Koonunga property is located 12kms north of Nuriootpa. Farmer Brett Nietschke began containment feeding to maintain ground cover and focus on pasture management in the lead up to lambing.

Nietschke's run 400 merino breeding ewes and 200 ewe hoggets on their 300HA property, of which 93% is arable.

Nietschke's lamb in June and July, by putting ewes in containment Brett is able to take advantage of the break and ideally let lambing pasture get away. Brett's focus is on pasture management, protecting the existing ground cover and ensuring there is some feed on offer in the lambing paddocks.

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BIGG Visit with Minister Watt



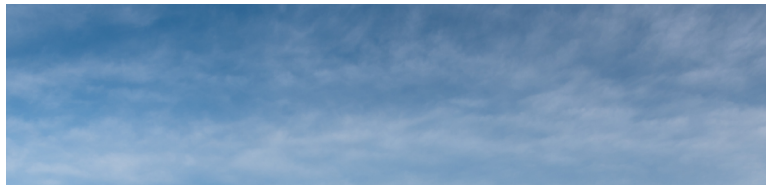
the site which is supported by the SA Drought Hub.

The site demonstrates the additional pasture quantity and quality that can be achieved when combining different species into the pasture, providing additional grazing options, or hay/ silage options to conserve the feed.

It was a great opportunity to showcase some of the great things we are doing in SA!

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MAKING THE MOST OF FORAGE FROM DIFFICULT ENSILING CONDITIONS

By Mikaela Baker (B. Ag Sci), TRAC Ruminant Productivity Consultant

Silage can be tricky to nail at the best of times. What makes great silage is multifactorial in the parameters we are chasing, such as dry matter, neither too high or too low; fibre fractions; energy content; sugars; a low pH and high silage acids, but in no scenarios do we want butyric acid.

This year we saw the challenge of either cutting early and accepting loss of quality from rain, or letting silage go a bit too long but hoping for better curing conditions – neither of which is what we hoped for. However, as with all things in farming there is a gamble and what makes us continue moving forward is the ability to re-plan, adapt and make the most out of a scenario. The best chance we have of achieving our desired results at the end for either milk production or weight gains, is having an

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In this article, TRAC Ruminant Productivity Consultant, Mikaela Baker, looks at the phases of fermentation in silages and what happens to silage when it gets wet plus shares the importance of requesting a mould & yeast count prior to purchasing or prior to feeding.

Check it out on the TRAC Blog here... <https://www.totalresult.com.au/post/making-the-most-of-forage-from-difficult-ensiling-conditions>

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- Pilates for Farmers- farmer session Wednesday nights at Nuri! [See more details](#)
- Free Suicide Prevention Training- Angaston- Monday 28th November- [LINK](#)
- Work out your own on-farm Carbon Accounting using the sheep & beef tool- [LINK](#)
- With the wet conditions, there are plenty of flies around! Check out the latest info for managing your flock [Paraboss- Flyboss](#)
- Summary Update for the Barossa Water Allocation Plan, workshops to come! [See Details](#)

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