



AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL PRODUCTION



ANIMAL WELFARE IS A PRIORITY FOR THE SHEEP AND WOOL INDUSTRIES. THIS IS DEMONSTRATED BY AUSTRALIA'S HIGH ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE STANDARDS AND PRACTICES.



FROM PADDOCK TO PLATE

- A system of on-farm assurance, animal identification and traceability from paddock to plate guarantees the integrity of Australia's sheep industry.
- It protects the disease-free status of our sheep production and ensures our product is safe and natural.
- Since 2012, the EU has undertaken five in-country audits that gave Australia a positive assessment of its meat and dairy production and animal welfare practices.



ANIMAL WELFARE AND SUSTAINABILITY

- The Sheep Sustainability Framework focuses on animal welfare and animal care:
 - continually improving best practice sheep management and ensuring humane processing
 - preventing and managing disease by focusing on animal health.
- The industry is working to meet the challenge of climate change by reducing net greenhouse gas emissions and improving natural resource management, responsible environmental practices and greater biodiversity.
- Farmers are committed to reducing reliance on mulesing. This includes selective breeding, chemical controls and other techniques, as well as using pain relief.



SHEEP SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK



Australian Mission to the European Union

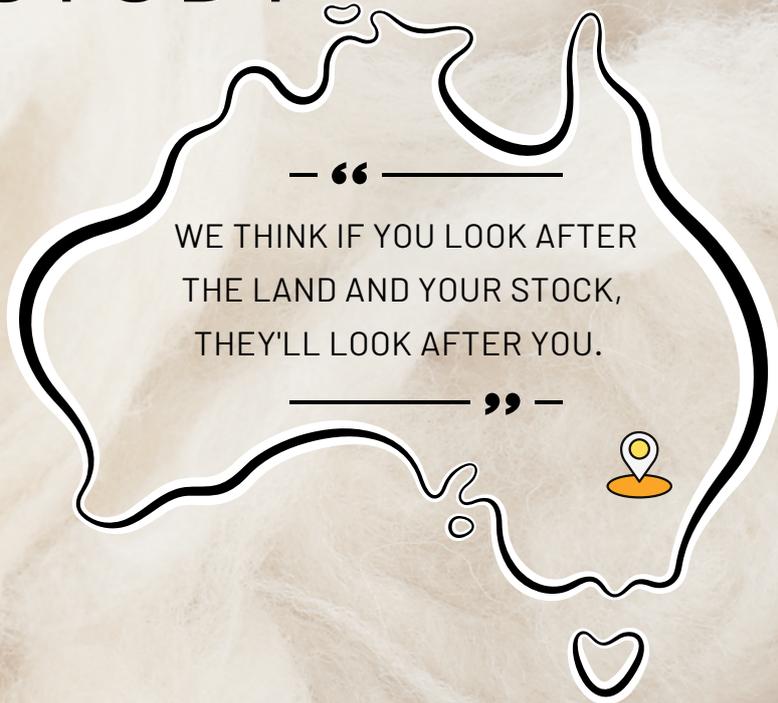




CASE STUDY



Eleanor Falkiner and Charlie Blomfield,
wool & lamb producers, Australia.



FAMILY OWNED

- Boridgeree is a family-owned mixed farming property located in the Central West of New South Wales along the Belubula River.
- Charlie Blomfield and Eleanor Falkiner breed merino lambs for wool and meat.



SOLUTIONS

- They are committed to improving animal welfare and environmental management by investing in on-farm innovation.
- They have installed an automated sheep feeding system to increase drought resilience, giving them the ability to produce quality lambs, regardless of seasonal conditions.

