

Meat company turns 20,000 tons of discarded carrots into animal feed to cut food waste

A West Australian company converting thousands of tons of carrots destined for landfill into animal feed is hoping to produce a new type of lamb with the same marbling as wagyu beef.

The Omega Lamb Company has patented the feed, which includes carrots, olive oil, grain, hay and the leftover waste from juiced carrots and olives. WA's biggest horticultural exporter, the Sumich Group, is a partner in the venture, which relies on recycled organics for 80 per cent of the feed.

Sumich owner Nick Tana said he hoped to use about 20,000 tons of rejected carrots a year in the company's feeding program at Gingin, north of Perth. Imperfections result in market rejection of between 5 and 50 per cent of their carrot crop.

"That would equate from 20 tons up to 400 tons, and 400 tons — to put it in context — is 20 full semi-trailers every week," Mr Tana said.

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