

# Foxchat



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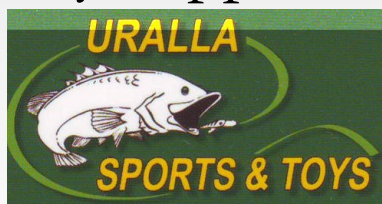
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## Fox Facts

### What do Foxes eat?

On farm lands a fox diet may consist of about 30% sheep and lambs, 30% mice, rabbits and insects, and 30% wildlife ~ this varies with season etc. A fox eats approx. 375g per night so for 20 foxes (a fox density of 4/km<sup>2</sup>), on a 500Ha property this is equivalent to 7.5kg/night or 2.7 tones per year!!

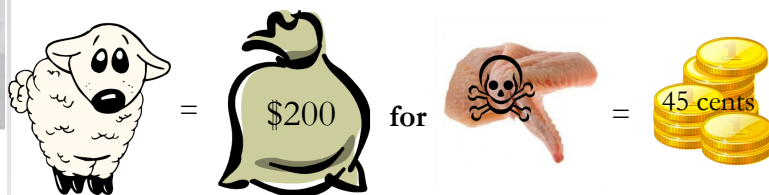
### Why bait foxes in Winter?

During winter foxes are cold and hungry. They are searching for food. Alternative food sources are low and therefore foxes are more likely to take a fox bait.

### Foxes and Lambing Percentage

Foxes are thought to be responsible for taking in excess of 10% of all healthy lambs born.

### Can you afford to lose;



## WIN Prizes!!!

### Coordinated Group Baiting

Anyone who orders '1080' poisoned baits as part of a coordinated group will enter a draw to win a 1/2 hour joy flight for 2 people with **Fleet Helicopters**.

### Fox Foot Raffle

The person who brings the **most** feet (front right paw of a fox) into the New England Livestock Health and Pest Authority (NE LHPA), Armidale office will win a Cass Creek Remote Fox Caller donated by **Uralla Sports and Toys**.

### Shooting Data Raffle

A fox shooting form to record details of any foxes shot over the winter period can be collected from the NE LHPA, GrazAg or Uralla Sports and Toys. Return the form to the NE LHPA Armidale office by the 31st of August 2011 for your chance to win a \$150 open order from **GrazAg** (includes ammunition, subject to firearm regulations).

**All draws close 31st August 2011**



# 2011 Coordinated Fox Baiting Schedule

Date			Time	GROUP	COORDINATOR	PHONE	Order by
15	June	Wed	8:00	Warrane Rd	Charles Belfield	6775 1168	9 June
16	June	Thurs	10:00	Tenterden	Wayne Jenkyn	6779 4554	10 June
22	June	Wed	10:00	Guyra	Rita Williams	6779 1182	16 June
22	June	Wed	11:00	Llangothlin	Bob Williamson	6779 1251	16 June
22	June	Wed	1:00	Malpas/ Black Mtn	Pam Youman	6775 0117	16 June
30	June	Thurs	10:00	Enmore	Alan Grace	6778 2151	24 June
1	July	Fri	10:00	Walcha Rd/ Woolbrook	Kevin Noon	6777 5886	24 June
5	June	Tues	10:00	Chandlers Peak	Laurie Smith	6779 2037	28 June
					Wayne Mills	6779 1552	28 June
7	July	Thurs	9:00	Balala Brushgrove	Celia Strong	6778 7060	1 July
7	July	Thurs	10:30	Kingstown	Jim Swales	6778 9135	1 July
7	July	Thurs	12:00	Bundarra	Bill Doak	6723 7330	1 July
7	July	Thurs	1:30	Rumbling Mtn.	Angus McLean	6723 7383	1 July
7	July	Thurs	2:30	Yarrowyck	Jim Swales	6778 9135	1 July
12	July	Tues	12:00	Wandsworth	Hamish Hunter	6779 4242	5 July
13	July	Wed	9:00	Harnham	Ted Williams	6778 4324	7 July
					Alec Taylor	6778 7341	7 July
					Andrew Eichorn	6775 5571	7 July
14	July	Thurs	11:30	Bendemeer	Ray Quihampton	6769 6509	7 July
			12:30				
15	July	Fri	9:00	BOZO	Cameron Lisle	6778 7325	8 July
15	July	Fri	10:00	Lower Apsley	Eric Noakes	6777 2834	8 July
15	July	Fri	11:00	Yarrowitch-Tia	Shelley Marchant	6777 3901	8 July
19	July	Tues	9:00	Cooney Creek	Stuart Waters	6775 3989	12 July
19	July	Tues	10:00	Oaky	Sharryn Lasker	6778 1144	12 July
19	July	Tues	10:00	Dangarsleigh	Lach Fulloon	6775 1217	12 July
20	July	Wed	9:00	Tilbuster	Phillip Frizell	6775 0083	13 July
21	July	Thurs	9:00	Wongwibinda	John Winter-Irving	6775 8554	14 July
21	July	Thurs	9:00	Winterbourne	Polly Locke	6778 0278	14 July
			10:00				
21	July	Thurs	12:00	Glen - GRO	Polly Locke	6778 0278	14 July
22	July	Fri	9:00	Herbert Park	Andrew McLennan	6775 1768	15 July
22	July	Fri	10:00	Rockvale	Glen Tully	6775 1621	15 July
22	July	Fri	10:00	Brackendale	Paul Hoy	6777 3932	15 July
27	July	Wed	9:30	Baldersleigh	Pat Marshall	6779 4222	21 July
29	July	Thurs	9:00	Warrane Road	Charles Belfield	6775 1168	22 July

## New England Grazier Updates

A 3hr producer update focusing on issues effecting your enterprises and allowing you to capitalize on meat and wool markets.

### Topics Include:

- Ewe and Lamb management for survival
- Pasture assessments and benchmarks
- Animal health - internal parasites
- Predator control
- Seasonal climate update

Field days will occur throughout the beginning of July.

**Morning field days start at 9:30am**

**Afternoon field days start at 2:00pm**

- Kentucky
  - 1st July, Morning
- Woolbrook
  - 5th July, Morning
- Yarrowitch
  - 5th July, Afternoon
- Boorolong
  - 6th July, Morning
- Enmore
  - 6th July, Afternoon
- Winterbourne
  - 7th July, Morning
- Guyra
  - 8th July, Morning

**For details of field day localities and for more information contact Jim Meckiff, NSW Department of Primary Industries on 0267388505 or [jimmeckiff@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jimmeckiff@industry.nsw.gov.au)**

# Access To Carcasses Influences The Whelping Rate Of Wild Dogs And Foxes

*\*From New England LHPA News December 2010*

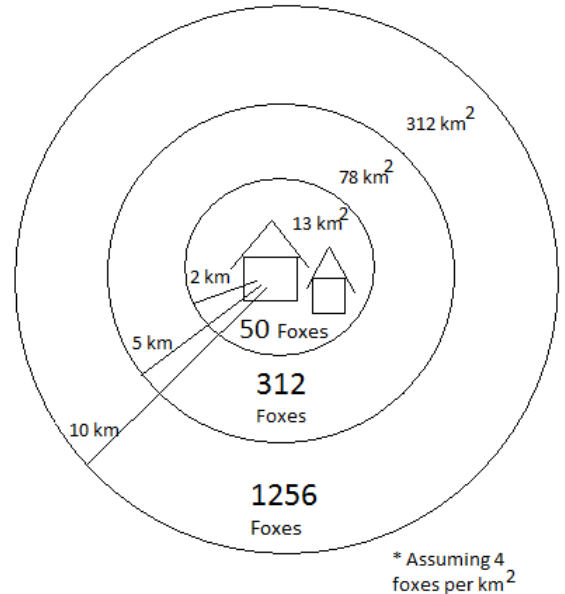
Both wild dogs and foxes are hunters and opportunistic scavengers and will often consume carcasses and offal that they come across. Ready access to the 'free feed' that carcasses offer allow the bitch or vixen to maintain better body condition and associated milk production without having to expend the same amount of energy as would be if an animal had to be hunted or territory covered to gather fruits, berries or insects in the case of foxes.

Access to carcasses may also have an effect on the effectiveness of baiting programs. If both wild dogs and foxes have ready access to carcasses and offal it may affect their travel patterns and desire to opportunistically take baits. With respect to foxes in particular, if foxes are already full, 1080 baits may be cached instead of consumed. This represents both a missed opportunity and a risk to your own working dogs as the baits will be relocated to an area that you are not aware of.

It is recommended that all carcasses be buried and covered with at least 500mm of soil to minimize the chance of them being uncovered by feral animals or domestic dogs. It should also be away from water courses. For further information contact your local LHPA Office.



## How Many Foxes Do You Have?



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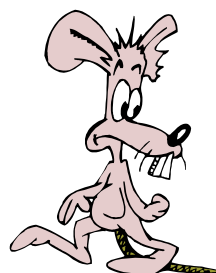
Note: Fox populations in the New England can be as high as 7 foxes per km<sup>2</sup>

## Mouse Numbers On The Rise!

Mouse numbers can build rapidly in the right conditions, such as prolonged availability of high-quality feed and early autumn rains. Mice make up 30% of a foxes diet and they can lead to crop damage throughout the growing season. To increase the effectiveness of your fox control program it is important to also control other pest animals that are food for foxes, such as mice and rabbits. Monitoring and early detection of an increasing mouse population is essential if effective control is to be implemented.

For more information on Mouse Management access a fact sheet from the Grains Research & Development Corporation website.

[http://www.grdc.com.au/uploads/documents/GRDC\\_Mice\\_FS.pdf](http://www.grdc.com.au/uploads/documents/GRDC_Mice_FS.pdf)



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### Half Day '1080' Safe Handling Course.

You are required to have a chemical users certificate or to have completed a '1080' safe handling course to receive fox baits.

A half day training course on the safe use of '1080' poisoned fox baits will be run at the NE LHPA subject to registration numbers.

To register your interest for this course contact the NE LHPA on 0267722366





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