



Media Release

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Managing Sheep and Cattle in a Hard Winter

Farmers needing advice on livestock health through winter are being invited to a series of information sessions in northern Tasmania during June.

The sessions in Campbell Town, Pipers Brook and Winkleigh are being organised by NRM North through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

NRM North Regional Landcare Facilitator, Peter Heading, said the events were timely given recent weather conditions.

"Many of Tasmania's farming regions have experienced below average rainfall levels over the past 8 to 12 months," Mr Heading said.

"This had a major impact on dryland pasture growth resulting in extended feeding out or selling off. Some farms coming into winter may only have minimal feed left."

Well-known local vet Dr Paul Nilon will highlight the issues farmers need to cover to maintain stock health during a potentially low feed base winter.

"Nutritional planning going into winter is a major driver for livestock health, reproduction and survival," Dr Nilon said.

The events will be held at:

Zeps Café Room at Campbell Town, 6 – 8 pm on Tuesday 12th June

Pipers Brook Fire Station, 10 – 12 noon, Wednesday 20th June

Winkleigh Hall, 6 – 8 pm, Thursday 21st June

Ends

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