

Planning a profitable sheep flock.

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Variations in profits are significant



Who were the most profitable?

	Wool Flocks	Lamb Flocks
Rainfall	370 – 850 mm	350 – 750 mm
Lambs weaned per ewe joined	53% – 109 %	71% – 128 %
Stocking rate DSE/ha/100 mm	0.4 - 3.6	0.4 - 3.0
Fibre Diameter	17µm - 21µm	18µm - 34µm
Lamb Sale Weights		9 – 24 kg Dwt

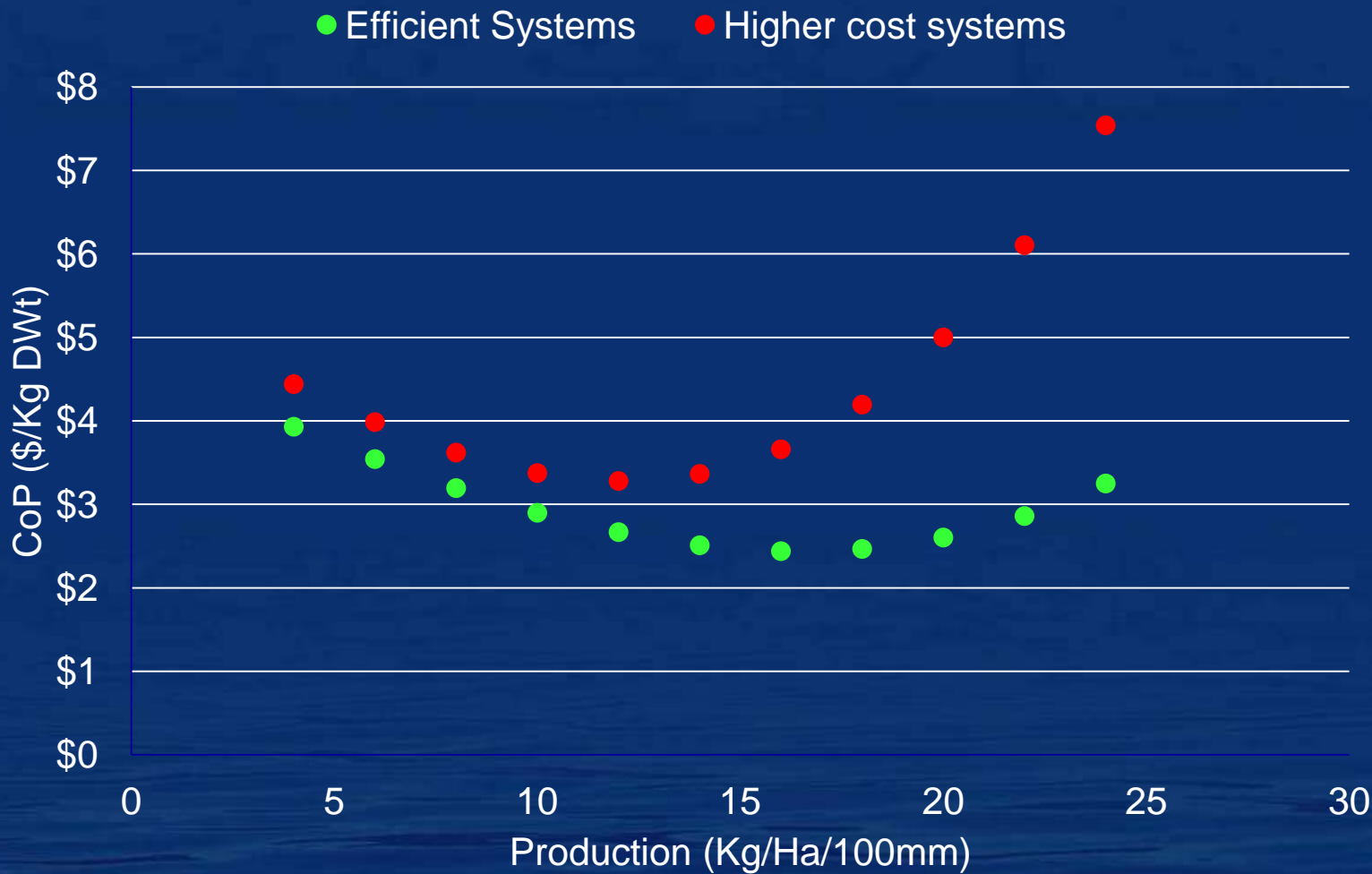


What do the most profitable producers have in common?

1. Optimum pasture utilisation
2. Sheep that are fit to produce
3. Cost control



The production system chosen makes a significant impact on potential profits



What matters most for wool production?

- Lambing date
- Stocking rate
- Animal health
- Costs
-the rest
 - Pastures
 - Genetics
 - Reproduction rates
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- What is the target market?
- What lambing date?
- How many sheep?
- What will the animal health program need to be?
- How can other costs be optimized?