



# AWGA - News Update

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam:

AWI research deserves encouragement

Recently AWI's on farm research team finalised some highly valuable work that has the potential to increase effective kill rates on wild dog populations.

Wild dogs have been a serious problem for many years, and until recently, something that State and Federal Governments haven't taken seriously at all, previously using retarded intellect to suggest that such feral dogs are now part of the natural landscape. The result has been cruelty on an industrial scale with literally tens of thousands of beautiful merino's having been savagely torn to pieces, farmers left wondering if they have any rights left at all.

The brilliance of AWI's research has simply shown that aerial baiting rates of 40 baits per km effectively kill 90 % of wild dogs in that area. The Federal Government registration authority needs such valuable science to allow wider baiting activity.

And in further good news, recent discussions with the AWI Chairman has confirmed AWI's return to funding the highly popular "Bred Well Fed Well " extension programs, something that will be welcomed by the whole sheep industry.

It is encouraging to see our levies supporting fresh and real efforts to increase sheep productivity, as well providing provident ammunition in our war on wild dogs.

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