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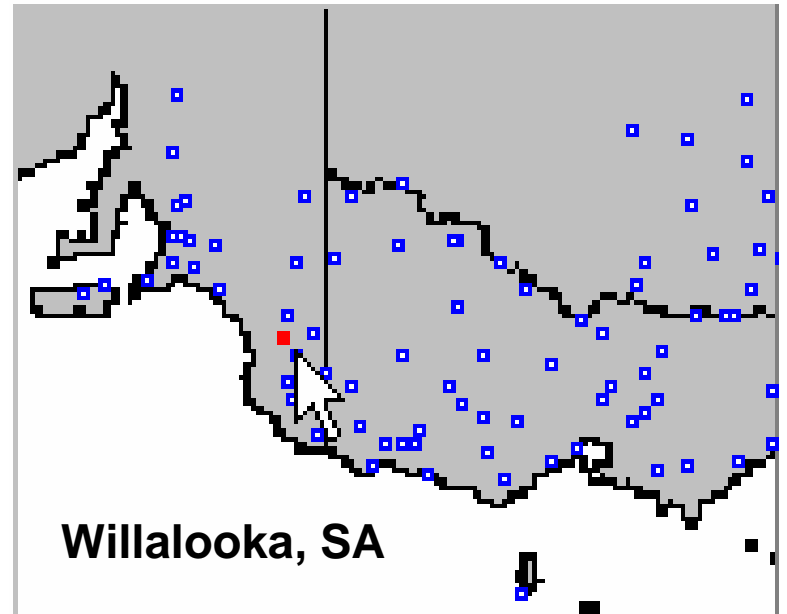
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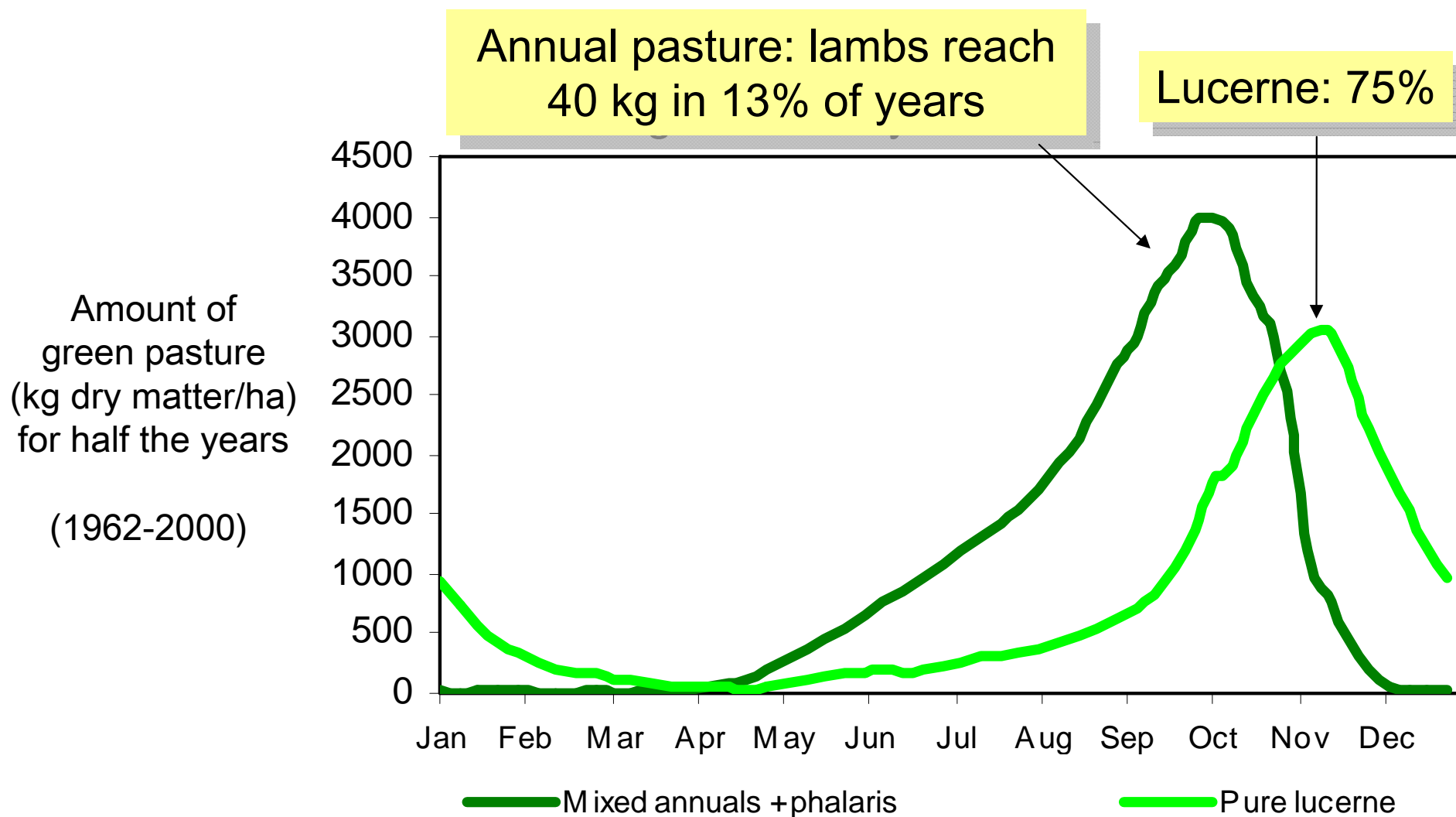
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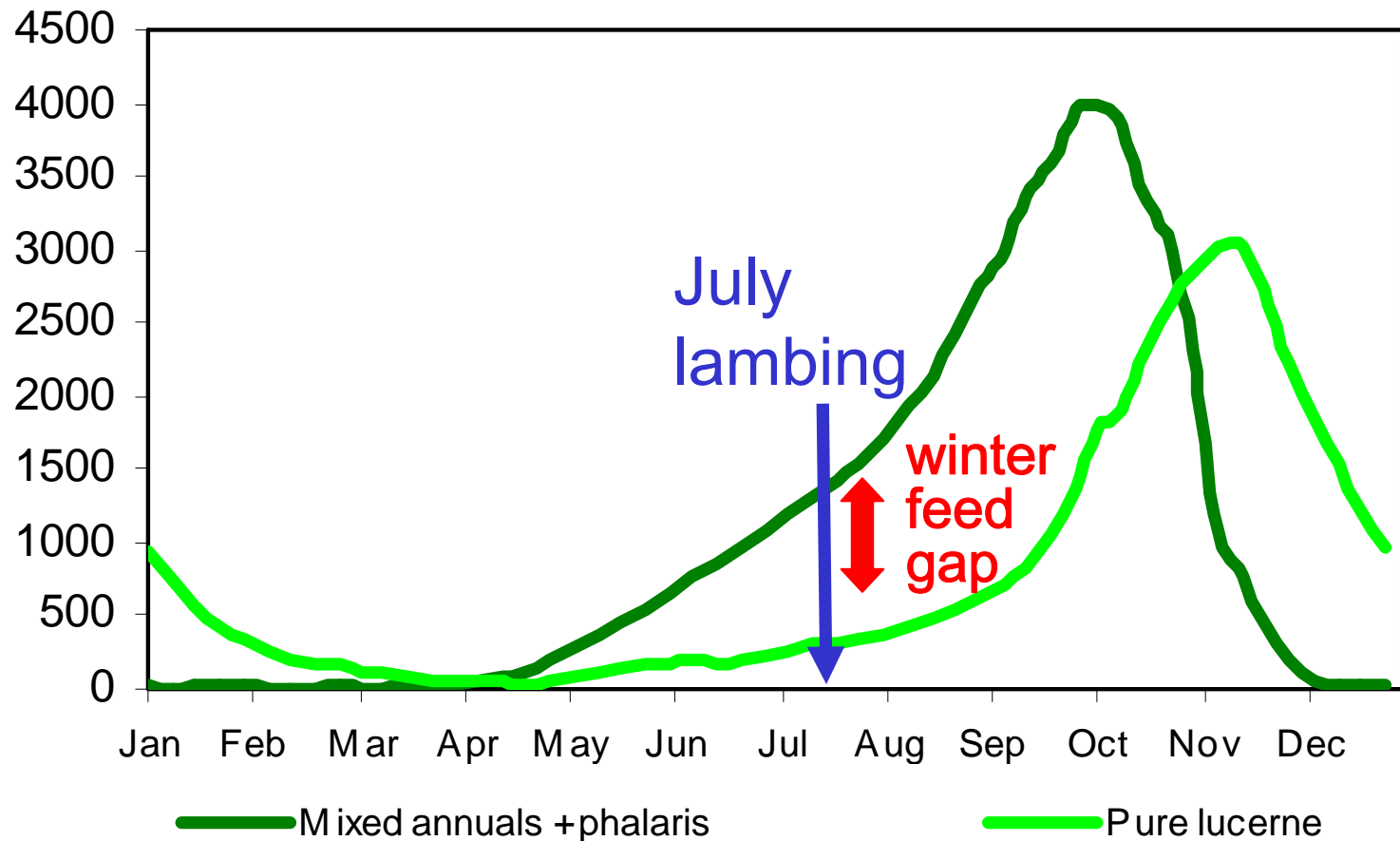
What difference does lucerne make to the profitability of a wool enterprise selling wether lambs to the boat trade?

How reliably can lambs reach 40kg live weight?



GrassGro simulation of differences in pasture supply, grazed by 5.5 ewes/ha

Amount of
green pasture
(kg dry matter/ha)
for half the years
(1962-2000)
5.5 ewes/ha



How profitable is
the lucerne pasture?

Little effect on gross margin: cost of feeding ewes
in winter exceeds additional value of lambs