



Sheep Liveweight Estimation Tool: Participant Information Sheet

About the Project

This research project is led by CSIRO and co-funded by Meat & Livestock Australia and the Australian Wool Innovation. The aim of the project is to develop an off-animal technology system prototype that accurately measures the weight of sheep and weight of the fleece. To ensure the system being developed is fit-for-purpose and has a clear pathway to adoption/commercialisation, the project team is engaging with industry stakeholders for the purpose of understanding the market and potential value of the system, and to inform the scalable system design.

What does participating involve?

Participants will be invited to participate in the activity via email. The activity may be a Microsoft Teams meeting, a workshop held either online or in person, or a demonstration of the system at a CSIRO site.

What information do we want to collect?

We are interested in understanding participants' perceptions, experiential comments and feedback about the technology system and the challenges it is aiming to solve; potential use cases for the system in the participant's area of work; and potential additions or modifications to the system that would provide greater value to the participant.

Who will the insights be shared with?

The outputs of the activity will be used by CSIRO staff involved in the project to validate the functionality and design of the system prototype, and develop an adoption/commercialisation pathway to scale the developed system. Aggregated participant insights will be summarised in research outputs such as publications and presentations. Aggregated participant insights will also be summarised in project reports delivered to Meat & Livestock Australia and the Australian Wool Innovation. These project reports may be published by Meat & Livestock Australia and the Australian Wool Innovation.

How is your data de-identified?

All written notes and transcripts from the activity will be stored on a CSIRO Microsoft Teams site and be accessible to the CSIRO research project team only.



Your contributions will be de-identified, meaning no individual opinions or comments will be attributed to participants. Data reported in final research outputs (e.g. publications, reports) will be aggregated, meaning that no participant will be attributed to any individual comment.

Withdrawal from the project

Participation in the activity is completely voluntary. Your decision to participate or not participate in the activity (including in part or in its entirety) will not affect your current or future relationship with the research project team or CSIRO.

Ethics clearance and contacts

This study has been approved by CSIRO's Social Science Human Research Ethics Committee in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023). If you have any questions concerning your participation in the study, please contact the research project team via their contact details provided. Alternatively, any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the activity can be raised with the Executive Manager of Social Responsibility and Ethics on +61 7 3833 5693 or by email at csshrec@csiro.au

CSIRO Privacy Notice

Your personal information is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). CSIRO will handle your information in accordance with this Act and the latest National Health & Medical Research Council National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023) or as otherwise required by law.

Your personal information, including your name, email address and views and opinions on the subject matter, is being collected for the purposes of conducting the Sheep Liveweight Estimation Tool project, and related scientific research.

In the course of conducting online interviews CSIRO may also incidentally collect images or video recordings of you, or audio recordings of your voice. That information might indirectly provide CSIRO with sensitive information about you, such as your ethnicity. However, CSIRO will not use these images or recordings for any purpose outside of conducting the interview and verifying the accuracy of any notes or transcriptions taken during it.

Results from the project will be de-identified and published/presented or shared in a variety of forums and with third parties.

Your personal details including your name and organisation name will only be published with your consent.

You are free to withdraw at any time during the project. Unless requested, we will retain any personal information collected prior to your withdrawal from the study. If you request that we

delete your personal information, we will do so if permitted by and in accordance with any applicable laws (including the Privacy Act and the *Archives Act 1983* (Cth)).

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