

BETTER Farm Update April 2021

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Lowland Flocks

Lambing is almost complete on most of the lowland flocks at this stage with only the yearling ewes left to lamb on most of the farms. The start of March provided a window with suitable ground and weather conditions to allow the flocks to get out with the opening round of fertilizer (protected Urea @ ½ bag/acre). Grass covers on the farms were on target for most of the flocks at the start of lambing. Average farm cover for the flocks at the start of March was 588 kg/DM/Ha, ranging from 286 kg/DM/Ha to 905 kg/DM/Ha. Despite the comparatively very wet conditions at times during March, weather conditions have been reasonably favourable with good opportunities to keep turning ewes and lambs out to grass once they are ready. The flocks will be establishing bigger grazing groups as soon as possible this month and getting the grazing rotation in full swing as well as applying a further round of fertilizer.

Hill Flocks

Lambing will commence across the hill flocks from late March early April with flocks gathering ewes that went back to the hill after scanning down to lambing fields beforehand. All these flocks will be tagging lambs and performance recording at lambing time which will allow the flocks to track the performance of the flock during the year and be used for breeding decisions at the end of the year.

