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“Montana “ Rocky Plain owner H.J. & B.M.Hedger

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AND FORESTRY
Total area 890 acres - 400 of these acres are no longer useable due to wild dogs

In the last 12 months alone I estimate my loss to be approximately \$8,530.00

Break down of those losses are as follows :

1 Stud ram \$5,000 amount for ram only, then to estimate what I could have Made from his progeny at the very least would be around. \$10,000

15 two tooth w @ \$60.00 per head \$ 900

44 lambs @ \$30.00 per head \$1,320

6 Ewes @ \$55.00 per head \$ 330

2 Bales tender wool a loss of \$980 caused through stress on the sheep through wild dog attacks.

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\$8,530 total loss for 12 months this is only a minimum estimation

If you add on the \$10,000 this makes the loss **\$18,530 over 3 years** which is a lot of money to loose from the amount of useable acres .

Over the past 30 years I have leased 1500 acres. For the past 15 years I have not been able to put any stock on this lease **due to wild dogs.**

I own 250 acres in the Snowy Plain area that I will **no longer** be able to use for grazing my sheep in the summer months **due to wild dogs.**

Over the past few years we have been battling one of the harshest droughts on record and to have to battle wild dog attacks on our sheep as well, it makes a person want to give the game away. It is only my love of country life, my pride in looking after my animals and sheer determination to beat the elements that has kept me on the land. I am a battler and one way or another **I will win the battle with the wild dogs one day**, I think they call it “being optimistic”

H. J. Hedger