



August 2026

Newsletter

Cold conditions have settled in right across the Fleurieu and KI. Southern districts received regular rainfall events during July. However, the Strathalbyn Plains missed out and are looking for good rains soon.

Pastures and hay paddocks slowed with the cold July weather but will start to get moving soon and would benefit from either straight nitrogen fertilisers or N blends. There's more information about August fertilisers in this newsletter and speak with your local FPAG agronomist for the best advice.

Lamb marking is well underway or finished in most regions and shearing will start up on KI in the next few weeks.

We are getting a lot more enquiries in-store about scratching cattle. Once you see them rubbing, it is time to treat all animals for lice.

Rainfall July: KI & Fleurieu		
District	Jul-26	Last 5yr Av.
Victor Harbor	81mm	45mm
Milang	56mm	34mm
Strathalbyn	13mm	33mm
Parndana	49mm	36mm
Mt Compass	108mm	51mm
Myponga	91mm	41mm
Kingscote	49mm	36mm
Parawa	128mm	63mm
Yankalilla	58mm	43mm

Fertiliser Spreading Fuel Surcharge

With the Govt's Fuel Levy subsidy concluding, diesel prices are once again escalating and at a rapid rate. Consequently, FPAG will need to apply a fee on all fertiliser spreading work from 3rd August 2026. As previously, we will show this charge as a separate line on your invoice, however we will continually review this fee as fuel market prices move.

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FPAG Welcomes Nick Kemp



FPAG are very pleased to be able to introduce Nick Kemp to our customers. Nick will be leading the Fertiliser Operations at FPAG, based in Strathalbyn.

Nick joins FPAG with a very successful career in senior management in the rural sector.

His focus in those roles was fertiliser and ag-chemical procurement.

Nick is looking forward to getting back in front of customers and catching up with as many as he can over the coming months.

FPAG would also like to thank Glen Hillebrand for stepping in and helping FPAG manage our fertiliser activities through a difficult period.

Nick can be contacted at our Strathalbyn branch on 08 8536 2122, or his mobile 0407 899 789.

Cattle Lice

As mentioned earlier, our stores are getting requests from producers looking for a lice treatment for their cattle.

For cattle infested with lice, once you see them rubbing it is time to treat. The only preventative treatment for cattle lice should have been applied back in May. Now, when treating for cattle lice use the product on every animal and get the dose correct.



Lice have a very short life cycle, so continual monitoring is required and often a second treatment may be required.

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Nitrogen Fertiliser On Pastures In August



Due to uncertainty about nitrogen (N) fertiliser supply and inflated pricing this winter, many graziers may have deliberately reduced or held off on N inputs this season. However, coming out of winter, we are entering the period when we get the best pasture growth responses to added N.

For example, Dairy Australia reckon pastures and forage crops can grow an extra 20 kg DM for each kg of fertiliser N applied this month. That means a typical 70 kg/ha application of urea can provide an extra 650 kg forage per ha.

For producers looking to boost spring forage production, and with the uncertainty in spring weather forecasts (i.e. El Nino?), now is a good time to look at using N fertiliser. Nitrogen prices are softening too, adding to the merit of using N fertiliser now.

For example, even if urea costs \$1,000/tonne the extra forage grown would cost only \$108/tonne DM. That's still cheap forage!

FPAG can help with your decision-making and best using N fertilisers on your farm;

- Our agronomists can help identify your most responsive paddocks and whether any other nutrients are required for the best growth response.
- Nitrogen works best if sulphur levels are adequate and we can blend urea and SOA fertilisers to provide the best ratio of nitrogen : sulphur for your paddocks.
- For paddocks routinely cut for hay, potash levels might also be low but we can also blend in added potash to your N fertiliser if needed.
- And as always, FPAG can help with delivery and spreading of fertiliser where required.

Dry Cow – Mastitis Management

Master your cows' mastitis issues with Teatplug® from Abbey Animal Health. Teatplug® is designed for the prevention of clinical and sub-clinical mastitis in dairy cows during the non-lactating (dry) period and early post-calving.

Teatplug® is available now and has these features;

- Non antibiotic
- Forms physical barrier immediately on insertion of the white viscous paste into teat
- Blocks the entry of bacteria into the udder throughout the dry period and at early and post calving.
- Ingredient: 650mg/g BISMUTH SUBNITRATE.

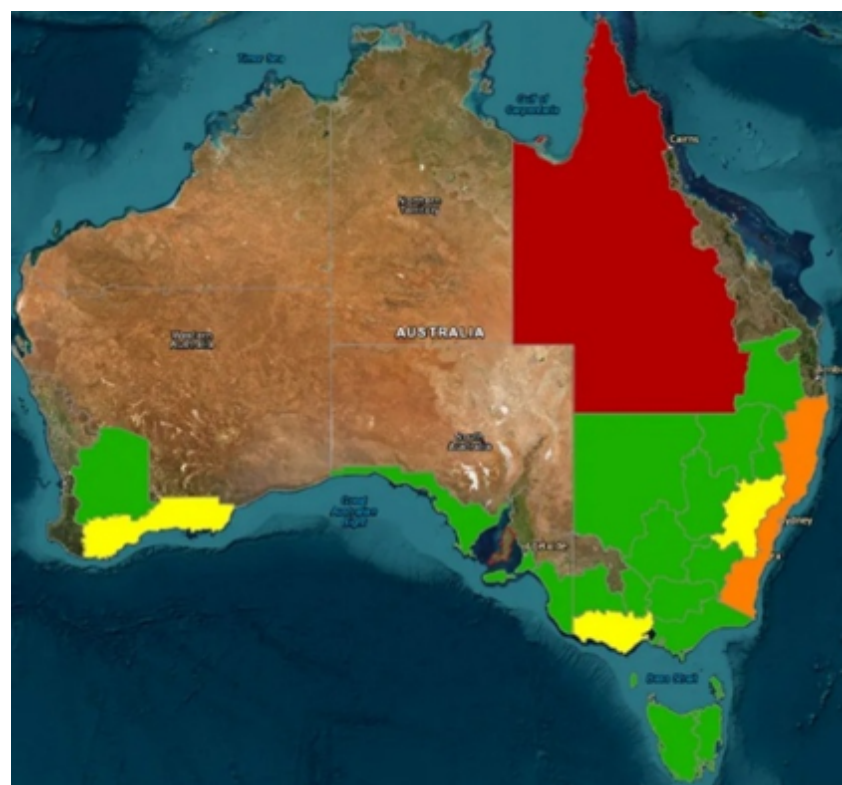


Teatplug comes in a 200 x 4g syringe tub that also includes 2 x 120 alcohol wipes; enough to treat 50 cows.

Speak with your local FPAG store. This is not carried in all our stores, but we can get it to you within a few days.

Worms in Sheep - Intensity Heat Map

Overall, South Australian flocks remain at a relatively low level of worm challenge. The south-East averaged 140 eggs per gram (epg), placing it in the green category.



While regional averages are low, the spread of results indicates some mobs are still carrying moderate burdens, reinforcing the need for continued monitoring”.

Now, it is time for any growers that used a long-acting injection to test their ewes to see if that product is still working adequately.

We can either come out and with your help, gather samples, or you can drop a sample into your local FPAG store.

A testing sample is 2 -3 dung balls per sheep from a minimum of 12 ewes.

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Diesel Tank Refuelling Pods

TTI's diesel refuelling pods are Manufactured from specially formulated diesel-grade polyethylene. Their diesel tanks comply with Australian Standards AS1940-2004 and AS2809.2-2008 for the safe transportation of flammable liquids and dangerous goods by road. **Features include;**

- Provision for tie down straps to securely fasten tank onto your vehicle
- 210L/min Pump Coupled to a Honda GX50 Petrol Engine
- Designed to fit across the width of a standard UTE tray
- 10m of 25mm delivery hose on a Retractable Hose Reel
- Sleek ergonomic design with 25 Year Tank Warranty
- Diesel Lid with Breather Auto Shut Off Nozzle
- Available in sizes from 100L through to 1200L
- Safety Liquid Locker™ Baffling System
- 2" Filler & Pad-Lockable Cap
- Earth Strap



*Image for illustrative purposes only. Actual product may vary

600L Diesel Major w' Hosereel



400L Diesel Captain



600L Diesel Captain

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Getting More out of your Urea Fertiliser

Many producers know there can sometimes be volatile losses of nitrogen (N) after broadcasting urea fertiliser. Urea needs to be converted to ammonium before it plants take it up. During that conversion ammonium can be volatilised and lost as ammonia gas. The worst case is up to 30% N losses; associated with warmer, windy conditions, poor groundcover and without useful follow-up rains within a few days after the urea is spread.

However, urea fertiliser can be treated with an inhibitor compound so it converts more slowly over around 2 weeks. This allows more time for follow-up rains to fall and for the urea to dissolve out of granules and enter the soil.

This treated urea is commonly referred to as 'Green Urea' and is a recognised option to reduce volatile N losses if rains fail to fall within a few days after spreading.



At current urea pricing, 'Green Urea' treatment only has to reduce volatile N losses by 6 percentage points (e.g. 20 --> 14% losses) to cover the cost of treatment.

FPAG can flexibly offer customers the option of treating urea at our Strathalbyn depot. If unsure about follow-up rains, we can apply the 'Green Urea' treatment on the day of dispatch. But if rains are assured, we can together decide not to bother treating the urea and save that expense.

Talk with your FPAG agronomist or local store about the option of using 'Green Urea'.

In practical terms, this means:

- More time for rainfall or irrigation to move nitrogen into the soil.
- Less ammonia volatilisation from surface-applied urea.
- A higher proportion of applied nitrogen remaining plant-available.

It's a biochemical delay, not a physical barrier – after 14 days, the NBPT will start to wear off, allowing the nitrogen cycle to continue.

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In The Vines

The national grape survey is [here](#) but here's a quick summary:

- National Crush Vintage 2026: 1.26 million tonnes, 19% down on last year with Chardonnay beating Shiraz on tonnage for a second year in a row.
- Average price per tonne nationally was down 19% to \$454/tonne farm gate.
- Langhorne Creek crushed 26,000 tonnes, 17% down on last year.
- However, the average price increased by 1% to \$878/tonne farm gate.
- Shiraz dominated Langhorne Creek with 8,580 tonnes crushed, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon with 6,343 tonnes.

If you'd like a copy of the Langhorne Creek SA Winegrape Crush survey for 2026, it can be found at; www.vinehealth.com.au/news/surveys/sa/winegrape-crush-survey/

It's certainly worth a read.

From a weather perspective, Langhorne Creek received 39mm of rain in July, bringing our winter total to 104mm, putting us slightly above average for this time of year.

It's now time to start planning for the new viticulture season. There are new chemicals now registered for use in vineyards. So, stop at our Langhorne Creek store to discuss your needs. Sulphur and copper pricing has recently risen, so best to secure your requirements now.

If unsure about the new restrictions on paraquat/diquat herbicide labelling and how this affects wine growers, give us a call. It's really important you understand those changes. We have printed copies in-store, we can email you one, or you can click the [link](#).

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Rhino & Heritage Tanks - August Special

For a limited time, when you purchase ANY Rhino or Heritage Rural Water Tanks you will receive \$1000 worth of extras included. The offer provides additional value to maximise their water storage investment.

- ✓ Tank level gauges
- ✓ Hi-flow leaf filter baskets
- ✓ Bell mouth overflows
- ✓ Additional inlets & outlets
- ✓ Fire-fighting fittings and connections*
- ✓ Plus more



Offer valid from 1 August to 31 August 2026, while stocks last.

Speak with your local FPAG store for further information, but keep in mind, this is a August deal only.

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