



# a 'Round The Traps'

Pastures coming out of Winter  
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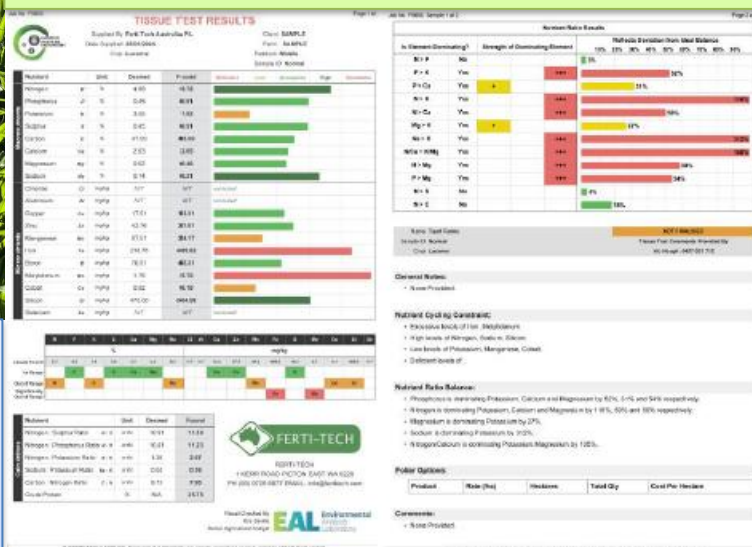


## Setting up the Business End

Tissue and SAP Testing for a majority of crops are already completed and finalised, just the Eastern States to go, Z.30 Foliar Applications still to go out in many areas, hence the last of the Tissue Testing is now being conducted. The data coming back during this time of the year is the most critical, it ensures that we have done everything we possible can to give the crop the best possible finish, including precise Nitrogen management, whether you are going for High Yielding Wheat or Canola, or for Malting Barley.

## WA Season – WA all the Way

The rain seems to be falling just at the right times for a majority of the nation, especially in WA, where if nothing goes wrong, will have one of the largest harvests on record in many parts of the state. Talking to many farmers during our travels, they have concerns for grain receival centres keeping up during peak harvest periods, not a bad problem to have, but still, having to cart your grain further away from farm to another facility, will only take more out of your gross margins, not ideal considering grain prices are relatively low, no records there, but input costs on everything you do on farm seems to continue to increase, we might leave it there without getting political..



## Pastures Coming Out Of Winter Dormancy

When pastures emerge from winter dormancy, the transition is quite critical for both plant growth and grazing management. **Dormancy break** occurs as soil temperatures rise (usually above 8–10 °C for cool-season species like ryegrass and clovers). Stored root carbohydrates drive the first flush of growth before photosynthesis takes over. Early shoots are **nutrient-rich but fragile**, so they can be easily damaged by overgrazing or pugging. Early regrowth is lush, high in protein, and low in fibre that can cause **scouring or mineral imbalances**. It can be very important also to supplement some roughage to balance the diet. The key now is to know what's limiting early growth so you can get the best spring response. Testing helps you avoid wasting money on inputs that aren't required.

