

Excerpts from:

I Love A Sunburnt Country

By Dorothea McKellar

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of drought and flooding rains,
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me.



Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When sick at heart around us
We see the cattle die -
But then the grey clouds gather
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady, soaking rain.

Most certainly this explains the past few years of drought and, in particular, the past 12 months. Let us hope we continue to hear the drumming of the army, the steady soaking rain this year. Although we are not out of the woods as far as rain is concerned, the season has begun in better shape than for some time.

Indeed, nothing really describes our country as well as these words. My parent's farm in the High Country Victoria was lucky to survive bush fires in December 2006, and in recent weeks stood up to flooding of the Dargo River. Others were not so lucky, either time, so we can only thank the powers that be for our escape.

Here's to a successful harvest in 2007 and for grain prices to remain high.

Shane Driscoll - FarmWeigh

RTA Gets Serious

I have been informed that in recent months farmers in a cropping area of NSW have been

receiving summons in the mail relating to overloading infringements during the harvest of 2006. Considering the little that was stripped last year this year will only see more breaches penalised.

It is time to look at how you load the vehicles and put measure into place to ensure you comply with these regulations.

The FarmWeigh Grain Checkweigher is ideal as a weight checking mechanism. In using the system to load your trucks within legal limits you are taking reasonable steps to comply with the legislation.



The FarmWeigh Checkweigher assists in compliance with the Chain of Responsibility legislation.

FarmBridge™ Kit Installation a Success

David Spence of Springhurst has shown his ingenuity in completing the installation of an 8m FarmBridge™ that was built as a kit. David had purchased the floor from a shipping container and using a FarmWeigh FarmBridge™ weighbridge kit has manufactured a very smart and economical weighbridge.

The system is identical to the FarmWeigh complete FarmBridge™ system with the steel work provided by



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the customer. The unit works on 12volt power and is fully automatic in operation. No need for an operator and no requirement for the driver to leave the cabin of the vehicle when weighing.



David Spence's Weighbridge in place and ready to go

The weighbridge provides the farmer to weigh fertiliser, feed and seed when using on the farm the grain or livestock leaving the farm. In turn the Chain of Responsibility requirements are met and the farmer takes more control over his business, which improves the bottom line.



The FarmWeigh indicator and printer

Mallee Machinery Field Days – Speed

FarmWeigh recently exhibited at the Speed Field Days with our newly appointed distributors, Ultra-Safe Products/Seed & Forage Bags. With over 300 of their own dealers, including Swan Hill Chemicals whom we exhibited with at Speed, FarmWeigh products will be provided a wider spread of local sales, service and support.



FarmWeigh's exhibit on the Swan Hill Chemicals stand

The word for the Field Days, in my opinion, was **optimism**. It's been a while since I felt such an optimistic vibe at a field day, and with the area full of likely looking crops it was great to see.

We had a great field day with orders for both Checkweighers and weighbridges placed for delivery prior to harvest.



The Richiger grainbag outloader can now be ordered with a FarmWeigh factory fitted



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Steele Steel – Sheep Weighers – With Scales



Steele Steel is offering their Sheep Feedout Trailers with FarmWeigh weigh scales factory fitted. More and more farmers want to weigh out their feed in order to improve productivity and yield a higher return on their lamb production.

A farmer with such a scale recently made the following comment to me:

"If I weigh out 200kg of feed into a paddock I get no additional weight gain from my lambs. If I weigh out 300kg into that paddock I achieve an enormous weight gain and if I weigh out 400kg I get no more weight gain that if I weigh out 300kg."

Simply knowing this information the farmer is improving his productivity considerably. He is not wasting grain by either feeding out too much or not enough.

Steele Steel are located in Wyalong in NSW and manufacture a very high quality trailer. The can be contacted on:

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New Release Sheep Weigher

FarmWeigh are pleased to announce the release of our sheep scale. Already in wide use across the UK and Europe the scale is easy to use and provides either manual or automatic drafting.

The scale and gates are fully powered by 12 volt. Simply connect to the battery of the ute or tractor and start weighing. No compressor is required making the system very versatile and quiet in operation.



Made from Stainless Steel the scale is a high quality unit that will withstand the most vigorous farm workout.

For more information on the FarmWeigh Sheep Scale contact Shane Driscoll on 0427 742 633 or email shane.driscoll@farmweigh.com.au for assistance.



RE-RELEASED – Bolts to existing auger flights and provides up to 4 times longer life than straight steel flights.

New Distributor ensures Australia-Wide Service

FarmWeigh are very excited to announce that Ultrasafe Products, located in Adelaide, have come on board as a major distributor of FarmWeigh systems.

Ultrasafe Products have a massive network of dealers across the country and have an outstanding reputation for



The new release hand held header available from Ultrasafe

In addition to the FarmWeigh products, Ultrasafe offer a range of carbon filters for tractor cabs. You can find out more on Ultrasafe through their website at www.ultrasafe.com.au or through their other website, under the company name Seed and Forage bags at www.seedforagebags.com.au which offers a range of grain bagging machinery and bags.

To find out your nearest Ultrasafe dealer call Ultrasafe on Phone: (08) 8351 9222.



The Richiger EA 180 Grain Bag Unloader, available from Seed & Forage Bags.

The FarmBridge Package just got better

A weighbridge is great on a farm for weighing everything coming in and out of the farm and weighing seed, feed and fertiliser in the everyday operations. Improvement in the bottom line, elimination of overloading fines and a cutting of costs is the result.

We at FarmWeigh recognise that when you fill a trailer or truck it is often away from the weighbridge and there is nothing so frustrating as filling the truck or trailer with grain and then when you reach the weighbridge you are over weight or under weight. Double handling can be frustrating.

With every 8m or 4m FarmBridge sold, FarmWeigh is offering a Grain Checkweigher at half the list price. This way you fill the truck with the Checkweigher and then weigh over the weighbridge for exact weight. The result is efficiency in operations.

This amounts to a saving over \$3,000.00.

Dowerin Field Days Are Almost Here

FarmWeigh will be at the Dowerin Field Days in WA this year on no less than three stands. Landpoint Holdings (a dealer for Ultrasafe) will be present and run demonstrations of the Checkweigher in operation on the Richiger EA180 Grain Bag Unloader.

Trufab will also have the unit on display and will offer it as an option on their high quality bins.

A third dealer, Instant Weighing, will also be on the site and have a unit there on their stand.

FarmWeigh's Shane Driscoll will be circulating between the exhibits to provide information to interested people.

We look forward to our first Dowerin Field Days.

