



Primed for production

IN ONE of the bigger trips of the field days, Terry Hedt, and Lynette Richmond, of Little River, Vic., travelled 1200km to attend Ag Quip at Gunnedah last month.

Mr Hedt attended to inspect Peter Ryan's fodder factory, which claims to be able to intensively produce one tonne of green feed in seven days from seed to feed, with one tonne per day produced once the factory is in operation.

Using a computer controlled hothouse environment, Mr Ryan can turn 112kg of barley grain into a tonne of fresh, green shoots.

Mr Hedt signed the contract for the standard size 960 unit on the day, and plans to feed prime lambs all year around, using the fodder factory.

"We are in a fairly marginal area of Victoria, with only an 18 inch annual rainfall," Mr Hedt said.

"Our place is fairly heavily stocked, with a lot also committed to cropping, but using the fodder factory we are hoping to double our lamb output to about 2400 lambs a year."

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Fodder Factory creator, Peter Ryan, of Wingham, NSW, with Ag-Quip '98 visitors Lynette Richmond and Terry Hedt, of Little River, Victoria, who will use grain sprouts in their prime lamb enterprise.