

Grazing *Paspalidium constrictum*

As part of the NLP/NACC funded “sustainable farming on vulnerable northern wheatbelt yellow sands “ project, Batten Farms monitored and recorded weights of Dorper ram lambs to assess the value of retaining and promoting the native grass *Paspalidium constrictum*.

354 Dorper ram lambs were weighed 2/3/17, with average weight of 55kg. They were placed into 72 hectares of predominately *Paspalidium constrictum* pasture. The wheat stubble had been heavily grazed before summer rain, and prior to trial commencement, to allow focus solely on grass performance.

Lambs were again weighed when removed 24/3/17, with average weight gains of 40 grams per day.

Analysis in brief

354 (lambs) / 72ha = 4.9 Dry Stock Equivalent per hectare

40 grams (ave daily weight gain) X 4.9 (D.S.E) = 196 grams/ha/day



Paspalidium constrictum prior to grazing



Weighing ram lambs