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Case Study

Farmer: Louise Smith

Location: Murraylands SA

Operation: Sheep and cattle



Fourth-generation farmer enters a new era of mulesing.

Louise Smith uses Tri-Solfen to reduce pain when dehorning calves and mulesing lambs.

Louise Smith is a mixed dryland farmer based in South Australia's Riverland.

This stunning landscape is the backdrop for her three properties, spread across 12,000 acres, consisting of cattle, sheep and wheat and barley crop.

When she inherited the farm from her parents, she continued the Smith family farming legacy into its fourth generation.

Louise runs Scharwyn, Charolais and Ancra Simmental stud cattle—about 100 breeders plus replacement females and selected sale bulls. She breeds for a range of markets, from vealers through to feedlot cattle.

"Depending on the season, they either go as feeder cattle or are fed through and sold as fats, with the best male calves kept as bulls and then sold to other beef producers. Females are kept as replacements with the surplus being offered to other producers, or if the opportunity arises, being sent for export breeders."

Recovering in the wake of drought.

She also runs a self-replacing Merino flock. Numbers have declined due to drought, but are slowly increasing. Despite the current floods, the Riverland is a traditionally very dry area, receiving an average of just 220mm of rainfall per year.

This recent hardship means holding on to her flock, and promoting fast recovery after surgery, is paramount.

"Generally, we look to mate 500 ewes annually, with the wether lambs either marketed via AuctionsPlus as shorn feeder lambs or fed through and sold as fats early in the following year."

"Ewe lamb portion is kept through with replacement breeders being selected and surplus hitting the saleyards with a two-way option of breeders or kill lambs."

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“We started using it the second year it came out, in 2006, and haven’t looked back since.”

The mulesing debate sparked an innovative change.

Like many other farmers, Louise had been aware of the mulesing debate, wondering if and when the trend towards animal wellbeing would impact the practice.

Then, she heard about Tri-Solfen.

“We’ve really noticed a huge difference since using the product for lamb marking and returning calves. The lambs are straight out of the cradle, on their feet and back out to mum. And they’re up and eating once back in the paddock.”

“They are very calm. They look like an adult sheep walking out rather than a frightened lamb.”

“We know that we can put them out in the paddock and they are going to be content and go about doing everything they are supposed to be doing without the pain and stress. They just settle so much quicker and are content.”



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