

Sheep – Horizon Three

Progress Report for the Period July 2019 to September 2019

The Sheep – Horizon Three programme has just begun its fourth season with great interest in both the farming model and the new products.

Highlights from this period include:

- The Hybrid Pilot Farm and Bovine to Ovine Conversion Pilot Farm are in their second season of milking. Sheep are performing well from both an animal health and milk volume perspective with peak milk significantly above prior seasons.
- The first supplier farm was established this season with the sheep being milked successfully from August 2019. The milk performance is on target to begin the season.
- A full scale trial of a “lamb on ewe” system (where lambs are left with the ewes until weaning) is being undertaken as an alternative lamb rearing option for farmers.
- Analysis was undertaken to understand the different Methane levels from different breeds of sheep to enable incorporation into future breeding values.
- Sheep - Horizon Three Farm Open Day 2019 will be held on the 1st of November 2019. This year’s event will be showcasing the fully outdoor, Bovine to Ovine Conversion Pilot Farm due to significant interest from the industry in this farming model.

Investment Summary:

	Industry Contribution	MPI Contribution	Total Investment
During this Period	866,019	577,346	1,443,365
Programme to Date	10,193,466	6,795,644	16,989,111



Sheep settled in at the first supplier farm



Sheep milk powder products in Malaysia



Lamb on Ewe rearing trial