

The four pillars of EverGraze

Right Plant:

It is important to identify the right pasture species and cultivar/variety that is most suitable for the place it is to be sown and for the purpose for which it is to be used.

This also involves consideration of the role this perennial species may play in addressing environmental issues including recharge, discharge, soil erosion, soil health and weed control. Also consider seed cost, establishment ease, persistence and complementary with other species in the mix.

Right Place:

Match pasture species to landscape, topography, soil type and climate to maximise production, persistence and environmental benefit.

Right Purpose:

- ▶ Match feed supply and quality to the most profitable livestock system.
- ▶ Match joining, calving, lambing and selling times to seasonal feed supply and quality.
- ▶ Match species selection to specific environmental purposes (reducing recharge, improving ground cover, improving soil health, reducing soil acidity), and productivity purposes (summer feed options for finishing or flushing, grasses or shrubs for shelter).

Right Management

- ▶ Utilise pastures with high stocking and reproductive rates to increase product/ha.
- ▶ Implement grazing management strategies targeted at maintaining persistence, composition and quality of perennial pastures.
- ▶ Use Food On Offer (800 kg/ha) and 75% ground cover thresholds in grazing management and stock containment areas when required to optimise persistence and maintain good pasture composition.
- ▶ Manage ewes to Lifetime Wool guidelines to achieve condition score 3 for joining and lambing to improve weaning rates and reduce ewe mortality.
- ▶ Maintain soil fertility at critical levels for optimum production, persistence and return on capital.
- ▶ Optimise feed quality and supply at joining for increased ovulation and conception rates.
- ▶ Use shelter for increasing lamb survival.



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