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## New “Bale Weight Calculator” App - Available Now

AWEX has officially launched the new Bale Weight Calculator App.

“The Bale Weight Calculator has been developed by AWEX as a practical tool to use in the wool shed.” said Mark Grave, AWEX CEO “The Bale Weight Calculator will assist woolgrowers, woolclassers and wool pressers to strategically plan the pressing out of each line of wool.”

The Bale Weight Calculator is available to download onto any smart-phone and is available from both apple/android app stores.

- The Bale Weight Calculator app is free,
- Available for apple and android smart phones,
- Does not require web/network connectivity to use,
- Can be used anywhere by woolgrowers, woolclassers, wool pressers, shed-handlers, contractors, anyone.

“The App launch is timely as the minimum bale weight will increase to 120kg from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.” said Mark Grave. “Woolgrowers, woolclassers and shed staff should already be thinking of how they will adjust and the Bale Weight Calculator App will help them work through the options.”

“Nobody sets out to press low weight bales but with some planning it is possible to optimise the number of complete bales and reduce costs through the wool supply chain. It’s the unintended consequences of low weight bales that cause concern, such as higher per kilogram costs for services charged on a per bale basis including transport, warehousing and testing costs.”

The new Bale Weight Calculator is easy to use and requires the user to enter only:

1. The number of sheep in a mob (to be shorn),
2. Estimated cut per head (kg),
3. Maximum Bale Weight to be pressed,
4. Minimum Bale Weight to be pressed,

Mark Grave said “Once the above information is entered, the Bale Weight Calculator will calculate 5 wool pressing options. Each option will identify the number of bales pressed and if applicable, the kilograms remaining in a butt.”

The user can only enter bale weights between 120kg – 204kg.

Wool buyers have expressed their concerns about the increased per kilogram costs they face for services that incur a per bale fee such as transport and dumping costs. Mark Grave said “Woolgrowers also face per bale costs, so it makes sense to reduce costs where possible.”

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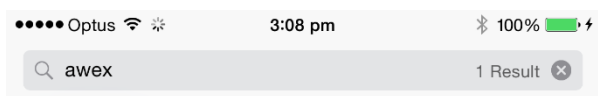
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