Validating Body Condition Scores

Taxidermied short ribs and vertebrae:

Body Condition Scoring pads; taxidermied short ribs and vertebrae are covered with different levels of padding to replicate body condition scores

- The pads can be used for training purposes to illustrate the concept
- The user must place hand firmly over the vertebrae and across the short ribs

Expected benefits

- More flocks monitoring body condition score for better flock productivity and welfare across the industry

Limitations

- Expense – the pads are approximately £500 from Meat Wool Australia
- The padding does wear with time and use