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As a wool producer, I would like to see greater industry research into practices that the industry and the consumer expects us to change, yet we have very few viable alternatives to current practices. Our sheep enterprise is self-replacing merino. We are focused on breeding better characteristics into our flock, yet this process is slow and we will not looking at having an unmulesed flock for some years. Also, there is a strong focus on supporting the shearing industry with better practices, yet there is little research into alternatives to shearing, such as the sheep nets and needling that was introduced in its infancy, yet never developed any further. As producers, more and more is coming off our bottom line through oh&s and improvements to practices, but not much is coming back to us