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Coleraine Workshop Aims at Reducing Flystrike

McDonald Rural Services and the Sheep Co-operative Research Centre (Sheep CRC) in conjunction with DPI Victoria are offering a free Flystrike Prevention Workshop in Coleraine on 18 October 2011.

Each year, treatment costs and lost production associated with flystrike of sheep costs the industry an estimated \$280 million.

The workshop, which will be hosted by McDonald Rural Services at their premises in Coleraine from 9am, and later at local property, will provide practical information to reduce the risk of flystrike through management and breeding approaches.

It will cover practices including wrinkle scoring, benchmarking flocks for flystrike susceptibility; monitoring of the fly population; shearing, crutching and breach modification; marking, clips and mulesing; and chemical treatments.

It will also feature new management and breeding techniques that are helping producers reduce the susceptibility of flocks to flystrike, thereby reducing costs and improving animal welfare. It will also allow sheep producers to walk away with their own flystrike prevention program.

The Flystrike Prevention Workshop will feature subject specialists Garry Armstrong, Program Manager, Meat and Wool Services, DPI Victoria (Echuca), Dr Robert Suter, Animal Health Manager, DPI Victoria (Attwood) and Gary Hallam, Sheep and Wool Specialist, DPI Victoria (Horsham).

For more information on the workshop and to register please call Gary Hallam at the Horsham Office on (03) 5362 0757 or mobile 0417 503 837.