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242 White Suffolk lots sold to \$26,000 & averaged \$1794



David and Michelle Pipkorn and Elders Mildura's Kelvin Fitzgerald who purchased DG 170591 (\$26,000) for Roger Wilkinson, Camborn Station, Wentworth.

- 30 stud rams sold to \$26,000 & averaged \$5150 • 145 flock rams sold to \$2600 & averaged \$1490
- 67 stud ewes sold to \$2200 & averaged \$949

Other top sales of note: DG 170267 Tw (\$16,000) to Gordon Branson, Mortlake, Vic;
 DG 170559Tw (\$12,000) to Nick Cheetham, Naremburn, WA ; DG 170154 Tw (\$12,000) & DG 170187 (\$9500)
 to Mark Williams, Lillimur, Vic and DG 170066Tw (\$8000) to AC & P McDonald, Edenhope, Vic.
 Thank you to all bidders including Nathan Ditchburn, Kukerin, WA (top priced ewe DG 170557 Tw @ \$2200).

Plan now for the release of our 2018 drop - It will be one of the best!

★ Preliminary Notice: Next Mated Ewe Sale - 80 ewes - Early April - Stay tuned!

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as of August 2017

members

back cover	\$660.00
inside cover page	\$495.00
full inside page	\$330.00
half page	\$220.00
centre spread	\$990.00

Advertising in the AWSA Newsletter is available to all members with content to have a White Suffolk focus. Corporate rates for sheep industry related groups are available on request to the AWSA.

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federal council 2018



from the president

As our show and ram selling season draws to a close I look back and realise that the White Suffolk breed has had a very successful year.

Congratulations must go out to all our breed champions that have not only won our breed section but also gone on to win interbreed champion awards at many royals and major country shows across Australia.

I also congratulate the vendors at White Suffolk multi-vendor Elite Sales held in Adelaide, Bendigo and Western Australia for a fantastic line up of stud rams. We have seen strong competition from many stud breeders willing to invest in the latest genetics on offer.

The on-property sales around the country have once again held up well with solid averages and in some cases, records have been broken. The clearance rates in southern regions have been fantastic but as we are all aware some parts of the country are struggling with a poor season which has influenced some of the clearance rates in areas. Fingers crossed this will all change soon.

We have seen the commercial lamb industry this season reach new levels and our White Suffolk breed has been a leader in this. Many saleyard records have been broken for lambs and ewes with lambs at foot. A notable one is the first pen of White Suffolks to break the \$300 barrier, an amazing achievement.

Once again Federal Council has been busy promoting the breed with television advertising through WinTV leading into ram selling season and our usual print media campaign.

We have had a lot of positive feedback from our breed liftout in the Fairfax papers from stud and commercial producers. A big thank you to Peter Angus and Nikki for the work they put into this.

As we are all busy planning our matings for our next batch of lambs Council is starting to look towards the 2019 national conference and AGM being held in Robe, South Australia on the 11th and 12th of February. The organising committee are looking forward to showcasing the Limestone Coast region with some exciting speakers covering the sheep industry and other agricultural industries.

Our AGM is once again part of our conference and the election of board members will be held via postal ballot in the new year. If you are interested in being part of the breed in a different way keep your eye out for nomination forms.

As another year comes to a close I would like to thank the Federal Council and members for their support in 2018 and look forward taking the breed to the next level in 2019.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. See you all in 2019.



Anthony Hurst

new members

SINCE SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

Flock	Name	Town	State	Stud Prefix
933	Cook, LC	Frankston	VIC	Castella
934	Hill, TM	Esperance	WA	Tanalan
935	Simpson, SMS	Quairading	WA	Barby Downs
936	Reynolds, W	Mt Barker	WA	Providence Farms
937	Dart, M & R	Yanac	VIC	Heathdale

from the secretary

Welcome to our last newsletter edition for the year.

This year has been a busy year for the breed particularly with an increase in our promotional activities which I feel is now paying dividends for the Association and measured through the number of new member enquiries and information being sought on the White Suffolk breed.

The show season is always a great time to catch up with members in person and I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Royal Adelaide Show in September (special mention to the family that somehow “accidentally” arrived with a cat in tow to a sheep show providing many laughs for all). White Suffolk’s success in the 2018 show circuit was outstanding and I thank all those that took photos of champions and advised the office of interbreed success so we could post results on our Facebook page efficiently.

My focus over the past few months has been on ensuring our database is up-to-date following the 2018 membership renewals including reviewing and tidying up Brucellosis accreditation certificates sent in with Annual Returns, the new website upgrade, assisting with our national print advertising campaign, export certification and the usual financial matters and assistance to members. There’s always something to do!

It would be remiss of me not to mention the impact the drought has had and the difficulties some of our members have been facing for some time in sourcing adequate feed for their stud stock. I have received a few calls from members in these situations and it is quite heartbreaking how tough it is across the country. I encourage you to continue to support each other and never forget how much a simple phone call can brighten someone’s day.

National Conference information will be distributed on email shortly, I will also be coordinating a number of judge ballots for our major shows, and we are also nearly at the nomination period for 2019 Federal Council so please remember to check your emails often!

As we near the end of the year I will be chasing all outstanding invoices for payment in the lead up to 31st December. Please keep an eye out for statements from the office. If you have any queries relating to any of your outstanding accounts please contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, thank you to the Federal Council for their guidance and assistance throughout the year and to the team at BizBoost for their support.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to what 2019 will bring!



Nikki Ward
Secretariat

AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION

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February
10th - 12th

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www.robehavenmotel.com.au

Make sure you mention the White Suffolk Conference to receive special rates.

We suggest booking early due to Robe being a popular tourist destination in February.

Program & Registration Information will be distributed to members shortly.



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Federal Council Matters

Courtesy of Federal Council

November 2018

New website for the AWSA

BizBoost has been working on a new design and layout for the AWSA website and it is planned the new website will be launched by the end of November.

We will be removing the 'Member Resources' area and have made a number of improvements to make our website more functional and appealing.

To the right is a snapshot of what you can expect to see on our new homepage. Feedback is always welcomed so if there is anything you think we should add or improve then please don't hesitate to let us know!



LambEx 2018

The AWSA travelled to LambEx in August as sponsor of the Young Guns competition. As part of our sponsorship we had an exhibition booth and also provided promotional pens for the LambEx satchels. As always LambEx is a great promotional exercise for the AWSA.

Thank you to Anthony Hurst, Brenton Addis, Rivers Hyde, Glenn Cole and the WA members who assisted with and manned our promotional stand, and also Andrew Heinrich representing the AWSA on the judging panel of the Young Guns competition.



Stud Sale Flyers and Member Emails

A reminder that the Association is unable to email out individual stud sale flyers to members or provide a list of email addresses for use as members have not provided consent for the Association to do so.

The Association offers a number of advertising options for members to promote their stud sales and these are often promoted in our newsletters. Please refer to the information on page 33 regarding current promotion options or contact the Secretary.



Brucellosis Accreditation

There are still a handful of members that have a pending status on their stud records for Brucellosis accreditation. We remind all members that accreditation is mandatory for membership with the AWSA and request that you please forward a copy of your certificate to the Secretary immediately ahead of the next Annual Return in April 2019. Members who listed pending on their 2018 Annual Return must provide proof of their accreditation before their 2019 membership renewal can be accepted.

A reminder that a flock is only deemed accredited by participating in its state Ovine Brucellosis Accreditation Scheme and on sighting of a certificate supplied by a state Department of Agriculture.

Should you have any questions please contact your local state DPI, details listed below:

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TAS	www.dpiw.tas.gov.au or call 1300 868 550
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Outstanding Accounts

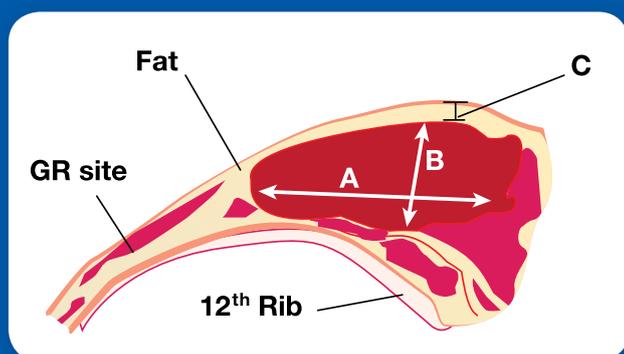
The Secretary will be chasing all outstanding accounts before the end of financial year, 31 December 2018. If you receive a statement we ask that you please arrange payment of your outstanding accounts as soon as possible or contact the Secretary to discuss your account.



SA Sheep Expo 2019 - Save the Date

The 2019 SA Sheep Expo will be held 15th – 17th April at the Adelaide Showground. The Expo is a great educational forum and platform for youth aged 12 to 23 years. More information can be found at www.sasheepexpo.com.au.

Could you be missing out?



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Courtesy of Peter Angus

November 2018



Fairfax Media Liftout

The new initiative of a 32-page AWSA Liftout was distributed Australia wide by Fairfax Media on the 26th July and was well received by members and commercial producers alike as an informative publication.

The survey we conducted in May helped streamline the process for the AWSA and Fairfax Media by providing information on members who were interested in advertising, an indication of ad sizes and contact details for commercial producers.

This enabled us to provide statistics and contacts and the final product was a balance of editorial and stud and sponsor advertisements.

Editorial included on-farm producer stories sought from members, Sheep Genetics update, association editorial and relevant industry news.

We were able to include an extra breed advertisement to promote the Win A Ram competition and a listing of all financial members as a breeder directory, so all studs would be recognised.

Thank-you to those members who supported the publication financially by advertising your studs and importantly to those who provided story leads. These were invaluable and are a resource for the future.

The AWSA were given 1000 additional copies for its own use, if you would like any surplus copies for clients please contact the Secretariat.

Photo competition

For its second year the AWSA is running a photography competition for members until December to assist with increasing the inventory of photos the Association has for use in promotional articles and advertising.

Please take out your mobile or camera and send in some entries. We often see some great photos on social media taken by our members so why not enter them in the competition for a chance to win free membership for a year.

The two categories and prizes are:

Category one: AWSA Breeder or family member aged 21 years and under – 1st Prize \$150.00

Category two: AWSA Breeder or family member aged over 21 years – Free Annual Flock Membership for 12 months from April 2019

Competition entry is via the AWSA website. By entering the competition entrants give permission for any submitted photograph to be used by the Association for promotional purposes in the future.

Win A Ram Competition

The Win A Ram competition was originally established to assist us in gauging the effectiveness of our print advertising campaign. We also used the competition as a platform to gauge the effectiveness of our Fairfax Liftout and TV Advert in the 2018 Win A Ram competition entry.

Competition entry numbers doubled again in 2018 to 325 entries (in 2017 we had 160 entries and 2016 only 80 entries).

24% of entrants heard about the competition from Rural Press advertisements, 20% the TV advertisement and 13% Facebook. The remaining 43% were an even spread between LambEx, Word of Mouth, AWSA Website, Fairfax Liftout and Other. Capturing this information gives validity to the promotional activities for the Association.

The winner of our 2018 Win A Ram competition was drawn in mid-October.

Congratulations to Stuart Baxter, NSW, who has won a \$1500 voucher to use towards the purchase of a White Suffolk ram from a registered stud.

Thank you to all members for promoting the competition within your networks.

Advertising

From late July throughout Australian rural papers AWSA and individual stud advertisements have promoted the breed, show and sale results. Several editorial stories also appeared in the Prime Lamb Features about commercial producers and their successes experienced using White Suffolk sires.

Please forward on excellent story leads about commercial producers which we can use for future stories in rural papers and newsletters.

The AWSA television ad has also been screened through WIN TV in a number of regions as another major way of marketing the breed.

The TV Ad can also be viewed on our Facebook page or website.

Facebook

Thank you to BizBoost for their work in researching and coordinating the Association's Facebook page and posts. We aim to ensure our Facebook page has an industry focus as it is our most regular source of contact with commercial producers and the sheep industry. We currently have almost 1300 "likes" however our post reach (the number of people who view our posts through members sharing, tagging or liking) hit 5000 people in July with our Win A Ram competition post which is excellent. Show results continue to remain as the most popular Facebook posts.

I encourage you to share our Facebook posts or invite your friends to like our page to help increase our reach and exposure in the industry.

Outcross Media – Kim Woods

Federal Council has engaged Kim Woods to write some editorial stories for wider distribution about White Suffolk commercial producers and any other newsworthy stories about the breed. Some of these are included in this newsletter in case you missed them in rural papers.

Members are reminded to please forward commercial contacts on to Kim for editorial.

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Effective parasite control proves cornerstone to profitable sheep enterprises

ARTICLE COURTESY OF ZOETIS



KEY MESSAGES:

- Ineffective internal parasite control is costing Australian sheep producers more than \$430M dollars each year.
- A new combination drench – Startect® – offers producers a reliable control option on which to base their integrated worm control efforts.
- The strategic use of a highly-effective drench at critical times of the year will minimise the larval burden on pastures and offers whole-of flock protection against internal parasites.

An effective worm control strategy is critical for optimising production and minimising costs in any sheep enterprise.

Current estimates indicate roundworms cost Australia's sheep and wool industry more than \$430 million dollars per year; up from a 2006 estimate of \$350 million dollars.¹

The impact of roundworms represents the highest single animal health cost to the Australian sheep industry, estimated at about \$6/head, or an average of \$6000 for each mob of 1000 sheep. About 80% of the annual cost is associated with lost production and the remaining 20% with the costs of control.

Dr Matt Playford of Dawbuts was the lead investigator in a national survey of drench resistance in sheep, published in the Australian Veterinary Journal "Widespread resistance was found to almost all of the available drenches. Our study found resistance to white drenches (benzimidazoles) on 96% and resistance to triples on 28% of Australian sheep properties".²

The first case of resistance against monepantel, a new active released during 2010, has also been reported in Australia.³

Effective Option Available

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With a meat withholding period (WHP) of 14 days and export slaughter interval (ESI) of 28 days,⁵ Startect offers producers flexibility in a highly-effective short-acting broad spectrum drench of choice.

Strategic Approach

A strategic approach, combined with tactical drenching, is the key to effective worm control.

Drenching at critical times (e.g. pre-lambing, weaning or as a quarantine drench when introducing new stock) with a highly-effective drench such as Startect, will reduce larval contamination of pastures,^{6,7} for the benefit of the whole flock and can delay the development of resistance to other drench classes when used in rotation.

Combined with tactical drenching, supported by regular faecal egg counts (FEC), and carefully-planned grazing management, the incorporation of Startect into the annual worm management program will reduce costs and support increased productivity across the board.

Carry out regular drench tests (every two to four years) to ensure your drench choice is effective and keep a record of FEC for individual paddocks to support strategic grazing management and drenching decisions.

“Research clearly shows that by using a highly-effective drench such as Startect in your drench rotation, you not only gain productivity benefits but you will also enhance the sustainability of your worm control program.” Dr Matt Playford, Dawbuts.

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Hedley Krieg honoured with life membership award

Courtesy of Australian White Suffolk Association

September 2018

Being presented with life membership during the 2018 Royal Adelaide Show came as a complete surprise for foundation member Hedley Krieg.

“To stand beside other life members whom I regard as legends in the Australian sheep industry is a great privilege. My aim was merely to breed a Suffolk with clean white points,” said Mr Krieg.

The Krieg family joined the AWSA in 1986 as flock number 17, Aylesbury Farm stud, situated at Roseworthy in South Australia.

In the early days of the breed's formation Hedley and family attended the Association's field days and events and exhibited at local and Royal Shows. Hedley exhibited sheep at the first showing of White Suffolks at the Royal Adelaide Show in 1991 and has experienced successes in the show ring over the years.

Highlights included winning Supreme White Suffolk Champion with one of their ewes during the first showing of the breed at the 1998 Sydney Royal Show.

The stud participated in the inaugural SA Foundation Breeders Invitation Sale held in 1990 and the Aylesbury Farm style of sheep were true to Suffolk type and their genetics were used to found a number of studs in the 1990's and 2000's.

Hedley was a mentor to new breeders in SA, particularly younger members, and encouraged them to be involved with exhibiting, attending events and he was always happy to share advice about sheep breeding.

“To see White Suffolks position themselves as the biggest meat sheep breed in the Australian lamb industry is something I am proud to have been involved in and I congratulate you all”.

Another side of Hedley was his inclination to dress up at the National Field Days and provide entertainment much to the amusement of members.

Hedley, along with Kevin Moore, Penrise stud and Ralph Speirs, Alkoomie stud, instigated the recording of the AWSA's history through the compilation and production of the AWSA History Book. They worked tirelessly in gathering and collating information and photos of the White Suffolk development and history from 1975 to 2002. The book is a fantastic record of the breed's foundation.

Andrew Heinrich, Ella Matta stud, Parndana KI, along with his father Peter, presented Hedley with his life membership during White Suffolk judging at the Royal Adelaide Show.

Mr Heinrich said Hedley was a true gentleman of the breed and a deserving recipient of life membership for his contributions to White Suffolks.



Letter of Thanks

Received from Hedley Krieg

Dear Friends,

Now that I have collected some thoughts, may I thank the White Suffolk Association and its members for giving me the honour of life membership – a complete surprise!

To stand beside men whom I regard as legends in the sheep industry is a great privilege. My aim was merely to breed a Suffolk with clean white points.

The industry is way beyond that now, with modern technology and enthusiastic young breeders. To see and be part of the development, from a few so-called 'cross-breds' to the largest lamb meat breed industry in Australia, with nearly 1,000 breeders, has been astonishing – I congratulate you all!

For my family and I it has been a pleasure to mix with many wonderful people.

May the Association and industry continue to grow.

*Sincerely,
Hedley Krieg*

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Allan Piggott awarded White Suffolk life membership

Article courtesy of Jamie-Lee Oldfield, Stock Journal

3 September 2018

After 35 years of breeding White Suffolks, Allan Piggott, Moorlands SA, is far from slowing down.

“I am getting close to retirement but I am not ready for that – I am really enjoying the sheep industry there is no doubt about that, there is something new on the horizon every day,” Mr Piggott said.

The Illoura stud principal and Sheep Producers Australia president was awarded lifetime membership of the White Suffolk Association, in recognition of his commitment to the breed since being a founding member, including being past federal council president.

Mr Piggott listed headway made in performance recording and new technology as highlights of his time with the breed.

“We’ve got to the stage now, particularly with electronic tags, we can actually monitor the performance of individual animals rather than flock-based measurements, so the technology is really moving ahead,” he said.

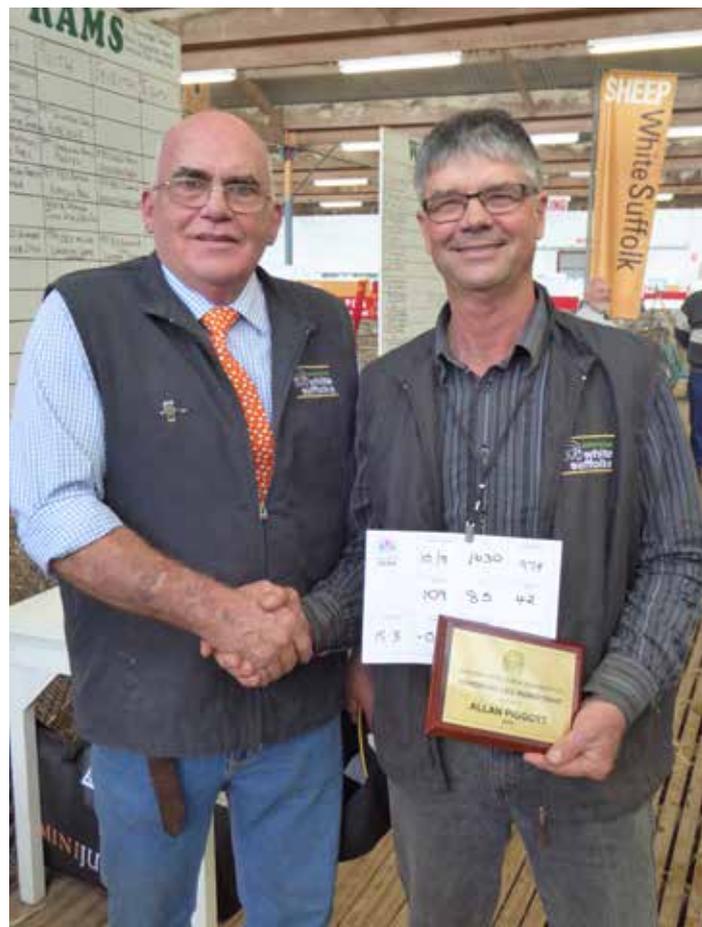
This year’s White Suffolk judging featured two ram performance classes where the sheep were judged for market suitability, skin and breed type on the show floor, and allocated points for Lambplan estimated breeding values – growth, fat and muscle – and structure and soundness prior to judging.

Mr Piggott regards those classes as the most important for the breed.

“I suppose that was the criticism of the show scene 10 to 20 years ago, that it was all a feeding competition, so these days to have breeding values on all the White Suffolks in the shed here means that people can go through and look at structure and conformation ... and also they have got breeding values to back up how they are going to perform when they get out in the field,” he said.

Steve Milne, Waratah stud, Branhholme, Vic, presented Mr Piggott with his life membership and said Mr Piggott was forward-thinking and passionate about the sector.

“It’s not just about his contribution to the breed but his contribution to the sheep industry as well,” Mr Milne said.





Farm family shows the Royals how the drought has hurt

Article courtesy of John Ellicott, The Land

18 October 2018

It's not every day a Duke and a Duchess walk through the front gate on the property Mountain View Farm at Wongarbone near Dubbo – nor eight police with sniffer dogs, scores of press members and a retinue of VIPs and officials.

But that's what happened when the Woodley family hosted Prince Harry and his new wife, US-raised Meghan Markle as the Royals took time out from their Dubbo visit to learn how hard the drought has been.

Laura Woodley, 23, even had time for a personal chat with Meghan, explaining what she does and how she is proud to be the fifth generation of Woodleys on the farm.

Of course when the Royals arrived they saw nothing but green fields, with the property recording over 50mm last week – and another 15mm fell on the day of the Royal visit.

But Scott Woodley, Laura's dad, said Harry and Meghan realised they were looking at a green drought while looking at new grass cover on Mountain View's paddocks.

"They knew it all could change in a month if there is no follow up rain."

Scott, his wife Elaine and his other daughters Benita, 20, Kate, 17, and Elsie 22, and Scott's parents Margaret and Richard chaperoned the Royals around the farm so they could see first hand how the Woodleys were coping with the drought, and struggling to keep stock up to the mark, with spiralling fodder costs.

Mr Woodley, a fourth generation farmer on Mountain View, and owner of Kurraview White Suffolk stud said he'd already been forced to sell a large part of his 1500 crossbred ewe flock to cope with the drought, narrowing the flock down to just 250 White Suffolk stud ewes. He'd also reduced his cattle herd to 70 breeding cows, to make things more manageable on Mountain View.

The Royals understood the pain. "I think they both realised that while it's green at the moment, things can change pretty quickly," Mr Woodley said. "They asked a lot of questions about how we had coped the last couple of years. We showed them the hay shed and how we've had to bring in a couple of loads from interstate in June and July to get by. We told them how the prices for fodder had gone through the roof. It really amazed them, in our case from 250 a tonne to 600. They were quite amazed though how much the cattle liked the cottonseed, they'd heard of it but never heard of it as a feed."

Harry and Meghan helped feed out a couple of buckets of cottonseed to the cattle.

"They realised we were just into a green drought and that things could turn around pretty quickly again. Meghan seemed to know about subsoil moisture. She was very interested that Laura was taking on the farm full-time."

The recent rain had grown quite a bit of feed already for the Woodleys, but the farm would need another 50mm before there would be any good run-off into their earth dams.

“We’ll be okay now into the early summer,” Mr Woodley said.

Elaine Woodley said she was honoured to receive a banana bread loaf from Meghan she had baked herself. “It went very quickly,” she said.

The Woodleys entertained the Royals around a table of food and they sat down and had a chat as the media looked on. Their farm was chosen for the visit about a month ago, after the Dubbo council passed on a few suggestions to the office of Prime Minister and Cabinet, which appeared to have done much of the arranging. “They wanted a full-time farmer not too far out from Dubbo, and an area they could walk around in fairly close to one spot.”

Before the Royals arrived, police and sniffer dogs did a security check through the Woodley’s house and through their sheds. The Woodleys sent their pet dog for a “holiday” during the exercise while their farm dog was kept well away from the activity and didn’t seem too perturbed by all the visitors.

“Kensington Palace promised they’d send us some photos, so that was nice. Anyway, we got there.”

The Woodley family collected at the house fence and waved the Royal couple goodbye, as life on Mountain View returned to normal.

Luckily Elaine had a bite of the Duchess’s banana bread before it all went. “It tasted great, it had choc chips in it.”



*Laura Woodley chatting with Meghan Markle about the impact of drought during the Royals farm visit.
Photo by Rachael Webb*





Senior Champion & Grand Champion Ram
- Rene



Champion Ewe & Grand Champion Exhibit
- Rene

Australian Sheep & Wool Show Results 2018

20-22 July 2018, BENDIGO, VIC

Judge: Chris Badcock, "Fairbank" TAS

Senior Champion Ram
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Reserve Senior Champion Ram
MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Junior Champion Ram
MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS

Grand Champion Ram
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Reserve Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Grand Champion White Suffolk Exhibit
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Novice Class Ram - Under 1½ Years

1. Tydon Park, J & P Cox
2. Tydon Park, J & P Cox
3. Tydon Park, J & P Cox

Ram, woolly, born after 1st April

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Booloola, S & A Baker
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ram, shorn, born in April

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ram, born in May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Mallee Park, M & T Ferguson
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ram, shorn, born in June

1. Booloola, S & A Baker
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell



Junior Champion Ram
- Mertex

Photos (left) courtesy of the
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Ewe, over 1½ years, shorn

1. Elisabeth Murdoch College
2. Elisabeth Murdoch College

Ewe, woolly, born after 1st April

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ewe, shorn, born April/May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Pair of Rams, born in April-June

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Omad, D Hawker
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ram, shorn, born In July

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Booloola, S & A Baker
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ram, shorn, born after 1st August

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Pair of Rams, born on or after 1st July

1. Booloola, S & A Baker
2. Fairburn, F MacDonald
3. Summit Park, A & E Parker

Novice Class - Ewe Under 1½ Years

1. Elisabeth Murdoch College
2. Tydon Park, J & P Cox
3. Tydon Park, J & P Cox

Pair of Ewes, Under 1½ Years

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Fairburn, F MacDonald

Ewe, shorn, born June/July

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

Ewe, shorn, born on or after 1st of August

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Induro, G Treweek

Group of 3

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

Sires Progeny Group

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

White Suffolk signature lamb brand for Sydney butcher

By Kim Woods, Outcross Media

15 October 2018

Ethically raised, grass fed White Suffolk lamb is creating a point of difference in a Sydney retail butchering business.

Omeo White Suffolk is the signature lamb brand at Kingsmore Meats, retailing into Sydney's eastern suburbs, Inner West, Botany Bay and Lower North Shore.

The business specialises in local, free range, ethically produced, sustainable nose-to-tail premium meats.

Co-owner Joel Houghton and his staff pride themselves on knowing the provenance of the meat – where it comes from, how it is produced, processed and delivered.

“At Kingsmore Meats, we specialise in grassfed and free-range meat, excellently butchered and presented,” he said.

“We source most of our meat from independent local farmers who raise their animals humanely and sustainably.”

The signature Omeo White Suffolk lamb brand is supplied by Peter Pether and Louise Mitchell, “Omeo”, Goolma, in central NSW.

The couple began selling purebred lamb to Kingsmore in 2016, sending six to 10 animals per week for processing at Alexander Downs, Kurri Kurri, depending on demand.

They currently run 270 White Suffolk ewes and concede supply can be seasonal as flock building is in progress.

To drive supply consistency, they sourced 97 White Suffolk-Merino cross lambs from the Piliga, in NSW, for finishing on lucerne and clover pastures at “Omeo”.

Home grown oats were value added through self-feeders for the lambs, which dressed out at 21kg.

The backstory of the animal welfare practices used to take the animals from paddock to plate are core to the Kingsmore brand promise to customers.

All product must be pasture-raised, hormone, antibiotic and cruelty-free.

Mr Houghton regularly visits the markets at Cambridge EQ and Fox Studios Australia, holds butchering master classes for chefs and spends his days educating consumers on modern values of animal welfare.

He likes to deal directly with producers raising heritage breeds, including pork and poultry.

“The biggest problem with the (metropolitan) consumer is the lack of knowledge of where their meat originates from,” Mr Houghton said.

“The quality and animal welfare guarantee is important to these farmers and it is bloody hard work – it is not just about the dollar to them.

“A high percentage of (urban consumers) are simply out of touch with how red meat is produced.”

Mr Houghton said consumers were often time poor and increasingly demanded value added meals.

He said most had little understanding of the impact of drought on red meat supply and pricing.

Mr Houghton said it was up to the artisan butchers to educate consumers on the lamb product, using social media including Instagram and Facebook, and trade shows.

“The only voice the farmer has left is the small butcher shops going the extra mile by trying to let our customers know about the welfare of the animals,” he said.

“We make pies, sauces and reductions to use every part of the carcass – it is hard work and sometimes the rewards are not there.”

Mr Houghton said the business had accommodated the trend to dry ageing meat but the majority of customers were budget conscious families preferring the cheaper cuts.

He receives the White Suffolk lambs as whole bodies at 34kg dressed weight.

They are broken down into French lamb shanks, back straps, rump steak, bone-in lamb shoulder, boneless leg and shoulders, butterflied leg, cutlets, lamb rack, rump roast and rolled lamb loin.

The value added product ranges from lamb pie and meatballs to mince, kebabs, and gourmet sausages.

“This year the carcasses have been huge, meaty lambs with the loin chops the size of a veal T-bone, and the bodies weren't carrying as much fat,” Mr Houghton said.

“The Omeo cutlets are the biggest sellers.

“We use every part of the lamb carcass – the bones are sold as dog bones – and when it comes to the offal and sweet breads, we work with a nutritionist catering to consumers on paleo diets.”

Mr Houghton has been butchering for 32 years and now owns two retail outlets employing five staff.

He said retail butchers had to reinvent their businesses over the past decade to compete with the supermarket trade.

“If you had of told me when I was 24 I would now be selling milk, making pates, preparing cooked food and paying \$11/ kg for lamb it would have been madness,” he said.

“But the industry has changed so much over the last 10 years.

“We employ a chef to prepare cooked meat for pies, ragout, bolognaise, pasta and even pre-cooked organic chicken nuggets.

“All of my staff are a wealth of knowledge when it comes to cooking and my manager is a food scientist.

“It is our knowledge and butcher’s background that creates the point of difference.”

Mr Houghton said the expectation of convenience by urban consumers had placed much stress on retail butchers, with seven day and 24 hour on-line trading.

The carcass feedback from Kingsmore Meats helps Peter Pether and Louise Mitchell fine tune their ram selection and breeding objectives.

Peter’s father Norm Pether played a role in the formation of the White Suffolk breed as principal of Farrer Agricultural High School at Tamworth, NSW.

Norm and his wife Betty had their own stud flock on the property, “White Suffolk Farm”, near Tamworth, and later sold the flock to Godfrey and Irene Darling.

Later, Peter and Louise acquired the flock back from Godfrey after discovering it was for sale and relocated it to “Omeo” where the sheep are now managed by Dick Norris.

“Dick is a bit of an animal whisperer and loves the stock – they are very well looked after,” Peter said.



White Suffolk lambing ewes grazing improved pastures on “Omeo”. The purebred lambs are destined for Kingsmore Meats in Sydney. Image Peter Pether.

White Suffolk signature lamb brand for Sydney butcher CONTINUED

“In 2016 we had a great year selling purebred grassfed product – the lambs were a real smash at Kingsmore but we had to supplement with hay and grain last year when seasonal conditions deteriorated.

“We send 10 lambs a week to Kingsmore for sale through the shop front and on-line delivery business.

“The ewes lamb in July-August, with the weaning and turn-off being variable to accommodate demand from the shop.”

Peter likes the early maturity and growth rates of the purebred lambs, and fertility in the ewes with 130 per cent lamb marking rates.

“The ewes are good mothers and milkers, and the lambs are prolific growers,” he said.

“In the past we sold lambs as suckers at Dubbo – now they are turned off at heavier weights progressively in batches.

“Regular small rainfalls over the past weeks resulted in oats and lucerne kicking off, and our dependence on bought-in hay and oats is lessening.”

Although Peter purchased the flock for sentimental reasons, he is thrilled with the past focus on carcase and meat eating quality.

“I’m wrestling with the weighting between cattle and sheep as the sheep market is promising, so to get feedback on carcase weight and flavour from the butcher and consumers that it is a great product encourages me to expand the flock,” he said.



Value adding the White Suffolk trim with lamb and rosemary gourmet sausages.



Lamb and rosemary pie is produced by the chef at Kingsmore Meats using White Suffolk lamb.



Kingsmore Meats uses social media to promote White Suffolk branded lamb. Image Michelle Griffiths.



Lamb shank pie is a popular value added meal using Omeo White Suffolk lamb.



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Carcase and performance a profitable mix for lamb finisher

By Kim Woods, Outcross Media

15 October 2018

Grain finished White Suffolk lambs with superior length and weight set the lamb markets abuzz when they broke through the magic \$300 price ceiling this year.

For central NSW prime lamb finisher, Graeme Spackman, the price of \$300.60 set in July at Forbes saleyards was a defining moment in his farming career.

Graeme and his wife Joanne sold a draft of 870 White Suffolk cross extra heavy lambs that day to average \$282, with the top pen of 154 sold to Thomas Foods International, Tamworth.

Of the draft, 390 lambs averaged over \$300 and 41kg dressed weight – at the time it was a price never before achieved in the nation's prime lamb markets.

A second pen of 238 lambs sold for \$300.40.

What was even more remarkable that day was 23kg dressed trade lambs making over \$9/kg.

The Spackmans saw prices for their trade lambs continue to climb to more than \$10/kg over the following months.

The record priced pen of mixed sex lambs had originally been bought for \$95-\$115 at eight to 14 weeks of age from a producer at Young, shorn and grain finished for 12 weeks.

Graeme and Joanne finish 5000 lambs a year in 10-20ha paddocks comprising either grazing wheat or lucerne crops, supplemented with a barley, lupin and pellet ration plus hay in self-feeders.

The lambs are grazed on stubbles before being introduced to grain at 36-40kg liveweight.

The couple grow their own irrigated and dryland wheat, barley, oats and canola on their 1821ha property at Corinella, and only buy in lupins.

“It was our second year buying those (record price) lambs from the one breeder but we hope to buy them again this year because of the results we have obtained,” Mr Spackman said.

“Even my agent couldn't get over how they performed – I've always been a second cross man but these grew into magnificent lambs.

“We had weighed all the lambs four weeks before sale and this mob was too heavy to sell over the hooks

“You always have it in the back of your mind it would be nice to break the \$300 mark but I thought they would get in the \$290s.

“I knew we wouldn't hold that record for long but the fact we were the first to obtain \$300 for a lamb in Australia can never be taken away.”

Despite the family farm recording just 100mm of rain for the year, Mr Spackman concedes dry weather is advantageous for finishing lambs.

He uses the one shearer to ensure a perfect job and the lambs are presented with a good skin for market.

Mr Spackman was impressed with the tremendous body length of the lambs.

“We have found this White Suffolk-Merino cross yields well – when we were selling over the hooks, we generally work on a yield of 48 per cent but these went 50-51 per cent,” he said.

“The price is back a little at the moment but we expect to have to pay a bit more for these lambs going forward.

“During drought, the gross margin for lambs is well ahead of the crops – when barley was \$130/tonne, we could value add so it was working quite well.

“Numbers are a concern – I want quality, well bred lambs and am prepared to pay a little more for them.

“I don't like paying more than \$110 but have paid to \$125 for bigger lambs and it worked out quite well as I was able to turn them over faster.”



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Champion White Suffolk Ram

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Reserve Champion White Suffolk Ram

KURRALEA, B & L PRENTICE

Champion White Suffolk Ewe

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Supreme Champion White Suffolk Exhibit

MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Most Successful Exhibitor Award

MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Ram, Under 1 1/2 Years born April/May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Kurralea, B & L Prentice
3. Kinellar, V Patterson

Ram Under 1 1/2 Years born June/July

1. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Kurralea, B & L Prentice

Ram, Under 1 1/2 Years born in or after August

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Kinellar, V Patterson

Pen Of 2 Rams, Under 1 1/2 Years born April-June

1. Kurralea, B & L Prentice
2. Somerset, L & K McCrae

Pen Of 2 Rams, Under 1 1/2 Years born in or after July

1. Somerset, L & K McCrae

Lamb Production Class

1. Somerset, L & K McCrae
2. Kinellar, V Patterson

Ewe, Under 1 1/2 Years born April/May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson

Ewe, Under 1 1/2 Years born June/July

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Somerset, L & K McCrae

Ewe, Under 1 1/2 Years born in or after August

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Somerset, L & K McCrae

Pen Of 2 Ewes, Under 1 1/2 Years Old

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Somerset, L & K McCrae

Breeder's Group: 1 Ram & 2 Ewes

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Sire's Progeny Group

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Breeder's Group: 3 Sheep

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen



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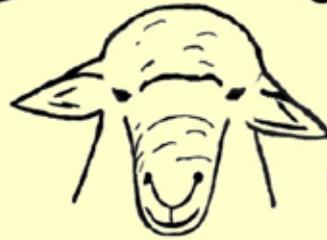
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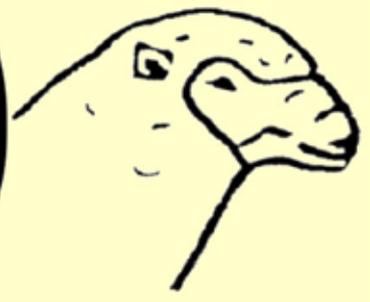


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170231 sold to David Turvey "Oakleigh" Thallon QLD for \$6,000.

170033 sold to Mary Burzacott & Michael Emery "Richmond Park" Kingston SA for \$6,000.

170693 sold to Ashley & Lauren Simons "Pembroke" Telangatuk VIC for \$5,800.

170002 sold to Jessica & Luke Harding "Burrarpark" Boyup Brook WA for \$5,800.

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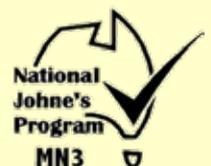
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Change plans to match what market wants

Courtesy of the Stock Journal

22 September 2018

Lambs that buyers will always want is what Peter Ker and his team strive for at Karowara and across their operations in the Naracoorte district.

That means breeding for high volumes of saleable meat, lower fat and good coverage at the back end, which they constantly deliver with White Suffolk rams joined with Dohne ewes.

Across the Karowara, Woodlands and Caranta properties – a combined 5989 hectares – managed by Mr Ker, Chris McBain, Ben Sandercock and Lindsay Cadzow, the mixed farming operations consists of 5500 purebred Dohne ewes, 700 Angus cows and about 200ha of cropping and irrigation.

The farms are hitting peak times at the moment with spring lambing and calving set to take the total stock count to 13,500 sheep and up to 1500 head of cattle.

Mr Ker said the properties were enjoying an excellent season, with above average rainfall and they were “in the box seat”.

But the operations have been designed for times that are not ideal, and this is why Mr Ker and the team have looked to White Suffolks, sourcing rams from a local White Suffolk stud.

“The White Suffolks, they don’t put on a heap of fat, they put it into their muscle areas,” he said.

“You can sell any lamb for top dollar at the moment but we want to be producing a product that buyers will always be looking for.

“White Suffolks have much less fat. It gives us a lamb with 8 millimetres to 12mm of fat at 24 kilograms.”

The market flexibility of the White Suffolks when crossing with Dohnes is another big tick for Mr Ker.

“The meat eating quality, while the science is there, from a personal point of view – and I’ve done the tests – they are very good eating,” Mr Ker said. “You can get a good quality skin out of them and the wool is of decent quality and that’s a consideration, given the returns you can get from that.”

He said the focus of the prime lamb, wool and cattle – supported by the cropping and irrigation, which are strategically used in the sheep enterprise – was to produce farm income every month.

Above: Peter Ker, Naracoorte, with twin born, White Suffolk-Dohne lambs weaned at 16 weeks of age.

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Waratah 170614 (left) Sire Waratah 160288,
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Waratah 160253 (below) Superwhites Series 22



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Analysis date 15/10/18	Bwt	Wwt	Pwwt	Pfat	Pemd	Pwec	D%	LMY	IMF	SF5	C+	L2020	LEQ
170614	0.35	11.1	17.0	-0.2	3.6	-53	2.9	4.1	-0.4	-0.3	227	119.2	159.0
Accuracy	82	84	79	68	70	62	54	63	51	51	74	69	49
160253	0.29	9.2	15.6	-0.2	2.6	-60	2.3	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	207	116.7	147.7
Accuracy	93	92	89	85	86	81	68	74	57	56	87	84	59



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Michael and Julie Osborne "Ryevie" on the purchase of Waratah 170661 (left) for \$22,000 and Waratah 170741 for \$9000 at the Royal Adelaide Elite Sale.

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MLA Sheep Industry Projections
The latest video on MLA sheep industry projections for August 2017 is now out. Despite a strong start to 2017, the outlook for the Australian sheep and lamb market for the remainder of the year is somewhat

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Spinning up the undiscovered wool for hand knitting

By Kim Woods, Outcross Media

16 October 2018

White Suffolk-Merino cross wool has proved a hit with Australia's only fine spinning mill, Paddock to Ply.

Mill owner Suzette Sayer described downs fleeces as the "undiscovered wool for hand knitting".

Ms Sayer sourced a 180kg bale of White Suffolk-Merino cross wool from Warooka Station, Victoria, with the aim of turning it into worsted spun wool.

She described the White Suffolk-Merino cross as an "often overlooked wool" but one which takes dye well, is versatile and soft yet durable.

"The fleece is springy, has great elasticity and strength," Ms Sayer said.

"It is perfect for hard wearing items like socks and everyday outer wear.

"It does not felt easily so a gentle machine wash may be possible."

The 26 micron wool was sourced through Fox & Lillie and processed through the combing machine at Goldfields Mohair Farm, Bendigo, before being put through its paces at Paddock to Ply in Cooroy, Queensland.

Samples of two-ply knitting yarn were produced for lace knitting, weaving and machine knitting into jumpers.



White Suffolk-Merino cross wool has been taken from the bale through to two-ply knitting yarn by boutique mill, Paddock to Ply.

"All you hear about is Merino, Merino, Merino but we have lots of other sheep in Australia – wools ain't wools and not everything will spin up the way you hope it will," Ms Sayer said.

"They are all different and the machinery can't cope with varying lengths so the grower needs to be educated on specific lengths if they want to spin their wool for the worsted process.

"I require staple lengths of 55-75mm – lengths of the machinery can only be varied so much.

"If it is for next-of-skin clothing, the softer the better but different wools are for different purposes – 24-25 micron is great for socks as it wears better."

Spinnability and the breakage rate, or tensile strength, of the wool is also important.

Paddock to Ply was established by Suzette four years ago to provide processing and production for 100 per cent Australian sourced, natural fibres.

These fibres are manufactured into luxury, limited edition, fine spun yarns for both hand and machine knitting.

The Paddock to Ply mill can process up to 20 tonnes of raw fibre, and was inspired by the need to address the lack of milling resources in Australia.

Just 0.03 per cent of the nation's wool is processed within the country, making it almost impossible to buy 100 per cent Australian grown, scoured, processed and spun natural fibre yarns.

"The few wool processing companies in existence, Paddock to Ply included, are trying to recreate an industry in Australia that has simply been devastated," Ms Sawyer said.

"It has been a huge learning curve as people with those kind of skills are gone.

"It has taken many phone calls to find three people experienced in the industry as mentors – one actually works in China and a second in South Australia so they are very rare and hard to get hold of.

"With their help they were able to tell me what size mill I needed to make a viable living.

"I was able to source a two-tonne 1974 German made spinning frame and it effortlessly spins the most amazing, fine yarn."



Possessing a background in textiles, Suzette began her journey after failing to source 100 per cent Australian made wool while planning to open a yarn shop.

“The more I researched it, the more I realized what had happened to the industry and how we didn’t have a 100 per cent Australian product,” she said.

“I did a small business course to start a wool shop but came out with a wool mill.”

At that point, the search began to source and learn about raw wool for spinning.

“It was a learning curve as I had to establish if I just process for people or have a range of product with a background story designers can buy,” Ms Sayer said.

Paddock to Ply can spin as little as 200kg of raw fleece or a minimum of 20kg of combed top (sampling requires a minimum of 4kg of combed top).

The wool is first scoured at one of three plants in Victoria specializing in small lots, followed by processing into comb tops before landing at Paddock to Ply.

Dyeing is carried out by the nation’s last commercial dyeing plant at Geelong.

Suzette specialises in matching people wanting to start their own knitwear line with manufacturers and designers.

“I’m happy to give people information as there are so few mills in Australia,” she said.

“If we shared information and got together, we could be exporting overseas as a group of mini millers, spinners and top makers.

“The knitwear manufacturers and designers would love a 100 per cent Australian product but cannot get it.

“It is a matter of growers knowing the requirements of pre-processing and spinning.

“Combing is quite harsh and will break the fibres so the tensile strength is really important.

“One bale I had was full of vegetable matter so over 50 per cent of it was lost in pre-processing and that makes the manufacturing process really expensive.

“The grower needs to think about vegetable matter, shearing quality, clip preparation, skirting more or looking at weed control on the farm – if you want a top quality fleece you have to go the extra mile.

“In a typical bale, I’m looking at short ends and when it is washed, 15-20 per cent is lost in dirt and grease alone.

“For designers who want to source product, they have to be aware of exactly what the process entails.”

Ms Sayer said there was a strong trend among knitwear manufacturers and designers to demand ethically produced and non-mulesed wools.

“Organic, biodynamic and ethical wool is in demand – they are all aware of the mulesing issue,” she said.

“They don’t always know what those words mean and it is a matter of educating them as to why these things are done.”

Ms Sayer said Australia needed to follow the success of the British promotional campaign around single breed yarns.

Eating quality rules in meat measuring breakthrough

By Shan Goodwin, Stock Journal

8 October 2018

Technology capable of objectively measuring two of the key drivers of eating quality in meat - marbling and tenderness - is about to be commercially tested in beef and sheep processing plants in southern Australia.

Billed as big step forward in providing the next link in the red meat industry's shift towards objective carcass measurement and value based marketing, the MEQ Probe trials has won support to the tune of \$500,000 from Meat and Livestock Australia and progressive processors Teys Australia and the Midfield Group.

As the rollout of objective meat, fat and bone measuring, spearheaded by dual energy x-ray absorptiometry technology, or DEXA, progresses, concerns have been expressed about producers focusing on yield at the expense of quality.

This ground-breaking technology, from Adelaide-based Agtech company Availer, goes a long way to addressing that, red meat processing industry leaders said.

It was vital the industry did not rush to change the payment model until accurate and objective measures of eating quality were in place, they said.

Price signals flowing to producers had to be in the long term best interests of consumers.

The MEQ Probe uses nanoscale biophotonics, a technology originally developed for breast cancer detection. Lasers are inserted into the carcass which are able to give an idea of the chemical composition of meat. Different chemicals absorb and reflect light differently.

Teys manager of industry and corporate affairs John Langbridge said the trials would determine just how much detail on that chemical composition was possible to collect under commercial conditions.

The trials will involve 2400 head of sheep and cattle across different breeds, production systems and seasons.

From the perspective of the processor, the fact the tool could measure these eating quality attributes in a hot carcass had big potential for efficiency gains, Mr Langbridge said.

Human graders currently make their assessments in the chiller.

Below: MEQ Probe chief executive officer Jordy Kitschke with the new abattoir tool that can objectively measure eating quality traits like tenderness and marbling.



Reductions in wasted chiller space and more strategic distribution of product to the most lucrative markets could be a significant result.

Ultimately, however, the biggest gains were in the ability to consistently optimise the consumer experience, according to Mr Langbridge.

“More comprehensive, objective data on the carcass means more information back to the producer, and the seedstock producer, so the value chain is working to produce the best beef possible,” he said.

OCM in beef and sheep meat processing has been hailed as transformational and the eating quality side critical in a world where the future fortunes of all along the supply chain will depend on delivering the right product to the consumer every time.

MLA's managing director Richard Norton said innovation such as this would help Australia maintain its status as a global leader in red meat production.

MEQ Probe chief executive officer Jordy Kitschke said the technology had the potential to ensure every time someone bought a steak or a chop, they had a great experience and it lived up to expectations.

The carcass measurement advancements in abattoirs come against a backdrop of clear evidence of the value of striving for eating quality in cattle and sheep production.

Australia's trailblazing eating quality grading system Meat Standards Australia delivered a whopping \$152 million in additional farm gate returns in the past financial year, according to an MLA outcomes report set to be presented to levy payers at the organisation's annual general meeting next month.

The data shows more than 3.1 million cattle and 6.1 million sheep were processed through the MSA program in 2017-18.

For cattle, that is 43 per cent of the national adult slaughter, an increase of 3pc on the previous year, while for sheep it represented 26pc of the national slaughter.

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- Reserve Junior Champion, Adelaide Royal
- Supreme Exhibit, Bendigo
- Senior Champion Ram, Bendigo
- Junior Champion Ram, Bendigo
- Reserve Junior Champion Ram, Bendigo
- Champion Ram, NSW Sheep Show
- Reserve Champion Ram, NSW Sheep Show
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BARINGA 17W148

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- 17W200 Purchased Honeyoaks Stud, \$6,000
- 17W149 Purchased G & T Stocks, \$5,000
- 17W011 Purchased T Gadsby, \$5,000
- 17W002 Purchased D Lieschke \$4,000
- 17W265 Purchased by Mullinger Park Stud for \$4,000
- 17P014 Purchased T Gadsby, \$4,000
- 17W185 Purchased Spring Creek Stud, \$3,000
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Perth Royal Show Results 2018

22 - 29 September 2018, PERTH, WA

Judge: Anthony Ferguson, "Anna Villa" SA

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ewe LAMB, born on or after 1st June

1. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough
2. Ridge Top, D Carter
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

ewe LAMB, born on or before 31st May

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kohat, R Hyde
3. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough

ewe under 1½ years, born on or after 1st June

1. Kiara, Kiara College
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Kohat, R Hyde

ewe under 1½ years, born before 31st May

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Kohat, R Hyde

ewe 2 years and over

1. Kiara, Kiara College
2. Kiara, Kiara College

PAIR OF EWES Under 1½ years

1. Kiara, Kiara College
2. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough
3. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

RAM LAMB, born on or after 1st June

1. Iveston, G Bingham
2. Kohat, R Hyde
3. Kohat, R Hyde

RAM LAMB Performance Class

1. Iveston, G Bingham
2. Iveston, G Bingham
3. Kiara, Kiara College

SPRING DROP RAM, born or after 1st August

1. Kohat, R Hyde
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Kiara, Kiara College

RAM LAMB, born on or after 1st April and 31st May

1. Kohat, R Hyde
2. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough
3. Kohat, R Hyde



Champion Ewe, Grand Champion White Suffolk & Interbreed Supreme Champion Ewe - Kiara

Champion Ram
YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS

Reserve Champion Ram
YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS

Champion Ewe
KIARA COLLEGE

Reserve Champion Ewe
YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS

Grand Champion White Suffolk
KIARA COLLEGE

RAM under 1½ years, born on or after 1st June

1. Kiara, Kiara College
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Kohat, R Hyde

RAM under 1½ years, born before 31st May

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Iveston, G Bingham
3. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough

RAM under 1½ years, showing no more than two teeth

1. Kiara, Kiara College
2. Iveston, G Bingham
3. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough

RAM under 1½ years with ASBV, born on or after 1st April

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kohat, R Hyde
3. Hedingham, W Thompson

RAM 2 years and over

1. Kohat, R Hyde
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

PAIR OF RAMS under 1½ years

1. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough
2. Iveston, G Bingham
3. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

BREEDERS GROUP

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College
3. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough

GROUP OF THREE RAMS

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Iveston, G Bingham
3. Kohat, R Hyde

PROGENY GROUP

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College
3. Iveston, G Bingham

Nutrition, genetics and presentation rings the bell

By Kim Woods, Outcross Media

16 October 2018

Presentation, the right skin, body length and carcass weight added up to a Victorian record price for the Baker family at the Bendigo yards.

The November drop purebred White Suffolk mixed sex lambs had been weaned in January and finished on home-grown oats to ring the bell at \$267.50 in July.

“The result was a Victorian record at the time but it was broken the following day – it was pretty exciting,” Shane Baker said.

Shane and his wife Amber run a commercial flock of 300 White Suffolk and Corriedale-White Suffolk cross ewes at Baringhup to progeny test their stud sires of both breeds.

The lambs had been weaned onto a lupin stubble and introduced to oats in self-feeders in late January.

Shane has worked as a part-time booking clerk for Elders at the Bendigo saleyards for the past four years so has had a front row seat to the record prices received by prime lamb producers.

Presented at fat score four and dressing at 34kg, the Baker’s pen of 75 lambs sold on the day to repeat clients Australian Land Company.

“There wasn’t a big range of heavy lambs on the day - we had our lambs shorn by an immaculate shearer and were offered for sale with a five week skin,” Mr Baker said.

“I said I wouldn’t sell them if I couldn’t get \$170 – heavy lamb prices had dipped earlier so we hung onto them and kept feeding them.

“Being a November drop, cutting teeth wasn’t an issue so we knew we could hold them for quite a bit longer.

“When the heavy lamb market lifted, it became an opportunity to sell them.

“We knew the end of the financial year would flush out a big range of heavy lambs so we held them to the following sale a fortnight later.

“There was a limited amount of heavy lambs that week and these were penned well, contributing to the price they achieved.

“At the end of the day, the price does involve a fair bit of luck as well.”

The family sells pure and crossbred lambs at both the physical markets and over-the-hooks, depending on the prices.

Mr Baker said White Suffolk breeders had been progressive in focusing on carcass and eating quality traits, resulting in the high prices for commercial lambs.

“Breeders have been able to get more meat into the rams going out into the ewes, and breeding on,” he said.

“The White Suffolk lamb holds its freshness a lot longer and the processors have confidence in buying the consistently high yielding carcasses.

“Over the past four years we have certainly changed the rams we have been using in our own flock based on what we see in the market.

“The sheep are more moderate than what we were once used to and we are aiming to get a lot more meat in the loin.

“It is a big asset to have that knowledge of what the lamb buyers are looking for.”

Mr Baker said the flow-on benefits have resulted in a modern White Suffolk ewe that is fertile, a good milker and maintains body score when seasonal conditions are tough.

“Locally, our region is no where near the drought conditions of northern NSW and our lambing percentages have been slightly above last year,” he said.

“But, in drought affected NSW ewes have been walking off on multiples bringing marking percentages down.

“This is disappointing when lamb is such a profitable business at the moment.”

Mr Baker has begun selling his first drafts of new season lambs at Bendigo.

Weaned at 14 weeks, the lambs are fed in stock containment areas for two weeks on a ration of barley, oaten hay and Weanermax, a rumen conditioner supplement.

He said Bendigo came close to achieving the \$10/kg mark for trade weight lambs.

“The market is fantastic and as lamb producers we used to think \$5/kg was good money a few years ago,” he said.

“Now it is coming back to \$7/kg from almost \$10/kg and people are thinking the market has dropped but in actual fact, it is still very good.

“Everyone has to be making a profit because if only one person is, another person will be going out of business.

“It is good for the processors to see the prices come back to a more sustainable level and consumers will still buy lamb at the shops.”

Mr Baker said the good prices enabled prime lamb producers to invest in fertilizer, improved pastures and capital infrastructure.

“From what I’ve seen in the yards, White Suffolks have gone from strength to strength in the market place.

“When I first started working in the saleyards, Poll Dorsets were the dominant breed but the White Suffolks have taken that mantle over.

“A lot of the White Suffolk cross lambs offered at Bendigo are out of Merino or first cross ewes for the benefits of lambing ease and clean points to reduce the grass seed problems.”

Mr Baker said prices held firm at the October 15 sale at Bendigo, on the back of a nation wide lack of supply.



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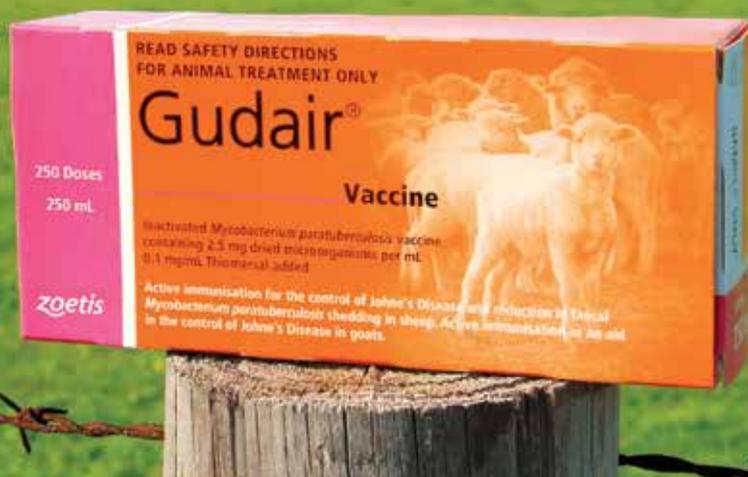
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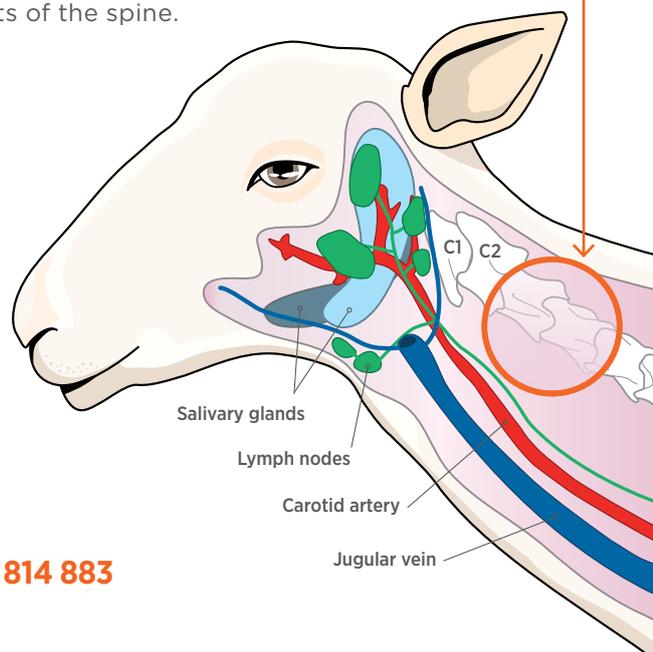
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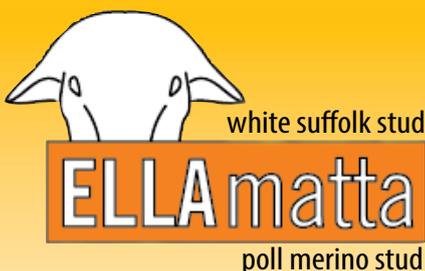
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Novice Class - Ewe

1. Killara, Elisabeth Murdoch College
2. Tydon Park, P Cox
3. Tydon Park, P Cox

Ewe, over 1½ years, with lamb at foot

1. Wattle Park, J & M Jamieson
2. Marleigh, T & N Smith

Woolly Ewe, under 1½ years, born after 1st April

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ewe, under 1½ years, shorn, untrimmed, born in April

1. Induro, G Treweek

Ewe, under 1½ years, born in May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ewe, under 1½ years, shorn, born in June

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Ramsay Park, P & J Button

Pair of Ewes, under 1½ years, born in April- June

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Booloola, S & A Baker
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ewe, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Smithston, Dugald McIndoe
3. Faiburn, Finlay MacDonald

Ewe, under 1½ years, born in August

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Smithston, Dugald McIndoe
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Pair of Ewes, under 1½ years, born in July-September

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Wattle Park, J & M Jamieson

Ewe lamb, in wool, born after 1st April 2018

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Wattle Park, J & M Jamieson



Junior & Grand Champion Ewe
- Rene

Associate Judge: Helena Fischer, "Clive" NSW

Ewe lamb, shorn, born after 1st April 2018

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Wanden, D & W Duffy

Novice Class - Ram

1. Anneleigh, Iain Ford
2. Killara, Elisabeth Murdoch College
3. Tydon Park, P Cox

Woolly Ram, under 1½ years, born after 1st April 2018

1. Smithston, Dugald McIndoe
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ram, under 1½ years, born in April

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ram, under 1½ years, born in May

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Anden, A Donnan
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Senior Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL
Reserve Senior Champion Ewe
INDURO, G TREWEEK

Junior Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL
Reserve Junior Champion Ewe
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Grand Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Senior Champion Ram
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE
Reserve Senior Champion Ram
BOOLOOLA, S & A BAKER

Junior Champion Ram
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE
Reserve Junior Champion Ram
PREMIER, B & L GILMORE

Grand Champion Ram
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

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RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Ram, under 1½ years, born in June

1. Boolooloa, S & A Baker
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Pair of Rams, under½ years, born in April-June

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Ramsay Park, P & J Button

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Ram, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Premier, B & L Gilmore
2. Sunnybanks, Paul Day
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ram, under 1½ years, born in August

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Pair of Rams, under 1½ years, born in July-September

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Booloola, S & A Baker
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore

Ram Lamb, in wool, born after 1st April 2018

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Wanden, D & W Duffy

Ram Lamb, shorn, born after 1st April 2018

1. Wanden, D & W Duffy
2. Induro, G Treweek

Stockscan Performance Class

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Rangeview, W & E Milroy
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Breeders Group

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Smithston, Dugald McIndoe

Sires Progeny Group

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Warburn, A & M Dissegna

Pen of 3 Rams

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Warburn, A & M Dissegna



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84%	78%	78%	77%	79%	72%	76%

LMY	IMF	SF5	2020	LEQ
3.00	0.60	-0.3	117.2	167.3
69%	61%	58%	74%	59%

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BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC	C+
0.59	13.5	19.7	-0.4	2.8	-52	234
89%	79%	80%	78%	80%	73%	78%

LMY	IMF	SF5	2020	LEQ
4.68	-0.02	2.4	112.0	167.8
71%	66%	62%	76%	63%

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Long-term plans to feed livestock

Article courtesy THE LAND

29 September 2018

With no spring break on the horizon, it's time for livestock producers to focus on six to nine month feeding plans, according to NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

NSW DPI livestock development officer, Geoff Casburn, said it is becoming increasingly likely that feeding will be required through summer and autumn.

"Right now, crops worth grazing will provide an important feed option for lambs and supplementary feed should be introduced or continued to ensure a good transition when crops run out," Mr Casburn said.

"Lucerne and summer active pastures may respond to summer showers - assess how quickly pastures will respond to rain, whether they will need time to recover and how you will protect them from over-grazing and erosion.

"Involve your whole business in the planning process so that you can combine experience and knowledge with assessments of current conditions and weather forecasts.

"Together, all members of the business can best decide on how long drought-feeding might last by looking at best to worst case scenarios and feasible solutions.

"Plan to revisit these plans regularly as the season progresses and keep everyone informed."

Mr Casburn advised a livestock feeding check list would include:

- current stock numbers, including age, status and value
- pasture and crop availability, condition and potential for growth over the remainder of spring and into summer
- stock water supply
- an inventory of grain and fodder on hand - estimate how feed will last and what the shortfall is likely to be.

NSW DPI's Drought Feed Calculator app, available from the App Store and Google Play, can help calculate feed requirements and costs.

Mr Casburn by calculating a potential break-even price for livestock can help drive feeding and stocking rate decisions.

For example: \$120 current ewe value + \$55 for 6 months full feeding + \$10 variable costs - \$40 wool income = \$145 break-even value.

This means if ewes are worth more than \$145 at the end of the next 6 month period then it would pay to feed rather than sell. On the other hand, if their expected value is less, then it may be better to sell.

If nine months feeding will be required, the potential break-even value would be \$173 per head, assuming all other costs remain constant.

Assumptions: Six-month drought period, 50 kilogram dry ewe with six months wool at start, variable costs for period includes the cost of shearing, wheat with energy of 12.5 MJ/kg dry matter, addition of stock lime and salt at 1.5 and 0.5 per cent respectively, total grain cost \$500 per tonne landed, no calculated interest on funds borrowed or earned.

Rising feed prices and other associated costs including interest on borrowed funds should also be factored in.

It's up to each business to do their calculations as circumstances and assumptions vary.

The decision to feed all, sell some or sell all is complex as it involves the businesses ability to access funds, repay debt and to get back to full operation when the drought breaks.

Financial assistance measures, support services and management information are listed on the NSW DPI DroughtHub - <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub>



Geoff Casburn Sheep Development Officer NSW DPI said it is becoming increasingly likely that feeding will be required through summer and autumn.

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Senior Champion Ram
RANGEVIEW, W & E MILROY

Reserve Senior Champion Ram
BUNDARA DOWNS, S, R & G FUNKE

Junior Champion Ram
PREMIER, B & L GILMORE

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

Grand Champion Ram
PREMIER, B & L GILMORE

Champion Ewe
WINGAMIN, C & D SHILLABEER

Reserve Champion Ewe
MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

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PREMIER, B & L GILMORE

Most Successful White Suffolk Exhibitor
WINGAMIN, C & D SHILLABEER

Ram under 1½ years, born in April

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Illoura, A & S Piggott

Ram under 1½ years, born in May

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Anden, A & J Donnan

Ram, under 1½ years, born in June

1. Rangeview, W & E Milroy
2. Days, L & L Day
3. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke

Pair of Rams, April - June drop

1. Days, L & L Day
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Omad, D Hawker

Ram, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Aylesbury Farm, A & D Krieg



Champion Ewe – Wingamin



Sires Progeny – Baringa

Paul Day, "Sunnybanks" TAS (ewes)

Ram under 1½ years, born in or after August

1. Premier, B & L Gilmore
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore

Pair of Rams, under under 1½ years born after July

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Aylesbury Farm, A & D Krieg
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Ram Lamb, born since April 2018

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke

Pen of Three Rams under 1½ years

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
3. Anden, A & J Donnan

Lamb Production Class - Trade

1. Waratah, S & D Milne
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Aylesbury Farm, A & D Krieg

Lamb Production Class - Export

1. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
2. Anden, A & J Donnan
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Ram Lamb Performance Class

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Windy Hill, M Smart

Ewe over 1½ years with lamb at foot

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Windy Hill, M Smart
3. Koonawarra, M & J Grossman

Ewe under 1½ years, born April/May

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ewe under 1½ years, born June/July

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Royal Adelaide Show Results 2018 CONTINUED

Ewe, under 1½ years, born August or after

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Somerset, L & K McCrae
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Pair of Ewes under 1½ years

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Somerset L & K McCrae

Ewe Lamb, born since April 2018

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Windy Hill, M Smart
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Ewe Lamb Performance Class

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Windy Hill, M Smart

Breeders' Group

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Sire's Progeny Group

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Day, L & L Day



Reserve Senior Champ Ram
– Bundara Downs



Reserve Junior Champ Ram – Baringa



Pen of 3 Rams – Baringa



Reserve Champ Ewe – Mertex

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Top Left: Interbreed Champion Shortwool Ewe – Wingamin.

Top Right: Interbreed Champion Shortwool Ram & Supreme Champion Prime Lamb & Maternal Breeds Ram (purchased for record \$43,000 at Elite Sale) – Premier

Middle Left: Champion Interbreed Lamb Production Export – Ramsay Park

Middle Right: Champion Interbreed Lamb Production Trade - Waratah

Left: Interbreed Pen of 3 Rams – Baringa.

Meet the LambEx Young Guns of 2018

Article courtesy of Stock and Land

7 August 2018

Researcher Dr Danila Marini, Armidale, NSW, West Australian university student Jamie Nykiel and NSW Riverina high school student Lindsay Brown are the LambEx 2018 Young Guns.

They were selected from a field of nine finalists over categories covering young producers and professionals, undergraduate and postgraduate students and years 10-12 secondary school students.

The finalists were presented at LambEx 2018 held at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in August before the winners in each category were announced.

Representatives from LambEx 2018 Young Guns competition sponsors who helped choose the winners, Andrew Heinrich from the Australian White Suffolk Association and Finley Leach from National Australia Bank Agribusiness, presented them with their certificates.

The winners also each receive \$1000.

Dr Marini, 27, who is undertaking post-doctorate research on virtual herding technologies at University of New England as part of the Rural R&D for Profit programme, said she was very appreciative of the competition and prize.

"It is just fantastic to be involved in the industry in this way and for LambEx to embrace the upcoming generation of students and professionals," Dr Marini said after her win.

"It is also great to see that the work we (researchers) are doing is of interest to the industry and can make a difference," she said.

Last year Dr Marini's PhD thesis at University of New England was on virtual fencing to better manage sheep.

A member of NSW Farmers and their animal welfare committee, she moved to Armidale from South Australia in 2013 after obtaining a Bachelor of Animal Science at the University of Adelaide with first class honours for her thesis on the effects of intrauterine growth restriction on stress responses in sheep.

Having just returned from a study tour of China which included visits to sheep and cattle enterprises there, third-year Murdoch University Bachelor of Science student majoring in animal science and animal health, Ms Nykiel, 22, was also appreciative of LambEx and the Young Guns competition.

"I'm extremely excited to have won, it means (the industry) is leaning towards a brighter future and wanting to have a good representation of the younger generation coming up," Ms Nykiel said.

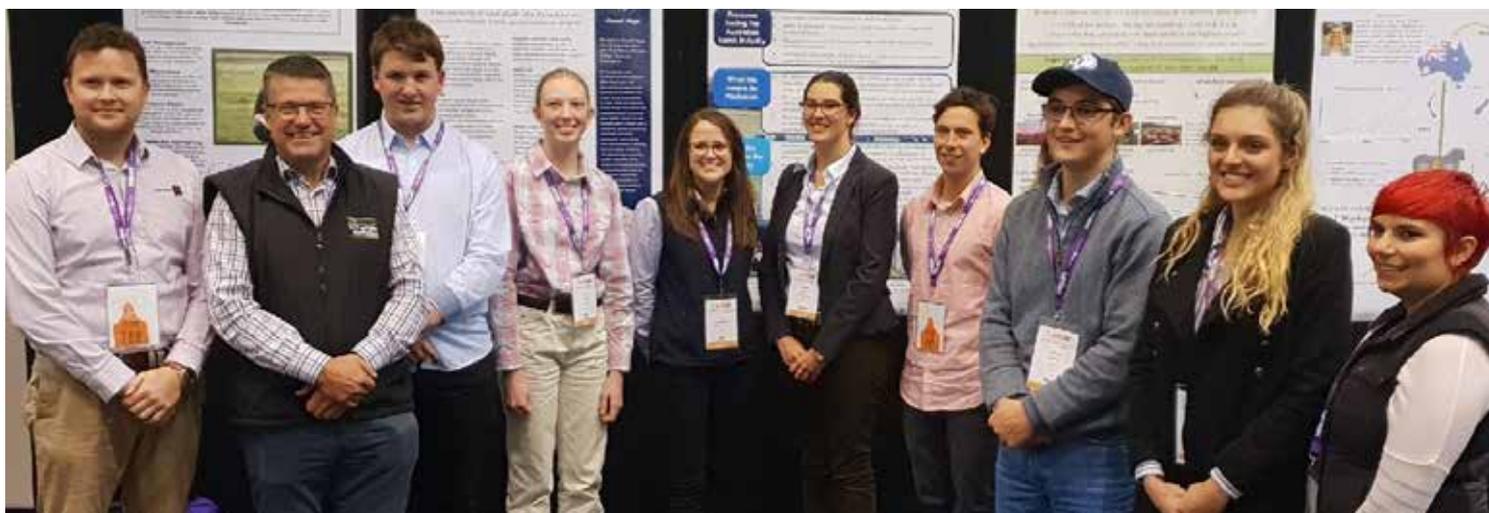
For Yanco Agricultural High School student Lindsay Brown, 17, attending LambEx was prize enough.

"Winning was a bonus, I'm just happy to come across to Perth for LambEx," he said.

Raised on a sheep and winter cropping farm near Beckom in the Riverina, Lindsay recently bought his own mob of 20 first cross ewes to produce his own prime lambs with the White Suffolk sires he has selected.

He is also involved with his school's White Suffolk stud and ram sales, showing sheep at shows and participating in junior judging competitions, including the Sydney Royal Easter show at the state final.

He has already completed a Certificate IV in Woolclassing.



Lindsay said he planned a “gap year” helping on his parents’ farm, doing some wool classing and some work for the local wool broker when he completes secondary school.

“Then it’ll probably be off to university or whatever else comes up,” he said.

The competition aims to reward and encourage young and upcoming producers, industry professionals and scientists to consider a future or career in the lamb industry.

Each of the finalists had to get through a first round which included identifying and discussing key opportunities that in future will affect the Australian lamb and sheepmeat industry currently worth an estimated \$4.38 billion to the national economy.

In the second round they had to design a poster and make an in-person presentation with questions from the four judges.

They were assessed on communication style, whether their presentation helped the audience understand the topic and how the audience reacted at a professional development workshop on the Sunday before LambEx was formally opened.



Above: LambEx 2018 Young Guns, Jamie Nykiel, Murdoch University, Western Australia; Lindsay Brown, Yanco Agricultural High School, NSW, and Dr Danila Marini, University of New England, Armidale, NSW.

Left: 2018 Young Guns finalists at LambEx 2018 with judges Finley Leach, NAB and Andrew Heinrich, AWSA.

SA stud man takes national judges honour

By Vanessa Binks, Stock Journal

3 September 2018

SA's Lachlan Grossman, Angaston, has taken out the national meat sheep young judges competition held at the Royal Adelaide Show against the country's state champion judges, after he wowed the judges with his extensive stud sheep knowledge.

The twenty-two-year-old gained his skills of assessing stud rams through managing his family's White Suffolk and Border Leicester studs, Koonawarra.

Mr Grossman said he was excited to have won the national title but was very surprised because of the “very tough competition.”

“The type of sheep we judged made the competition really enjoyable. They were such good quality and made it quite easy to pick out the best traits,” he said.

“I looked for a really even ram with good cover and strong feet.

“The national competition did have extra pressure because of the other contestants and crowd watching on but it made me a better judge on the day.”

Mr Grossman said he would continue to judge at competitions and hoped to forge a long career in meat sheep judging.

Overjudge Ros Funke, Bundara Downs, Western Flat, said Mr Grossman was a calm judge who had exceptional sheep handling skills.

“His approach with the sheep was great and that is why he compared the sheep so well,” she said.



Judge Ros Funke, Bundara Downs, Western Flat, national winner Lachlan Grossman, Angaston, and judge Mark Copeland, Ashburton, New Zealand.

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Orange lamb producer won't compromise on quality

Article courtesy of Vernon Graham, The Land

27 August 2018

Orange district producer, Dan Whiteley, uses supplementary feeding to ensure only top quality lambs leave his family's property.

"I like to turn off quality, I like to send my stock to the saleyards and the abattoirs in the best condition I can," he said.

Mr Whiteley and wife, Rebecca, operate a Merino sheep and lamb enterprise on their 445ha property, "Wongala", in the Bowan Park district west of Orange.

They normally run 2000 Merino ewes but numbers have been clipped to around 1400 incase seasonal conditions remain challenging.

The Whiteleys aim to have three lambings every two years with the breeding flock cut into two mobs which are joined at different times.

Around half the ewes are joined to Merino rams (from GullenGamble stud, Yeoval) and the rest to White Suffolks from a local stud.

Mr Whiteley said he was happy with the quality of the White Suffolks cross lambs and so were his customers who included an Orange restaurant owner.

During the peak spring, summer and autumn period the restaurant takes up to 10 lambs a week which Mr Whiteley delivers to Cowra abattoir (20 a fortnight) with the carcasses processed by Dowto's Family Meats at Wellington.

"They (the restaurant) are happy as Larry with them," Mr Whiteley said.

Lambs are turned off at around six to eight months weighing 30kg dressed. Lambs are also sold through Forbes and Carcoar saleyards at similar weights.

He hasn't been selling over the hooks in recent times because prices in saleyards have been so strong.

Mr Whiteley is now in the process of selling the last of his first-cross ewes. He believes they will be easier to replace than Merino ewes "down the track".

He has just shorn them and weaned their lambs so they wouldn't have made any returns in the next 12 months but would potentially have eaten a lot of feed if the season doesn't break soon.

"We rely on supplementary feeding. I don't mind feeding," he said.

He also knows what he is doing, having operated a sheep and cattle feedlot on his family's previous property at Panuara, south of Orange.

Rams are rejoined to the ewes three to four months after they have lambed.

"They still have lambs at foot when I join them," he said.

Lambs are weaned at around four months and normally fed a wheat-based ration mix which includes lupins, hay and mineral supplements.

"I don't rely on grass finishing," he said. He bases his stock numbers on the amount of oaten and pasture hay he has on hand.

He makes hay on farm and had a cracking year in 2016 with stocks still on hand today.

Mr Whiteley last week took delivery of his latest load of wheat at around \$450 a tonne but said he would rather cart grain than look for hay.

When choosing White Suffolk rams Mr Whiteley looks for low birthweight, good eye muscle and "a bit of fat cover".

Below: Dan Whiteley, "Wongala", Bowan Park, west of Orange, and dog, "Trixie", with supplementary-fed first and second cross lambs almost ready for market. Wheat forms the basis of his ration mix. Picture by Rachel Webb.



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Pemd	C+	L2020
1.06	205.83	114.66

Anden 170046
Sired by Anden Cruiser 150277
Sold to the Almondvale stud for \$9000

Bw	Wwt	Pwwt	Pfat
0.43	10.27	16.22	-0.64

Pemd	C+	L2020
1.90	204.91	113.90



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TAG	SIRE	BWT	WWT	PWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC	IMF	SF5	LEQ	C+
160433	Som 130153	0.25	10.1	16.4	-0.2	3.8	-23	-0.79	2.3	150	226

TAG	SIRE	BWT	WWT	PWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC	IMF	SF5	LEQ	C+
130269	Ash 080179	0.33	10.7	17.4	0.6	2.2	-54	0.10	-4.0	161	209
160627	G Pk 120367	0.32	10.8	18.0	0.4	2.7	10	0.13	-0.5	156	217
170526	Anden 140025	0.00	10.6	17.4	-0.2	3.6	-10	-0.10	1.3	155	227
170715	Ash 150340	0.27	10.2	17.8	-0.1	3.0	-54	-0.29	-3.5	163	221





Senior Champion, Grand Champion Ram & Interbreed
Champion Shortwool Ram - Booloola



Grand Champion Ram, Booloola (left) & Junior Champion
Ram, Mertex (right)

Hamilton Sheepvention Show Results 2018

6 - 7 August 2018, HAMILTON, VIC

Judge: John Jamieson, "Wattle Park" NSW

Novice class ram Under 1½ years shorn

1. Banquet, G Branson

Ram Under 1½ years in wool

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Noremac, D & M Cameron
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ram under 1½ years, shorn, born in April

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Omad, D Hawker
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Ram under 1½ years, shorn, born in May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
3. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke

Ram under 1½ years, shorn, born in June

1. Booloola, S & A Baker
2. Booloola, S & A Baker
3. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke

Pen of 2 rams under 1½ years, born April-June

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke

Ram under 1½ years, born in July

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Sunnydale, A & R Weidemann

Ram under 1½ years, born during or after August

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Noremac, D & M Cameron
3. Omad, D Hawker

Pen of 2 rams under 1½ years, born July-September

1. Booloola, S & A Baker
2. Fairburn, F MacDonald
3. Sunnydale, A & R Weidemann

Ram lamb born on or after 1st April 2018

1. Windy Hill, M Smart

Lamb production class 2 rams under 1½ years:

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Anden, A & J Donnan
3. Somerset, L & K McCrae

Novice class ewe under 1½ years shorn

1. Banquet, G Branson

Ewe under 1½ years in wool

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Windy Hill, M Smart

Ewe over 1½ years, in lamb or in milk

1. Windy Hill, M Smart
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Westleigh, I & D Porter

Ewe under 1½ years, born April-May

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Westleigh, I & D Porter

Ewe under 1½ years, born June-July

1. Fairburn, F MacDonald
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Banquet, G Branson

Ewe under 1½ years, born during or after August

1. Somerset, L & K McCrae
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Pen of 2 ewes under 1½ years shorn

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Fairburn, F MacDonald
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ewe lamb born since 1st April 2018

1. Windy Hill, M Smart
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Westleigh, I & D Porter

Sire progeny group

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Group 1 ram & 2 ewes under 1½ years

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Senior Champion Ram
BOOLOOLA, S & A BAKER

Reserve Senior Champion Ram
INDURO, G TREWEEK

Junior Champion Ram
MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
NOREMAC, D & M CAMERON

Grand Champion Ram
BOOLOOLA, S & A BAKER

Champion Ewe
WINGAMIN, C & D SHILLABEER

Reserve Champion Ewe
FAIRBURN, F MACDONALD

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Group pen of 3 rams

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2. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

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Sold to Yonga Downs RAS 2016 for \$12,500; & pictured this year at Yonga Downs

BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	PWEC	NLW	LE_DIR	DRESS	LMY	IMF	SHEAR 5	Inbreeding	BREED	C+	L2020	EQ	LEQ	MCP
0.49	11.4	16.6	2.6	0,0	17	-	-1%	2.2	3.96	-0.31	1.8	2%	0.40	214	114.6	145.8	144.3	150.8

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- Bundara Downs keeper ram - half share sold for \$15,000
- A half share in this exceptional sire sold to Shane Baker,
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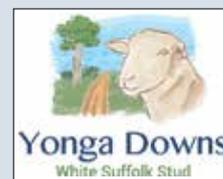
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GR & MA Wake, R. Bailey, RS & RE Fischer, D & W Duffy, G & C Wilson, A & L Hiscock and A. Adams on their purchases of stud rams in 2018.

On Property sale -

108 offered, 107 sold to top \$3,200 and average \$1,318.



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White Suffolk-cross lambs and wool offer perfect mix at Glenthompson

Article courtesy Kylie Nicholls, Stock & Land

30 September 2018



Stacey and Luke Balkin, with their daughter Olivia.

White Suffolk sires are the perfect match for quality Merino ewes in the Balkin family's first-cross lamb enterprise at Glenthompson.

Luke and Stacey Balkin, children William, Ava and Olivia, and Luke's parents Frank and Betty, decided to diversify their Merino fine wool enterprise more than 15 years ago in an effort to increase marketing opportunities for their sheep.

The crossbred operation, which comprises 3800 ewes, is run alongside the family's self-replacing flock of 3960 Merino ewes across several properties in the Western District, totalling 1820 hectares.

But wool remains the Balkin family's first love and they are making the most of the recent high prices, running 6000 Merino wethers for fine wool production as well.

They also crop 182ha of canola and wheat.

"Wool wasn't so good in the early 2000s so we made a decision to focus on our ewe operation and move into meat production by breeding first-cross lambs," Mr Balkin said.

"Our business model is set up on profit in dollars per hectare so we don't focus too much on price per head but historically I am happy with a price above \$115 a head to \$120.

"Stocking rate and labour efficiency are our key profit drivers so we aim to run 12 ewes/ha and hope to achieve a net profit per dry sheep equivalent of \$50/ha for the 2018-19 financial year.

"Over a long period of time, our benchmarking data shows the terminal flock is our most productive enterprise on the farm, even when taking into account the purchase cost of the ewes from our wool enterprise.

"We are getting the best of both worlds, with the dual-purpose benefits of wool and meat."

All surplus ewes, including cast-for-age ewes and young ewes not selected for use in the main wool producing flock, are joined to White Suffolk rams.

The Balkin family's Merino sheep are all Wurrook-blood and the flock averages 18 micron.

Mr Balkin has been sourcing White Suffolk rams from the south east of SA, for the past eight years, selecting high-performing sires that complement the Merino ewes.

"I initially did some research and decided White Suffolks, as a fast-growing meat sheep breed, would be a good mix with our Merino ewes," he said.

"The White Suffolk rams are paddock-reared and I have been really impressed with their figures."

Australian Sheep Breeding Values for low birthweight and growth traits including weaning weight, post-weaning weight and eye muscle depth are targeted in the terminal sires.

"In the early days we just went and bought big White Suffolk rams, which created problems with our Merino ewes at lambing, birthweight is now something I really focus on.

"Any high birthweight rams I just cut out straight away. No matter how good their figures are, I know they are not going to be suitable for us.

"We have also focused on above breed average figures for growth as the rams are being joined to Merino ewes and that's something we need to work on."

Body type and structural soundness are also important and Mr Balkin will combine his catalogue selection with a visual assessment of the rams on sale day.

Last year, the Balkins bought 18 White Suffolk rams, but generally average about 10 to 15 rams annually.

"I look for a solid ram that stands up properly and is not sitting back in its pasterns, with good feet and bone structure."

The terminal flock are run on a separate block, Devondale, south of Dunkeld, Vic, and are joined in March to lamb in August. Scanning rates are about 130 per cent to 140pc while lambs marked per ewe joined average between 95pc and 100pc.

Mr Balkin aims to have ewes in condition score 3 at joining and maintain their condition through until lambing.

Targeted urea applications are used to manipulate pasture growth and ensure there is sufficient feed available.

The pastures comprise a mix of ryegrass, phalaris and subclovers.

“Running on the separate block suits our enterprise mix really well, it is a later finishing block so has green feed for a lot longer,” he said.

Lambs are sold from December through to May, depending on the season, at about 22kg dressedweight. The majority of lambs will be marketed on-the-hooks, with a large portion going to MC Herd, Geelong, Vic.

“I like selling the lambs over the hooks as you know what you are going to get, you know the grid and the price and can go from there,” Mr Balkin said.

“But sometimes the yards can be really red-hot so we will go with that, we like to keep a flexible marketing strategy.

“Last year the market was so hot, most of the lambs went straight away, you couldn’t afford to keep hold of them, but in other years we’ll make the most of our crops and if we get good rains through the summer we’ll hold onto them.”

As part of their pasture renovation program, the Balkin family will sow about 100-150ha of Greenland rape and barley as summer crops in September.

Any lambs not sold as suckers will be weaned in December and graze the summer crop paddocks until they reach the target liveweight.

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BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	C+	LEQ
0.36	10.9	17.2	-0.5	1.7	207	137.7



Keeper - BD 170781 by BD 156938

Retained in stud.
Half share sold to Anthony Hurst, Seriston stud, Avenue Range, SA.

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	C+	LEQ
0.36	11.4	16.9	-0.1	2.7	218	149.7

Special thanks to all who supported us throughout the year: at our inaugural ram lamb sale, our biennial mated ewe sale and at our 22nd annual spring production sale in September.

Results: 25 stud and specially selected rams sold to \$6200 and averaged \$2260
209 flock rams sold to \$2100 and averaged \$1174
Overall: 234 White Suffolk rams averaged \$1290

Other stud purchasers were Anthony O'Sullivan, Mission stud, Vic (\$4200 & \$2600), Peter & Julie Button, Ramsay Park stud, SA (\$2700 & \$2400) and Paul & Toniette Dolling, Uralba stud, SA (\$2200)



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White Suffolk producers pace setters on price

By Kim Woods, Outcross Media

16 October 2018

White Suffolk lamb producers and finishers proved to be the pace setters in a remarkable period of the livestock industry's history when prices moved into uncharted waters.

Record after record tumbled amid the insatiable processor demand and shortage of heavy stock.

Any quality lambs of killable weight were quickly snapped up as prices skyrocketed to almost \$10/kg dressed.

The stellar run was kicked off by Doug Constance, Humula, NSW, with a pen of 168 11-month-old second cross White Suffolk lambs sending the buyer gallery into overdrive at the Wagga saleyards when knocked down to Goulburn Meats for a thumping \$276.20 on June 28.

This was around \$130 per head more than Goulburn Meats were paying for heavyweight lambs at the same time last year.

Peter and Nicole Beckett, Pleasant Hills, set the Corowa yards, in southern NSW, alight with a new record of \$281.60 with their extra heavy White Suffolk cross lambs, averaging 35kg dressed, in July.

In South Australia, culled White Suffolk ewe lambs set a saleyard record at Dublin for vendor Andrew Michael, Leachim Farming, Snowtown.

The grain finished, December shorn lambs eclipsed the previous record price of \$242 to finish at \$250.

Bendigo in Victoria chalked up a top price of \$267.50 in July for White Suffolk cross lambs from Shane and Amber Baker, Booloola White Suffolks, Baringhup.

White Suffolk cross lambs were the first to break the national \$300 ceiling at Forbes, NSW, when a pen of 154 White Suffolk/Merino cross sold for \$300.60 for vendors Graeme and Joanne Spackman, "Bella", Forbes.

The pen was snapped up by Thomas Foods International and were auctioned by Forbes Livestock and Agency Company.

Agent Tim Mackay estimated the grain fed lambs at 40kg carcass weight.

The Spackmans seconds sold for \$300.40 in the same market.

The upcycle continued on August 2, back where it started at Wagga with vendor Doug Constance, Humula, selling White Suffolk cross lambs for \$301.20 under agent Isaac Hill, G J Hulm & Co.

The lambs were estimated to weigh 42kg dressed and had a \$10 skin.

The market eventually settled at \$344 for second cross lambs at Dubbo in September, ending the stellar run for the industry.

In August, 6000 White Suffolk-Merino cross new season lambs (weaned three weeks) offered at Swan Hill topped at \$126, with the lead drafts consistently making \$100-\$120.

Finishing lambs peaked at Bendigo in September when 145 May-June drop White Suffolk cross lambs sold by Tatterstall Bros for \$140.

Competition in Tasmania has been strong with mixed sex White Suffolk cross lambs, from Bothwell, topping out at \$180 or 790c/kg carcass weight on AuctionsPlus to a mainland processor.

In WA, prices for White Suffolk cross suckers hit \$165.50 at Muchea on September 11 for vendors DJ & LM Jupp, Northampton, while G & A Boyle, Quairading, sold White Suffolk cross suckers for \$144 in the same market.

Glenlyon Station, Texas, Qld, sold a draft of 610 mixed sex White Suffolk-Merino cross store lambs, April shorn, 11.3kg dressed and supplemented on cotton seed and lucerne hay, for \$90 on AuctionsPlus in August.

It wasn't all lambs taking the glory for the White Suffolk breed, with young scanned-in-lamb Merino ewes joined to White Suffolk rams from Boort, Vic, topping AuctionsPlus in August for \$170.

The following month, two-year-old first cross ewes with White Suffolk cross lambs from Coolamon topped AuctionsPlus at \$309.

According to Meat & Livestock data, the remarkable run in the sheep market can be tracked at the major NSW selling centres of Wagga and Forbes as starting in mid April and peaking on July 31.

At Wagga on April 12, the indicator price stood at a low point of 573.3c/kg CW while at Forbes on April 17 it was 579.7c/kg CW.

The price rose sharply on June 14 at Wagga to 679.7c/kg and at Forbes on June 12 at 6728c/kg, before exploding to 844.5c/kg on July 26 at Wagga, and 893.4c/kg at Forbes on July 31.

The price fell at Forbes to 841c/kg on August 7 before reaching the peak of 928.5c/kg CW on August 21. Wagga reached a high of 930.1c/kg CW on August 30.

Australian White Suffolk Association president Anthony Hurst said the record prices reinforced the meat eating quality and genomics research undertaken by the association over the past few decades.

“The White Suffolk lambs yield well, have length of body and the hindquarter shape for roasts, and the eating quality stacks up well,” Mr Hurst said.

He said producers joining Merino or first-cross ewes to White Suffolks had a marketable article in the lamb and wool cut from the ewe.

“It is an outstanding cross so those producers are guaranteed to get a return.

“Buyers have the confidence with a White Suffolk cross lamb they will have the growth rates, fat cover and yield to make a good return.”

Mr Hurst said the buoyant prices would enable producers to reinvest in capital infrastructure and genetics.

“It is a win-win for regional communities and the whole agricultural industry, not just us as sheep producers.

“Ram sale clearances in southern South Australia and Victoria have been up on last year and maintaining solid averages.

“Some of the more northern sales in those states have had good averages while clearances are back due to the seasonal conditions.

“While national sheep numbers are down, the lamb and mutton industry will hold firm until we rebuild numbers and get consistency in the seasons around the country.”

Market analyst Simon Quilty, of MLX, Wangaratta, said the future looked promising for lamb following a short-term drought to deal with.

Mr Quilty said the flock size

determined lamb and sheep slaughter levels.

“Lambs drop in volume in terms of slaughtering and there is an instant reflection that year in terms of pricing,” he said.

In 2010, the national flock started to rebuild and reached a point of stabilization.

“Every time the flock drops, and lambs get less and less each year, it's reflected in real time in terms of pricing whereas beef has a delayed pricing effect,” Mr Quilty said.

“We don't really understand how big an influence the high price for wool is having on the meat production side of the flock.”

On a one-year drought scenario, Mr Quilty said slaughterings would fall as flock numbers diminished, resulting in a rebound in pricing next year.

“If beef prices fall globally, there is a good chance lamb prices will fall globally,” he said.

“Back in 2011, lamb was close to that crazy 800c/kg or 575USc/kg – we have been here before but we had a currency above parity in 2011.

“Once converted into US dollars, the Eastern States Trade Lamb Indicator has a strong price relationship to global lamb values.

“Sheep meat is closely tied to beef as the two markets move in tandem and at times compete against each other in the same market places.”



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17 stud rams
Sold to \$17,000
Averaged \$3059

◀ **Kurralea 170253**
by Anden Cruiser 150277

Pwwt	Pfat	Pemd	C+
17.1	-0.6	1.4	206

Sold for annual sale top price of \$17,000 to Dugald McIndoe, Smithton stud, Glencoe. He also paid \$2500 for a second ram.

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