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“Milestone” - Semen Available

**Every now and then you come to discover a gem
Ella Matta ‘Milestone’ 180100 ET - \$29,000**

**Purchased at Ella Matta Sale for a new Ella Matta & SA State Record
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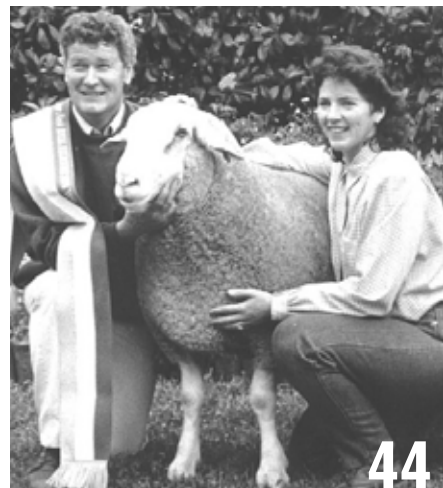
**Purchased by a syndicate of
Anna Villa, Ashmore and Bundara Downs studs.**



**Ella Matta ‘Milestone’ 180100 ET: Bwt 0.12 Wwt 11.7 Pwwt 17.5 Pfat 0.6 Pemd 3.6
Pwec -30 LMY 3.35 IMF -0.01 SF 1.5 LEQ 156.3 TCP 155 C+ 228**

Semen packages - \$60/dose for first 30 doses, \$50/dose for extra doses

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federal council 2019

from the president

I hope our November newsletter finds everyone well. Many of our fellow breeders are still going through testing times in many areas of the country with the drought continuing and are thoughts are with all that are affected. Our White Suffolk breeders down south are only a phone call away and would be more than happy to help with hay or grain if required.

As ram selling season wraps up around the country our breed once again has seen some fantastic results, with record averages and near total clearances in many cases. Stud ram sales have been hitting records once again with new stud on-property records also achieved. Congratulations to all the vendors and purchasers on your new genetics. Our three multi-vendor sales in Adelaide, Bendigo and Western Australia have once again been supported well and are growing in popularity for fellow breeders to secure the latest in genetics.

2019 was again a significant year for the Association with the move of our secretariat, incorporating a digital marketing campaign in our promotions and Federal Council looking forward to the future of our breed with the introduction of new initiatives like the White Suffolk Youth Group and SA Sheep Expo scholarships you will read more about in this newsletter.

Over the past few months Federal Council have had a strong focus on promotions leading into the selling season. The Win TV Campaign has been seen around the country and the White Suffolk Breed Liftout was distributed in July, this has taken a lot of work by Nikki and Peter Angus.

As reported in the last newsletter we have tried to move into the digital word of advertising and the comments I have received on who saw it has been positive. The data feedback has been promising with 95000 impressions or adds shown around the country resulting in 50 extra hits on the website.

The big talking point for me this year has been our campaign on the "Brucellosis free" status of the breed. Feedback from industry reps supporting what we have done is fantastic.

The Branded Product team has been and will continue to keep working on this program. Whilst it is taking longer than expected the seasonal supply and drought has made things difficult. The positive work being done domestically and overseas talking to wholesalers and the end consumer has been encouraging.

Federal Council members are all working hard serving the broader membership to the best of our ability but there is always room for improvement so in the last couple months of this year Nikki will be sending out a digital feedback survey to give all members the opportunity to comment on the positive and negative things that are being done within the breed.

This is a fantastic platform to put forward new ideas for the board to discuss at our national conference in Grindelwald, Tasmania in February 2020. Hopefully many of you are ready for an overseas trip because we would love to see you there.

As the end of the year approaches we also prepare for the election of Federal Council and our Annual General Meeting. Nominations will open in November and as always all members are encouraged to consider nominating to stand on Federal Council. If you would like more information about what is involved then please don't hesitate to contact myself or Nikki. A reminder that this year the ballot will be conducted online. Please keep an eye on your emails in December so you have the opportunity to vote.

With another year nearly behind us I would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.



Anthony Hurst
President



secretary's report

From the Secretary

2019 has been a busy year for the Association with some significant changes and new initiatives to increase the breed's exposure and success in the industry. Congratulations to all members who have promoted White Suffolks, represented the breed at shows and sales, and had success in their breeding programs this year. Thank you also for embracing the change of secretariat and supporting myself and the Association throughout the handover.

As another year draws to a close there are still a few important items on the Association calendar. Members are reminded to please keep an eye on their emails for the following over the next few months:

- Major Show Judge nominations and ballots
- Federal Council nominations and elections (note this will be conducted online for 2020)
- National Conference information and registrations
- Member feedback survey

Member Feedback

I have had a few calls recently with feedback on the breed and the Association and – as I always say – I really enjoy hearing from members with their ideas and thoughts (the good and the bad!).

Your feedback is important, and it gives Federal Council guidance to consider change where it may be needed and validation to the decisions they make on behalf of the membership and Association.

We will be circulating an online feedback form / survey

for all members to have the opportunity to voice their current thoughts on the breed and Association – ie. how we are tracking in the industry, suggestions for improvement – anything that YOU would like to raise for discussion or consideration by Federal Council. Members will be able to submit their feedback anonymously and confidentially.

An email will be circulated shortly with a link to the survey. I strongly encourage all members to submit feedback.

Christmas Break

The AWSA Office will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday 20th December and will re-open on Tuesday 7th January.

Have a wonderful festive season and see you in 2020!



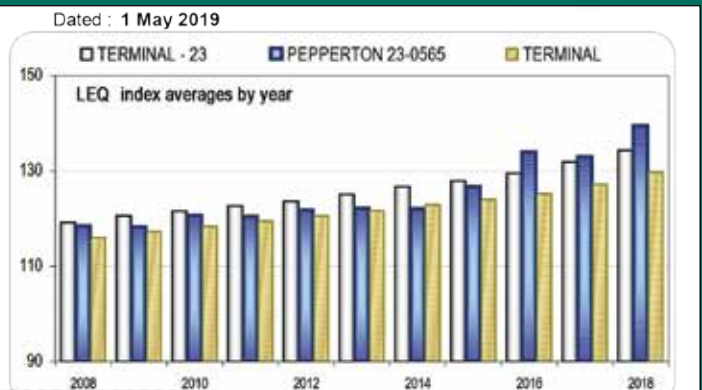
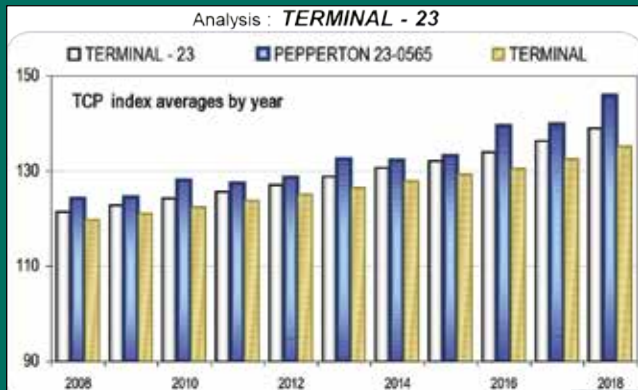
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Member News - Harris wins National Rural Ambassador title

CONGRATULATIONS to Harris Thompson, Venturon White Suffolk Stud, Boyup Brook, WA who recently took out the prestigious National Rural Ambassador award.

Harris was one of seven finalists vying for the Agricultural Show Australia National Rural Ambassador title held at the Perth Royal Show.

The national award has now been won by 3 White Suffolk members!

Peter Angus (Maroola stud) - inaugural winner in 2001;
Chris Badcock (Fairbank stud) in 2005; and Harris Thompson (Venturon stud) in 2019.



Federal Council Matters

Courtesy of Federal Council

November 2019

Federal Council Elections

Nominations for the 2020 Federal Council Elections will open in November, please keep an eye on your emails for nomination information.

The 2020 election will be conducted online for the first time through a secure online ballot portal and for those without an email address a postal ballot will be issued.

Members will receive instructions on how to vote when voting opens in December.

White Suffolk Youth Group

Federal Council endorsed the establishment of a White Suffolk Youth group at its July meeting to continue the Association's focus on supporting and encouraging youth involvement with the White Suffolk breed. Congratulations to Lucy Cook for her enthusiasm and ideas to get the group up and running.

An article is included in this newsletter with more information on the group.

SA Sheep Expo Scholarships

In 2020, the Association will offer 10 scholarships to young White Suffolk breeders to attend the SA Sheep Expo. The 2020 Expo will be held from 15th to 17th April at the Adelaide Showground.

Scholarship entry will be open to anyone that is eligible to enter the SA Sheep Expo (12-25 years of age) and applicants will be required to submit a short application to the AWSA.

The 10 recipients will have the cost of entry to the Expo covered by the AWSA (travel to/from the Expo not included) and will receive an Association prize pack.

Applications will open shortly – keep an eye on your emails for further information.

Hypo Testing Reminder

An email was circulated in August regarding the change of address for DNA samples for Hypo testing.

The address has been updated on the data testing sheet and label you receive when ordering kits, however the new address is listed below as a reminder. Please forward all DNA samples for Hypo Testing to:

Attn: Simon Bawden
SARDI Livestock Services
Turretfield Research Centre
129 Holland Road
Rosedale SA 5350

A reminder that it is highly recommended that members Hypo test all sires that are used within their stud, and any stud rams that will be sold. Test results can be recorded in WebManager and should be displayed on pedigrees at sale.

Test kits can still be ordered through the Secretary, with results returned in 1 to 2 weeks from when they are received by the SARDI lab.

Brucellosis Accreditation

Please remember for 2020 that all members will need to update their Brucellosis Accreditation details to proceed with their Annual Return, and either upload or provide the Secretary with a copy of their Brucellosis Certificate. Your promptness in providing this information saves a lot of time for the Secretary in chasing missing details.

Member Feedback/Survey

A member feedback survey will be released to all members closer to the end of the year. Members are encouraged to complete the survey and provide honest feedback on the breed, the Association and our promotions and marketing campaign. The survey can be completed anonymously and the results will be reviewed by Federal Council in February.

2020 Conference

Information and registration details for the 2020 Conference will be distributed to members mid-November.

The Conference will be held at the Aspect Tamar Valley Resort, Grindelwald, Tasmania from 2nd – 4th February.

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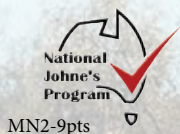
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Promotions & Marketing

Courtesy of Peter Angus

August 2019

Print Advertising

Our print advertising campaign through Australian Community Media (formerly Fairfax) began in late July appearing in the prime lamb feature issues and during the ram selling season in the state based rural papers.

The strip advertisement design has been updated to compliment the TV campaign and our breed's promotion on Facebook, the website and through the eNews.

As a point of difference included in the strip ads were the "No Bruce's Here" adverts highlighting the Association's stance on ensuring all of our registered studs are accredited as being free of Ovine Brucellosis.

A big thank you to our state advertising liaisons for coordinating each state's campaign:

NSW/QLD	Paul Routley / Darren Smith
VIC	Damien Hawker
SA	Peter Angus
WA	Rivers Hyde/Brenton Addis
TAS	Dale Moore / Paul Day / Chris Badcock

Story leads about commercial producers are always appreciated and certainly necessary to promote how White Suffolk genetics are performing across Australia. Thank you to those breeders who have forwarded on contact details.

AWSA Breed Liftout – July 2019

For the second year in a row we produced a breed liftout which was 28 pages including stories about eating quality, research, commercial successes and youth involvement.

A big thank you to the members who advertised in the AWSA Breed Liftout, provided contact details for their clients and feedback.

We hope that you are pleased with the end result and any feedback is welcomed.

Win a Ram Competition

The Win a Ram Competition has now closed. A total of 186 entries were received in 2019.

The competition was advertised on the TV ad, in print advertising and on social media.

Congratulations to our 2019 winner - Nathaniel Cocks from Queensland - who won a \$1500 voucher to use towards the purchase of a White Suffolk ram from a registered AWSA stud.

Digital Advertising

This year we introduced a digital advertising campaign in Southern NSW, VIC, SA and WA beginning on the 26th July – the day after the distribution of our promotional liftout – which ran for a period of 4 weeks.

Tasmania's campaign began on 7th October, and Northern NSW will run for two weeks in January.

The campaign was introduced to reinforce the AWSA breed liftout, to give us a different online presence and to increase exposure of our brand and message. The ability to track the exposure was also important and the feedback will be reviewed by Federal Council to ensure we are using the right channels for breed promotion.

For our first 4 week campaign we received 95,000 impressions – that is, the advert was shown 95,000 times across the four major rural news websites (stockandland.com.au / theland.com.au / stockjournal.com.au / farmweekly.com.au).

Of the 95,000 times it was shown we achieved 50 clicks that is, 50 viewers clicked on our advert which took them to our website to find out more information and/or enter our Win A Ram competition.

While the stats may seem low to some – we still reached out to 95,000 viewers and 50 took action to find out more. And, the added bonus is that unlike print advertising, we can track the views and the clicks to better target or increase our advertising in different areas or on certain sites.

Outcross Media – Kim Woods

Kim Woods has written some editorial stories for wider distribution about White Suffolks and breeders. Members are encouraged to please forward any newsworthy story ideas to Kim and her contact details can be found in the front of this newsletter.

TV Ad Campaign

The AWSA TV Ad was screened across rural Australia through WIN TV during the ram selling season from September until November 2019. If you haven't seen the 2019 TV Ad you can view it on the AWSA website homepage or facebook page.

Letter to the Editor

To the Members

After another successful showing for all White Suffolk breeders at Adelaide Royal this year, I came home and thought of how the breed has made tremendous inroads over the years. This leads me to another area of the breed which I believe we are losing touch with - why we breed WHITE SUFFOLKS. All the positives and negatives of the early days, including the showing and display of animals at Dookie had a big bearing on the path the breed would take for the future. After the many hours spent on how much colour to be allowed, Suffolk blood % and Spider syndrome, I'm glad this is well behind us, mainly because of all the extra paper work.

Leading to the reason for this letter, I think we need a page in each newsletter recounting our history. Taking excerpts out of old newsletters regarding key moments of the breed, sales, AGM, top price rams etc. Who can remember the quiz we had at a conference a few years ago? All the questions were from the AWSA green History book (I think every member should have one).

Final note on showing, as chief of inspectors at Adelaide Royal for the White Suffolks - as I always say in my report at the exhibitors meeting which goes for all shows:

Mouths & Testicles : if you have checked and rechecked before loading and still in doubt leave it home!

Nothing worse than your best animal put out and not able to be shown or sold.

Regards,
Anthony Ferguson
Anna Villa, Flock 5
Foundation Member

Response from the Secretary

The AWSA always welcomes and appreciates ideas, feedback and thoughts on how we can improve the White Suffolk newsletter and bring reports and information that members want to read and here.

We ran a series of Flashback Friday posts on Facebook earlier this year (April / May) that touched on some key milestones in the AWSA's History, much like Anthony has suggested in his letter. The information and photos were taken from the green History Book that was published by the Association in 2002.

Incase these were missed by members, we have included some of the Flashback Friday posts in this November Newsletter as a start.

If members have any key milestones, historic information or photos relating to the history of the breed that would be great to include or report on then please contact the Secretary. Maybe some of our foundation breeders might like to contribute a column?

We'll see what we can dig up in the files and bring to you next year!

Pre-lamb program protects ewes and lambs every step of the way

ARTICLE COURTESY OF ZOETIS

KEY MESSAGES:

- A strategic pre-lambing health program optimizes lamb survival and growth rates even before lambs hit the ground.
- Drenching and vaccinating ewes during late pregnancy protects both ewes and unborn lambs against costly and significant infectious diseases and internal parasites.
- The *Survive to Thrive Pre-Lamb Program* offers producers a comprehensive and effective strategy to set lambs up for a lifetime of productivity.

During late pregnancy and throughout lambing, ewes and lambs are at the greatest risk of contracting a range of devastating diseases and internal parasites which cost Australian sheep producers more than half a billion dollars in lost production and control measures each year¹. Recent research indicates many of these health impacts can be prevented with an effective pre-lambing drench and vaccination program¹.

Leading animal health company, Zoetis, has developed the comprehensive *Survive to Thrive Pre-Lamb Program*², to help sheep producers effectively and successfully manage the health of their ewes and lambs during this critical period.

The *Survive to Thrive Pre-Lamb Program*² delivers a simple and effective vaccination and drench program, implemented during late pregnancy, to boost ewe health, and lamb survival and growth rates. This program also helps producers manage drench resistance and maintain low worm risk pastures for maximum lamb and weaner growth.

Protection promotes productivity

Research indicates that for a range of priority diseases impacting Australian sheep enterprises, prevention is the most cost effective option¹. Clostridial diseases, including pulpy kidney, tetanus, black disease, black leg and malignant oedema, cost our sheep industry an estimated \$32 million per year¹.

Vaccinating pregnant ewes with Glanvac® 6S B12 prior to lambing will protect ewes and their unborn lambs against the major clostridial diseases and cheesy gland (CLA). CLA is found in 95% of the Australian sheep flock and reduces wool production by up to 7% in the first year of the disease³.

Glanvac® 6S B12 also includes Vitamin B12 and Selenium. Selenium supplementation will reduce the incidence of white muscle disease and reduce the impact selenium deficiency may have on reproductive performance and productivity.



The Glanvac B12 range provides a valuable vitamin B12 boost. Pre-lambing is an ideal time to provide your ewes with additional vitamin B12. Cobalt is required for vitamin B12 production and a deficiency can be affecting productivity through a loss of appetite, weight loss, anaemia and poor growth rates. Ewes are at risk of reduced lambing percentage, greater risk of metabolic disease, reduced wool growth, infertility and an increased tail in the mob when there are inadequate levels of Cobalt available to produce vitamin B12.

Protection during Pregnancy

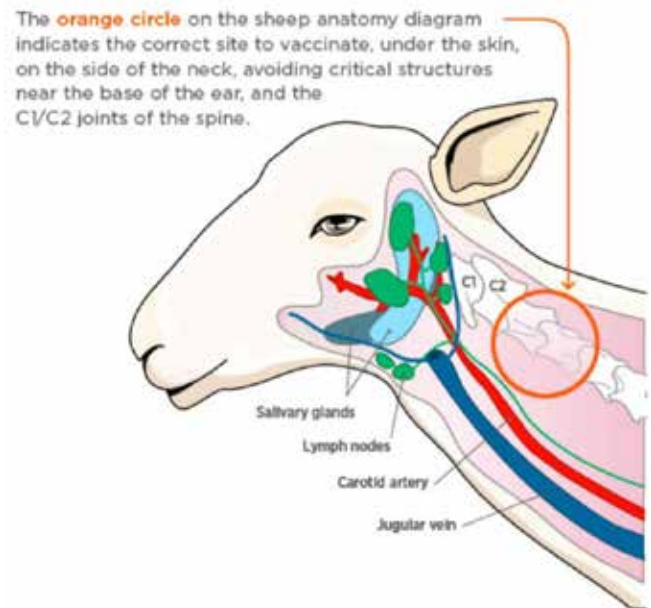
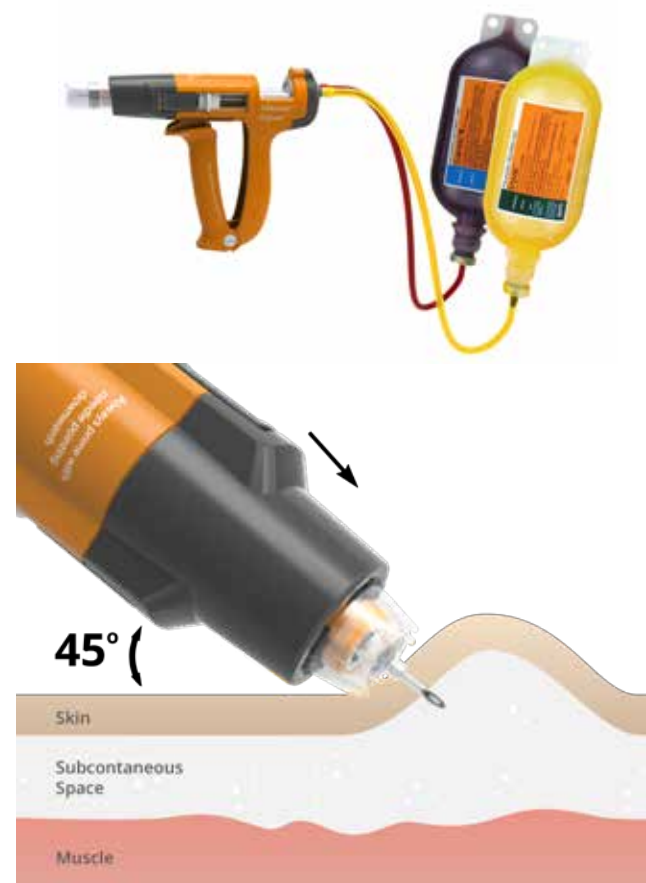
Protect your lambs against erysipelas arthritis by including an Eryvac® vaccination alongside Glanvac 6S B12 prior to lambing.

Erysipelas arthritis causes crippled lambs through lameness, hot and swollen joints and reluctance to stand or walk. This leads to poor growth rates in affected lambs making them unsalable and /or unable to be transported (not fit to load). Additionally, there is an even larger impact when either less noticeable infections, or visibly recovered animals, are discovered at the abattoir. At the abattoir carcasses with evidence of arthritis are experiencing an average of 3kg in trimming of infected joints which equates to over \$17 of lost income to the farmer for each animal^{4,5}. An Erysipelas arthritis infection as a lamb can also result in early structural breakdowns when the lambs become adult sheep.

Best Practice Vaccination

For best practice vaccination you should use the shortest needle possible in the subcutaneous space under the skin. Zoetis recommends ¼ inch or 6mm needles for Glanvac, Eryvac and Gudair. This length needle has shown to penetrate the skin and deposit the vaccine in the subcutaneous without injuring the muscle. Poor vaccination practices cause damage to the muscle leading to inflammation, bleeding and vaccination site reactions. Vaccination should be given at 45° (or 90° in wool lengths over 45 mm). The best place for vaccination is on the side of the neck, 3 fingers width down from the ear.

Vaccination of Glanvac and Eryvac occur at the same time during pre-lamb vaccination and in lambs at marking and weaning times. Zoetis has designed an applicator to allow co-administration of these vaccines in the GLANVAC+ERYVAC DUAL VACCINATOR. This revolutionary new vaccinator saves labour, reduces vaccinator time and reduces wastage. Please note that ONLY the Glanvac range and Eryvac are to be used through this vaccinator. Other products may cause failure of a vaccine response, illness, site reactions and possible mortalities due to the different carriers and ingredients.



Reducing the worm burden

Worm infestations in both ewes and lambs impact on lamb vigour and growth through compromised live weight gains and reduced lactation¹. Effective drenching pre-lambing is key to a healthy ewe flock and low worm burdens throughout the lambing period.

When there is an expected high level of worm burden through this period, a persistent drench is considered a worthwhile investment, such as Sheepguard Long Acting Injectable drench. This drench can prevent reinfection from susceptible worms for 91 days for Barber's pole and Small brown stomach worm and 49 days for Black scour worm. Best practice use of long acting drenches require a combination drench with a NEW active ingredient such as Startect, to be given concurrently with the long acting drench. Best practice use of long acting drenches also includes doing FECs at 30, 60 and 90-days post drenching to check efficacy and doing an effective exit or tail-cutter drench to kill any worms remaining as they are likely to be resistant.

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Pre-lamb program protects ewes and lambs every step of the way CONT.

Courtesy of Zoetis

Drench resistance is increasingly common throughout Australia. Wormboss recommends 3 primary principles to slow the development of resistance.

1. Use the most effective drenches on your property.
Drenches that reduce worm egg count by at least 98% are preferred. The more effective a drench is the fewer drench-resistant worms will remain in the animals after treatment. If drench effectiveness is unknown, conduct a Drench-Check after drenching.
2. Use an effective combination of two or more drench groups, either in a multi-active product or using more than one product concurrently (up the race with one and then the other) to combine different drench groups. The higher the efficacy of each drench group and the more drench groups included in the combination, the greater the benefit for slowing drench resistance. The chance of a worm being resistant to all active ingredients in a combination is much lower than for each individual active on its own.
3. Use short-acting treatments and restrict the use of persistent products for specific purposes and high worm-risk times of year. Persistent products provide a long time during which ingested resistant larvae can survive and reproduce. There is little need to use mid-length or long-acting treatments if animals are being moved to low worm-risk paddocks.



Protect your ewes at their most vulnerable time and get your lambs off to the best start by drenching ewes with a short-acting, highly-effective option, such as Startect® four weeks out from lambing.

Startect was proven to be 99.3% effective in more than 200 local farm trials across Australia, even killing worms resistant to other drench classes^{6,7}. With a withholding period (WHP) of 14 days and export slaughter interval (ESI) of 28 days, Startect offers producers an effective drench with flexibility⁸ when speed to market is important.

Delivering a pre-lamb drench not only protects ewes, but in combination with a strategic grazing program, allows you to manage worm burdens and pasture contamination throughout and beyond lambing.

A strategic annual pre-lamb program, including vaccine boosters and drenching not only optimises the health of your ewe flock — it sets your lambs up for success from the very start, helping increase the number of healthy lambs you wean each year.

* Erysipelas arthritis is the most common cause of arthritis but is not the only cause.

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Thank you to all who supported us during 2019

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Australian Sheep and Wool Show Results 2019

19th - 21st July 2019, BENDIGO, VIC

Judge: Andrew Frick, Gypsum Hill stud, SA

Novice Class Ram - Under 1½ Years

1. Spring Creek, R Bailey
2. Hopea Stud, E McDonald
3. Tydon Park, J & P Cox

Ram, woolly, born after 1st April

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

Ram, shorn, born in April

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Spring Creek, R Bailey
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ram, born in May

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Swanbrook – MacIntyre High School

Ram, shorn, born in June

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

Pair of Rams, born in April-June

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

Ram, shorn, born In July

1. Booloolo, S & A Baker
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Fairburn, F MacDonald

Ram, shorn, born after 1st August

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

Pair of Rams, born on or after 1st July

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Booloolo, S & A Baker
3. Fairburn, F MacDonald

Ram Lamb, born after 1st April

1. Spring Creek, R Bailey
2. Spring Creek, R Bailey

Novice Class - Ewe Under 1½ Years

1. Hopea Stud, E McDonald
2. Spring Creek, R Bailey
3. Tydon Park, J & P Cox

Ewe, over 1½ years, shorn

1. Elizabeth Murdoch College
2. Elisabeth Murdoch College



Junior Champion White Suffolk Ram,
Booloola

Senior Champion Ram
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Reserve Senior Champion Ram
MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Junior Champion Ram
BOOLOOLA, S & A BAKER

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Grand Champion Ram
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Champion Ewe
MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN

Reserve Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

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

Ewe, woolly, born after 1st April

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

Ewe, shorn, born April/May

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

Pair of Ewes, Under 1½ Years

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

Ewe, shorn, born June/July

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

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

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Roodell, B & C Picker
3. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson

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

1. Spring Creek, R Bailey
2. Spring Creek, R Bailey

Group of 3

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

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1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
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3. Roodell, B & C Picker





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16-0433	Som 130153	0.30	11.1	18.4	0.2	4.2	-26	-0.6	1.6	163	158
16-0627	G Pk 120367	0.21	11.7	18.6	0.2	2.9	5	-0.1	2.4	152	150
17-0273	Leith 120015	0.25	10.0	16.6	-0.2	4.1	-25	-0.2	1.9	157	156
17-0526	Anden 140025	0.16	12.0	19.1	-0.5	3.5	-12	-0.2	2.3	159	156
17-0715	Ash 150340	0.50	13.0	20.8	-0.8	2.5	-60	-0.9	1.7	161	155
17-0986	Ash 170011	0.40	11.6	18.8	0.0	3.5	-12	-0.2	-2.8	167	165



Mitch Collins in the family's feedlot, east of York.

Diversification the key for Collins family

Tamara Hooper, Farm Weekly.

10 September 2019

THE key to maintaining a viable farming enterprise is all about getting the mix right and the Collins family, east of York, proves this on many levels.

Mitchell Collins is the fifth generation of his family to farm and he does this alongside his father Wayne and mother Sue.

Having two generations working side by side, for the past four years, is only the first of many instances where the family has found a successful combination.

Another synthesis that works best is the overall enterprise mix where the family operates cropping and sheep programs.

"We own and lease 4000 hectares in total," Mitchell said.

"We are comfortable with our current arrangements as we have a secure long-term lease," Wayne said.

The commercial sheep operation includes a feedlot for their lambs, which is on the home farm.

Together the family has worked out the ideal number of sheep to run within its business that is sustainable.

"We run 3200 Merino breeding ewes," Mitchell said.

"We mate these to both White Suffolks and Poll Dorsets."

Wayne said that traditionally both breeds did well in the area and that White Suffolks in particular were suited to their environmental conditions.

He said both breeds performed well for them, year-in, year-out and they were satisfied with the results they get.

"They have good growth rates," Wayne said.

"We find they are good long-bodied, fast-growing sheep," Mitchell said.



"They are hardy sheep and they do well in the feedlot situation."

Wayne said he liked the White Suffolk breed slightly more as they were easier to lamb and tended to be easier to manage overall.

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Diversification the key for Collins family CONT.

Tamara Hooper, Farm Weekly.

10 September 2019

The Collins family predominantly buy its rams from the Fairclough family's local Stockdale stud, York.

"I would say 80 per cent of our sheep are Stockdale bloodlines," Mitchell said.

"We are comfortable with their genetics and have the proven results."

Management is a key factor in any successful business and this is a definite tried-and-tested method the Collins family utilises to keep the sheep program operating at its optimum in any given season.

It helps that this involves another part of business, stock feed.

The family also operates the local Milne Feeds depot from the home farm and as testament to the value of the feed sold, it utilises EasyOne pellets for both its pregnant ewes and within its own feedlot.

"It is easier for us to sell the grain we grow and buy pellets for feed, rather than rationing ourselves," Wayne said.

"Previously we would feed a mix of lupins and barley.

"We find it much simpler to give the sheep a balanced diet with the pellets and have no wastage.

"It is more convenient, has proven results and saves us time."

To keep the pregnant ewes in prime condition for lambing and mothering, the family trail feeds EasyOne pellets out three times a week.

This has been very productive this year and the ewe feeding regime has been extended slightly longer, due to the tight year, which has seen the ewes thrive.

Joining takes place around mid to late December at a ratio of 2.5 per cent, but this is flexible to allow for differing seasonal circumstances and they adhere to the philosophy a late lamb is better than no lamb.

"This year we joined a mob early, before we knew how the year would turn out," Wayne said.



"But we often leave the rams in longer too, because we don't mind a late lamb, we can always do something with them."

The Collins lambing average is about 90pc and its focus is maintaining consistent quality.

Lambs are shorn in early October and put out onto stubble, where they ideally make 38kg liveweight.

The main shearing time has been shifted from traditional spring shearing in September.

"We have gone to March shearing for ease of management," Wayne said.

The lambs are taken out at the March shearing time, when they have hopefully achieved their target weight.

Within the feedlot, the family uses the pellets in lick feeders, which means less maintenance and maximum growth and nutrition.

"Once the lambs get to around 38kg liveweight we put them into the feedlot," Mitchell said.

"The aim is to get them to 50kg in the feedlot by the four week mark, or by five to six weeks at the latest."

The family, with its local stock agent, find the best market for its lambs.

"Prices are really good at the moment," Wayne said.

"It pays to give yourself options and not rely on the one market all the time.

"This has meant for us, so far, the live sheep uncertainty hasn't affected us noticeably."

Understanding that diversification minimises risk, coupled with a passion for sheep means the Collins has been considering breeding their own Merino ewes in the future.

"Sheep are definitely worth having," Wayne said.

"Especially at the prices we are seeing."

"But the prices of ewes are ever increasing and with the production of Merino ewes and availability at current levels, it makes sense to move into breeding our own in the future."

While breeding their own ewes would be a bigger task to undertake, the Collins family will start with a move into utilising lick feeders for its ewes this year as a start to its future plans.



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Adelaide Show: Frick finds forte as junior judge

Alisha Fogden, Stock Journal.

2 September 2019

YOUNG judge Ben Frick is off on a trip of a lifetime, when he represents SA in the national young judges competition in New Zealand next year.

Ben, 15, from Gypsum Hill White Suffolk Stud, Padthaway, won the fully-sponsored trip after beating out eight other competitors in the state meat sheep young judges final.

The competitors were critiqued by overjudges Emily Davidson, Morton stud, Lucindale, and Michelle Thiele, Murray Bridge, on their oral presentation, handling score and their placings of four Corriedale and Poll Dorset rams.

Ben won ahead of Tom Megson, 16, Kanmantoo, in second place and Tahlia Lockwood, 20, Blackwood, in third.

Ben said he won the Prime SAMM sheep young judges competition last year, so thought he'd try a new competition this year.

"I like the networking side of the competition and the practice in public speaking," he said.

The Naracoorte High School student said he gets advice from his ag teachers and has observed other judges during the show.

Ben hails from Gypsum Hill White Suffolk and Suffolk stud, with father Andrew a judge at this year's Royal Adelaide Show.

In the under 15s section of the competition, Evie Krieg, 12, Aylesbury Farm White Suffolk stud, won top junior, with Zoe Lush, 13, named runner-up.

Evie said she really enjoyed the experience, also competing in the meat sheep young judges competition last year, in which she came third.

"I enjoy strolling through the pens, looking at the different breeds," she said.

"Judging is a good experience and a bit of fun, it also helps me with my showing skills, to learn how to handle the sheep while I am in the ring."



Ben Frick (left) won the State Meat Sheep Young Judges Competition at the Royal Adelaide Show, with Evie Krieg (second from right) taking out the Under 15 competition.

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Member News - Karlie Ann Simpson



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Champion White Suffolk Ram
Mallee Park



Supreme Champion White Suffolk Ram
Mallee Park

Royal Melbourne Show Results 2019

21st Sept - 1st Oct 2018, MELBOURNE, VIC

Judge: David Pipkorn "Detpa Grove" VIC

Champion White Suffolk Ram
MALLEE PARK, T & M FERGUSON

Reserve Champion White Suffolk Ram
ASHLEY PARK, IJ & PR KYLE

Supreme Champion White Suffolk Exhibit
MALLEE PARK, T & M FERGUSON

Most Successful Exhibitor Award
ASHLEY PARK, IJ & PR KYLE

Ram, Under 1½ Years born April/May

1. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson
2. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle
3. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle

Ram Under 1½ Years born June/July

1. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson
2. St Paul's College
3. St Paul's College

Ram, Under 1½ Years born in or after August

1. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle
2. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle
3. St Paul's College

Pen Of 2 Rams, Under 1½ Years born April-June

1. St Paul's College

Ram Lamb

1. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle
2. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle



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White Suffolk-cross increases productivity at Byaduk North

Kylie Nicholls

7 September 2019

Fast growth rates combined with quality carcase traits make White Suffolks the perfect fit for the Last family's prime lamb operation at Byaduk North.

Gordon and Belle Last, their children and Gordon's parents Peter and Joanne, made the switch to using Merino/White Suffolk-cross ewes joined back to White Suffolk sires about 10 years ago and continue to be impressed with the breed's performance.

They now have 8500 breeding ewes on their 1200-hectare property, Garvald Vale, run on an intensive annual-based pasture system with 850ha sown to a mix of ryegrass and clover species each year.

"Traditionally we were first-cross ewe breeders but we started buying in mixed sex Merino/White Suffolk-cross lambs and then joining the ewe lambs back to White Suffolk rams," Mr Last said.

"It was a cost-effective way to buy in the ewes and has worked really well for us, in the past five years as we have bought more country, we've been able to increase our numbers pretty quickly from 4000 up to 8500 ewes.

"I love the White Suffolk-cross, they lamb with great ease, and the lambs just take off when they hit the ground.

"We are producing a consistently even line of lambs with good carcase quality traits and the feedback from processors has been very positive.

"The ewes average about 24 micron and cut \$35 worth of wool which is also a free kick for us and they are not overly big sheep, about 65-70 kilograms liveweight, which suits our business and means we can run plenty of them."

Mr Last uses a combination of Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) and visual appraisal to select high-performing White Suffolk rams.

"The three traits we chase are high growth, high muscle and positive fat," he said.

"I am looking for rams which are above breed average for weaning weight and post weaning weight with an eye muscle depth of more than +2.

"I can't control the genetics of the ewes because they are bought in so my ram selection is crucial and I'm certainly seeing the benefits of it in the progeny."

The rams are used in the breeding program for a maximum of three years to fast-track flock performance and ensure fresh genetics are coming through quickly.

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PRIME LAMB FOCUS: Gordon Last, Garvald Vale, Byaduk North, has been using high-performing White Suffolk rams in his crossbreeding operation for more than 10 years now, to help increase lamb growth rates and carcase quality.

White Suffolk-cross increases productivity at Byaduk North CONT.

Kylie Nicholls

7 September 2019

About 2000 replacement ewe lambs are sourced each year, with the majority coming from breeders in the Wimmera region near Nhill.

But this year, Mr Last was able to purchase 1.5 year-old ewes at very competitive prices due to the tough conditions in northern Victoria.

"It was an opportunity we were able to take advantage of which has really driven our business significantly this year as instead of having 1500 ewe lambs we have 1500, 1.5 year-old ewes which has given us 20-30 per cent more lambs and they were an earlier drop," he said.

Ewes are joined in mid January for five weeks to lamb in mid-June and are scanned to identify multiples.

This year's conception rate was 92pc and of the ewes in lamb 50pc scanned to singles and 50pc were scanned with twin lambs.

Any empties at scanning are re-joined to lamb in the spring.

Ewes are separated into single and twin-bearing mobs so the ewes carrying twins can be given preferential treatment in the lead up to lambing.

Stocking rates for twin-bearing mobs average about 10 ewes per ha while the single ewes are run at about 11 ewes/ha, although Mr Last admits this season the single-bearing ewes had it "pretty tough" due to the late break.

Depending on the dry feed available, ewes are supplementary fed with hay and silage during summer.

All the ewes are placed in containment pens from mid-March until two weeks prior to lambing and fed a ration of hay, silage and grain.

Annual pastures can then be sown and paddocks locked up to allow a wedge of feed to grow before lambing.

With assistance from farm consultants, each paddock is assessed pre-lambing with the best quality feed allocated to the twin-bearing mobs.

"As soon as we get to 1800 kilograms/ha of pasture feed, we will get the twinners out of the containment pens and in their paddocks," he said.

"This year we didn't quite get there, the feed-on-offer

was about 1650kg/ha."

Targeted fertiliser applications are carried out pre-lambing, in July and at the end of August to boost pasture growth.

"We focus on the twinners to make sure they have ample feed in front of them and that's why I love the annual system because every blade of grass is a winner," he said.

"Our biggest issue is preserving enough dry feed for the summer."

Last year, a trial weaning program was implemented but Mr Last admits he is not convinced it is beneficial. The lambs were weaned at 12-14 weeks of age in early September.

"The unweaned lambs were definitely better lambs by a mile, they seem to hold their condition better if the season gets a bit tougher and I personally think the milk is undervalued," he said.

The weaned lambs were drafted into four weight categories; below 25kg, 25-30kg, 30-35kg and above 35kg, and grazed better quality pastures at about 30 lambs/ha.

"I don't worry too much about the tail-enders, I am more focused on the lambs we can get to market as quickly as possible," he said.

"Last year we bred about 9000 lambs and sold nearly 7000 through November and December."

Although Mr Last will trial weaning a portion of the lambs again, the majority will stay on the ewes and be sold as suckers.

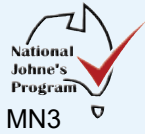
Depending on the price, most of the lambs are marketed over the hooks to the Midfield Group, Warrnambool, at an average carcase weight of about 20.5kg.

Replacements are purchased as ewe lambs at about 32-35kg, with the spring flush of feed used to boost their weight to more than 40kg.

They are then placed into the containment pens and joined on a rising plane of nutrition to lamb in September.

"Joining them in the feedlot works well for us, the rams don't have to walk anywhere and although it is a bit more expensive, you know they are going to be cycling as they are putting on weight."

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Sold to Nick Cheetham, Cheetara stud, Narambeen, WA for \$6000

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(Right) Anden 180001 by Anden 170045 - Top priced ram

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Champion White Suffolk Lamb
Shirlee Downs



Champion White Suffolk Ram
Kohat

Perth Royal Show Results 2019

28th September - 5th October 2019, PERTH, WA

Judge: Ian Glimore "Baringa" NSW

Photos courtesy of Farm Weekly

EWE LAMB, born on or after 1st June

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

EWE LAMB, born on or before 31st May

1. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough
2. Iveston, G Bingham
3. Shirlee Downs, C, A & S Squiers

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

1. Ridgetop, D Carter
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

EWE under 1½ years, born before 31st May

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

EWE 2 years and over

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College

PAIR OF EWES Under 1½ years

1. Kiara, Kiara College
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

RAM LAMB, born on or after 1st June

1. Iveston, G Bingham
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Geocrust Pty Ltd, Hedingham - WD & BM Thompson

RAM LAMB Performance Class

1. Shirlee Downs, C, A & S Squiers
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough

SPRING DROP RAM, born or after 1st August

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

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

1. Shirlee Downs, C, A & S Squiers
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough

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

1. Kohat, R Hyde
2. WD & BM Thompson
3. Iveston, G Bingham

RAM under 1½ years, born before 31st May

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



**Champion White Suffolk Ewe
Yonga Downs**



**Group of Three Rams
Stockdale**



**Breeders Group
Yonga Downs**

RAM under 1½ years, showing no more than two teeth

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

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

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

RAM 2 years and over

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College
3. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

PAIR OF RAMS under 1½ years

1. Stockdale, L, J & B Fairclough
2. Ridgetop, D Carter

BREEDER'S GROUP

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Kiara, Kiara College
3. Ridgetop, D Carter

GROUP OF THREE RAMS

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

Champion Ram

KOHAT, R HYDE

Reserve Champion Ram

YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS

Champion Lamb

SHIRLEE DOWNS, C, A & S SQUIERS

Champion Ewe

YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS

Reserve Champion Ewe

RIDGETOP, D CARTER

Reserve Interbreed Ewe

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PROGENY GROUP

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



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Thank you and congratulations to Andrew & Joel Donnan, 'Anden'
White Suffolks Vic, for purchasing Farrer 180177 for \$6,300



Farrer High School students Lachlan Smith, Billy Swain and Robert Wippell with Farrer 180177.

Annual Sale Success

Rams to \$6,300 Averaged \$1136 and Total Clearance

Thanks to the following studs...

Angus and John Burnell "Maryland"

Andrew & Wendy Newell "Kyanga" Vic

Martin & Cheryl Oppenheimer "Petali"

Joshua & Ann Milton "Milton Park" QLD

Nick Say "Yasloc"

Joe & Tina Hoban "Berkley"

Simon & Eric Beer "Lonsdale"

Ian & Sarah James "Iona" VIC

Dalby State High School "Bunya" QLD

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FARRER

WHITE SUFFOLKS

PRODUCT OF DISTINCTION

2019/2020 SEMEN SIRES

FARRER 180273



FARRER 180273

HrF (22311)

SIRE: FARRER 170015

SOD: FELIX 151140

- Outstanding muscle
- Excellent IMF and shear force
- Selected as a Superwhite® ram in Series 24
- Sold for \$5500 to "Iona"
- Farrer Retains 100% Semen Marketing Rights
- LEQ (top 1%)

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC
0.28	10.4	16.8	1.1	4.5	-27
73%	68%	60%	65%	67%	58%

LMY	IMF	SF5	LEQ
3.18	-0.01	-0.8	161.3
56%	50%	46%	46%

FARRER 180178



FARRER 180178

HrF (23484)

SIRE: FELIX 151229

SOD: FARRER 110155

- Stylish ram with outstanding growth
- Excellent muscle and worm resistance
- Sold for \$3300 to "Petali"
- Farrer Retains 100% Semen Marketing Rights
- LEQ (top 1%)

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC
0.41	11.8	18.8	0.0	2.3	-52
76%	71%	71%	70%	72%	65%

LMY	IMF	SF5	LEQ
4.68	0.12	-1.8	164.7
71%	59%	56%	55%

MN3 STATUS

Ovine Brucellosis Acc: NW82/40

Semen Available FARRER 160068 (167.7) Sons have sold for \$29000 - Ella Matta 180100
 FARRER 160067 (166.6), 140137 (159.5), 150194 (158.7)
 FARRER 170015 (157.6) & 140188 (143.0),

Semen stored at Apiam Genetic Services, Dubbo, Semen: \$40 / ewe dose + GST (min.15 doses)

Lambplan Data Run: 1/10/2019

<https://farreragri-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/agriculture-at-farrer/whitesuffolk.html>

Study on lamb vs hogget meat

Aidan Smith, Farm Weekly

August 24, 2019



Murdoch University professor David Pethick is one of Australia's leading researchers into sheepmeat.

THERE is no consistent difference in consumer preference when it comes to lamb and hogget loin cuts according to research carried out by Murdoch University professor David Pethick.

But consumers can pick the differences in leg cuts between the two products.

With funding from Sheep CRC and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) Dr Pethick lead studies undertaken at Murdoch University into the eating quality of "lamb versus older sheep", focusing on four areas - tenderness, juiciness, flavour and overall liking as assessed by consumers.

A number of experiments and surveys were conducted.

Looking at results from 2160 consumers from Australia, China and the United States, lamb loin and yearling loin achieved higher eating quality scores overall compared with lamb and yearling topsides.

The results were similar in each country at 70 (out of 100) scoring lamb loin just above yearling loin at 66-68.

Lamb and yearling topsides scored in the 55-59 range.

Another part of the study included 525 consumers who sampled Merino grilled lamb (18kg) and hogget (25kg), which had been on a diet of grain from a self feeder.

Each loin cut was sampled by 10 "blind" consumers, who graded it from awful to unsatisfactory, good every day, better than every day and premium.

"In blind tasting they can't tell the difference of the loin cuts," Dr Pethick said.

Their choices were far from awful.

Loin cuts topped in all focus areas, especially from results in the first 20-30 months of the sheep's life.

Dr Pethick said the leg cuts were found to be "tougher", which was not a surprising result because the connective tissue which holds the meat together, becomes harder or more cross linked as the animal aged.

"Note that the leg cuts were certainly not terrible," Dr Pethick said.

"The outside eats well in lamb and young sheep."

Taking a look at consumer preference with "roasted easy carve legs" Dr Pethick said the conclusion was that "lamb is more reliable across the carcass, while leg cuts decline more significantly in hogget".

He said the change to Australia's lamb definition to match that of New Zealand - putting the two countries on a level playing field when marketing lamb across the world - would make little if any difference to the eating quality of the meat.

"There's a very trivial change but essentially it makes no difference," he said.

Part of the study looked at three different commercial flocks in WA with different breed mix, environment and pasture.

They studied the sheep in three teeth classifications, milk teeth (the previous lamb definition), partially erupted but new teeth close to the gum and fully erupted teeth but not in wear.

The age range for the lambs was about six weeks apart.

The conclusion was that there was no change in eating quality for loin cuts.

However, teeth of Merino and Poll Dorset lambs erupted later than Border Leicester sheep by about 34 days.

Dr Pethick said if the animals were raised on farm with best practice, and prepared well for slaughter, to hit target carcass weights and a rising plane of nutrition then consumers would be happy with the eating quality of the product.

Dr Pethick was involved in an MLA-funded Meat Standards Australia (MSA) sheepmeat program recently involving carcass grading for lambs.

He said more work needed to be done on it in the abattoir, especially to better measure intramuscular fat (or marbling) in the meat - consumers respond positively to intramuscular fat from an eating quality view point.

The MSA sheepmeat program saw more than 6.1 million sheep processed through 19 MSA licensed abattoirs, representing 26 per cent of the national lamb slaughter in 2017-18.

Dr Pethick said there was significant scope to broaden the program to further benefit all sections of the value chain, from producers through to consumers.

He was part of the initial MSA Research and Development Pathways team and was heavily involved in establishing the MSA sheepmeat model.

Dr Pethick remains a lead researcher in the area and is focussing on the establishment of a carcass grading system to measure lean meat yield and intramuscular fat.

He said while he was focused on getting the carcass grading system for sheepmeat working in abattoirs, he believed the introduction of a new formal yearling category for sheepmeat would further expand marketing options.

"It could be a category for people who want to sell a non-lamb product, but that would be radical in the sheep industry because lamb has such a strong name," Dr Pethick said. "Australian lamb is a brand in its own right and is recognised as a great product around the world."



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Ram ID	Sire	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	PWEC	DRESS	LMY	IMF	SHEAR	C+	TCP	EQ	LEQ
LANGLEY HEIGHTS-170498	LH 130572	0.26	10.5	16.9	2.8	0.0	-31	2.7	2.98	0.28	-3.6	216	158.2	160.5	163.1
FARRER-160087	GP 110210	0.13	9.9	17.1	3.0	-0.4	-23	3.3	3.95	0.08	-0.2	220	159.1	159.3	161.3



Grand Champion & Senior Champion Ewe
Baringa



Junior Champion White Suffolk Ewe
Wakeleigh

Elite White Suffolk Show Results 2019

6th – 8th September 2019, Bendigo, VIC

Judge: Chris Badcock, Fairbank Stud, TAS

Novice Class - Ewe

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

Ewe, over 1½ years, with lamb at foot

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Marleigh, T & N Smith
3. Tydon Park, P Cox

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

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore

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

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ewe, under 1½ years, born in May

1. Marleigh, T & N Smith
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Sunnybanks, P Day

Ewe, under 1½ years, shorn, born in June

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

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

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

Ewe, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Wakeleigh Stud, K Wake
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ewe, under 1½ years, born in August

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Ramsay Park, P & J Button
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

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

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Wakeleigh Stud, K Wake
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Ewe lamb, in wool, born after 1st April 2019

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore

Ewe lamb, shorn, born after 1st April 2019

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, G Treweek



Grand Champion & Junior Champion Ram
Ashley Park



Senior Champion White Suffolk Ram
Wattle Park

Associate Judge: Molly Cornish, Cremorne Stud, TAS

Novice Class - Ram

1. CJ Whites, C Day
2. Tydon Park, P Cox
3. Clive Stud, R Fischer

Woolly Ram, under 1½ years, born after 1st April 2019

1. Premier, BJ & LB Gilmore
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ram, under 1½ years, born in April

1. Induro, G Treweek
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore

Ram, under 1½ years, born in May

1. Omad, D Hawker
2. Warburn, A & M Dissegna
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ram, under 1½ years, born in June

1. Wattle Park, J & M Jamieson
2. Rangeview, W & E Milroy
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

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

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Ram, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Induro, G Treweek
3. Omad, D Hawker

Ram, under 1½ years, born in August

1. Ashley Park, IJ Kyle
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Ramsay Park, P & J Button

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

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Omad, D Hawker

Ram Lamb, in wool, born after 1st April 2019

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Induro, G Treweek

Ram Lamb, shorn, born after 1st April 2019

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, G Treweek

Stockscan Performance Class

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. CJ Whites, C Day
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Elite White Suffolk Show Results 2019 CONT.

Breeder's Group

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Sunnybanks, P Day

Sire's Progeny Group

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Ramsay Park, P & J Button

Pen of 3 Rams

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Ramsay Park, P & J Button



Peter Mecham Memorial Award -
Supreme Breed Champion - **Baringa**



2019 Associate Judge, Molly Cornish &
Judge, Frank Badcock

Senior Champion Ewe
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

Reserve Senior Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Junior Champion Ewe
WAKELEIGH, K WAKE

Reserve Junior Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Grand Champion Ewe
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

Senior Champion Ram
WATTLE PARK, J & M JAMIESON

Reserve Senior Champion Ram
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

Junior Champion Ram
ASHLEY PARK, IJ KYLE

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

Grand Champion Ram
ASHLEY PARK, IJ KYLE

Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE

Most Successful White Suffolk Exhibitor
BARINGA, I & D GILMORE



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& especially those who purchased at this year's
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- ❖ 10 elite rams sold to \$3200 to the Majardah stud, Glencoe (*pictured right*) & averaged \$2140
- ❖ 98 flock rams sold to \$2400 and averaged \$1722

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W185369

Bwt 0.48, Wwt 11.6, Pwwt 19.6, Pfat 0.2, Pemd 3.4, Pwec -45,
C+ 234, TCP 167, LMY 3.9, IMF -0.2, SF5 -1.2, LEQ 167

Sired by W173980



Flock trial boosts farm production

Annabelle Cleeland

15 August 2019

Soaring feed prices and highly variable climates are constraining the profits of Victorian livestock producers.

This is why consultant and farmer Jason Trompf has embarked on a comprehensive genetic selection trial which clawed back over \$20 a head in revenue from meat and wool by identifying the right maternal balance of traits in rams.

This equated to a gross margin difference of almost \$200 a hectare.

Together with his wife, Penny, four children and Penny's parents, the Trompfs farm about 350ha in the Greta Valley, which receives an average annual rainfall of 650 millimetres and an average growing season of seven months.

They run 3000 composite ewes at a high stocking rate of about 20 dry sheep equivalent a hectare.

Adult ewes lamb in June and maiden ewes lamb in August, with most lambs sold at before five months, between 20-26 kilogram carcass weight, and the balance carried over to sell in late summer.

In 2014, they refined their breeding objectives and began tracing individual ewes' performance through the entire supply chain, from embryo to entree.

Ewes were selected for their good doing ability and early maturity, to enable them to run at high stocking rates, while adult ewe sizes were evaluated against fleece values.

"There is as much variation within breeds as there is between breeds," Dr Trompf said.

"So, it was important not to see this as a breed comparison but an evaluation of the traits and to examine what is the balance of meat and wool that is most profitable in our system."

The trial was based on assessing the performance of 500, 2015-drop ewe progeny bred from the crossbred ewe flock which were joined to sire teams representing five different maternal bloodlines.

Australian Sheep Breeding Values and visual appraisal were used to source the five different maternal ram groups, which included the Maternal Merino, Maternal Composite, Terminal-maternal, New Zealand Composite and Maternal White Suffolk.

The wether progeny were sold as lambs and the ewe progeny were retained and measured in the trial.

A sixth group, first-cross Border Leicester/Merino ewe lambs, were bought to represent normal practice.

The ewes, which are currently on their fourth lambing, have been measured annually using Smart Sensors, electronic identification and hook tracking for their total wool and meat production and value, condition score, adult weight, lamb survival rates, and worm burden.

"This has allowed us to measure the total dollar return per ewe," Dr Trompf said.

"This has been critical to informing the gross margin analysis for comparing the profitability of the six genotypes on a production per head and profit per hectare basis.

"An interesting outcome of the trial is that there is more than one way to achieve similar outcomes."

For instance, the profitability of the maternal White Suffolk sired ewes was driven by high scanning rates, lamb survival and marking rates, relative to other ewe groups, as well as higher body condition score throughout it's life.

However, while the White Suffolk sired ewes produced more meat on a per hectare basis, they had the lowest wool return driven by low fleece weights and high micron, Dr Trompf said.

Whereas the Maternal Merino group was in complete contrast to the White Suffolk group, consistently having the highest wool return driven by finer micron and moderate fleece weights, and meat production per ewe or per hectare that was around average across all sire groups.

"It has shown us that it is critical for sheep producers, particularly those with dual-purpose flocks, to measure total production from their ewes when comparing genotypes," he said

"In order to thoroughly evaluate different maternal genetics, it is critical to understand your system efficiencies and benefits, cost-of-production and welfare outcomes.

"All of which are influencing our ongoing ram purchases and ewe selection."

The plan is to measure the ewes for their fifth year of production and undertake some measures of feed intake and maintenance requirement of the different maternal lines, to better inform the gross margin analysis.



One of the trial ewes sired by the maternal Merino.

AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION

2020 National Conference

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THE
DATE

Location: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort, Grindelwald, TAS

Date: 2nd - 4th February

*(coincides with Festivale - Tasmanian Food and Wine Festival
held 31st Jan - 2nd Feb)*

More information will be distributed to members shortly.



illoura rams

SEMEN AVAILABLE



ILLOURA 181151

Half share sold to Wingamin for \$10,000

bwt 0.58	pwwt 18.4	pfat -0.4
pemd 2.6	tcp 154.2	leq 141



ILLOURA 181442

Low shearforce, high IMF

bwt 0.21	pwwt 18.6	pfat 0.1
pemd 2.8	tcp 158.8	leq 159.4

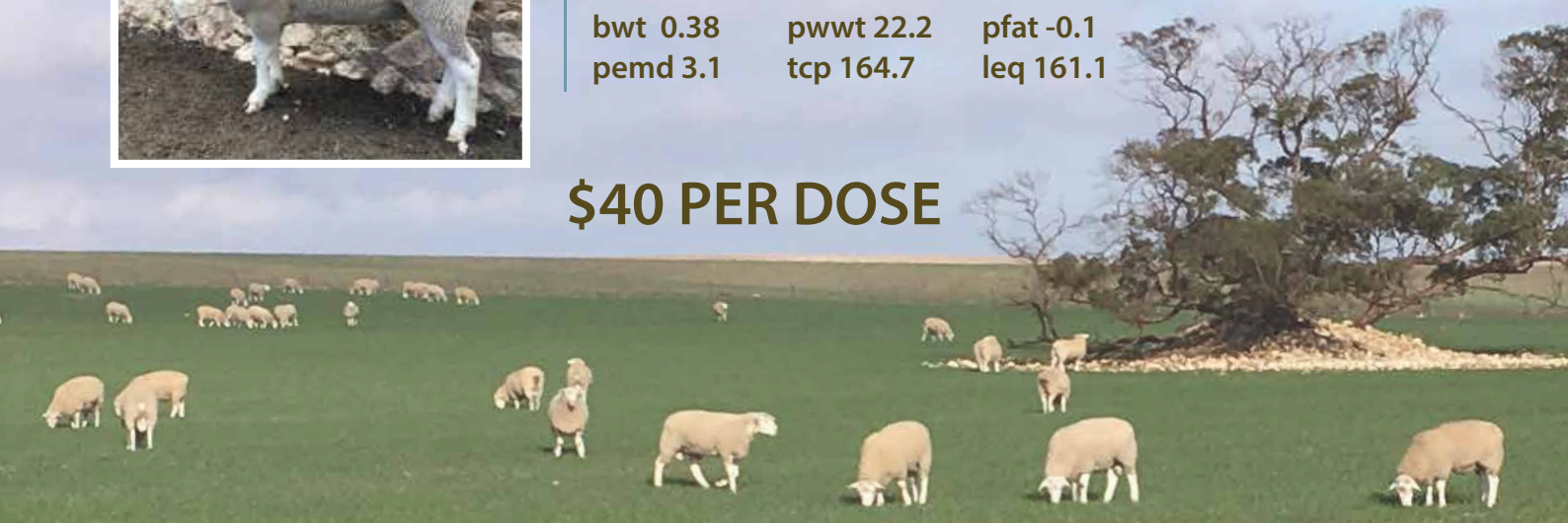


ILLOURA 181598

Excellent early growth

bwt 0.38	pwwt 22.2	pfat -0.1
pemd 3.1	tcp 164.7	leq 161.1

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Assessing feed conversion in lambs

26 July 2019



GENETIC EVALUATION: The White Suffolk lamb trial measured individual weight gains, feed intake, time spent eating and the number of visits at feed stations per day.

Feed conversion efficiency is a major driver of lamb production profitability, and two NSW White Suffolk studs have been working to measure the breed's success in the feedlot.

Peter Jackson, of Coronga White Suffolks, Orange, NSW, and Alan and Ian Sharrock, Lachlan Valley White Suffolks, Forbes and Bribbaree, became interested in the feed conversion efficiency of their sheep, in the hope to improve genetic selection and help ram clients achieve maximum profitability.

Coronga and Lachlan Valley have a combined 50 years of performance recording in the breeding of prime lamb sires.

"Whether lambs are grown on pasture or crop, or are fed supplements or lotfed; feed conversion efficiency is a major driver of lamb production profitability," Dr Jackson said.

"Feed conversion efficiency is a vital component of prime lamb profitability but it had not previously been individually measured in relation to genetic bloodlines."

The trial work was undertaken at Crown Agriculture's MASTERyard facility at Cudal under the supervision of Will MacSmith and Hamish Dickson, measuring, for the first time, individual weight gains, feed intake, time spent eating and the number of visits at feed stations per day.

All necessary health treatments were completed pre-entry to the feedlot and following a 14-day acclimation period the main trial period began.

As animals' daily liveweight can be captured at a feeding event the lambs were not handled again until the completion of the trial.

Each stud entered four sire groups of 2018-drop ewe lambs with one common sire group, providing seven different genetic groups for testing.

A hay-based pelleted ration was provided to achieve moderate growth rates to enable the genetic evaluation and assist in preparing the ewes for joining.

Dr Jackson said the trial was a first for Australia and would provide objective data on genetics and their influence in feed conversion.

Dr Sharrock said: "The results were extraordinary."

"We were able to identify the best sires and females for feed conversion efficiency, and the linkages between feed conversion efficiency and other traits measured by conventional Lambplan.

"The results showed feed conversion efficiency varied up to 40 per cent for groups from different sires.

"This variation will allow selection towards sheep with better feed conversion efficiency, enabling improved genetics to increase profitability of ram clients.

"Our sheep will, in the future, be genetically chosen to eat less and grow more.

"This trial shows that White Suffolks again lead the way in measured genetic improvement."

AWSA HISTORY

Earlier in the year we posted to Facebook photos and snippets from the AWSA History Book. We came across the originals and information while cleaning out the AWSA files in our secretarial move.

Based on the Letter to the Editor in this Newsletter edition, we are sharing these with you again incase you missed them! If you're interested to see more photos scroll back through our Facebook posts to late April/early May to find them.

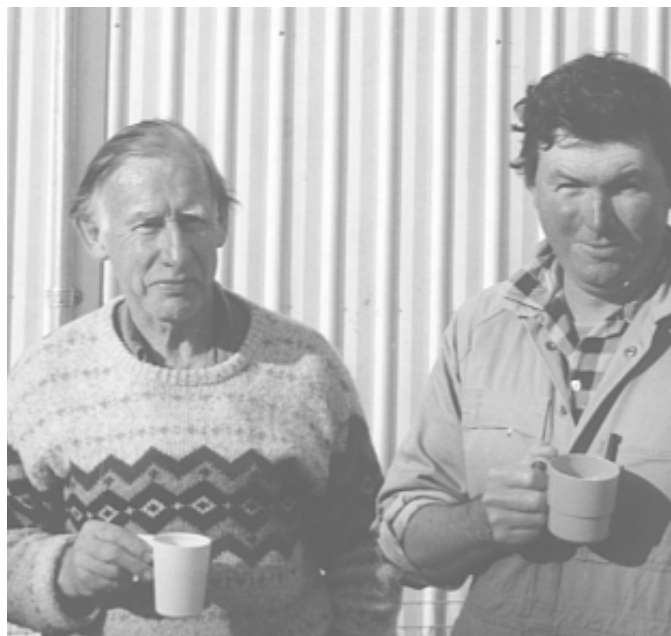
1985 – Do you know where the White Suffolk breed began?

The development of the White Suffolk breed was the fruits of a ten-year research project coordinated by Professor Euan Roberts at the Hay Research Centre in NSW. The aim of the White Suffolk project was to produce a sheep without black points, while still retaining all the desirable growth and carcase traits of the Suffolk breed.

Following an intense selection and breeding program using genes derived from both the Suffolk and the Poll Dorset breeds, the University of New South Wales produced a flock of 500 'White' Suffolk ewes at its Hay Field Station. The trials led to more formal discussions and the establishment of the Australian White Suffolk Association in 1985.

The name 'White Suffolk' was naturally chosen as it exactly described what the sheep should look like and kept breeders on track for type.

"I look back with pride at what we created and to where the breed has developed. I believe the White Suffolk has been the greatest positive influence in the prime lamb industry for 50 years." – Foundation Member, Ian Turner.



*Professor Euan Roberts
with his assistant Jeff Eppleston
'Smoko' at the Hay Research Station.*



*Ian Turner with "Moby Dick" – Renrut 870030
"Moby Dick" represented the breed at the 1989
World Sheep & Wool Congress in Tasmania.*



*Visitors to an early Field Day at Hay
Research Centre.*

1993 – Galaxy Park sets world record price for White Suffolk stud ram

In 1993 Galaxy Park set a world record price for a White Suffolk stud ram - GP 829 'The President'.

The ram was sold at the 1993 Melbourne Royal Show for \$24,000 to the late Don Ferguson and Anthony Ferguson (Anna Villa), Ian Turner (Renrut), and Barry Lang (Langley Heights) - all pictured right with the late Leigh Allan, Elders Stud Stock who was bidding agent on the day.

Don, Ian, Barry and Geoff had all served terms as President of the Australian White Suffolk Association, so the name was only fitting!

Anden White Suffolk stud now holds the current record held for a White Suffolk stud ram – Anden 150277, sold for \$68,000 in 2016.



1995 – White Suffolk achieves first ever Interbreed success at Melbourne Royal

The White Suffolk breed achieved it's first event Interbreed success at the 1995 Royal Melbourne Show when Leachim Stud, Andrew and Rosemary Michael, won Champion Ram with "Meatman" and went on to win Interbreed Champion Ram.

This picture is pure elation and was captioned in our November 1995 Newsletter "This is what success can do for you!"

The time and effort our breeders put in to producing quality White Suffolks and their passion for the sheep industry is next to none.

This type of public recognition goes a long way in acknowledging all the hard work and commitment required to run a successful sheep breeding program.

AWSA HISTORY CONT.

The Dookie Days - The making of our annual conference

The inaugural national Field Day was held in Dookie in February 1990 and following it's success it became an annual event attracting around 100 members each year. The Dookie Field Days served as a platform for information exchange amongst fellow breeders with displays of White Suffolks and workshops and presentations on industry topics. Of course, in true White Suffolk style there was great comradery and many laughs which has always been heralded as the driver behind it's success!

The AWSA continues to hold a national conference each year but now travels to each state on a rotational basis. The next conference will be held in Grindelwald, Tasmania in February 2020.



"The Dodgey Brothers" made an appearance at 1999 Dookie starring (from bottom left): Will Secker as the ram, Peter Button and Andrew Frick as the Dodgey Bros and agent Steve Funke .



*Dookie 1999 Bus Tour to Robert Hooper's Vortex stud.
Rob Hooper, Geoff Gale & Nicky Mattschoss
with visiting members.*

Somerset White Suffolks

Somerset Muscle Where it Matters



Introducing
Somerset 180279
“Landrace”

**SEMEN
AVAILABLE**

Half share sold to Stockdale Stud, WA.
This ram is clearly the heaviest muscling ram that we have produced and has expressed this muscling from eight weeks of age. Comment was made at Adelaide of his extreme double muscling.
Sired by Somerset 130153 and sire of the dam Somerset 140069 (2015 Adelaide Interbreed Champion), so he has a great pedigree behind him as well. He scanned 54 emd at 108kg at Hamilton and 55 emd at 110kg at Adelaide and was our top scanning lamb.

He has great figures to match:

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	C+	TCP
0.5	11.6	18.4	-0.4	3.0	227	153.2

He has the hind quarter we've been aiming to breed for 15 years, so is a great all round package!

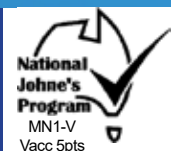
Semen Sire List:

Semen Packages Available - P.O.A

	BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	C+	TCP
SOMERSET 130153 sire: Somerset 120067	0.55	11.5	19.0	-1.1	3.2	234	159.5
SOMERSET 160067 sire: Penrise 140213	0.36	9.7	16.5	0.9	4.9	232	166
SOMERSET 170147 sire: Hayelle 140195	0.41	10.4	15.6	-0.3	3.0	214	148.1
FAIRBURN 180567 sire: Warburn 160032	0.37	10.9	16.6	-0.4	2.4	212	144.9



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Youth Group launches to engage next generation

A new and exciting youth program 'WHITE SUFFOLK YOUTH' has been launched by the Australian White Suffolk Association to increase youth involvement within the White Suffolk breed and agricultural industry.

The idea to establish a youth group was proposed by Lucy Cook, Castella White Suffolk stud, and supported by the AWSA Federal Council at its July meeting.

Lucy, through her involvement at Elisabeth Murdoch College and attendance at several shows, felt the need for a common platform to educate young sheep enthusiasts with an interest in the White Suffolk breed whilst also providing the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas amongst themselves.

"There has been an increase in school participation and exhibiting White Suffolks at agricultural shows and the opportunity to network with youth of a similar age and develop friendships has been very rewarding for me," said Lucy.

"The White Suffolk breed has a strong following and the breeders are friendly and genuinely enthusiastic and supportive of youth involvement around the shows."

"The support has been very worthwhile for me personally and I wanted to make sure that youth involvement is retained in the breed as well as provide an opportunity to share information and connect with each other at events and through social media platforms."

The program is aimed at youth between the ages of 12-25 years that are involved or interested in the White Suffolk breed. Whether that is being an Association member (this includes owning a registered stud, being from a family of a registered White Suffolk stud or even being an individual member), being from a school with a White Suffolk program (stud or commercial) or if you have knowledge about the breed and would like to learn more and increase your involvement with White Suffolks.



Youth Group members can expect to receive news on youth events, information on the White Suffolk breed, stud breeding and the sheep industry.

Social Media platforms have been set up for the program and members are encouraged to follow along to keep updated with youth group happenings. A closed group will also be created specifically for youth group members to share ideas and chat amongst each other.

You can follow the group on Facebook search "White Suffolk Youth" and like the page or Instagram follow "@whitesuffolkyouth".

A webpage on the AWSA website, www.whitesuffolk.com.au, will also be launched soon with more information on the group and the opportunity to sign up to the group's email list to receive White Suffolk Youth information and newsletters.

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Averages	0.30	8.6	13.2	1.6	-0.5	1.9	2.84	2.8	186	134.8	128.8	129.2



Grand Champion & Junior Champion
White Suffolk Ram – Anden



Senior Champion White Suffolk Ram
Bundara Downs

Royal Adelaide Show Results 2019

30th August - 8th September 2019, ADELAIDE, SA

Judges: Craig Mitchell, Gemini Stud (rams)

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

Reserve Senior Champion Ram
OMAD, D HAWKER

Junior Champion Ram
ANDEN, A & J DONNAN

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Grand Champion Ram
ANDEN, A & J DONNAN

Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Reserve Champion Ewe
GLENARBAN, I & B NITSCHKE

Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit
ANDEN, A & J DONNAN

Most Successful White Suffolk Exhibitor
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Ram under 1½ years, born in April

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

Ram under 1½ years, born in May

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Omad, D Hawker
3. Glenarbin, I & B Nitschke

Ram, under 1½ years, born in June

1. Omad, D Hawker
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Days Whiteface, L & L Day

Pair of Rams, April - June drop

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Days Whiteface, L & L Day
3. Sunnybanks, P Day

Ram, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Anden, A & J Donnan
2. Seriston, A Hurst
3. Premier, B & L Gilmore

Ram under 1½ years, born on or after 1st August

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore



Reserve Senior Champion White Suffolk Ram
Omad



Reserve Junior Champion White Suffolk Ram
Sunnybanks

Brayden Gilmore, Premier Stud (ewes)

Pair of Rams, under under 1½ years born after 1st July

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Waratah, S & D Milne

Ram Lamb, born since 1st April 2019

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Anna Villa, A & S Ferguson
3. Windy Hill, M Smart

Pen of Three Rams under 1½ years

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Omad, D Hawker

Lamb Production Class - Trade

1. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
2. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
3. Omad, D Hawker

Lamb Production Class - Export

1. Days Whiteface, L & L Day
2. Warath, S & D Milne
3. Newbold, G, K, B & A Close

Ram Lamb Performance Class

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Ewe over 1½ years with lamb at foot

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Windy Hill, M Smart
3. Anna Villa, A & S Ferguson

Ewe under 1½ years, born April/May

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

Ewe under 1½ years, born June/July

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

Ewe, under 1½ years, born on or after 1st August

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Glenarbian, I & B Nitschke
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Pair of Ewes under 1½ years

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

Ewe Lamb, born since 1st April 2019

1. Anna Villa, A & S Ferguson
2. Anna Villa, A & S Ferguson
3. Koonawarra, M, J, L & S Grossman



Champion White Suffolk Ewe
Rene



Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit
Anden

Royal Adelaide Show Results 2019 CONT.

Ewe Lamb Performance Class

1. Koonawarra, M, J, L & S Grossman
2. Windy Hill, M Smart

Breeders' Group

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

Sire's Progeny Group

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



Clothiers aim to keep lamb operation simple

Fiona Gowers, The Stock Journal

7 October 2019

A MIX of breeding, feeding and the time of joining is the secret to success for South East sheep producer Graham Clothier, who subscribes to the "keep it simple, stupid" philosophy.

Graham, his wife Karen and son Sam run a prime lamb operation on Greenvale, Woolumbool, turning off 3100 crossbred lambs a year, mainly for Woolworths supermarkets.

The family has farmed the land for 57 years, firstly through Graham's parents, who then included their three sons, before Graham and his brother, Leigh, joined forces for six years until Leigh's retirement in 2014.

The 650-hectare property in the Limestone Coast region is mostly sand through to sandy loam and terra rossa, which Graham says is excellent sub-clover country. It is supplemented by 265ha of heavier soil over two blocks south of Naracoorte, where the Clothiers produce hay.

Graham buys his rams from the family's Woolumbool stud at Lucindale, now run by his brother Phil. He also uses Poll Merino genetics from Andrew and Mandi Bouffler's Trigger Vale stud at Lockhart, west of Wagga Wagga, NSW.

He aims to breed a medium-wool, robust crossbred lamb and uses Australian Sheep Breeding Values to select for optimum fat and muscle. The goal is to produce an animal with a meat-to-wool income ratio of 80:20.

Merino ewes are joined to White Suffolk sires for first-cross replacements and Merino-White Suffolks are joined to White Suffolks for the second-cross lambs.

"We run quite a simple operation as far as breeding goes," Graham said. "We use a narrow variety of rams to pin down the traits, such as easy-care and robustness, that we want to see in our second-cross lambs. "We achieve this with traits high in fat and muscle."

Mr Clothier said in the Merinos, they aimed for a lower-cutting, plainer ewe with a high fertility rate. Indeed, last year 63 per cent multiple births were recorded.

The Clothier family's feeding regime focuses on the impact of ewe nutrition on reproductive performance and flock profitability.

Ewes are joined in early January for a five-week lambing in June, and fed three megajoules of energy daily for a month, with feeding increasing as the season progresses. The regime changes after ewes are pregnancy tested and drafted into "single, twins and empties".

For those in lamb, the timing of feeding is critical, Graham said.

Hay or silage is fed twice a week, with grain added into the mix shortly before lambing when the ewes are on 8-10MJ/day. "Even if it means you start feeding the ewes early, you can't let them lose that bloom they got in spring," Graham said. "You want them in as good a condition as possible, and no less than 2.8 condition score at lambing, otherwise they're underdone."

Rams also come in for their fair share of attention, and are all from brucellosis-accredited flocks.

After a physical check and at a condition score of four or better, they are joined at a ratio of one ram per 100 ewes plus one for five weeks, a formula the Clothiers have applied for 30 years with maximum results.

Lambing starts in the first week of June, which can be risky weather-wise as cold fronts take their toll on newborns, especially multiples. A precaution the Clothiers take is to sow narrow strips of wheat grass through the lambing paddocks, to allow sheep to shelter in the tall, rank grass.

The aim is for 150 per cent lambing from ewes mated, a goal the Clothiers fell just short of this year with 143pc achieved. "So, still room for improvement," Graham said.

All prime lambs are turned off finished.

Depending on the season, most are offloaded at 50 kilograms liveweight or 22kg dressedweight, with the bulk sent to Woolworths and the heavier lambs sold to JBS Australia at Bordertown.

The Clothiers grow 250ha of dryland lucerne, but in a dry year will finish the lambs on barley and locally-made feed pellets in pens.

A 2004 Nuffield scholar, Graham is a firm believer in consolidating the visual appraisal of old with as much new measurement as possible.

"You do get to gauge the performance of your flock better just by working with them, but visual appraisal is a poor way of guessing what's happening to the sheep nutritionally and genetically, rather than knowing what's happening through measurement," he said.

And despite his 35 years of experience, Graham still often attends on-farm workshops to continue his learning and to achieve his quest of breeding the ultimate wool and meat sheep.

Setting the pace and price with White Suffolks

Kim Woods, Outcross Media

October 18, 2019



Randal Grayson, Forbes Livestock Agency, with Chris and Isaac Petropoulos, Forbes, NSW, and their Australian record White Suffolk cross lambs at \$355. Image Petropolous.jpg

With many enterprises low on water and feed, decisions were made early to quit store lambs, creating keen competition between processors and southern finishers.

The stellar run hit fever pitch on June 17 when an Australian saleyard record was set at Corowa in southern NSW of \$350 by second-cross White Suffolk lambs, sending the buyer gallery into overdrive.

The lambs, estimated at 48kg carcass weight, had been finished on grain and pellets, were offered by Gary Mickan, Walla Walla, NSW, and sold to Thomas Foods International.

The price was eclipsed at Forbes on July 16 by White Suffolk second cross lambs sold by Chris and Sharon Petropoulos, Forbes, for \$355.

Estimated at 45kg carcass weight, the grass-finished lambs were bought by Thomas Foods International.

State records fell in South Australia in May at Dublin with June-drop White Suffolk-Merino lambs offered by Bruce Daniel, Paskeville, and snapped up by Thomas Foods International for \$300.

The grain-finished lambs were estimated at 32kg carcass weight.

The excitement continued with extra heavy, November shorn White Suffolk –Merino lambs, tipping the scales at 33kg dressed, hitting a previously unheard of \$336 at the SA Livestock Exchange, Dublin, in May.

Vendors were Neil and Jackie Harrop, Harrop Pastoral, Paskeville. Combined Independent Agents Association agent Garry Wilson described the lambs as “magnificent” with a desirable wool length.

Excitement stirred in Western Australia when July drop White Suffolk-Merino lambs from Boyup Brook set a new state record at Katanning of \$260.

Market analyst Simon Quilty, of MLX, Wangaratta, said the future looked promising for lamb in the short term.

Mr Quilty expects the lamb market to jump by 10 per cent in 2020 with prices rocketing over 1100c/kg carcass weight for heavy lambs.

White Suffolk lamb producers and finishers rode a tidal wave of prices into uncharted waters this year, with saleyard records broken and state records smashed.

In 2018, producers witnessed record after record tumble amid insatiable producer demand on the back of a shortage of stock.

The trend continued in 2019 as the drought deepened and the Aussie dollar remained low, with producers expected to benefit from a further 10 per cent increase in 2020, pushing carcass prices beyond \$11/kg for heavy lambs on the back of the global African Swine Fever outbreak.

He said prices could even go “much, much higher” on the back of high protein demand due to the global epidemic of African Swine Fever.

According to Australian Meat and 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 March and peaking in July.

At Wagga on April 4 the indicator price for extra heavy lambs (30kg plus CW) stood at a low point of 663.1c/kg CW while at Forbes on March 19 it was 592.5c/kg CW.

The price rose sharply to 686.7c/kgCW until a price correction brought the market back to 646.2c/kgCW on April 16 at Forbes.

It then continued on a rapid upward trajectory to peak at 952c/kgCW at Forbes on July 23 and 970.9c/kg CW at Wagga on July 11.

By October, the market had stabilized at 800c/kg at both centres.

Australian White Suffolk Association president Anthony Hurst said producers chose to use the breed in their production systems for environmental adaptation, growth rates, doability and carcase traits.

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

“The White Suffolk adds fat cover, they have clean faces and legs, and the muscle on a moderate carcase matches well with the Merino,” he said.

Mr Hurst said the buoyant prices had enabled producers to invest in genetic gain within their flocks.

“This has been evident at the sales through South Australia and western Victoria – commercial producers have been outlaying on the better genetics as they know the returns will be there,” he said.

“Producers are hand picking specific rams for certain commercial traits.

“Ram sale clearances have been strong and averages up in southern SA, Victoria and southern NSW.

“Pushing into the pastoral area, there might not have been the clearances but considering how widespread this drought is, most areas have had solid results.

“Northern sales have been surprisingly solid.”

Mr Hurst said the sheep and lamb industry would remain strong for years to come.

“With a widespread rain across the country, ewes will be sought after and ram sales will continue to be high until flock numbers recover.

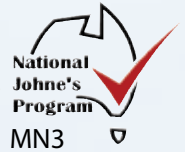
“It is great to see these record prices as a reward to the industry but we need to be mindful as producers of breeding the right commercial lamb for what our processors and the lamb industry is looking for.”



David Hill, David Hill Livestock, Albury, vendor Gary Mickan, Walla Walla, and agent Steve Grantham, Elders Corowa, with the \$350 White Suffolk cross lambs at Corowa. Image Mickan

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Hamilton Sheepvention Show Results 2019

5th - 6th August 2019, HAMILTON, VIC

Judge: Troy Fischer, Ashmore Stud, SA

Novice class - Ram under 1½ years shorn

1. Hopea, E McDonald
2. Shepherd's Hut, G Lewis
3. Shepherd's Hut, G Lewis

Ram under 1½ years in wool

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

Ram under 1½ years, shorn, born in April

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

Ram under 1½ years, shorn, born in May

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

Ram under 1½ years, shorn, born in June

1. Omad, D Hawker
2. Booloola, S & A Baker
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

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

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Mertex T & B Jorgensen
3. Booloola, S & A Baker

Ram under 1½ years, born in July

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

Ram under 1½ years, born on or after 1st August

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle
3. Somerset, L & K McCrae

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

1. Somerset, L & K McCrae
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Ashley Park, IJ & PR Kyle

Ram lamb born on or after 1st April 2019

1. Windy Hill, M Smart
2. Marleigh, N & T Smith

Lamb Production Class 2 rams under 1½ years

1. Somerset, L & K McCrae
2. Bundara Downs, S, R & G Funke
3. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer

Novice class - ewe under 1½ years shorn

1. Hopea, E McDonald
2. Shepherd's Hut, G Lewis
3. Shepherd's Hut, G Lewis

Ewe under 1½ years in wool

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Windy Hill, M Smart

Ewe over 1½ years, in lamb or in milk

1. Windy Hill, M Smart
2. Marleigh, N & T Smith

Ewe under 1½ years, born April-May

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

Ewe under 1½ years, born June-July

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

Ewe under 1½ years, born on or after 1st August

1. Wingamin, C & D Shillabeer
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Wakeleigh, K Wake

Pen of 2 ewes under 1½ years shorn

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

Ewe lamb born since 1st April 2019

1. Windy Hill, M Smart

Sire's Progeny Group

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Pen of Three Rams

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



Junior Champion White Suffolk Ram
Rene

Senior Champion Ram
WINGAMIN, C & D SHILLABEER

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

Junior Champion Ram
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Reserve Junior Champion Ram
ASHLEY PARK

Grand Champion Ram
WINGAMIN, C & D SHILLABEER

Champion Ewe
MERTEX T & B JORGENSEN

Reserve Champion Ewe
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Supreme Exhibit
MERTEX T & B JORGENSEN

White Suffolks a conduit to agricultural careers

Kim Woods, Outcross Media

October 18, 2019

White Suffolk sheep have been instrumental in fostering practical skills and putting agriculture firmly on the career radar for NSW school students.

St Paul's College at Walla Walla, in southern NSW, has a strong agricultural focus, with students taking a leading role in the organisation of this year's Bendigo Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk Show and Sale.

A team of 15 students from Years 7 to 11 spent four days helping the show committee stage the event and assisting exhibitors with their show teams.

Livestock show team manager Emma Finemore said students were able to put into practice the skills they had acquired through classes and expand on their knowledge by networking with industry breeders.

"All the livestock show team members are keen agricultural participants who wish to expand their knowledge and create industry connections through events such as the Elite Show and Sale," Ms Finemore said.

"All team members had to apply to be part of the show team so they learnt about application processes and commitment."

An agricultural science student at Charles Sturt University at Wagga, Ms Finemore works with the show team twice a week.

"I'm not classed as a teacher but develop their skills and knowledge within the agricultural show sector with sheep and cattle," she said.

"During my time at CSU I developed a passion for youth in agriculture and realised there's a shortage of people teaching youth to create opportunities for themselves.

"I teach the kids how to present themselves well and create industry connections – going to shows and meeting agricultural professionals is one of the best ways to develop a career path in ag."

Before attending the Bendigo event, Ms Finemore prepared the students on how to communicate effectively, correct presentation and interacting with team members and exhibitors in a professional manner.

"We didn't take our own stock so I encouraged the kids to find people to learn from," she said.



A strong line-up of students representing St Paul's in a ram class at the Elite Show and Sale.



Emmilee Reid was among the livestock team exhibiting ewes in the open classes.



St Paul's students from left, Portia McDonnell, Avie Liley and Tess Kernaghan parading their rams for the judge.

"The students introduced themselves to different studs and ended up helping them for the whole weekend.

"A lot of those kids have kept in contact with those studs and it was amazing to see how excited they were when they reconnected with the studs again at Melbourne Royal.

"They were developing forward thinking outside of school around work experience."

Students come from varying backgrounds, such as cropping and cattle enterprises, or from an urban environment.

"I have one young student who is new to agriculture and is exploring his options – he is learning a lot from being part of the show team," Ms Finemore said.

"I have watched him come out of his shell, become comfortable with yard work, handling the animals and understanding the terminology.

"These kids come from different year groups and backgrounds and weren't really wanting to interact with each other on the first day.

"Now they have teamwork skills, really good communication and respect for one another.

"We had a chat about what they believe success is and I got exactly the answer I wanted from them.

"They spoke about being persistent, learning, presentation and how to deal with different types of people.

"Considering they are from 12 to 17-year-old boys and girls, they all get along and treat each other with respect – they've all transformed."

The students volunteered to help the Elite show committee with show day preparations.

Team member Portia McDonnell was rewarded for her outstanding efforts at the event with the Champion Junior Stockman's award, with fellow team member Clarissa Peasley sashed as reserve champion.

"Seeing them get out there and communicate with professionals in the industry in a kind, respectful manner, and watch them get the return they were after, makes me proud," Ms Finemore said.

She paid tribute to the Baringa, Fairburn, Glengarry, Rene, Wattle Park and Induro White Suffolk studs for supporting and mentoring the show team and school.

"These studs have continued to reach out to assist myself and the kids in our future events.

"My focus for the team for the rest of this year is expanding their horizon.

"I plan on taking them to different properties and immerse them in agriculture to show there is so much more to ag than being a primary producer or having a sheep stud."

The St Paul's White Suffolk stud has been dispersed but plans are being formulated on budget, stud sires and genetics to have it reinstated.

The school has a commercial flock used as teaching tool on lot feeding, with the students carrying out the weighing and lamb marking under the guidance of two agricultural teachers and a farm manager.

White Suffolk rams donated by Rod and Ange Frohling, Hovell stud, Burrumbuttock, NSW, were used by the students to exhibit in the schools and open classes at the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show.

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White Suffolks a conduit to agricultural careers CONT.

Kim Woods, Outcross Media

October 18, 2019

Emmilee Reid and Clancy Barry paraded placegetters in the ram born between June 1 and July 31, while highly commended rams were handled by Clarissa Peasley, Issy McRae, Tess Kernaghan and Avie Liley.

A ram shown by Lachlan Routley placed third in his class while Jag Daniel-Alchin and Izaak Schollick handled the winning pair of rams.

At Bendigo, the students competed in their individual handler classes with Portia McDonnell winning the Poll Dorset handlers competition 12 years and under, and Jack Storm-Chalmers placing third in the handlers 12 years and over.

Highly commended were Avie Liley and Emmilee Reid.

Clarissa Peasley won the competitive Suffolk handlers over 12 years, Emmilee Reid was third, fourth Portia McDonnell and fifth was Avie Liley.

Highly commended were Charlie Morton, Isabell McRae and Madeline McRae.

"This team of young enthusiasts are a great representation of the youth within the agricultural industry wanting to dive into the world of ag and become tomorrow's agricultural leaders and professionals," Ms Finemore said.



Clancy Barry and Tess Kernaghan keep their eyes on the judge.



Charles Morton enjoying his first sheep show.








The St Paul's College livestock show team with manager Emma Finemore.

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More top sales include 4 on next page, plus

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Sold to Leroy and Rohan Hull, Kattata Well, Pt Kenny, SA for \$9000

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More top sales of note



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Ridge Top stud, Mt Barker, WA for \$15,000



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Mullinger Park stud, Kybybolite, SA for \$10,000



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Champion White Suffolk Ram & Ewe
Sunnybanks



Interbreed Champion Ram
Sunnybanks

Royal Launceston Show Results 2019

10th October, Launceston, TAS

Judge: Nick Lawrence, Bordertown, S.A.

Champion Ram
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Reserve Champion Ram
JUDELL, FJ & DM ILES

Champion Ewe
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Reserve Champion Ewe
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Interbreed Champion Ram
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Interbreed Reserve Champion Ewe
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Ram, shorn, under 1½ years

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Cardello, C Cresswell
3. Cardello, C Cresswell

Ram, shorn, born after August 1st previous year

1. Judell, FJ & DM Iles
2. Fairbank, C Baldcock
3. Sunnybanks, P Day

Ram, shorn within 14 days

1. Cardello, C Cresswell
2. Sunnybanks, P Day

Ewe, shorn, under 1½ years

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Cardello, C Cresswell
3. Cardello, C Cresswell

Pen of 2 Ewes, shorn

1. Sunnybanks, P Day



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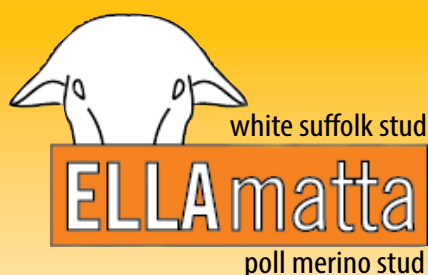
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"Hungry for Success" – White Suffolks extend to Hungary

Ian Turner

October 18, 2019

The White Suffolk breed continues its remarkable progress and expansion from humble beginnings back in the 1970s and '80s, being formally launched as a breed organisation in 1985.

The focus has clearly been on breeding easy care and highly productive sheep to service the Australian Meat Sheep industry, initially as a terminal sire option, but also as a realistic option for the production of prime lamb dams.

The breed received its first international exposure at the 1989 World Sheep and Wool Congress in Tasmania when a display of select sheep was organised from pioneer breeders.

Over the following three decades, the expansion within Australia has seen numbers grow to 336 studs and over 63,000 breeding ewes in 2019.

However, quietly on the side, the breed has also been attracting international interest, with New Zealand becoming the first country to import Australian White Suffolk genetics in 1992. Initially Rissington Co at Napier imported Renrut and later Galaxy Park genetics for their composite breeding program, then Steve Udy, Wakefield imported Burwood genetics in 1994 to establish his Karioi stud.

The USA was the next country to import White Suffolks when Gary Heilig, Prestige Farm stud, Montana purchased his initial genetics from Detpa Grove in 2007.

Now, hungry to secure a piece of the White Suffolk success story, Levente Lajko has ensured Hungary is the third international country to import Australian White Suffolk genetics. He imported frozen embryos in 2016 with the first lambs born in 2017.

Levente runs a small family farm near Ulles in the south of Hungary with his mother (Etelka Farkas) and sister (Anika Lajko). His brother, Laszlo Lajko lives in Florida, but Levente said he also continuously helps the family a lot. The property is 60 hectares of grazable and arable area, which is shared between vegetable growing (mainly paprika) which his sister arranges, and sheep grazing which comes under Levente's control.

There is a commercial flock of 300 ewes and now this small White Suffolk stud registered under the Fala prefix.

Levente's wife, Ilona Kiss is a nurse and they have three children, boys Atilla and Levente aged 12 and 15 and a 19 year old daughter, Borbala.



Levente Lajko, closest to camera, looking over some of his commercial ewes.

Centuries of land division, primarily through inheritance to multiple children has resulted in ever smaller land holdings, which has resulted in difficulty in making a sustainable living.

"Our fields are very lean with mainly sandy and salty soils, possibly some of the poorest soils in Hungary, which restricts our enterprises to mostly grazing," Levente said.

He explained there is a big variance in rainfall across Hungary, despite its smallish size, but their region in the south receives 400 to 500 mm of rainfall annually. The seasons within the year range from hot and usually dry summers to cold winters which sometimes run in minus temperatures for several weeks on end.

Hungary joined the EU in 2004 and through the EU Common Agricultural Policy, field owners get financial aid based on area. The objective is to keep people on the land, otherwise they would be forced into the towns and cities and be a bigger burden on the EU finances.

Levente explains, "It is a crazy system and many people get money for their fields without producing anything on it. This area based aid keeps prices per hectare high, even on poor quality soils as we have in this neighbourhood, which is why we cannot afford to increase our farm size."

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“Consequently we rent a further 40 to 50 hectares for growing lucerne, oats and grass for hay for the sheep that are grazed in paddocks around the farmhouse,” he said.



“The EU also places strong emphasis on Scrapie resistance, therefore we cannot sell rams with VRQ allele as G4 or G5. This is also crazy and unnecessary if we don’t feed sheep with animal protein,” he said.

Because of the smaller property sizes, farming is certainly in another dimension from Australia’s larger ‘broad acre’ farming systems, but the common denominator in sheep management is to have hardy, adaptable and productive sheep with strong maternal traits.

“Most of the commercial sheep breeders in Hungary run self-replacing flocks, so good maternal traits are important in any terminal sire breed rams we use, plus they need to be good milking ewes like Suffolks so we can wean lambs as early as possible,” Levente said.

“We have tried most of the available terminal sires over the last 20 years, including western European breeds such as Berrichon du Cher and Texel; but they don’t tolerate our hot summers and longer walking necessary to graze,” Levente said.

“We need ewes that are capable of joining out of season in April/May, to lamb in September to October. Most of our ewes are joined in August-September, thus lambing down in the middle of our winter in January and February,” he said.

“All the ewes that lamb in the winter are kept inside with hay and crop till weaning, because in this period lambs must be fattened intensively as they have to be ready by Easter.”

“We wean them finally at eight to ten weeks of age, but actually start the weaning process earlier every morning and afternoon for a while, then for longer time periods, to force them to eat solid feed as soon as they can.”

“The lambs have a school with pellets and lucerne hay that only they can access. They are vaccinated with Convexin 10 to give protection against Clostridium diseases at two to three weeks of age, plus they are injected with selenium just after birth.”

“We produce suckers of 28 to 30 kg liveweight mainly for the Italian market for Christmas. When they reach that weight, an exporter comes to the farm and pays us subject to the deal we made earlier and then they ship the lambs to Italian slaughter houses,” Levente said.

Because of the lesser sheep numbers, wool harvesting is also substantially different from Australia.

“I try to shear the flock in May, depending on the weather. We don’t class the wool on farm as you do. We put it into big bags and take it to a wool collector. They then sort it into the various quality lines and press into bales, with a majority then going to China,” Levente explained.

It was the desire for a better terminal sire breed that kept Levente searching for other options.

“It was back in 2013 when I randomly stumbled upon a YouTube promotional clip about White Suffolks that sparked my interest,” Levente said.

“Australian breeders know a lot more about the hot weather and handling drought, so I then found the Australian White Suffolk Association’s website and noticed how big and well organised the breed was,” he added.

The White Suffolk breed’s early development coincided with national sire progeny testing schemes and then the development of the Lambplan flock performance recording scheme. Success in those sire progeny testing schemes certainly assisted greatly in the breed’s acceptance, while also, with the breed’s links to several other breeds (primarily Poll Dorsets and Suffolks) used in the whitening process, enabled the Lambplan system to evolve into the across flock & breeds scheme it is today.

That success and role certainly gave incentive to members to use Lambplan and along with breed administrative encouragement, a vast majority of members use it instinctively. That has been a big factor in establishing the commercial breeder preference for White Suffolks that exists today.

"I started a little research on how Lambplan works and concluded that we should import White Suffolks, plus adopt the Lambplan technology, then with this combination in place through AWSA, it must work successfully for us," Levente said.

"I kept my eyes on the figures of the top White Suffolk breeders and soon realised they are doing a great job and the breed's development is incredible. I foresee a very bright future for this breed," he said.

It is one thing to develop the belief, but it is another altogether to successfully put that dream into a successful action plan.

It was in 2015 that Levente implemented the first action on his plan when he sent emails to a few identified leading White Suffolk breeders, querying the possibility of embryo transfer and then importing White Suffolk embryos and/or semen into Hungary.

"I got a response from Steve Funke from the Bundara Downs stud, and then Steve found Murray River Genetics that had EU accreditation for embryo and semen export," Levente said.

"Bundara Downs has a flock big enough to be able to provide 11 unrelated donor ewes which was ideal for our needs, while also getting genetic diversity," he added.

The next stage of the plan was to successfully transport the embryos into Hungary. In 2016, one year on from Levente's initial email contact, 139 frozen embryos were imported. Implantation was undertaken into recipient ewes by a specialist team from the University of Debrecen in 2017. Subsequently 52 lambs were born.



Recipient ewes.



Embryo transfer being undertaken into the recipients.

The stud currently comprises 38 registered White Suffolk ewes and Levente's dream and action plan is well and truly along the road to success. The plan is to increase the size of the stud and of course stimulate wider interest and use of White Suffolks in Hungary and other European countries. Levente has recently commenced the process of importing some semen from the Farrer stud.



White Suffolk ewe lambing down twin lambs.



White Suffolk ewes and lambs grazing at Fala.

The family received a significant boost in August this year when they exhibited some of their Fala White Suffolks at the annual Debrecen Agricultural Farm and Food Fair. After Budapest, Debrecen is Hungary's second largest city and is one of the country's most important cultural centres.

The Fair is the leading international agricultural and food trade fair in Hungary, being established in 1993 by the Centre of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Debrecen and now seeing over 500 exhibitors with up to 50,000 visitors inspecting those sites.

In displaying some sheep from their newly established Fala stud, they came home with very good rewards and most certainly made a significant impression on those who inspected them.

They won the Allbreed Ewe Lamb Group category with three of their ewes, F188622, F188620 and F1888616.

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“The ewe in the photo is a well muscled lamb with high growth, but because their head shape is slightly Roman nosed, more like a Border Leicester, which people here are not familiar with, she only got second place in the Allbreed individual sheep class.”

“The White Suffolks are doing fine in this environment. They can tolerate hot summers very well and they certainly produce high growth rates; they are meat mountains,” Levente said.

“We join the stud ewes in October to November so they lamb in Spring onto green. They are run in paddocks with their lambs that we don’t fatten as they will be kept, but they do get supplementary feed if needed in times of drought. The stud lambs are also vaccinated with Covexin 10 and of course get a booster after four to six weeks, while the stud ewe lambs also get a Chlamydia vaccination,” Levente said.

“In the showing at Debrecen last year we only got second and third places, but now judges and breeders are getting to know this breed more, with the flow-on of developing a growing demand for rams,” Levente said.

“As a member of your Association, it feels very good to be included and welcomed and that you all accept Fala as a member of your family; maybe that is the key of your success,” Levente concluded.



Attila Lajko is holding Fala 188622 and the ribbon, the best of the three ewes that won the Allbreeds Ewe Lamb Group class at Debrecen Agricultural Farm & Food Fair.



White Suffolk ewe hoggets in the cold of midwinter at Fala stud, Hungary

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L - R Lincoln McKinlay GTSM, Anthony Ferguson of Annavilla White Suffolks at Weetalta SA, Craig Mitchell Gemini Principal, Emily Mitchell (front) Chloe Mitchell (back) Michael Glasser GTSM.

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With an outstandingly low birthweight of .42, weaning weight of 12.6 and TCP of 158, Lot 73 achieved the highest price for the October 16th sale at \$4,000. The ram was purchased by Anthony Ferguson of Annavilla White Suffolks at Weetalta SA for Geoff Gale at Galaxy Park White Suffolks, Monarto SA.

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Champion White Suffolk Ram & Ewe
Sunnybanks

Hobart Royal Show Results 2019

1st October, Hobart, TAS

Judge: Owen Badcock, Hagley, Tasmania

Champion Ram
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Reserve Champion Ram
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Champion Ewe
SUNNYBANKS, P DAY

Reserve Champion Ewe
WALKER WHITES

Ram, shorn, under 1½ years

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Cremorne, GR & MJ Cornish
3. Cardello, C Cresswell

Pen of 2 rams, shorn, under 1½ years

1. Cremorne, GR & MJ Cornish

Ram, 1½ years, shorn within 28 days

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Cardello, C Cresswell

Ram, shorn, born on or after 1st August previous year

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Fairbank, CFH Badcock
3. Fairbank, CFH Badcock

Ram Lamb

1. Walkers Whites, JA Walker
2. Walkers Whites, JA Walker

Ewe Shorn

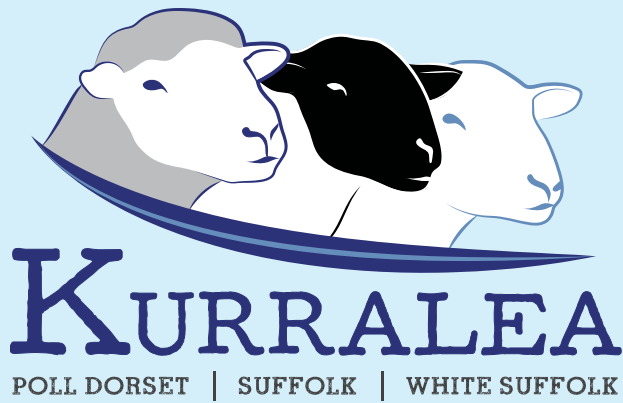
1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Walkers Whites, JA Walker
3. Sunnybanks, P Day

Ewe Lamb

1. Walkers Whites, JA Walker
2. Walkers Whites, JA Walker

Group of 3

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Walkers Whites, JA Walker
3. Cardello, C Cresswell



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