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Case Study

Farmer: Mitch Creagh

Location: West of Moora in Dandaragan, WA

Operation: Merino wool production



Living in a new era of farming

Mitch is grateful that his family found Tri-Solfen, and can attest to just how far the farming industry has come since he was little.

Mitch Creagh grew up on the family farm on the west coast. During his childhood, he learned how to help out with the grain crop and pitch in with the day-to-day care for their merino flock.

With 3,000 breeding ewes, regular mulesing of young lambs was just part of life on the farm. And while it's a necessary procedure to prevent disease, Mitch still carries memories from back then as he witnessed the sheep suffering.

In particular, he remembers having to physically lift lambs up from the portable yards and carry them back to their mothers after they were left unable to do so themselves.

"They'd be in obvious pain, completely stressed and we couldn't offer any relief. They wouldn't mother up as well and weren't as inclined to walk back out with their mums in the paddock."

The revolution of Tri-Solfen

In those days, pain relief products for animals were practically unheard of – that is, until Tri-Solfen was approved for lambs in 2004. It was the first topical anaesthetic designed for farmers to use on their flocks to minimise distress in common procedures like mulesing.

Mitch's dad first discovered the product in its early days. He heard people in the community talking about Tri-Solfen and its impressive effects. He wanted to try it out for himself, so he went out and bought a bottle and became an early advocate.

"My dad began using Tri-Solfen whilst I was away from the farm studying. When I returned to help at mulesing after a number of years away, the difference was stark. The lambs showed no sign of pain upon leaving the cradle. It seems to be long acting and gets them through the first day. They were more vigorous, were able to walk straight after the procedure, and returned to the ewes a lot easier. Overall, it really sped up the operation for us."

It was a relief, to say the least.

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“Using Tri-Solfen has reduced stress on both the sheep and us as producers.”

No downside for farmers and flock alike

Mitch describes the reduced infection risk as a “big bonus”, particularly for their situation where they worked in the main yard and were running sheep where there was a higher chance of infection.

He also notes that the quick and easy application didn't impact the time it took them to mark their flock at all, proving that there really is no downside to putting animals' welfare priority first.



Want to provide pain relief, reduced bleeding, infection control and wound care for your sheep?

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