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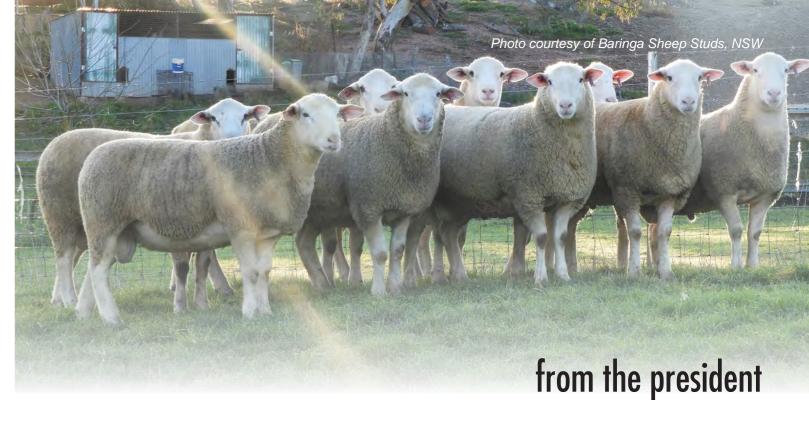
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It is great to see that the season has been promising for most but most importantly it is great to hear that Western Australia is finally having a good season after a few tough years.

The Show circuit has begun and I wish everyone making an effort to attend local and major shows all the best with their exhibits. May you also enjoy the opportunity to gather with other breeders again and the comradery that comes with attending the shows and sales. I plan to attend the Royal Adelaide Show this year and hope to catch up with as many members as possible.

The AWSA Satellite Flock project is going well with the lambs marked in early July. I must thank Anthony Hurst and Steve and Debbie Milne for the work they have put into the project. I am looking forward to seeing the results and hearing the report at our National Conference in February.

While on the Conference, plans are continuing to hold the Conference in its usual form all going well from 13th to 15th February 2022. The venue will be the Lake Hume Resort in Albury, New South Wales. Paul Routley and his team are currently putting together a program. I encourage all members to consider attending as it has been some time since we have been allowed to gather in person, and it would be great to catch up with as many members as possible at the Conference.

We have recently sent out information on Hypotrichosis to all members. It has been a while since we have provided an update on the genetic condition and

reminded members of the testing recommendations in place. It is interesting to read the AuctionsPlus report that is included in this newsletter and see the growth of the breed on AuctionsPlus over the past two years. I feel this is likely due to White Suffolks becoming a popular maternal sire choice in self-replacing flocks. This is great to see, but it is also why it is important that all members are aware of Hypotrichosis. I encourage you all to read through the information and testing recommendations and to contact any of the Federal Council or Nikki if you have any questions.

On a sad note, I recently learnt of the passing of two long-term White Suffolk members from Western Australia. Heather Dowdell, who previously held the position of the WA Branch Secretary and President, and Stan Dorman who was involved in the APS syndicate / Advancer White Suffolk Stud. Our thoughts are with the families of Heather and Stan during this difficult time.

Finally, I wish all members the best for the upcoming ram selling season. I hope that you have good success, but also that you can get out and about again to attend sales and support the breed.



Andrew Heinrich
President

## from the secretary

I write this while we are in the middle of another wave of lockdowns and Covid cases in Australia, and again the potential threat for show and sale events is making it hard to make plans and preparations.

It is great to see some of our members back out and about at events that have returned in 2021 however, and hopefully it continues that way as we move into the show and sale season.

We have recently updated the Event Calendar on the AWSA website with dates and information for events being held in 2021. I encourage you to have a look at the calendar, particularly if you are wanting information on the shows and sales coming up over the next few

The Member Sale Dates page has also been updated with the details members provided with their Annual Return. If your stud is missing and you would like to have it included, please contact me.

Thank you to all members that completed their Annual Returns promptly and sent in Brucellosis Accreditation certificates. It is always a lengthy process, but I am pleased to report that 99% of members completed their Annual Return online which is a huge help from an admin perspective. We are now working through the 2021 Flock Book which will be posted to members in early August.

I am also appreciative of the response to our call out for White Suffolk photos on Facebook recently, with many of the photos included in this newsletter. Thank you to all members that were willing to share their creativity.

I am sure the November newsletter will come around soon enough - if you have any good news stories to share or photos to include then please send them through!



Nikki Ward Secretariat

**AWSA Office Hours:** 

Tues - Fri

9:00am - 4:00pm

# new members

#### SINCE APRIL 2021

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

	Flock	Name	Town	State	Stud Prefix
	966	H Symons	Lockwood	VIC	Clayfields
	969	Cameron Ferguson	Weetulta	SA	Tiparra Springs
	970	JP & EJ Clothier	Wandillup	WA	Wandillup
	971	A K Martin	Kinypanial	VIC	Arana
	972	G Canny	Wangaratta	VIC	Kpark
	973	M & K Laidlaw	Strathmerton	VIC	Bajanna
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# GEMINI WHITE SUFFOLKS

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## 23rd ANNUAL SPRING SALE **WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2021**

ON PROPERTY AND ONLINE - VIEW FROM 10:30AM - AUCTION FROM 12:30PM

120 WHITE SUFFOLK RAMS INCLUDING 10 SPECIALLY SELECTED RAMS **20 SUFFOLK RAMS** INCLUDING 5 SPECIALLY SELECTED RAMS









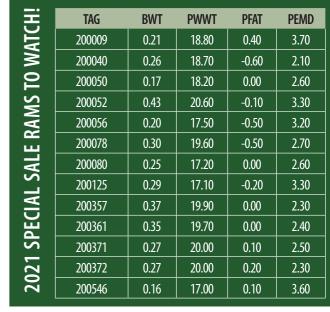
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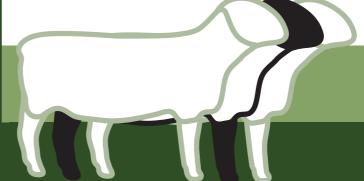
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**Prime Lamb Sires** 

# Federal Council Matters

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# Hypotrichosis Information and Recommendations for Testing

Updated information on Hypotrichosis and the current recommendations for testing were emailed to all members in July. We encourage you to read the information and recommendations in full to give you a good understanding of the genetic condition and the testing you can undertake.

With the increased use of White Suffolks as a maternal sire, it is important that members are aware of the testing recommendations.

The current recommendations / guidelines are:

- Breeders should test all sires they intend to use and ensure outside sires have been tested. If all sires are tested the incidence of the condition will reduce to negligible levels.
- If breeders are selling rams into maternal breeding programs, they should consider testing all those rams.
- Testing ewes is not generally recommended however:
  - of the pedigree, then they should consider testing related ewes so they can manage the condition.
  - » Breeders undertaking ET progress should consider testing the donor ewes.
  - » If breeders are buying stud ewes, they should enquire about the Hypotrichosis testing strategy of the stud and if in doubt test the purchased ewes.
- Breeders dispersing their flocks, or having ewe reduction sales should ensure sires, grandsires and mating sires are free of the condition.

How to test for Hypotrichosis

A specific test for Hypotrichosis carried out by SARDI is available through the AWSA. This test uses a nasal/ oral swab. Full instructions are provided with the test kits. The current cost is \$30 plus GST per test kit. Please contact the AWSA secretary to order test kits.

Neogen, a genomics provider, is currently working with the AWSA to validate a test for Hypotrichosis on its SNP chip. Members will be provided with more information on this once the validation is completed.

If you wish to discuss Hypotrichosis within your flock and individual considerations for testing, please contact a member of the Technical Subcommittee:

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Peter Angus - 0408 826 009

David Pipkorn - 0428 918 372

#### Scam Emails - Updated AWSA Mailing List

Many members have been receiving a scam email from a third party offering the "2021 Australian White Suffolk Association Updated Mailing List" to purchase.

Members are reminded that this is a scam and you are encouraged to block the sender and report it as spam. If you are unsure how to do so, please contact Nikki for assistance

The AWSA has also returned a response to as many email senders advising that the email has been reported to the Australian Communications and Media Authority as it breaches spam laws and the Spam Act.

We are hopeful that awareness by members, blocking, reporting as spam and our response will assist in reducing the occurrence of these emails.

Again, if you are uncertain about any email involving the Association, please contact Nikki to seek her advice.

#### Flock Book & Annual Returns

Thank you to all members that promptly completed their 2021 Annual Return. The Flock Book is currently in production and will be distributed to members in August.

#### Ovine Brucellosis Accreditation

Members are reminded of their obligation to ensure their Ovine Brucellosis accreditation is kept up-to-date, and that a copy of your accreditation certificate is required. If you have not already done so, please upload a copy to your Stud Details on WebManager or send a copy to the Secretary.

## AWSA National Conference: 13th - 15th February 2022 @ Lake Hume Resort, Albury NSW

At this stage we are continuing to plan for the 2022 National Conference at Lake Hume Resort in Albury, New South Wales. The Conference is scheduled for Sunday 13th February – Tuesday 15th February 2022. Members are welcome to book accommodation at the Lake Hume Resort – please visit www.lakehumeresort.com.au or call (02) 6026 4444 and make sure to mention the AWSA conference for a special rate.

More information and program will be sent to members later in the year.



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# Promotions & Marketina

Courtesy of Peter Angus

August 2021

#### **2021 Promotions Campaign**

We have been busy locking in our 2021 Promotions Campaign across several different advertising mediums and platforms.

In a snapshot, our 2021 Promotions Campaign will include:

- Print advertising across each state.
- Digital advertising on Rural Press (ACM) websites in each state (and local targeted campaigns in specific areas), AuctionsPlus and Sheep Central.
- White Suffolk specific editorial for print and digital media.
- The continual use of our social media channels to share stories and promote the breed and special events, e.g. Win A Ram Competition.
- TV Advertisement aired on the WIN Network across nine regions.





#### White Suffolk Editorial

We are pleased to report that we have engaged Julia Wythes as our new editorialist. Julia has extensive experience with rural media and is the daughter of Paul and Virginia Kurtz, so has a great understanding of our breed and Association.

We are looking forward to working with Julia to increase our exposure and the saturation of White Suffolk stories in rural media over the next 12 months.

If you have any story leads or successes that you feel the Association should promote, then please contact us.

#### 2021 Win A Ram Competition Now Open

The 2021 Win A Ram Competition is now open to all commercial producers. Two \$1500 vouchers will be awarded to use towards the purchase of a White Suffolk ram from a registered stud.

Members are encouraged to promote this competition to their clients and networks.

Please note that members / registered studs are not eligible to enter this competition. The purpose of the competition is to increase the use of White Suffolk sires in commercial flocks and encourage the purchase of White Suffolk sires from registered studs.

The competition closes on 17/10/2021 and the winners will be drawn on 18/10/2021 at 10:00am (ACDT). Last year we did this on a Facebook Live which seemed to be well supported, we will be working towards doing this again in 2021.



#### Member Sale Dates

A number of members utilized the new Sale Date field in the Annual Return stud details section. We have now loaded these to the AWSA website and linked through to websites and Facebook pages as much as possible. You can find the list under the Members tab on the website "Member Sale Dates" and we will also promote the webpage via Facebook.

If you wish to have your date included, or your website or Facebook page added, please contact the Secretary.

#### White Suffolk Photos

We recently posted to our Facebook page looking for great White Suffolk photos to use in our Newsletter. Thank you to everyone that sent in some outstanding photos to us. We look forward to including them in our Newsletters.

As always, we will credit the individual stud/member on each photo, but if you have any issue with us using your photo then please get in touch and let us know.



Photo courtesy of M Burzacott, Richmond Park, SA



#### 2021 SA Sheep Expo Scholarships

The AWSA was delighted to host three scholarship recipients at the 2021 SA Sheep Expo in April – Lachlan Grossman, Charlotte Poker and Ella Richter. It was great to meet them all and watch them learn over the 3-day event. Each of them provided a report on their time at the Expo in this newsletter.

As the event was only open to SA residents, the remaining 7 scholarship recipients will be given the opportunity to redeem their scholarship in 2022.



#### Sponsorship

We are pleased to advise that Zoetis and Rural Bank are continuing their sponsorship and support of our Association for the 2021/2022 year, alongside Shearwell who has provided in-kind sponsorship for our AWSA Satellite Flock.

Bromar Engineering has also kindly provided a lick feeder as the prize for the Supreme Champion White Suffolk Exhibit at Dubbo, Adelaide and the Elite Show & Sale.

Members are encouraged to support these businesses wherever possible.



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## BUNDARA DOWNS

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Foundation Breeders Sale - Wednesday 8th September 2021 Summer Ram Lamb Sale - Friday 28th January 2022 6th Biennial Mated Ewe Sale - Friday 1st April 2022

#### **25th Annual Production Sale**

## Friday 17th September at 11.00am SA time

On property, Western Flat, via Bordertown

On Offer: 380 rams consisting of 22 stud rams, 20 specially selected rams & 338 flock rams. White Suffolk: 6 stud, 10 selected & 230 flock



Enquries always welcome: Steve, Ros & Greg Funke, PO Box 614, Bordertown, SA 5268 Ph/Fax 08 8758 2032 Mob: Steve 0418 853 980 Ros 0448 002 758 Greg 0400 262 492

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All upcoming sales will also be

online at AuctionsPlus.

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# YANCO WHITE SUFFOLKS



**Sixth On-Property Ram Sale** 

Wed 15th September 2021 11am EST

Approx. 50 performance-recorded 2020-Drop White **Suffolk Rams for Auction by Helmsman** simultaneously with AuctionsPlus online

- **OJD MN3V Status**
- **Brucellosis Accredited Free**
- **DNA Tested**
- **Structurally Assessed**
- Photos, video and catalogue available on webpage by Aug
- Majority of catalogued rams in the top 10% for LEQ index



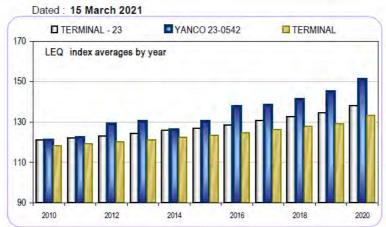
Yanco 190030 top-priced ram 2020, sold for \$4350. Sired by Ella Matta 170300

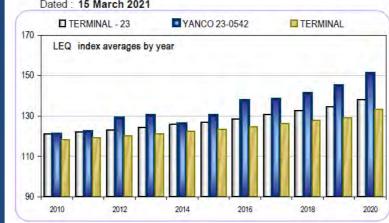
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MARKET OUTLOOK

## White Suffolk Listings Go Baalistic

By Teeah Bungey, AuctionsPlus



White Suffolk listings on AuctionsPlus have seen considerable growth over recent years, with a listings increase of 130% from 2016 to 2020, with a peak of 437.603 head offered.

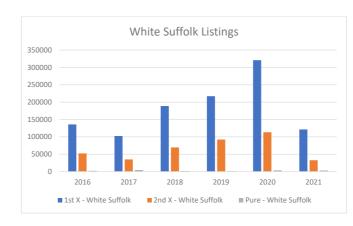


Figure 1: White Suffolk Listings on AuctionsPlus 2016 - 2021

The first half of 2021 has seen 157,071 head of White Suffolk's offered online with seasonal trends indicating the biggest months for White Suffolk listings are still to come. Historically, White Suffolk new season lambs boost throughput levels in Spring which will strongly dictate total listing numbers for 2021. The favourable seasonal outlook for the next three months creates the opportunity for lambs to put condition on, which could see store lamb numbers continue to rise beyond the highs of 2020.

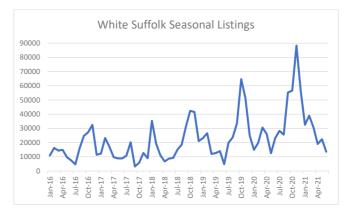


Figure 2: White Suffolk Seasonal Listings on AuctionsPlus 2016 - 2021

2020 growth for the stock category was underpinned by restocker demand and positive seasonal conditions across the eastern states. Rebuilding flock numbers has corresponded with significant price returns for all livestock across the market as the strength of prices remain robust through the first half of 2021 which supports ongoing producer demand.

		Purebred -	Ewes	First X - Ewes				
Year	Offered	Average	YOY Change	Offered	Average	YOY Change		
2016	1,014	\$285	-	1,577	\$110	-		
2017	1,719	\$166	-42%	6,922	\$157	42%		
2018	1,238	\$193	16%	7,065	\$139	-11%		
2019	188	\$261	36%	4,443	\$165	18%		
2020	2,541	\$297	14%	8,985	\$238	44%		
2021	955	\$409	38%	1,143	\$208	-13%		

Figure 3: Annual Average Prices for White Suffolk Ewes

In line with listing numbers, White Suffolk ewe prices saw a significant increase in 2020 particularly for first cross offerings which increased 44% from 2019 to average \$238/head. The growing value placed on first cross White Suffolk ewes in the sheep industry is clear, with prices in 2020 averaging 216% higher than 2016. The first half of 2021 has seen purebred White Suffolk ewe prices continue to increase, averaging 38% higher to average \$409/head. Prices for first cross ewes are back 13% from 2020 to average \$208/head.

	Fir	st X - Mixed S	ex Lambs	Second X - Mixed Sex Lambs				
Year	Offered	Average	YOY Change	Offered	Average	YOY Change		
2016	117,036	\$99	-	46,362	\$104			
2017	74,581	\$112	13%	23,918	\$122	17%		
2018	157,777	\$108	-4%	60,578	\$118	-3%		
2019	181,066	\$129	20%	84,630	\$131	10%		
2020	140,057	\$149	16%	93,556	\$156	19%		
2021	41,165	\$159	6%	22,489	\$171	10%		

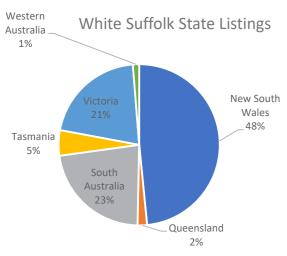
Figure 4: Yearly Average Prices for White Suffolk Mixed Sexes

Underpinned by strong demand in both domestic and export markets, prices for first and second cross mixed sex lambs have risen year-on-year with the exception of 2018. Since 2016, both first and second cross White Suffolk mixed sex lambs have increased by an average of 10.5% annually. For the first half of 2021, first and second cross mixed sex lambs have averaged \$159/head and \$171/head, respectively. Second cross lambs have traded as a premium to first cross lambs on AuctionsPlus since 2016, with White Suffolk X Border Leicester/ Merino's making up 49% of the second cross offering.









White Suffolk State Purchases

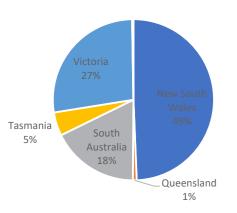


Figure 5: State White Suffolk Listings and Purchasers

Breakdown (2016 - 2021)

As shown in Figure 5, State based listings for White Suffolk's between 2016-June 2021 indicate that New South Wales have considerable share of both online listings and purchases for the breed making up 48% and 49% of the offering, respectively. On a regional level Central Western NSW, tops the listings for the state making up 24% of the offering, whilst the NSW Riverina region tops the state purchases, securing 35%.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mixed Sexes	85%	89%	80%	83%	90%	96%
Ewes	50%	47%	42%	63%	76%	52%
Overall	90%	91%	84%	86%	90%	89%

Figure 6: White Suffolk Clearance Rates

Clearance rates from 2016-2021 reflect the market volatility from fluctuations in supply and seasonal conditions, with lower clearance correlating to dry periods when listings are higher, and producers destock. As shown in Figure 6, demand for White Suffolk's, particularly the mixed sex category has been strong - averaging 87% since 2016. This is significantly higher than the AuctionsPlus yearly sheep clearance average of 75% for the same period.

As positive seasonal conditions continue to facilitate the growth and rebuild of the national flock, demand for the White Suffolk breed is set to remain high- particularly heading into spring lamb selling season.



## Superwhites Update

Courtesy of Andrew Bouffler, Chairman

The Superwhites group recently held its Annual General Meeting for its members on Zoom.

At the meeting, Steve Milne retired as Chairman of Superwhites and from the Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for his outstanding contribution and the effort he dedicated to the role. Steve did an outstanding job in bringing increased structure and discipline to our group, and I must also thank Debbie for her assistance behind the scenes as well.



Congratulations to Joel Donnan who was elected onto the Superwhites Committee at the AGM. He joins Aaron Clothier, Andrew Heinrich, Darren Smith and myself.

I have stepped up to the role of Chairman and am looking forward to the opportunity.

The Committee recently selected the Series 26 team and is now preparing the allocations for members and collection of semen.

- Andrew Bouffler Chairman



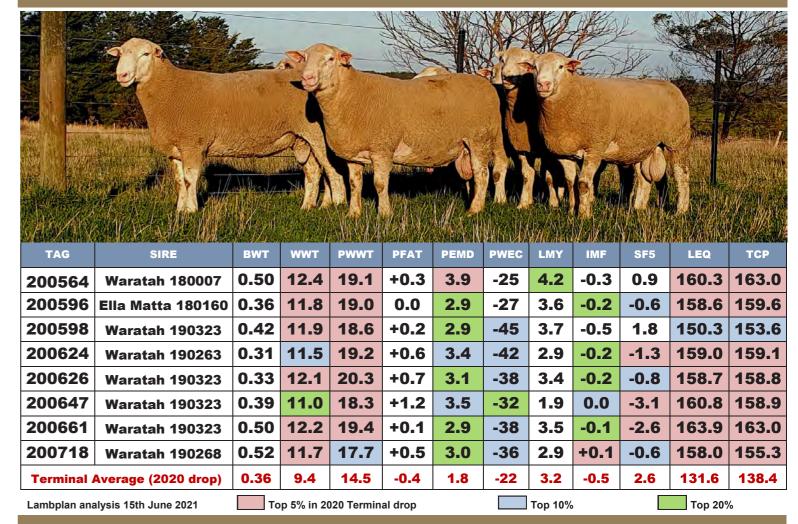






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Select rams available this spring at Adelaide Royal Show and Waratah on property sale on Monday 11th October 2021



## **Waratah Flock Dispersal**

It is with regret that Steve and Debbie have made the difficult decision to retire from breeding stud sheep and focus on Richmond Hill Agribusiness.

The Waratah flock will be completely dispersed in 2022.

First stage will be the sale of all joined ewes on Friday 8th April 2022. Final stage will be the ram sale and all 2021 drop ewes in October 2022.

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ANIMAL HANDLING & TECHNOLOGY

## Elevate your Flock with eID

Taking a livestock business to the next level requires good monitoring, good decision making and great implementation.

Electronic identification (eID) can be a powerful tool to make more informed flock management decisions at critical times throughout the year, such as pregnancy scanning and lamb marking.

MLA Donor Company (MDC) co funded the Agriculture Victoria 'elD Enabled' project to investigate opportunities to incorporate eID on farm and within the lamb supply chain.

"The more things you measure, the more you can perfect your management and the better your business will be," Agriculture Victoria technical specialist Kirstie Anderson said.

"Incorporating eID systems into your enterprise can help you achieve this outcome.

"eID enables you to record different aspects of performance across a range of time points. This data can then be collated and analysed, allowing you to make informed decisions.

"The value of implementing eID is higher the earlier you start recording information. Ideally you should apply the tags at lamb marking and start your data recording from that point."

#### Five benefits of using eID

The value eID can bring to individual sheep businesses varies, but broadly includes these five benefits:

#### 1. Measure the response to management

eID makes it possible to make a change and measure the difference – such as matching condition score at joining to pregnancy scanning result.

#### 2. Manage individuals while also managing the mob

Use eID to monitor individual animals while running them in large mobs. The technology allows mobs of sheep to be boxed together for periods of time before drafting them back into their relevant classes, reducing labour requirements and streamlining grazing efficiency while retaining the ability to monitor individual animals.

#### 3. Increase labour flexibility

Reliably condition scoring individual animals requires training - if key staff members are busy or leave, it's not always possible to have a trained individual to complete these assessments. However, when eID equipment is set up, relatively untrained staff can collect weights - information which can be used to assess an animal's status.

#### 4. Select animals to retain

Use eID to collect data on individual animals to aid decisions such as which sheep to retain in the flock based on their performance. To do this effectively the data collection process must start as early as possible, from lamb marking.

#### 5. Enhance traceability

The ability to track animals as they move through the value chain is an important feature of eID, but it's not only useful for industry to prepare for biosecurity breaches. Consumers increasingly expect to be able to trace their food and fibre to its source and are willing to pay more for products they trust.

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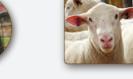
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Below: Gundagai Meat Processors is paying producers a premium for better eating-quality lamb. (ABC: Marty McCarthy)



Above: Gundagai Meat Processors is using x-ray technology and an MEQ Probe to assess meat quality. (Supplied: Jordy Kitschke)

MARKET OUTLOOKS

## X-rays and a Probe could make Lamb Meat Taste even Better

Courtesy of SA Country Hour

An abattoir is paying farmers a premium for better eatingquality lamb in a development one industry figure says could be a "game changer" for the meat industry.

Gundagai Meat Processors (GMP) is paying producers a premium of 50 cents per kilogram for lamb if the carcase has a certain amount of intramuscular fat, commonly known as marbling.

The processor is using x-ray technology to determine the eating quality of a carcase, which they then feedback to farmers while not slowing down the processing of carcases.

GMP chief executive Will Barton said measuring marbling was the key to improving meat quality.

"The single most important trait that we're looking for in a lamb — as it relates to its eating quality outcome — is the level of intramuscular fat in its carcase," he said.

"That's really the key metric we're looking for when it comes to eating quality, which we need to balance, of course, with how well the carcase yields, and the animal welfare of the carcase.

"We also measure animal health conditions by carcase.

"We were able to tell farmers if their carcases had any of about 20 animal health conditions that we measure."

Andrew Michael is a director of Meat and Livestock Australia and owns Leahcim Poll Merino Stud in South Australia's mid-north.

He said systems such as the one at GMP were a "gamechanger" for the sheep industry.

Mr Michael also said it would encourage farmers to breed for better eating-quality in sheep.

"If we were just to select [sheep for breeding] for lean meat yield, we actually then have the meat too lean so it would lose that intramuscular fat and tenderness," he

"This way it will guide the whole industry to the highestvalue meats we can produce."

GMP uses a type of x-ray technology called dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry, which — with humans — is used to determine the risk of broken bones or fractures.

The company also uses a special type of probe developed by agtech start-up MEQ Probe —to determine meat quality.

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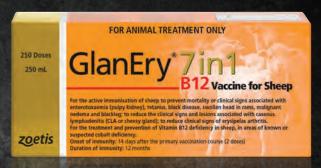
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Pregnant Ewes previously vaccinated	Booster	4-6 weeks prior to lambing
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(rams, wethers and non pregnant ewes)	Second	4-6 weeks later
Previously vaccinated Adult sheep (rams, wethers and non pregnant ewes)	Booster	Administer annually, 12 months after previous dose



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Reserve Champion Ewe MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL

Left: Macarthur Anglican School students Charlie Pudsey and Mikayla Muscat hold the Reserve and Grand Champion White Suffolk rams with judge Will Milroy, Tasmania. Photo courtesy of The Land.

## **Sydney Royal Show Results 2021**

1-12 April 2021, SYDNEY, NSW

Judge: Will Milroy, Rangeview Stud, TAS

GENERAL INTEREST

## Macarthur School glad to be back on Meat Sheep Mat

Courtesy of The Land

All 10 White Suffolk sheep at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show were exhibited by Macarthur Anglican School at Cobbitty but you couldn't wipe the smile off student's faces as they paraded on the mat.

Their team of four milk tooth rams, four milk tooth ewes and two older ewes were judged by Tasmania's William Milroy and received plenty of praise.

Macarthur agriculture teacher David Baker said it was the first show for the majority of the students due to the cancellation of their normal appearances at Canberra, Castle Hill and Camden.

Despite not coming up against any other exhibitors, the trip was well worth it.

"To get a good hit out with the kids and the sheep was a bonus." he told The Land.

"Hopefully when we go out to Dubbo (show) in the middle of May we will get some more competition and know where we stand but to get the feedback from the judge was a real advantage of coming to the Sydney Royal."

The school joins 25 ewes each year with the Grand Champion ram one of the last lambs born on their eight hectare (20 acre) property where they also run steers.

The ram was a winner of the August-born, milk tooth class, and had Farrer bloodlines on his dam side and Warburn in his sire line.

"He was a single lamb and he has grown out quite well since the time he was born," Mr Baker said.

Their Reserve Grand Champion ram came from the same class.

In the ewe judging it was the winner of the June/July-born, milk tooth, shorn class that went all the way.

She came up against her twin sister in that class of two but couldn't be beaten as she went all the way to the top.

Speaking on the championship class, Mr Milroy said the winning female had the potential to turn into a great breeding ewe.

He admired her top line and hindquarter that put her ahead of the "powerful" Reserve Grand Champion who was still good on her feet.

The Reserve was the winner of the two tooth and over class.



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SHEEP HEALTH & NUTRITION

## Project Points to Healthier National Sheep Flock

By Victoria Nugent, story courtesy of Farm Online

A national project that last year monitored nearly 9.5 million Australian sheep has found a low and decreasing incidence of disease, but more producers could use the project's feedback to improve profitability and productivity.

That's the message from Animal Health Australia senior manager of biosecurity Rob Barwell.

The National Sheep Health Monitoring Project started in 2007 to monitor lines of sheep in abattoirs for up to 20 animal health conditions and is run by Animal Health Australia with the support of sheep industry organisations Sheep Producers Australia and WoolProducers Australia.

Dr Barwell said South Australia had led the way in getting feedback to producers about the results of the project.

"They've used additional state sheep industry funding, really ever since the project got up and running in 2007 and they've sent letters to producers who've had sheep with conditions in them over five per cent for many years," he said.

"In the last couple of years they've also started sending emails out to producers who have clean lines... so they have utilised an additional funding source there to value add.

"In an ideal world all states would have been doing the same but the reality is that resourcing that they have used is just not in every state."

Producers can access their sheep's results through Livestock Data Link portal, but Dr Barwell said making sure that the feedback is used enough is "a work in

"The long-term goal is to bring down those conditions where we can make a difference," Dr Barwell said.

"There are certainly conditions where producers might be able to vaccinate, drench, worm or do something about the paddocks... we're hoping that helps with improving the levels of some of these conditions and that will improve the productivity and profitability of both producers and the processors where the data is collected."

Monitoring for 2019/20 occurred in 10 abattoirs across all states.

According to the NSHMP annual report, bladder worm, cheesy gland and nephritis recorded the highest levels of incidence in inspected sheep affecting 3.6pc, 2.5pc and 2.8pc of animals respectively.

AWI program manager, sheep health and welfare, Bridget Peachey, who is a member of the NSHMP Steering Committee, said the project has generated comprehensive data that provides a good indication of the excellent animal health status of the Australian flock.

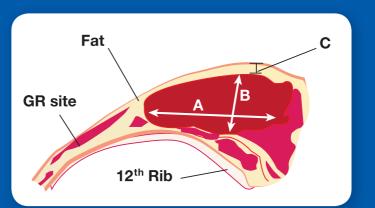
"While governments, industry groups and processors use this information to provide solid evidence to demonstrate the high quality of Australian sheepmeat and to support market access, it also provides further evidence to a wider audience that Australian sheep and wool producers are committed to exceptionally high standards of animal health and welfare," Ms Peachey said.

"The report is also useful for producers, animal health advisors and state departments of agriculture to track if there are any adverse health conditions emerging in their region so that they can fine tune their animal health programs and address the issues swiftly.

"Bladder worm, cheesy gland and nephritis recorded the highest levels of incidence during 2019/20, but nephritis appears to be the only condition that has been gradually increasing in occurrence nationally in inspected sheep during the past three years.

"Cheesy gland is something that woolgrowers should particularly look out for because it is associated with a decrease in wool production, wool contamination and chronic infection causes ill thrift, emaciation and can affect reproductive performance."

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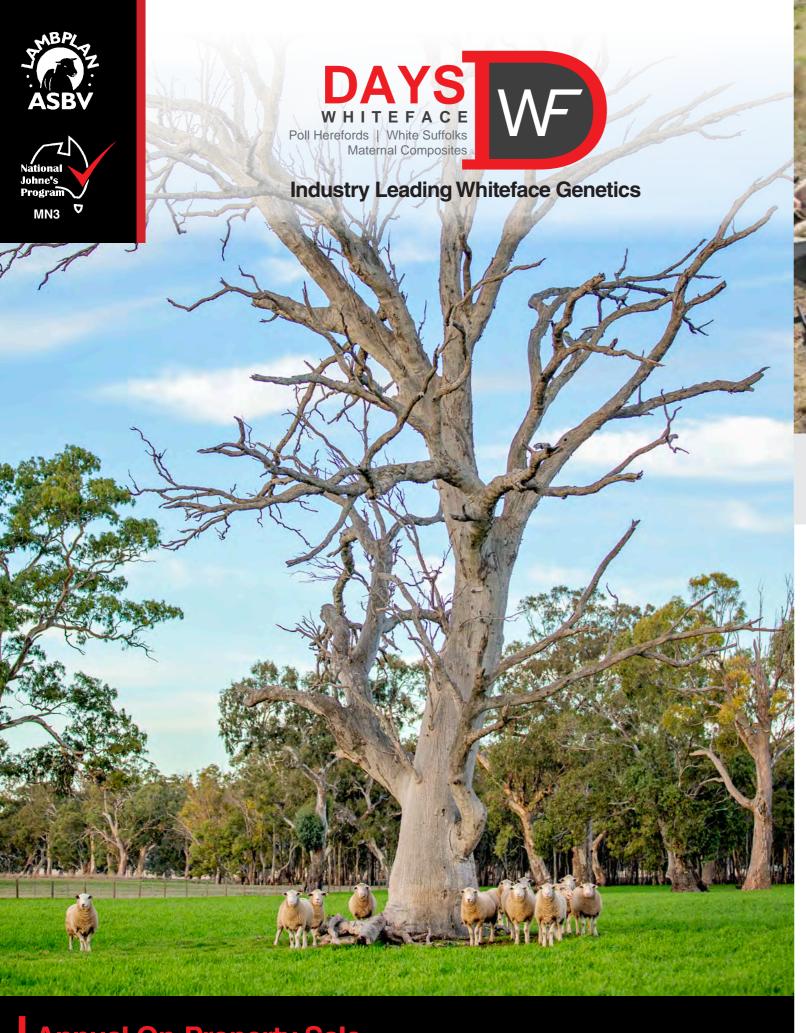
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The use of anaesthesia and analgesia during all medical procedures will not only help recovery, but assist with behavioural, immune system health and physiological aspects.

## Maximise Patient Comfort and Help get Lambs Back to their Paddocks

By Kristen Frost, story courtesy of Farm Online

Looking after the youngest members of a sheep flock and getting them back to their paddocks quickly after lamb marking not only ensures ongoing improved health and welfare, it also means minimal stress and maximum recovery.

And the adoption of pain relief in the form of anaesthetic and analgesic (A&A) by many Australian sheep producers is helping maximise patient comfort.

Dr Tim Gole from 'For Flocks Sake' said the secret to a successful lamb marking is treating the lamb and the environment the same as we would when a human undergoes surgery.

"We need to really push the story that lambs are getting a human level of care when we perform animal husbandry procedures," Dr Gole said.

"Sheep producers are surgeons and we must look at our sheep as patients.

"We have to think about things like hygiene, minimising stress and maximising the lamb's recovery.

"The cleaner we can make it, the less chance we are going to have in producing infections."

Dr Gole said timing is imperative, with the perfect age for lamb marking between two and eight weeks.

"Smaller wounds have shorter healing times which allows them to heal as fast as possible and gives bacteria less chance to cause dramas," Dr Gole said.

"Any older than eight weeks will end in bigger wounds so there will be higher contamination rates. Too young then the little ones will receive a significant setback."

But all surgeries have their complications, and one of the biggest in lamb marking is arthritis.

Arthritis can occur when bacteria gets into the joints, which don't have good immune systems.

"They get there from marking wounds if the bacteria gets into the bloodstream from the wound and goes along in the bloodstream until it finds a spot," Dr Gole said.

"But the bigger the wound, the more contamination and the more contaminated, the bigger the chance of arthritis."

Other aspects that need to be applied at lamb marking is shorter needle length to lessen the chance of unwanted inflammation in the muscle and making sure the tail docking length is between joint three and four.

At the correct length, the ewe can lift her tail the urine and faeces is channelled away from the breech area. This is important to minimise the discolouration which down the track attracts flies.

Short tails also don't give a sun-roof over the breach area increasing the risk of getting skin cancer in the vulva

"Tails that are too short also don't act appropriately to minimise the chance of rectal prolapse," Dr Gole said.

"The idea of having a tail that is three joints long allows the muscles around the sphincter to have a type of anchor to snap shut."

To minimise the effects of any surgery local anaesthetics such as Numnuts and Tri-Solfen work quickly by dealing with the acute pain phase.

And for the chronic pain stage analgesics such as Metacam and Buccalgesic or non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can be administered.

These chemicals work by reducing the effects of the inflammation they decrease the pain and the discomfort.

Studies show when used together there is reduced discomfort behaviour, ease of moving around post marking which means improved mothering-up and less drag in their tails meaning less wound contamination.

Another benefit is a reduction of stress on the immune

"A lambs immune system gets suppressed during the lamb marking experience," Dr Gole said.

"But by using A&As their white blood cells are better at fighting all the inflammation and also any chance of aetting the infection."

But he said the huge benefits of using these products is less physiological and biochemical stress.

"We end up with happier sheep and happier sheep have by far faster wound healing times," Dr Gole said.

"We know some of the marking procedures with all red meat industries can cause negative emotional responses in ourselves, in our consumers, but also in a nonconsuming public.

"So producers get to manage the expectations of consumers, inside and outside of the supply chain and help producers gather and maintain market access using quality insurance programs."

## Vale. Heather Dowdell (24.06.1945 - 14.06.2021)

It is with much sorrow that we report the passing of prominent West Australian White Suffolk identity Heather Dowdell of the Codji White Suffolk Stud. Heather will be long remembered for her service to the breed having held the position of WA Branch Secretary for nine terms and President for one term, husband Peter also served a term as WA Branch president. She was also a familiar face at shows around WA as both an exhibitor and judge.

Heather was born in Sydney but grew up in WA after her family moved to Perth when she was 5 years old.

Her early working life was in the oil and gas industry working for an international company before purchasing a 100-acre property at Wandering where she established a vineyard. Success for the vineyard was mixed with a highlight being awarded a Bronze Medallion for their Rosé at the Mt Barker Wine Show and placed 5th out of 87 entries for their Shiraz at the Perth Wine Show.

Heather and her husband Peter developed a passion for sheep and registered the Codji White Suffolk Stud in 1995. Over the years Codji Stud selected some of the best genetics available to make the stud a well-respected supplier of performance sires to industry. Heather had much success in the show ring which showed she was headed in the right direction, but it was the comradery between breeders that gave her the most pleasure

and what she strove for through her years on the WA Committee.

An accident with a sheep resulted in a knee injury to Heather which ultimately led to the sale of the Codji Stud to the Ditchburn Families Golden Hill stud.

Heathers husband Peter Dowdell remembers Heather as someone who always strove to do well at anything she

Heather unexpectedly passed on June the 14th after a short illness. She is survived by husband Peter, son Jeff, stepdaughter Emm-kate, grandchildren Llshae, Rose, Sabbatian, Oscar, Catlin and Ashley.





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#### 20W049 ET "LOCKDOWN"

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20W053 ET

Sire: Days 180294 SOD: Tattykeel 12W126



20W058 TW

Sire: Noremac 180003 SOD: Premier 'DYNOMO' 15P021 Twin brother in show tean



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Sire: Somerset 180102 SOD:Booloola 150066



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Sire: Farrer 160068 SOD: Baringa 'CLASSIC' 14W158



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Sire: Days 180081 SOD: Sunnydale 140216



20W183

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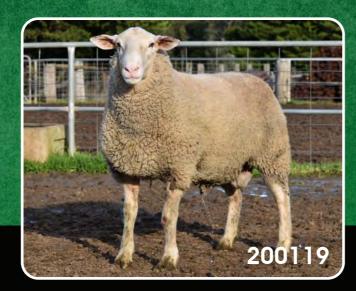


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	200248	Wakefield Park 160147	0.39	9.75	17.09	-0.59	3.68	160.65
E	200709	Somerset 170147	0.41	11.60	18.49	0.12	4.05	161.24
	200724	Somerset 160067	0.35	11.22	18.11	0.12	3.59	163.16
SE	200725	Aylesbury Farm 188262	0.55	11.85	19.88	-0.19	2.43	154.30
0	200780	Fairburn 180567	0.59	11.38	17.83	-0.33	3.14	156.61
7	200810	Somerset 160067	0.35	10.43	16.92	0.11	2.99	152.82
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COMMERCIAL STORIES

## All about Balance at Kojonup

By Jessica Whyte, story courtesy of Farm Weekly

The Brockman family is finding the right balance for its mixed enterprise operation at Kojonup.

David Brockman, alongside his wife Roxanne and their two children Oliver and Sari, is the fourth generation to farm the Kojonup property.

Though his parents are retired from farming, Mr Brockman said they were still very much involved, with his dad assisting with sheep feeding and checking the ewes during lambing.

"The sheep get used to being checked and it becomes a bit of a routine," Mr Brockman said.

The property is 1416 hectares (3500 acres) and runs 3600 Merino breeding ewes as well as 900 ewe hoggets.

In addition to the livestock enterprise, the Brockmans also run a cropping program for a 60:40 ratio.

The crops occupy 400ha and include canola, barley, wheat, oats and lupins.

Of that 100ha worth of grain is used as feed for the sheep.

They breed their own rams, buying in a stud sire every couple of years.

Over the years they have sourced their rams from various studs including a South Australian stud, Lukin Springs and the most recent were from Seymour Park.

Wanting to simplify their operation, the Brockmans decided to transition from SAMMs to 50pc Merino ewes crossed with White Suffolk terminals and 50pc purebred Merinos.

"We have stopped breeding replacements, but we still have about 100 F1 SAMMs left," he said.

Changing from SAMMs means they no longer have to segregate their wool and also allows them to increase their stocking rate.

"The SAMMs used to eat down the pasture very quickly, whereas a mob of Merinos can stay in the same paddock for much longer."

With more of a focus on the meat side of the enterprise due to the soaring market prices, the main trait that they select for is frame.

"We like to have a good frame to support the White Suffolk prime lamb enterprise," Mr Brockman said.

The rams are put in with the ewes between Christmas and the new year, with lambing for the crossbreds beginning around the first of June and the Merinos starting to drop a month later from the first of July.

Mr Brockman said he had been gradually shifting lambing further back to be in line with the recommended timing.

"We drop the crossbreds a bit earlier so that we can still turn the bulk of them off as suckers and we drop the Merinos a bit later so that we can have a bit higher stocking rate," he said.

Another change the Brockmans have made is moving their shearing from spring to autumn as it means the ewes don't have to carry a full fleece going into lambing.

On average they cut 5kg per head with 19-micron wool.

With below-average winter rainfall over the past two years, Mr Brockman said many dams had dried up and they have had to decrease the number of sheep on the farm

"We got 500mm last year and 400mm the year before," he said.

This meant water security was a challenge, so all the dams were cleaned out and the Brockmans had to pump underground water.

To help mitigate against having to cart water, Mr Brockman said he bought some cup and saucer tanks, but fortunately didn't have to use them so they will now be used in his feedlot.

He is hoping to start feedlotting some lambs for the first time this summer and will use his own grain.

"I have grown lupins for the first time, so I am going to feedlot the lambs using our own rations," Mr Brockman said.

This season is looking promising having already received 270mm of their average annual rainfall of 530mm.

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seroja delivered a large rainfall event recently which has seen the crops become well established early in the season.

"The dams are starting to fill back up, but because they were so empty they've got a fair way to go until they're full," he said.

They have increased the amount of cropping area but maintained the number of lambs being turned off despite reducing their flock numbers.

"We are running fewer sheep but we are improving our lambing percentage."

Ten years ago their lambing percentage was sitting about the 80pc mark but has now increased to more than 100pc.

Mr Brockman credits the Lifetime Ewe Management course and the increase in market prices with helping incentivise producers to look after their sheep better.

"It has been quite rewarding," he said.

The Brockmans also pregnancy scan for multiples, with about 40pc of their lambs being multiples.

When selling their sheep the majority are sold through WAMMCO abattoir, but they have also sold to other abattoirs including Hillside Meat Processors and Fletcher International Exports.

They also sold some of their Merino wethers to the Eastern States when there was large demand for sheep from producers over there.

"We trucked them over in summer," Mr Brockman said.

As for markets, he said on the wool side it was a tougher year in 2020 due to COVID-19 and they held their wool for six to eight months, waiting for the price to recover.

Luckily, this season has improved with prices better than last year.

"We sold really well and I was happy with the price," he said

On the meat side the price has been consistently higher and is providing better returns compared to the wool.

"Meat can make up to \$8kg," Mr Brockman said.

"I am going to produce as many crossbred lambs as I can and focus on finishing sheep with my feedlot to try and get those extra kilos."

In 2021 they cut 600 rolls of hay and have plenty left over, while the pastures consist of a mixture of clover and rye.

This year the rainfall has also meant that they have stopped supplement feeding which is unusual as they would usually feed for six months from January through to July.

"It is amazing because normally at this time of year is when we are feeding the most," Mr Brockman said.

To further improve the pasture growth they have been applying nitrogen and Flexi-N.

The Brockmans have also been deferring the paddocks at the break of the season and keeping the sheep on the stubbles for as long as possible. Something Mr Brockman said was valuable, was keeping a record of the paddocks and their stocking rates over the years and their performance as this allows him to make a more informed decision at the start of each season.

"It's good to actually have some data to refer to," he said.

Boosting production has been a big focus particularly over the past two years and Mr Brockman said he has increased his inputs such as chemicals, fertiliser and drenches.

"You have to spend money to make money," he said.

As a result, on the cropping side they have experienced record yields, with each year improving on the previous season.

"I had a record crop year the year before last (2019) and then I had another record year (2020) and (2021) is looking like it may beat last year," he said.

The Brockmans are confident in the future of the sheep industry having reinvested in new shearing plants in the shearing shed and a new wool press.

"It can be a balancing act with cropping and stock, finding what is most profitable, but also what fits with your farm," Mr Brockman said.

"For us I think it's important to have a portion of sheep."

GENETICS

## AWSA Satellite Flock Report - July 2021

By Debbie Milne, Project Manager, AWSA Satellite Flock

The AWSA Satellite Flock lambs were marked on Thursday the 1st July. The number of lambs that made it to marking was a little disappointing when compared to the number of lambs that were expected after pregnancy scanning. Unfortunately a major cold front with very strong winds and heavy rain impacted the ewes during and just after lambing.

There were 276 lambs expected after pregnancy scanning and 208 lambs were marked. All lambs had a TSU taken for Genomic and Parentage testing. Once these results have been received we will be able to ascertain the sire parentage and number of lambs marked per sire.

The next stage in the project will be to take a weaning weight then weigh and scan the lambs and take a pre-slaughter weight. Following slaughter the UNE Meat Science team will undertake carcase measurements and eating quality analysis on all the carcases. All data will be submitted to Sheep Genetics and be reported as ASBVs for the sires.









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**Genetics that Perform** 

2021 Stud ram offering and semen rams will be on display. Below is a sample.

## **STUD RAM INSPECTION DAY**

**Lunch and drinks supplied** 

**Sunday 5th September** From 12:00pm (SA time) Video stream via Facebook

TAG	SIRE	BWT	wwr	PWT	PFAT	PEMD	IMF	SF5	LEQ	ТСР			
200997TW*	Ashmore 190016	0.39	12.4	22.3	0.8	4.2	-0.3	-4.2	174	177			
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200896TW*	Ashmore 190196	0.48	13.9	23.2	0.5	4.4	-0.3	0.2	172	177			
200602TW**	Ashmore 170273	0.42	12.7	20.6	-0.6	3.7	-0.6	4.3	159	164			

\*#2 ranked 2020 Drop WS ram on TCP Index. Top 1% WWT, PWT, PEMD, TCP, LEQ. Offered on Property 27th September. \*\*Exceptional length, structure and style coupled with trait leading performance. Offered on Property 27th September.







#### **2021 ASHMORE ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE** Monday 27th September, 12:30pm CST

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#### SALES

## Advanced Performance Suffolks partners decide to hang up their boots

By Jodie Rintoul & Jessica Whyte



APS principals Ian Turner (left), Mount Barker, South Australia, Gerald Archer, Launceston, Tasmania and Carole Dorman. Westdale, watched the sale proceedings on AuctionsPlus over the two days at the Elders Midland branch with Elders WA stud stock prime lamb specialist Michael O'Neill and Elders WA stud stock manager Tim Spicer.

It was the end of an era for the Advanced Performance Suffolks (APS) Suffolk and White Suffolk stud when they went under the hammer in a two-day dispersal sale on AuctionsPlus in April.

The APS flock, which has been running at the Dorman family's, Westdale property, was formed in 1984 in response to a one-off opportunity to import Suffolk sheep from the USA under an eight-year trial 'Scrapie Assurance Quarantine Program'.

After initially importing two Suffolk rams and four Suffolk ewes, principals, Stan Dorman (WA), Ian Turner (South Australia) and Gerald Archer (Tasmania) successfully added genetics from a further four USA sires (2003 to 2006), plus semen from one Texel and two Suffolk rams and embryos from Suffolk and Texel ewes from the UK in

The greatest motivation for the syndicate was to accommodate a need to expand the genetic base of Australia's meat sheep industry, especially at a time when the Australian prime lamb industry was rapidly expanding through exports to many countries.

The group was extremely fortunate to get access to some of the very best and highest performing genetics from both the USA and UK and these were well represented in the bloodlines of the sheep on offer in the sale.

Its import programs from the USA and UK allowed it to produce "blends" of these two widely differing bloodlines and types.

The sale, which was brought about by the partners deciding to hang up their boots and retire, saw 221 White Suffolk and 267 Suffolks go on offer over two days and

they sold to a top of \$3500 for a mature Suffolk ewe, while the White Suffolk prices peaked at \$2050 for a ewe

On the first day (White Suffolks) there were 58 registered bidders logged into the AuctionsPlus platform from New South Wales, Victoria, WA, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania and nine of these were active online placing 180 bids resulting in 59 lots being sold online during the sale to buyers based in Victoria, South Australia and WA.

The second day of selling (Suffolks) saw registered buyer numbers logged on to AuctionsPlus increase to 60 and these came from Victoria, NSW, WA, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania.

Elders WA stud stock manager Tim Spicer said the Suffolk side of the catalogue produced a successful result with solid prices and a reasonable clearance.

"As for the White Suffolk side of the catalogue, we knew it was going to be a bit tougher as we didn't have as many enquiries on them.

"While we struggled to sell them during the sale 21 were sold straight after the sale which helped improve the clearance figures."

The first day of selling saw the White Suffolk flock up for grabs and in this catalogue there were 137 mature ewes. 62 ewe lambs. 20 ram lambs and two stud sires offered.

However with subdued buying enquiry only 37 per cent of the offering sold both at auction and post sale for an average of \$515.

Top price honours in the White Suffolk catalogue went to a 2020-drop ewe lamb when it sold at \$2050 to the Ferguson family, Anna Villa stud, Weetulta, South Australia, in partnership with David Pipkorn, Detpa Grove stud, Jeparit, Victoria.

The late June 2020-drop, twin-born ewe, is by ET-bred sire Advancer (A) 1760617, which is a son of Anden 130288 and is a descendent of US genetics on its dam

Also heading to the Anna Villa stud were two 2019-drop ewes (carrying twins) at \$500 each, a 2019-drop twin born ewe (scanned not detectable) at \$700 and a 2018drop ewe (scanned with twins) at \$500, while Detpa Grove also purchased a 2018-drop twin born ewe for \$500 and twin born ewe lamb for \$400.

In the mature ewe offering the top price was \$1200 paid by the Squiers family's Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading, for a 2017-drop ewe, scanned not detectable in lamb.

The ET-bred ewe is sired by Anden 130288Tw and out of a ewe sired by A110648, which is a descendent of USA sires BYU Supreme 21T3 and The Ticket.

Shirlee Downs co-principal Chris Squiers said they decided to operate in the sale as they were keen to get their hands on some different bloodlines and genetics for their stud.

"When we started our White Suffolk stud in 2018 we purchased some ewes from APS so were keen to get some more ewes to add to what we purchased then," Mr Squiers said.

"They are different genetics from what is out there, so we are looking forward to seeing how they go.

"I had a good look at the pedigrees and selected the ewes from there. They go back to a number of the flock's best sires."

Along with securing the top-priced mature ewe from the offering the Squiers family purchased another seven mature ewes ranging from 2016 to 2018 drop for between \$400 and \$800 plus seven ewe lambs from \$400 to \$1250 which was paid for a twin born ewe lamb by A170617ET that is a descendent on the dam side of USA sires The Ticket and Cloud.

The family's purchases included a 2016-drop ewe (A160110) which was carrying twins at \$500 and three of its daughters - two 2018-drop ewes at \$800 and \$500 and a ewe lamb at \$400.

A160110 is by A120101 that has USA sires The Ticket, Cloud and BYU Supreme in its pedigree.

All up the Squiers family finished with 15 ewes at an average of \$670 from the sale.

Another WA White Suffolk stud to buy was the Fairclough family's Stockdale stud, York, purchasing eight ewes (six mature ewes and two ewe lambs) to a top of \$600 and an average of \$525.

Laurie Fairclough said they decided to buy in the sale to get hold of some different bloodlines to infuse into their White Suffolk stud.

"We haven't had any genetics from APS before but I went to the open day and liked what I saw, so I picked out a few ewes to bid on," Mr Fairclough.

The biggest buyers out of the White Suffolk offering were Jason and Elyse Clothier, Wandillup, who purchased 18 ewe lambs to a \$700 top and an average of \$428 and Clint, Emily, Husley and Reef Ridley, Ridley Pastoral. Condobolin, New South Wales, who secured 18 mature ewes all at \$400.

The Clothier family purchased the ewes as they are in the process of establishing a small White Suffolk stud which will be a daughter stud to the family's Woolumbool White Suffolk stud based in South Australia.

Mr Clothier said they saw the sale as an opportunity to purchase some good outcross genetics that have been around for a while.

"The ewes would be a good foundation base for our stud

"Initially we will be breeding rams to use in our own commercial prime lamb operation, running 1000 composite ewes and grow it from there and market rams," Mr Clothier.

## Detpa Grove set new Australian White Suffolk ewe record

Australia's record price for a White Suffolk ewe was broken at the Detpa Grove bi-annual mated ewe sale in

The new high price of \$6,500 eclipsed the \$5,100 set last year at the Ramsay Park ewe dispersal.

The ewe, Lot 49 - 1802094tw, sired by Warburn 160048 and mated to Somerset 190158, was purchased by a past member from Ardlethan, NSW.

Elders Stud Stock auctioneer, Ross Milne, said "it was a fantastic price, but also a good buy; she had a nice balanced set of data, very high muscle, good TCP and a nice Type."



The record breaking ewe, pictured with Murray Long (past member). Detpa Grove stud principals Michelle and David Pipkorn, Elders' Ross Milne and Trish Betts. Ardlethan (front) with Jordan, Sophie and Alex Pipkorn (back).



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SA SHEEP EXPO 2021

## SA Sheep Expo a Success despite SA only event

Story adapted from "Check out all the action from the 2021 SA Sheep Expo" - Stock Journal

The Adelaide Showground was buzzing with activity from 17-19 April 2021, with nearly 100 participants taking part in the fifth annual SA Sheep Expo.

Due to Covid-19, the event was only open to South Australian participants, however this did not dampen any spirits with organisers delivering the usual full educational program.

Across three days, entrants ranging from 12 to 23 years gleaned a vast array of knowledge on sheep management, nutrition, handling, marketing and much more from a number of speakers across the industry.

Traditionally, a highlight of the event has been the Junior Handler classes held on the Friday where participants compete in their age groups to exhibit the skills learnt over the duration of the event.

Earlier on in the event, Anthony Hurst, Seriston White Suffolk stud, and Andrew Frick, Gypsum Hill White Suffolk stud, were charged with educating the participants on sheep ringcraft, handling and junior judging tips. They both returned on the Friday to assess the handling skills, with the points awarded going towards the overall score for each participant in their age group competition.

Major prizes were presented at the conclusion on the event on Friday afternoon, with Mount Torrens' 21-yearold Claire Pearce taking out the Award of Excellence for the highest achiever in the senior category, winning a study tour to New Zealand.

Ms Pearce was "thrilled" to receive the big prize, having taken part in the Expo for the first time since its inception in 2016.

The highest achiever in the intermediate age group was William Thomas, Mintaro, while the highest junior achiever was Evie Krieg, Aylesbury Farm White Suffolk

The Heiniger Learner's Scholarship was won by Ella Smith, Mintaro, with Inman Valley's Isaac Lush winning the Flinders Merino Learner's Scholarship.

Maddie Zoanetti, Crafers, won the Show Experience Scholarship, while the Merino SA scholarship was taken out by Ben Frick, Gypsum Hill White Suffolk Stud,

The School Team Challenge Trophy was won by Seymour College, Glen Osmond., while the Jamestown Show Experience was won by Ella Smith, Mintaro, and Larni Grills, Cromer.



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## White Suffolks well represented at Expo

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Three of the 10 scholarship recipients awarded by the AWSA in 2020 took up the opportunity to redeem their award at this year's Expo.

Lachlan Grossman, Charlotte Poker and Ella Richter attended the event as AWSA Scholarship recipients. Their prize included their entry fee being covered by the AWSA and a prize pack with an AWSA branded RB Sellars work shirt. A summary of their time at the event is included in this Newsletter.

In addition to the three scholarship recipients, a further 6 participants came from White Suffolk member studs -Corey Raine (Newbold Stud); Elsie Johnson (Carcuma North stud); Evie Krieg (Aylesbury Farm stud); Amelia Frick and Benjamin Frick (Gypsum Hill stud); and Stefan Grossman (Koonawarra stud).

Congratulations to the following White Suffolk youth who achieved individual successes and awards at the 2021 SA Sheep Expo:

- Evie Krieg, Aylesbury Farm stud: Highest Achiever – Junior Age Group Third Place - Junior 3 Handler Class
- Benjamin Frick, Gypsum Hill stud: Second Place – Inter 5 Handler Class Third Place – Intermediate Age Group Winner - Merino SA Scholarship

- Lachlan Grossman, Koonawarra stud: Winner – Senior Junior Judging competition
- Corey Raine, Newbold stud: Second Place - Senior 1 Handler Class
- Stefan Grossman. Koonawarra stud. Second Place - Senior 2 Handler Class
- Ella Richter, AWSA Scholarship Recipient Second Place - Inter 6 Handler Class
- Charlotte Poker, AWSA Scholarship Recipient Third Place - Inter 6 Handler Class
- Elsie Johnson, Carcuma North stud: Second Place - Junior 2 Handler Class
- Amelia Frick, Gypsum Hill stud: Third Place - Junior Handler Class

The Australian White Suffolk Association was a breed society sponsor of the event.

The Expo was also well supported by White Suffolk members including Peter Button (Ramsay Park stud), Peter Angus (Maroola White Suffolk stud), Mark Grossman (Koonawarra White Suffolk stud), Andrew Frick (Gypsum Hill stud), Geoff Gale (Galaxy Park stud), Anthony Hurst (Seriston stud), and Carolyn Johnson (Carcuma North stud).



Charlotte Poker, Stefan Grossman and Ella Richter attended the Expo as AWSA Scholarship Recipients.



Participants enjoyed the handler classes on the Friday.



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Anthony Hurst and Andrew Frick spoke to participants on the White Suffolk breed history and characteristics. (photo credit: Chelsea Dahlenburg Photography)

SA SHEEP EXPO 2021

## SA Sheep Expo Scholarship Recipient Profile

Lachlan Grossman

#### Lachlan Grossman

Age: 24

Where are you from (Town / State): Angaston, South Australia

## What are your interests and current involvement in the sheep industry?

I am on our family property, Koonawarra, and involved with our three different sheep studs. We run White Suffolks, Poll Dorsets and Border Leicesters. I also do shearing part-time.

## Can you briefly share your experience at the 2021 SA Sheep Expo?

I learnt about abattoir surveillance and about the health and care of the ewe. I also helped with the juniors that attended, helping them with their animals. It is a good chance to make new friends and meet people that are interested in the sheep industry, and the connection you make from listening to the different speakers throughout the Expo.

## What did you enjoy most about attending the 2021 SA Sheep Expo?

I came first in the Senior section competition in the Junior Judging where I had to judge four Merino sheep, that was my highlight.



## Did the Expo inspire you to consider or continue working towards a career in the sheep industry?

The Expo helped expand my knowledge of the ewe maintenance in the sheep industry which I am already involved as a shearer and working on our family property.

I would like to thank the Australian White Suffolk Association for providing me with the SA Sheep Expo Scholarship to attend this year. SA SHEEP EXPO 2021

## SA Sheep Expo Scholarship Recipient Profile

Charlotte Poker

#### **Charlotte Poker**

Age: 17
Where are you from (Town / State):
Adelaide Hills. South Australia

## What are your interests and current involvement in the sheep industry?

I am currently a co leader of Urrbrae Agricultural High School Suffolk show team and Merino wether show team. I teach students how to show and judge sheep 3 times a week at lunch in preparation for the Royal Adelaide Show. I also really enjoy judging sheep in competition and will be competing again this year at the Royal Adelaide Show.

## Can you briefly share your experience at the 2021 SA Sheep Expo?

This was my second year going to SA Sheep Expo. This year the program was focused on ewes and allowed me to learn about the nutrition for ewes, managing ewes during pregnancy and lambing, suitable pasture for sheep, classing and selection of ewes, disease management, shearing and wool handling, managing soil, Al and judging and handling sheep. The knowledge shared by the speakers about managing ewes has allowed me to have a better understanding around ways we can manage ewes with single and multiples separately at the school in the hope to increase our lambing rates and the survival of lambs. Information shared by speakers has allowed me to also increase the quality of my assignment in my agriculture subjects.



## What did you enjoy most about attending the 2021 SA Sheep Expo?

I enjoyed listening to all the different speakers talk and share their knowledge about the sheep industry and talk about their companies. I also enjoyed the handling competitions on the last day, that is always fun and competitive. It was also great to meet other younger people that are passionate about the industry like myself.

## Did the Expo inspire you to consider or continue working towards a career in the sheep industry?

Yes, I am very interested in continuing on working towards getting a job in the sheep industry. As a year 12 student I am currently completing two agriculture subjects and hope to continue my studies at Adelaide University.





Left: Evie Krieg, Aylesbury Farm stud, with her Highest Achiever award for the Junior age group.

Right: Benjamin Frick, Gypsum Hill stud, won the Merino SA scholarship and placed well in the Intermediate age group.

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SA SHEEP EXPO 2021

## SA Sheep Expo Scholarship Recipient Profile

Ella Richter

#### Ella Richter

Age: 17

Where are you from (Town / State): Goolwa, South Australia

### What are your interests and current involvement in the sheep industry?

I occasionally work on a commercial Merino farm and have been lucky enough to have the chance to show sheep at the Royal Adelaide Show. I'm highly interested in the genetics of sheep and altering genetics within a flock to improve structure, and lambing results.

## Can you briefly share your experience at the 2021 SA Sheep Expo?

2021 SA Sheep Expo was an amazing experience and I was able to gain knowledge on multiple aspects of the sheep industry, one that I wasn't aware of was the technologies with AI in sheep. I was also able to make new friends and meet industry contacts.

### What did you enjoy most about attending the 2021 SA Sheep Expo?

I enjoyed ringcraft and showing my sheep as I learnt so many techniques in handling my sheep and presenting it correctly. I also enjoyed the career panel as the guests were inspiring.



## Did the Expo inspire you to consider or continue working towards a career in the sheep industry?

Through attending the Expo I was highly inspired to continue to strive towards a career in the industry and hopefully one in which involves genetics.

I would highly recommend attending the Expo, even if you have little knowledge of sheep or showing them as the event teaches you about so many different aspects of the industry, and it's a lot of fun.

Thank you to the Australian White Suffolk Association for the opportunity to apply for the SA Sheep Expo Scholarship and attend the event.



Above: White Suffolk Youth at the Expo



Above: Stefan, Mark and Lachlan Grossman at the Expo.



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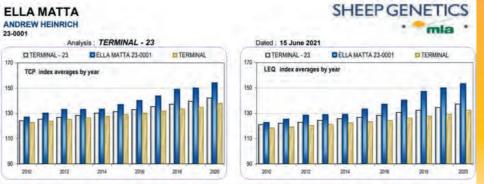
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EM 200079	Ella Matta-190088	0.08	10.77	18.00	3.61	0.12	-20.69	3.90	-0.02	-0.95	160.19	159.40
EM 200106	Ella Matta-190156	0.37	11.61	18.80	2.22	0.05	-2.88	3.42	0.17	-0.90	158.42	157.06
EM 200222	Ella Matta-190030	0.12	10.22	16.75	3.62	0.42	-2.60	3.32	0.00	-1.81	154.90	155.45
EM 200266	W00LUMB00L-185559	0.23	11.49	18.42	3.21	-0.15	-19.39	4.06	-0.06	0.12	160.37	160.30
EM 200339	W00LUMB00L-185559	0.44	13.86	21.60	3.00	-0.43	-16.10	5.08	-0.31	-0.54	168.12	171.09
EM 200545	Ella Matta-170300	0.49	11.87	18.20	2.20	-0.35	4.29	3.18	0.71	-3.32	171.29	164.54
EM 200621	Ella Matta-190155	0.08	10.08	16.97	3.04	-0.10	1.01	3.54	0.14	-1.52	158.07	157.23



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Why not start planning a trip now?!

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PERSONAL

## Vale. Stan Dorman - Advancer Stud (Flock No. 100)

Courtesy of Ian Turner

It is with great sadness that Stan Dorman, major partner in the APS Syndicate alongside Ian Turner and Gerald Archer, passed away in May after a relatively short battle with bladder cancer.

Our 36-year partnership was a great one, since we very quickly got together in late 1983 to import genetics from the USA. Over that time, Stan was particularly chuffed with the fact we never had one argument.

This photo was snapped on the evening of the day after our recent Suffolk and White Suffolk dispersal sales, when Stan made it home briefly from hospital between back & forth visits since.

Besides being an innovator and pioneer of the AI industry in this country, he was a key player in introducing new genetics into Australia's sheep gene pool, with South African genetics also being one of his credits. These

imported genetics are one of his lasting legacies within the Australian sheep industry.

Sincere condolences to Carole, their girls Keeta, Anne & Christine and the extended family.





# Warburn





## 24th Annual on Property Sale Wednesday Sept 29th, 2021 at 12.30pm

Celebrating 60 years of stud breeding: Selling 15 Elite ewes. Also 156 Stud/Flock rams to be on offer. Sale interfaced with AuctionsPlus.

	Some of our 2020 rams to keep an eye out for:											
Tag	Bwt	Wwt	Pwwt	Pfat	Pemd	IMF	SHEARF5	TCP	EQ			
200070	0.56	12.2	20.1	-0.2	3.0	-0.53	2.23	156.5	149.6			
200165	0.26	11.0	16.4	0.2	3.0	-0.42	3.52	146.2	140.6			
200254	0.23	10.4	16.6	0.6	2.5	-0.03	0.45	144.2	142.9			
200265	0.43	10.9	17.1	0.1	2.9	-0.12	-1.05	156.0	153.6			
200274	0.54	11.3	18.2	-0.3	2.9	-0.61	1.40	156.0	148.2			
200339	0.44	10.2	16.5	0.4	3.4	-0.64	1.05	155.3	147.3			



Enquiries most welcome and inspection of stock by appointment. Videos and photos to come in September.

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GENETICS

## **DNA Testing - FAQs**

Story courtesy of Neogen



Embarking on DNA testing for the first time might seem a daunting task but be assured it is an easy and affordable process that can deliver significant improvement in a flock through better selection at joining time.

#### What does DNA testing tell us as sheep breeders?

DNA testing is a fast and reliable way to read the genetic code that determines a sheep's performance and knowing the genetic merit of an animal at a younger age can guide selection and breeding decisions and shorten generation interval within your flock.

#### Where do you start?

The first step is to look at your breeding objective and identify what sort of DNA test is the best option for you. Having visually identified the pick of a drop, a DNA test can then be used to identify which animals to keep and which to cull from your breeding program.

For breeds like the White Suffolk the GGP 50K is the most popular as it feeds directly into the LAMBPLAN system.



Figure 1: A Tissue Sampling Unit

#### What if you are not a member of LAMBPLAN?

While the GGP 50K is Neogen's most popular testing option for terminal breeders, for breeders not in LAMBPLAN we can offer parentage testing. Parentage testing is a popular choice amongst breeders who syndicate mate their animals or would like to elevate mothering up from their production system. DNA parentage is the most accurate way to identify full pedigree of an animal and allow your purchasers to buy with confidence.



Figure 2: An applicator is used to obtain the sample

#### Is taking a DNA sample hard?

The short answer is no. To get started you will need an applicator and Tissue Sample Units (TSUs), these can be sourced from Neogen.

TSUs are designed so that each sample has its own vial and cutter which reduces the risk of sample contamination. Each TSU has its own unique ID that can be linked to the animal's ear tag, these can be easily recorded into on farm databases.

Neogen's lab will also accept samples as blood cards or semen samples.



Figure 3: Samples stored in the sample box

#### What information do I get from a GGP 50K test?

Neogen's GGP 50K test results are combined with the physical measurements that you send through to LAMBPLAN and become a part of your animals Australia Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs). Genomic Breeding Values (GBVs) are produced for critical traits including birth weight, weaning weight, post weaning weight, eye muscle depth, fat dept and carcase weight. Through ASBVs GGP 50K test reports on the key drivers of sheep meat eating quality with values for lean meat yield, intramuscular fat and shear force these traits are otherwise impossible to measure without post-slaughter measurements.

#### What research is behind the GGP 50K test?

Neogen's GGP 50K test was developed with close collaboration with the former Cooperative Research Centre for Sheep Industry Innovation (Sheep CRC) and contains the top ovine SNPs (exclusive to Neogen). Research by Moghaddar et al (2019) has been shown that using the top SNPs increases prediction accuracies by 7-10% in both purebred and composite animals, when compared with conventional Ovine 50K tests which impute data.

#### How long does it take before you will see results?

We recommend allowing at least 1 week in postage before your samples are received at the Neogen office. Once your samples have been checked against the relevant paperwork and the invoice has been paid your samples will enter the laboratory. Results are usually received 3 to 4 weeks from the time the samples arrive at the laboratory. An additional one to two weeks should also be factored in for the results to be processed through the LAMBPLAN analysis (data runs are conducted on the 1 and 15 of each month).

Results for GGP 50K tests will be seen on the animals LAMBPLAN data, if parentage has been requested these results will be emailed to you by the Neogen SheepDNA office.

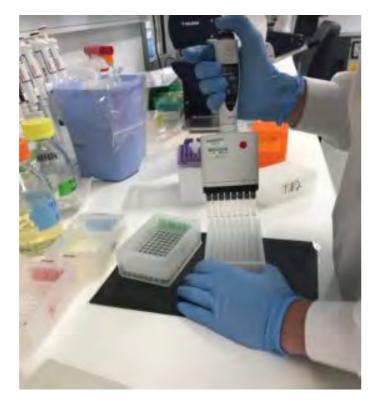


Figure 4: Processing samples in the Neogen lab

## **KANTARA** WHITE SUFFOLK STUD

**1st Stage of Dispersal** 

## **MONDAY 23 AUGUST 2021 Wagin Showgrounds**

Top 100/2020 Drop Ewes

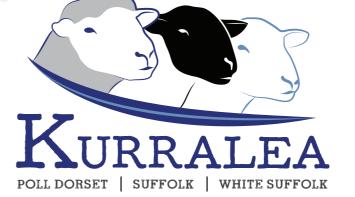
Detpa Grove, Ella Matta, Kantara, Woolumbool and Yanco bloodlines

Sale in conjunction with & immediately following WA ELITE SALE

Keith Ladyman M: 0458 428 071 kantara@skymesh.com.au







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Our next annual sale will be held on

## **TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

Offering approx 350 rams in a 3 breed ram sale 12:30pm EST | On-Property at Ariah Park, NSW



This years sale will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus.

For further information & updates, check our website or Facebook

Catalogues available on our website, or contact us for a catalogue.

Semen available from our top group of sires at Kurralea. Enquiries also welcome for stud ewes.



Ben & Lucy Prentice, 'Kurralea', Ariah Park, NSW Ben: 0429 814 549 Lucy: 0409 544 080 Kim: (02) 6975 2606 Email: lucycprentice@gmail.com















## **Dubbo Show Results 2021**

14-16 May 2021, DUBBO, NSW Judge: Bra

Judge: Brayden Gilmore, Premier Stud, NSW

Champion Ram -LAKESIDE PARK, PM MURROWOOD Reserve Champion Ram -ROCDELL, B & S PICKER

Champion Ewe -HONEYOAKS, DG HONEYSETT Reserve Champion Ewe -ROCDELL, B & S PICKER

Best White Suffolk Head - ROCDELL, B & S PICKER

Supreme Champion White Suffolk Exhibit - HONEYOAKS, DG HONEYSETT

Most Successful Exhibitor - ROCDELL, B & S PICKER

#### Ram under 14 months, no more than 2 teeth, shorn

- 1. Honeyoaks, DG Honeysett
- 2. Rocdell, B & S Picker
- 3. Lakeside Park, PM Murrowood

## Ram showing milk teeth only, shorn, born between 1st June and 31st July - NOVICE

- 1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
- 2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
- 3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
- 4. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

## Ram showing milk teeth only, shorn, born between 1st June and 31st July

- 1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
- 2. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
- 3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
- 4. Lakeside Park, PM Murrowood
- 5. Honeyoaks, DG Honeysett

## Ram showing milk teeth only, shorn, born after 1st August - NOVICE

- 1. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
- 2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

## Ram showing milk teeth only, shorn, born after 1st August

- 1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
- 2. Timor, J Barker
- 3. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
- 4. Honeyoaks, DG Honeysett
- 5. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

#### Ram born after 1st April no more than 2 teeth, Woolly

- 1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
- 2. Timor, J Barker
- 3. Lakeside Park, PM Murrowood
- 4. Kinellar, VJ Patterson

#### Pair of 2 Rams, shorn, born after 1st April, no more than 2 teeth

- 1. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
- 2. Lakeside Park, PM Murrowood
- 3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
- 4. Rocdell, B & S Picker

#### Ewe under 14 months, no more than 2 teeth, shorn

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- 1. Rocdell. B & S Picker
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- 3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

#### Ewe over 1 1/2 years, shorn or woolly

- 1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
- 2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
- 3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

#### Sires Progeny Group - Keith McIntosh Shield

- 1. Rocdell. B & S Picker
- 2. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
- 3. Lakeside Park, PM Murrowood

#### Group 1 Ram & 2 Ewes, milk tooth only, wool length open

- 1. Rocdell. B & S Picker
- 2. Lakeside Park, PM Murrowood
- 3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
- 4. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School



**Location:** Lake Hume Resort, Albury, New South Wales www.lakehumeresort.com.au

Date: 13th - 15th February

More information will be distributed to members shortly.

**Enquiries:** Paul Routley - 0427 209 016









#### WHITE SUFFOLKS

Est. 1984 Flock No. 0139

## 27th Annual On-Property Sale

**Undercover in Farrer's Trade Training Centre, Tamworth NSW** 

Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 11:30am

Name	Sire	SOD	BWT	wwr	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	PWEC	LMY	IMF	SF5	LEQ
FARRER-200044*	Farrer 160068	Felix 151229	0.31	11.4	18.6	3.1	0.2	-48	3.5	0.20	-0.7	165.7
FARRER-200086*	Ella Matta 150097	Farrer 140019	0.14	10.7	17.3	2.4	0.5	-62	1.8	0.66	-4.6	167.7
FARRER-200120	Langley Heights 180231	Farrer 140137	0.25	10.6	16.6	3.4	-0.1	-39	3.6	0.06	-2.6	164.3
FARRER-200153	Ashmore 170986	Felix 150721	0.24	9.3	16.8	3.7	-0.3	-32	3.8	-0.15	-4.1	165.7
FARRER-200158*	Ashmore 170986	Farrer 140137	0.26	9.9	16.9	4.6	0.3	-38	3.9	-0.09	-2.9	170.2
FARRER-200162*	Langley Heights 180231	Felix 151229	0.35	11.8	19.6	3.4	0.9	-28	3.0	0.03	-2.4	165.4
FARRER-200172*	Waratah 180007	Farrer 160077	0.42	13.4	20.9	2.7	-0.1	-46	3.9	-0.07	0.1	165.2
FARRER-200223	Farrer 190225	Ashmore 150340	0.30	9.9	16.4	2.2	-0.3	-76	2.6	0.31	-3.5	166.5
FARRER-200228	Farrer 190111	Galaxy Park 110210	0.45	12.6	19.3	2.1	0.0	-59	2.9	0.40	-0.8	163.9
FARRER-200239	Farrer 190074	Farrer 180178	0.17	11.6	18.9	3.2	0.0	-56	3.1	-0.06	-3.0	166.5
* Farrer used to bac	k up annual artificial insemir	nation progam										
	Torminal Siro Avorago		0.26	0.5	1/16	1 0	-0.4	-25	2 26	-0.49	2.70	121 0

1/6/2021 Lambplan run

- 55 LambPlan Performance Recorded Rams
- All Rams are DNA parental verified
- DNA Genomic tested (IMF & SF5)
- Independent structurally assessed
- MN3 OJD Status
- Sale Catalogue / photographs on web (Late August)

#### Inspection prior to the sale is most welcome

Darren Smith

darren.smith80@det.nsw.edu.au

Agents: Garvin & Cousens

School (02) 67648660 mobile: 0413911182

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

Andrew Warden 0467662901

# White Suffolk Youth News

Courtesy of Emma Finemore

## QPL Rural are proud to be running the QPL Rural Youth Sheep Expo for 2021

QPL are providing a platform for young agriculture enthusiasts to enrich their livestock and professional skills through their QPL Rural Youth Sheep Expo.

The online format provides an opportunity to youth from all demographics, supplying an experience similar to current agriculture and its evolving industry practices. The Expo is allowing those who partake to obtain industry ready skills, expand their network and build their professional profile.



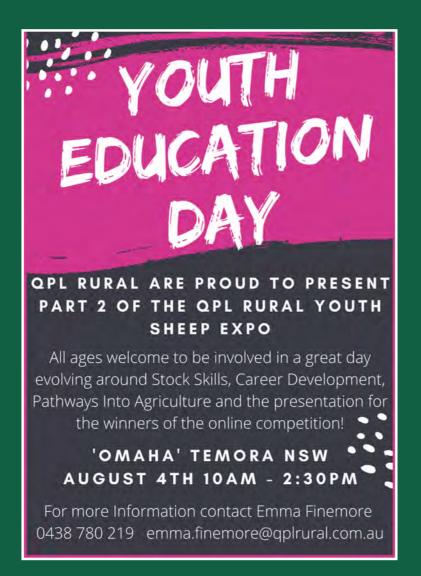
The online competition is being judged currently, being followed closely by a youth education day in Temora NSW on the 4th of August.

#### **QPL Rural Youth Education Day**

4th August 2021 from 10:00am – 2:30pm @ 'Omaha', Temora NSW

A day not to be missed, it will cover stock skills, industry skills, career guidance and industry professionals sharing their story. You do not have to participate in the online portion to attend, there is no age limit so come along for a great day!

Purchase a ticket: https://www.trybooking.com/BSLQF or contact Emma Finemore on 0438 780 219, email emma.finemore@qplrural.com. au for more information.





## ROCDELL WHITE SUFFOLKS

Our next annual sale
Thursday 21st Oct

On-property BIGGA, NSW

75 Stud & Flock White Suffolk Rams



RD20107 by BARINGA 15W038 - 1st July and Res. Champion NSW State Sheep Show 2021



RD200237 by BG 15W038 – 1<sup>st</sup> Pair Ewe, Best WS Head and Res. Champion NSW State Sheep Show



RD 200054 by BG 15W038 - 1st Woolly Ram NSW

Contact: ROCDELL WHITE SUFFOLKS, 'Rocton', Bigga NSW

For further information and updates follow us on Facebook Lambplan & MNV3 Accredited













# "CANS OF KNOWLEDGE" SYNDICATE

Offering the following stud rams at the 2021 Elite Show and Sale and Adelaide Elite Sale









Stud rams available on property and at the Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk Sale and Adelaide Elite Sale

#### For more details contact:



**Aylesbury Farm** Andrew & Deb Krieg Mb 0409 169 693

Annual On Property Sale 16/9/2021



Maroola Peter Angus Mb 0408 826 009

Rams available for Private Selection



**Somerset** Lachie McCrae Mb 0418 540 790

Rams available for Private Selection



**Wakeleigh** Kylie Wake Mb 0428 508 995

Annual On Property Sale 19/10/2021





