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RECIPIENT EWE STANDARDS

Recipient ewes act as surrogate mothers for the donor's offspring. Good management and synchronisation is essential for a successful ET programme. Due to the expense of recipient ewes and the continual problem of supplying 'value for money' ewes, Genstock is advising that clients with programmes of 12 donor ewes or more, supply their own recipient ewes at a ratio of 10 recipient ewes to one Donor.

There is a handling, agistment and programming fee of \$10 each for these ewes.

Minimising the bio-security risk at Genstock is our primary concern. Reducing the number of properties from which sheep have originated, will help to alleviate this problem.

Any unsuitable ewes, for example with damaged udders, cancers, poor health etc, will be sold to the abattoirs and the client will be paid an average price for these ewes. Any unused recipients will require immediate collection post ET transfer or will also be sold to the abattoir. Any recipients found pregnant will be charged synchronisation costs (\$15).

To supply own recipients, the following must apply:

1. The ewes must not have had any contact with rams in the last 6 months.
2. The client must NOT have been involved in any ram lamb contracts.
3. The farm where the sheep have been held for the last 6 months must be lice free.
4. The farm must be located in a footrot free zone.
5. No known carriers of Ovine Johne's Disease have come into contact with the property's stock.

Ewes will be inspected on the day of arrival by the manager. Please ensure that only the following ewes are sent for recipients:

1. Ewes are NOT pregnant
2. Ewes have conceived and reared a lamb the previous year
3. Ewes to be no older than 5.5 years of age with a sound mouth
4. Weaned at least 6 weeks prior
5. Ewes are large framed and of good health, trace element and vitamin deficiencies corrected
6. Score 2.5 to 3
7. Sound mouthed
8. No dermatitis
9. No lameness (any limping to be checked for signs of footrot)
10. Two functional teats and no lumps within the udder (must be checked)
11. Wool length no longer than three months
12. Drenched with an effective drench
13. Vaccinated with Glanvac and possibly scabby guard.
14. Lice free