**Liebe Group MLA Benchmarking Survey**

**Thank you for your time in completing this important survey for our region. The data collected will enable greater understanding of the local livestock industry including practices, challenges and motivations. This information will be used to provide increased support to producers through targeted investment opportunities.**

**The survey is being conducted by the Liebe Group with support from the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association and the Midlands Biosecurity Group as part of the MLA funded Producer Demonstration Site Program.**

1. What is the size of your property? (ha)
2. What is your average annual rainfall? (mm)
3. What soil types are present on your property?
4. Please indicate the number of livestock on your property
	1. Sheep
	2. Cattle
	3. Other
5. What is your enterprise mix? (%)
	1. Cropping
	2. Livestock
	3. Other
6. Has your herd increased/decreased in the past 5 years?
	1. What factors have influenced this decision?
		1. Lifestyle
		2. Business performance i.e. profitability
		3. Weed control
		4. Risk management/business diversification
		5. Infrastructure
		6. Biosecurity i.e. wild dogs
		7. External conditions
		8. R&D relevance i.e. technology
		9. Soil health
		10. Other...
7. Are you looking to expand/reduce flock size over the next 5 years?
	1. What factors have influenced this decision?
		1. Lifestyle
		2. Business performance i.e. profitability
		3. Weed control
		4. Risk management/business diversification
		5. Infrastructure
		6. Biosecurity i.e. wild dogs
		7. External conditions
		8. R&D relevance i.e. technology
		9. Soil health
		10. Other…
8. Have you seen or heard of wild dogs and foxes in your shire in the last five years?
	1. Yes
	2. No
9. What activities do you use to manage declared pests (wild dogs/foxes) on your farm?
	1. Baiting
	2. Trapping
	3. Shooting
	4. Connection with your local biosecurity group
	5. Nothing
10. What threat do these pests pose to your business?
	1. Significant
	2. Moderate
	3. low
11. **How confident are you in establishing the following systems?** (Please rate out of 10, with 1 being poor and 10 being very good, by circling your choice below)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sown annual pasture (i.e. serradella) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Perennial pasture (i.e. tagasaste, ryegrass etc) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Pasture shrubs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

1. **How confident are you in managing the following systems?** (Please rate out of 10, with 1 being poor and 10 being very good, by circling your choice below)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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1. **In the past five years which of the following practices have you implemented as a % of grazing area?** *(Please tick your choice below)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 0-10% | 11-40% | 41-70% | 71-100% | N/A |
| Volunteer pasture |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown pastures of any kind |   |   |   |   |   |
| Improved pastures (added fertiliser, herbicides, etc.) |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown cereal pastures |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown seradella pastures |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown perennial pastures |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mixed grazing (shrub with grasses & legumes) |   |   |   |   |   |

1. **In the next five years do you intend to implement any of the following practices as a % of grazing area?** *(Please tick your choice below)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | 0-10% | 11-40% | 41-70% | 71-100% | N/A |
| Volunteer pasture |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown pastures of any kind |   |   |   |   |   |
| Improved pastures (added fertiliser, herbicides, etc.) |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown cereal pastures |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown seradella pastures |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sown perennial pastures |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mixed grazing (shrub with grasses & legumes) |   |   |   |   |   |

1. **What are the reasons you have not implemented optimised pasture systems on your property?** (Tick any of the options that apply to you)

a. Not a significant issues on my property............................................................... o

b. Lack of confidence.............................................................................................. o

c. Lack of skills......................................................................................................... o

d. Limited funds ....................................................................................................... o

e. Limited time.......................................................................................................... o

f. Other (Please specify) ........................................................................................ o