Following the fantastic feedback we received from sheep producers across the State in our app survey, we thought it timely to highlight some of the useful sheep and wool related smartphone apps available.

There are now well over one million smartphone apps in both the App Store (for iPhone) and Google play (for Android), and growth in this market space shows no signs of slowing.

However, according to data from consumer research company Nielsen, typical smartphone users are only interacting with a few dozen apps per month – at the most – and that number hasn’t grown much during the past few years.

To help you ‘sort the wheat from the chaff’, the following list of apps includes those we’ve come across through some careful research, as well as those recommended by Sheep Connect Tasmania members in our app survey.

**Veterinary Handbook for Cattle Sheep & Goats**
Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited

- **iPhone + Android**
- A comprehensive resource including information on the causes, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and associated syndromes of diseases and conditions in beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goats.

**Sheep Condition Scoring**
Western Australian Agriculture Authority

- **iPhone**
- Record sheep body condition scores, view the range of scores within the flock and calculate average flock condition score. Ability to track scores over time.

**Flystrike assist**
Western Australian Agriculture Authority

- **iPhone**
- Assists with decisions on the appropriate chemical application for flystrike prevention. Provides information on withholding periods and includes calendar notifications.

**Elders Weather**
Elders Rural Services Australia

- **iPhone**
- Produces weather forecasts for Australia and the world using Bureau of Meteorology and Weatherzone information. Includes 7-day forecasts, past 24 hours temperature, 12-month rainfall, sunrise and sunset, wind, humidity, chance of rain, radar maps, and more.

**Farmware**
Farmware Applications Australia Pty Ltd

- **via web browser (iPhone + Android)**
- Record activities for livestock, paddocks and storage. Maintain records of mobs and numbers, animal treatment records, stocking rates, paddock usage, crop treatments and basic storage inventories.

**Farm Manager**
Stringybark Software Pty Ltd

- **iPhone**
- Keep track of livestock (including ear tag numbers, bloodlines, breed and year born). Record shearing and crutching dates, drenching, dipping and jetting details. Record crop history, chemical and fertiliser use (including type, rate and date applied).
Prototype Lifetime Ewe Management app launched

Australian Wool Innovation and Rural Industries Skill Training have developed a prototype app for the popular Lifetime Ewe Management (LTEM) course.

The course has now involved more than 2000 sheep producers managing in excess of 20 per cent of the nation’s ewe flock, and includes activities such as condition scoring, pasture assessment and feed budgeting.

The aim is to best match the energy requirements of animals with pasture production and supplementary feeding in order to maximise production.

The app has recently been demonstrated live at the Bestwool/Bestlamb conference in Bendigo, Victoria, as well as at LambEx in Adelaide, South Australia.

The app is a natural evolution of the LTEM course after years of research and extension; with Australian Wool Innovation contributing about $10 million to the program and the initial research behind it.

The development of this technology has involved various farm visits and trials using existing LTEM participants, and the app is currently being further trialled by facilitators and participants before it is officially made available for iPhone and Android mobile devices.

F-Track Live
Farm Apps Pty Ltd
iPhone + Android

Allows multiple users to record and access up-to-date farm information. Includes livestock manager, crop manager, task management for planning and allocating tasks and tracking completion, paddock mapping, and farm fuel inventory and usage.

iHerd
iApps Pty Ltd
iPhone + Android

Simplify herd management and synchronises data between managers. Keep track of stock numbers, paddock details, stocking rates, property ID numbers, stock transfers and tally counts. Record animal treatments and keep an inventory of on-farm chemicals. NOTE: While iHerd is primarily marketed towards cattle producers, the app is just as useful for sheep enterprises.

Weed ID: The Ute Guide
Grains Research and Development Corporation
iPhone + Android

Assists in identifying common weeds found in paddocks throughout Australia. Where possible, photos have been included for each stage of the weed’s lifecycle, from seed and seedling through to mature and flowering plants.

Insect ID: The Ute Guide
Grains Research and Development Corporation
iPhone + Android

A comprehensive reference guide for insect pests commonly affecting broadacre crops across Australia. Includes the beneficial insects that may help to control them. Photos have been included for multiple lifecycle stages.

Field Guide to Pest Animals of Australia
Invasive Animals Limited
iPhone

Information, distribution maps, photos, animal calls, footprints, control information and resource links for 53 pest animals in Australia.

MLA Market Information
Meat & Livestock Australia Limited
iPhone + Android

Access the latest market news and intelligence on the sheep, beef and goat industries direct from the source, including prices, reporting, national indicators, slaughter levels, forecasts and analyses for the Australian and international red meat markets.