



Western Sheep & Beef Producers

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CHANGES TO WA LIVESTOCK SALE DAYS

The Livestock Committee has discussed the suggested changes to livestock sale days across WA. The committee is broadly in favour of the changes suggested by the combined Livestock Selling Agents.

However, in resolving problems of staffing at Muchea the committee points out these same problems may be transferred to the Katanning Livestock Centre.

In order to load out sheep on Mondays for sale on Tuesdays, farmers, staff and agents will have to work Sunday to prepare mobs of sheep for sale.

AWI WOOL SELLING SYSTEMS REVIEW

Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) has commissioned the Wool Selling Systems Review (WSSR) on behalf of Australian woolgrowers. The objective of the review is to improve the returns received by growers for their wool.

A Review Panel has been appointed to direct the WSSR and they have publicised their desire for a consultative process, encouraging input from all sectors of the industry, particularly Australian woolgrowers.

The Review Panel has released an Issues Paper (<http://www.wool.com/globalassets/start/about-awi/how-we-consult/wool-selling-systems-review/wool-selling-system-review-issuespaper.pdf>) that contains background information on the six phases of wool production: wool preparation; delivery and testing; wool appraisal; price realisation; invoicing and payment; and export process.

The Chairman of the committee has written to the review panel cautioning against any interventions or manipulations in the market. Submissions will be placed on the AWI website.

CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA RESTRUCTURE PROPOSAL

From December 15 last year there have been 4 tele-conferences with respect to a cattle industry representation restructure. Some have been industry wide and some have been “in-house”.

The purpose of these sessions has been to ground truth the Cattle Council’s restructure proposal prior to its presentation to Minister Joyce.

Briefly, the model would seek to create a roll for all levy payers; production weighted proportional representation voting for those levy payers on the roll; elected regional representatives to form a policy council, with a runoff election from those on the policy council by all levy payers to select representatives to sit on the Cattle Council’s board, and a suitable company structure that would recognize the board as its most important governance instrument.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2015

Western Grain Growers – 9 March

Executive Committee – 23 April