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New Model 3020 Electrocoup

The four main areas that have been improved are:
Handling and comfort of use, weight, speed and power.
The F3020 electric pruning shear is the worthy heir to the previous F3015 model. After over 6 years of research, tests and fine-tuning, INFACO is proud to present its latest model of pruning shears.

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Check out the new Electrocoup F3020 in our stores or call to arrange a demo on your block!



So, we continue to wait with anticipation for that solid opening break to the season!

Variable rain events across our region during the last couple weeks have enabled some

clients to begin sowing into moisture. A number of clients began the winter cropping season into dry soils, particularly if they have large areas to complete. The next couple weeks will reveal how the start of the season "proper" will play out!

Product supply, shipping and freight delays continue to cause us the most headaches. In addition to the Covid related drama's we have become somewhat accustomed to, the Russian/Ukraine conflict has also thrown up a few curve balls.

We have been clipped on several products forward ordered well in advance for the next horti season. A number of routine products we use have derivatives sourced from manufacturing bases in Russia.

We weren't aware of the importance that Russian manufacturing had in the supply of raw ingredients

to a range of every day products!

Rest assured, the FJ team continue to work away in the background ensuring that product supply to your business will go on uninterrupted! My family said goodbye to dad a couple weeks ago. He had his 92nd birthday on the 24th April and peacefully left us in the early morning of ANZAC day. Dad experienced a very peaceful passing, something that I guess we would all like to experience once we receive that "tap on the shoulder"! Dad was old and had lived a good and satisfying life, he had a faith and so was looking forward to beginning his eternal life. I think we all give brief thought to that period of time when a close relationship might be broken by death. Until the time that actually happens, we have no idea how we will react to and deal with that experience.

Family and friends are really important on these occasions. Make sure you look out for your family and close mates when they need you!

Greg Schubert

Quote of the Month

Speak when you are angry, and you will make the best speech you'll ever regret.
- Lewis Carroll

Broadacre

Commodity prices continue to encourage an optimistic long-term view despite the early challenges of elevated input costs. The BOM's seasonal rainfall outlook is also encouraging and so we look forward to a successful winter crop season.

Seeding is underway with canola being an early priority. Beans will follow closely if they are in the program once canola is completed. Although not too consistent in all of our market area, most regions have had some early rain to get some moisture into the seedbed. This is certainly an improved contrast over last season where dry sown canola lay idle in the ground for weeks before receiving any rainfall. The intermittent break proved a challenge for canola crops last year!

Seed and rotations will have generally been finalised but some proposed programs may be reviewed over the next few weeks determined by further rainfall events.

Please give us a call for any further seed supply should you make any late changes to your sowing plans. We also have some upside on several canola varieties if top up volumes are required.

Robust rates of a **knockdown herbicide prior to sowing** are the most economical option in setting up the crop for the growing season. Inclusion of an appropriate pre-emergent herbicide will provide the germinating crop to establish with little competition for moisture and nutrients.

Previous dry spring and summer seasons have generated a higher level of **awareness to plant back periods**. A lot of Intervix was used last year in-crop as a result of grass infestation after the late break and limited pre-plant knockdown opportunities. Although some local regions have received good summer rainfall totals over the last few months, it would still be prudent to consider plant back .cont /2

Seasonal reminders

- Please return all Electrocoup secateurs to our Nuriootpa store so that we can carry out the annual service prior to the pruning season. This service will extend the pro-rata warranty on the unit.
- Check out our range of wet weather boots and clothing for the cool months ahead in the vineyard!

- Snails in vineyards will move down from the canopy and posts in autumn – spread Metarex bait now!
- Castrol oils in stock. Call to order all lubricants and grease for machinery maintenance over autumn sowing.
- New vehicle batteries to get over the cold morning starting blues!
- Order trellis and fence posts well in advance to ensure on-time supply!

- Spray out fence lines and creek banks in readiness for native revegetation plantings. We have a range of guards and stakes to protect seedlings once planted.
- Get a copy of our End of Financial Year Business Bonus offer.
- Chep pallets are still in very short supply. Please return all pallets as soon as possible or call for collection!

From page 1 ... periods on those paddocks treated last year and the rainfall requirements as per the Intervel label where non-Clearfield varieties are scheduled to be planted this season. Always check the plant back and rainfall requirements with any herbicides applied last season as well as those associated to phenoxy herbicide actives included in any summer and early season knockdown applications.

There are a range of **pre-emergent herbicide options** available including a couple new registrations. **Reflex** provides a new option for broadleaf weed control in pulses. Reflex is very strong on brassica weeds and thistles which are always challenging in pulse crops. Care needs to be taken in tank mixing Reflex with some knockdown actives. We recommend you speak with any of our agro's to ensure trouble free applications.

The release of **Ultro** and the label extension of **Overwatch into Faba beans and Field Peas** has increased the options for annual ryegrass control this year in pulses. This will also take some pressure off the potential overuse of propyzamide on ryegrass.

Mateno Complete is also another new ryegrass product that is available for use in wheat and barley crops. Mateno Complete will provide some useful control of Wild Radish and Capeweed when it is applied as a post emergent application as well.

Our agro's have seen some unfortunate results as a consequence of sowing Canola in marginal conditions. **Good separation is required between the seed and fertiliser** placement to eliminate the chance of fertiliser toxicity. Seeding options may be limited if conditions remain marginal.

A green bridge over summer will increase the **potential for Russian wheat aphids** to be a problem in wheat and barley

earlier than we have typically seen in the past couple years. Russian Wheat Aphid can impact crops quite significantly and so we recommend some vigilance in monitoring crops for any early activity.

Root diseases such as crown rot are a potential problem in cereal paddocks that have not had a break crop sown in the last three or more years. Any paddocks in this situation or those that have been observed to have a level of root disease affecting previous cereal crops should be sown with a break variety negating the continued development of soil borne diseases.

The global fertiliser situation continues to challenge pricing here in Australia. This situation hasn't changed too much over the last few weeks and we ask that you please co-operate in collecting orders when they are scheduled for pick up.

Please contact any of the FJ's team to discuss your crop nutrition requirements for the forthcoming season!

Pasture

Recent rainfall has generated activity in pasture programs. An ideal germination over the last couple weeks has provided an opportunity to spray out weeds prior to sowing. We have a large range of proven **Ryegrass** varieties in stock suited to both the higher hills rainfall zone as well as the drier eastern region averages.

We also have a range of both traditional and dual-purpose cereals and vetch for hay production and forage brassicas for paddock specific grazing options.

Please give our agro's a call to discuss any more specific local requirements that can be tailored in a custom blend. We have several trial plots available to assist in prioritising local suitability of varieties. You can also discuss new options and be guided by our agro's experience with what has proven to be successful in similar conditions to your locale. Good nutritious pastures are paramount to livestock performance!

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Vintage is largely done and dusted for most clients with some isolated late pick blocks still waiting to be cleaned up.

A long, drawn-out harvest puts a bit of pressure on the autumn post-harvest activities as attention is immediately turned to those pre-winter tasks.

Electrocoup Pruning Shears should be dropped into our store for the annual service.

We have completed a reasonable amount of annual services to date, but expect that there are still a few more to go! The annual service will extend the Electrocoup warranty on a pro-rata basis. It is therefore important that this annual "once over" is completed before pruning commences. Please call the Nuri store.



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Cover cropping is a useful management tool in all horticulture crops. Cover crops will provide a source of organic matter and improve soil structure. They will also suppress weed infestations, provide vine competition and also increase biodiversity. Cover crops can also be customised to focus on the benefits that are most important in your situation and to suit the goals you would like to achieve in your vineyard. Although we have only received minimal rainfall in the early weeks of autumn there will have been some consideration to what variety or species of cover crop will provide the best result for you this season. Please consult with our agros to discuss the various options available and for assistance in determining how they might suit your goals.

Annual Ryegrass management has become a more significant task as the incidence of herbicide resistance continues to expand across the region. A range of management tools need to be utilised to combat resistance in any agricultural enterprise. Applications of pre-emergent herbicides, rotation of knockdown actives and the addition of "spikes" in the tank mix combined with weed suppression by using under vine mulch etc should all be considered as part an Integrated Pest Management program.

Our agronomy team are well qualified to assist you in reviewing and updating your weed management plan, please give them a call.

Snails are well established in local vineyards and will become an ongoing problem in vines once their population develops into large numbers and they are left unchecked. Snails will have broken from dormancy after recent rainfall events. They will migrate down to the ground from their over summering habitat in the vine canopy to begin feeding, mating and egg laying. The relatively dry start to autumn has prolonged the dormancy of snails.

Due to snails' hermaphroditic nature, every snail has the potential to lay hundreds of eggs after mating. Ideally, snails should be baited now whilst they are actively foraging before the commencement of egg laying. It is also important to consider the baits proximity to the pest to further improve its attractiveness for effective control. We recommend **Metarex Inov** as the ideal bait choice in vineyards. With 60,000 baits per kg and unique weather

resistance qualities, **Metarex Inov** will continue to perform long after other baits have collapsed from rain or irrigation.

Soil, virus and nematode testing.

Having spent many hours in the vineyard over the course of the recently concluded growing season, many vigneron may have noticed some vine abnormalities that could be soil related.

Undertaking a range of tests will assist in determining what may be causing poor growth, yield loss or any other underlying issues that need to be addressed to improve vine performance.

The FJ's agronomy team can conduct the appropriate in field sampling and arrange the laboratory analysis to solve these mysteries.

Many growers undertake routine tissue sampling programs over the growing season. The value of these results can be enhanced by correlating soil tests taken after harvest to determine more fully any underlying soil nutrition imbalances.

Call our agro's to assist with all soil testing jobs.

As the prevalence of **Eutypa** is widespread, Omnia wound dressings and sealants are recommended for all pruning wounds.

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General Merchandise and Animal Health

Lamb Marking is on the go for some graziers and not too far away for many others. Over-the-counter conversations have suggested a big improvement in lamb survival rates this season compared to last season. This also means that the job is ahead in getting those lambs to saleable weights as soon as possible! **Eartag orders have been slow** with lead times out to as much as 4 weeks. On that basis we ask that tags be ordered well in advance of your proposed marking timetable!

As in previous seasons, please bring either a sample of the ear tag or the applicator into our store when you order tags. This will remove all confusion about the brand of tags you use as well as any stamping layout that is required. Red tags are the industry colour for 2022.

Obviously, a robust annual **vaccination program** at marking followed by the booster shot 4 - 6 weeks later will ensure lambs thrive early. Zoetis has illustrated the financial benefits that are available to producers through the use of Glanvac products including the new GlanEry7 with B12. We still see graziers failing in the timing of vaccinations and also overlooking the administration of the very important booster shots. Current stock prices must motivate the implementation of the best immunisation program possible? Call our store staff to discuss this in more detail.

Trisolfen is the most economical pain relief for stock at marking and is available ex our stores. 1ltr will treat 100 x 10-20kg lambs at the recommended rate of 10ml per animal. Trisolfen is also recommended for use on calves at marking as well.

Cattle Ear tags are also subject to lengthy delivery times. We have been advised by Allflex and Datamars/Zee tags that new orders will be delivered in approximately 7 to 8 weeks. This delay applies to both identification and NLIS tags. Please place all orders now for your spring weaner sales to ensure tags are on farm well in advance of the time you actually require them.

TPM and FibrePro Minerals are valuable in supplementing stock whilst low quality feed remains as their main diet prior to the season break. No matter the livestock enterprise you are tending, either sheep or cattle, lambing ewes, feed lotting or simply maintaining stock weights prior to the much-awaited autumn rains, we have a suitable loose nutrition or stock block supplement in stock.

Call either Simon Jones or Randall Verco or any of our store staff to discuss your livestock nutrition program in more detail.

Livestock drenching is a common topic in our stores. Cattle lice will be more active over the cooler months when applications of lousicides typically occur. Please be mindful of managing the onset of parasite resistance and ensure that specific actives in the drench product you administer are alternated. This basic rule applies across both sheep and cattle herds. Ensure the correct dose of any product applied is administered based on the animals liveweight and label instructions. Pour-on treatments should be placed in an even application along the backline to ensure even distribution or as more specifically indicated on the product label.

Arrowquip Livestock handling equipment is Australian made and represents regular upgrades based on customer feedback. We stock a range of their products and have the following items in stock for End of Financial Year purchases: Gates and Panels, 1 x Arrowquip Vet Crush, 1 x Arrowquip Fixed Ramp and 2 x Adjustable ramps due to arrive in the next few weeks. New orders will quote a lead time of up to 26 weeks on these items.

We are able to assist in all major yard and stock handling projects, please give us a call to quote your upgrade or for new installations.

Tomcat Rodenticide Blocks should be replaced as rodents consume them. We have stock available in suitable pack sizes - 784g, 1.8kg and 8kg – for all farm and household situations. We also supply a number of other brands to ensure that you keep on top of rodents as they move under cover with the onset of the cold and very wet winter!

Gallagher Fence equipment continues as the leading brand in the electric fencing segment. The range includes all products required for temporary fencing and strip grazing in pastures, electrifying existing fence lines to preserve fence integrity and also exclusion fencing for native animals, rangeland goats and other undesired sharefarmers.

We have a comprehensive range of Gallagher products at both our Nuri and Murray Bridge stores. Please contact our store staff for advice on how Gallagher can assist with your stock security and for on farm planning.

New boots for winter will help keep your socks dry and your feet warm! We keep a full size range of Redback work boots in stock. Redback boots are made in Australia and feature an air cushion midsole to improve shock absorption and reduce the boot weight.

Our footwear range covers steel toes, rubber boots and lace-up work boots.



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