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from the president

To my fellow White Suffolk Breeders

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I present my first Presidents Report.

I take over from Andrew Heinrich and thank him for his term as President.

Our new Vice President is Peter Angus, stepping up from his long-time role as Promotions Chair. I look forward to working closely with Pete over the next two years.

We thank Ben Prentice for his time served on Council and welcome our newest Councillor, Brad Honeysett. Brad has hit the ground running and has a level of enthusiasm for his new role which is exciting and refreshing.

It was wonderful to once again be able to hold our annual conference, which this year was held in Albury. A big thankyou to Paul Routley and his team for all the hard work to make this happen.

As we head into our new showing and selling season, I wish all breeders success. I suggest you reap what you sow and with the correction in prices the whole livestock industry has seen recently it has never been more important to offer a great product and promote it well. With the help of our Promotions Subcommittee, we hope to assist our members in promoting White Suffolks and their positive attributes to a whole new level.

Lastly but by no means least a mention to our wonderful Secretary Nikki, our breed is so lucky to have a Secretary with so much experience at all levels in our breed. It goes without saying how much I am looking forward to working with Nikki.



Ian Gilmore
President

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Wagin Woolorama 2023

*Codji Springs take out
Grand Champion White Suffolk
and Supreme Interbreed Ewe*

White Suffolk youth a focus at 2023 National Conference

*A focus on young breeders is
one of the plans for the Australian
White Suffolk Association after its
long-awaited national conference.*



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SA Sheep Expo bursary winners announced

*The Association recently awarded 13
bursaries to young sheep enthusiasts to
attend the 2023 SA Sheep Expo.*

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Lamb sales set to hit 13.44 million in the first half of 2023

*Results from the survey indicated that 51% of Australian producers had
sold fewer lambs than expected by the end of 2022.*



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St Paul's College Students attend the AWSA National Conference

A team of 11 St Paul's College students travelled to the Lake Hume Resort to attend the Australian White Suffolk National Conference.



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White Suffolks feature in WAMMCO Producer of the Month awards

Over the past six months, the White Suffolk breed has featured in several WAMMCO Producer of the Month awards.

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White Suffolk satellite flock project update

The second AWSA satellite flock project has begun.

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from the secretary

Hello members,

It was fantastic to get out of the office and travel to Albury in February for the 2023 National Conference! A long time coming, but worth the wait to catch up with those that could join us and have the opportunity to meet our sponsors and industry representatives in person again. It is definitely interesting how quickly you can forget what it is like organizing events list this again!

My thanks to the Routley family for the work they put into organizing this year's Conference, and to all members that made the trek to Albury to attend and support the event.

The Federal Council meeting in February was productive with a number of new initiatives in the pipeline for 2023 and beyond. The energy in the room that comes with meeting in person again is definitely exciting, and I look forward to seeing what this year will bring. Stay tuned!

April is always a busy time of year with the release of Annual Returns for members to complete. The WebManager system has undergone a much needed refresh, however we have been made aware of some small teething issues due to this and appreciate members' patience as we have worked through these. If you do happen to notice anything that appears to not be working please get in touch with me as soon as possible so I can have it looked into by our programmer.

As lambing season approaches, so does the opportunity for some great photos of the breed. I encourage all members to send in any photos they may snap while out in the paddock for use in our Newsletter or on social media. Finding new and good quality photos has always been one of the toughest jobs. We truly appreciate it when members can help us out and send them in!

I have fielded a few calls and queries from members recently believing that I have left working for the Association. This is absolutely not the case! I have however re-branded my business and now operate as **Agri Elements**, not just by my name Nikki Ward. My voicemail states my new business name, but it is still the same old me so please continue to leave your messages and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Here's to a great 2023!



Nikki Ward
Secretary

SINCE NOVEMBER 2022

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

new members

Flock No	Member Name	Town	State	Stud Prefix
999	<i>Reserved for Unregistered Breeders transfers</i>			
1000	Peter Nalder & Jette Oskis	Winthrop	WA	A Line Sheep
1001	Tate Purdue	Balaklava	SA	Sapphire
1002	Nicholas Smith	Wannamal	WA	Yarawindah
1003	Aaron & Jessica Foster	Boddington	WA	Wendenlea
1004	Michelle & Wayne Wilksch	Tyrendarra	VIC	Colbandy

FEDERAL COUNCIL MATTERS

April 2023

2023 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

It was great to see members make the effort to attend the 2023 National Conference in Albury, NSW in February. The two day program was well received and enjoyed by all. A highlight was the Tuesday dinner with Kerry O'Keeffe attending as guest speaker.

Thank you to Paul and Dallas Routley, Almondvale Stud, for their work in putting together the program and organizing the event, and to all NSW members that helped them along the way.

A special thanks also to our sponsors Zoetis, Rural Bank and Shearwell that joined us. Members enjoyed meeting and putting names to faces of the people that support us throughout the year.

FEDERAL COUNCIL MOVEMENTS

The 2023 AGM saw the retirement of **Ben Prentice** from Council after one term. We thank Ben for his input in that time.

Brad Honeysett, Honeyoaks Stud, was elected to Federal Council for a two-year term, along with all other Councillors that were up for re-election. Brad brings passion and enthusiasm to Council with fresh ideas for Promotions and Marketing. We look forward to getting to know him and to work with him over the next few years.

Following the AGM, the Council elected it's officers for the upcoming year. We are pleased to announce that **Ian Gilmore**, Baringa Stud, was elected to the position of President, with **Peter Angus**, Maroola Stud, elected as Vice President. New subcommittees were also established, please see the contacts page at the beginning of this newsletter for the full list of subcommittees and Chairs appointed.

2023 AGM

The 2023 AGM was held at the Lake Hume Resort, Albury, NSW with provision for all members to participate online via Zoom. The AGM was well supported by Conference attendees, however Zoom participation was low. This has also been the case over the past few years, and the Council will review whether the AGM will be offered in an online capacity into the future.

WEBMANAGER UPGRADE

The AWSA WebManager system underwent a software upgrade earlier this year. The look of functionality of the system will appear similar to members, however the software is now much newer and will enable the system to be better supported into the future.

During the upgrade, the ability for members to pay their accounts by credit card was included as an added option. Members will now see this when they checkout their shopping cart invoice, and will be able to select payment by Credit Card, EFT or Cheque.

For Credit Card payments, a new screen will open to make payment. This is powered by the secure Stripe payment gateway and will not incur additional processing fees for members.

EFT and Cheque payments can continue the same as usual, please forward remittance for all EFT payments to the Secretary at whitesuffolk@gmail.com to ensure your payment is allocated to your invoice/membership.

Soon, Stripe will be integrated into the Association's Xero accounting package also so members can also pay invoices issued through the Xero system by credit card if they wish.

If you need any assistance or have any questions with this new feature please contact Nikki on 0488 018 765.

2023 MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

The following membership fees are effective as at 1st March 2023. All prices listed are GST inclusive.

Full Membership: 1-25 ewes	\$250.00
Full Membership: 26-100 ewes	\$330.00
Full Membership: 101-200 ewes	\$390.00
Full Membership: 201-300 ewes	\$450.00
Full Membership: Over 300 ewes	\$500.00
Junior Membership: 1-25 ewes	\$100.00
Associate Membership:	\$55.00

ANNUAL RETURNS RELEASED IN APRIL

2023 Annual Returns were released to all members in April. Members should have received an email direct from WebManager with a notice regarding this, and a Live Summary PDF attached for their stud.

An additional email was sent from the Secretary with information on how to complete your Annual Return.

Please contact the Secretary if you are not able to find your email so it can be resent to you. Alternatively, you can login to WebManager and the Annual Return will appear in your menu to complete.

Members are reminded of the following:

- Brucellosis Accreditation details are required to be updated if your accreditation has expired. Please ensure you upload a copy of your certificate to your Stud Details, or forward a copy by text or email to the Secretary.
- If a ram or semen is missing in your rams used list due to a transfer not yet being completed, then you are able to finalise your Annual Return without it, provided you email or text the Secretary with the details of the ram that needs to be included. We will see that the ram is included once and if the transfer occurs.

- Annual Return information is vetted, members have an obligation to ensure the information they are submitting in their return is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.

Annual Returns are due by 30th April. Your prompt response is appreciated.

REGISTRATIONS & TRANSFERS

Members are reminded of their obligation to ensure all registrations and transfers are completed as soon as possible after sale. This is important as it can have an impact on the ability to complete and finalise rams used on Annual Returns if a transfer has not been processed.

If you require assistance please contact the Secretary.

STUD SALE DATE CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

Members have the opportunity to include or update their stud sale date in their Annual Return. This can be done in the Stud Details section. We take all member stud sale dates listed in this section and add them to the Sale Date Calendar on the AWSA website. Please ensure your sale date is updated to 2023 if you wish to have it listed.



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AWSA SATELLITE FLOCK PROJECT UPDATE

The second AWSA Satellite Flock project has begun, a update report is included in this Newsletter for members.

Thank you to all members that have assisted with labour and coordination of the project. In particular we thank the Donnan family, Anden Stud, for hosting the satellite flock on their property, and Debbie and Steve Milne for their work as Project Manager.

HYPOTROCHISIS TESTING

Members are continually encouraged to test for Hypotrichosis. Testing can be completed through the AWSA via SARDI, Hypotrichosis test kits are available to purchase from the Secretary.

The AWSA will also recognize any testing undertaken through Neogen's genomics test. Please reference the barcode or SNP ID as the Hypotrichosis reference number in the database for your rams.

AWSA YOUTH GROUP

The Federal Council recently discussed the activity of the AWSA Youth Group and identified it as an area it wishes to develop and support over the coming years.

The Association was fortunate that students from St Pauls College and Yanco Agricultural High School attended the 2023 National Conference. These students were interested and excited to be a part of the youth group which is a great start. The first step will be increasing awareness and outreach to youth in attendance at major White Suffolk shows including Dubbo and Bendigo Elite to develop and build on this enthusiasm.

Please keep an eye out for youth at White Suffolk events and offer your encouragement and support to them.

SA SHEEP EXPO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Association was pleased to award 13 bursaries to youth to attend the 2023 SA Sheep Expo at the end of April. A number of members were in attendance at this event to support the Expo and bursary recipients.

The Association planned a display as a sponsor of the event that promoted the breed and opportunities for youth.

A full report of the event will be provided in the next Newsletter.



Courtesy of Baringa Studs

FLOCK NUMBER 1000 ISSUED

Late last year the Association issued Flock Number 1000! This is a great achievement for the Association. Congratulations to Peter Nalder & Jette Oskis who are the owners of Flock No 1000 for their new stud, A Line Sheep, located in Winthrop, WA.



FARRER

WHITE SUFFOLKS

Est. 1984 Flock No. 0139



Farrer White Suffolk ewes in the current AI Program

Backup sires for 2023

ID	Sire	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	PWEC	LMY	IMF	SF5	LEQ
Farrer 220062	Farrer 190111	0.32	14.07	23.56	2.54	-0.13	-52	3.83	0.17	-2.26	172.1
Farrer 220065	Farrer 190111	0.28	13.93	23.18	2.72	-0.63	-43	4.45	-0.02	-1.58	174.9
Farrer 220103	Farrer 190111	0.11	12.68	21.06	2.98	0.43	-71	2.84	0.29	-2.14	171.0
Farrer 220173	Valma 202189	0.24	10.51	16.75	4.94	0.17	-56	4.33	-0.10	-2.45	175.6
	Team Average	0.24	13.29	21.13	3.29	-0.04	55.5	3.86	0.08	-2.11	173.4

LambPlan Run: 1/3/2023

Balanced figures for the future

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PROMOTIONS REPORT

PETER ANGUS, *Outgoing Promotions Chair*

After taking on the role of Vice President in February, I relinquished my role as Promotions Chair at the AGM however remain on the Promotions subcommittee to assist with the 2023 campaign and new initiatives.

It has been a great experience working with Nikki and other committee members over the years creating content and working together to promote the White Suffolk breed.

I thank all members for sharing new ideas and concepts, story leads and photos during my time in the role. It is always rewarding hearing your good news stories and being able to turn them into stories that provide outreach in the industry on the benefits of White Suffolks.

I would like to wish Anthony Hurst all the best as he steps into the role of Promotions Chair and look forward to seeing the work of the Promotions subcommittee in the year ahead.

ANTHONY HURST, *Promotions Chair*

2023 Promotions and Marketing is now in full swing with a great group working on new ideas and revamping the ways we have been marketing our breed the past few years.

Many thanks must go to Peter Angus who has been in charge for a considerable number of years. His marketing knowledge and industry contacts has been an advantage to the Association and has seen us gain some leverage in the industry.

Since our AGM in Albury the Promotions subcommittee has met a couple of times to discuss this year's plan.

We have continued to engage journalist Julia Wythes to write editorial for use in print media and in our Association publications. Julia's support and knowledge of the White Suffolk breed has been fantastic, and we are looking forward to continuing this relationship and her help in making sure the White Suffolk story is being told.

There are a number of new initiatives in the pipeline for 2023 to continue to build awareness of the breed and take our promotions to the next level. Some of these are only being investigated at present, and some will roll out across the year. They include the following:

- Revamp of our Newsletter with modern aspects, and looking to move to producing a digital flip-book style newsletter for our April 2023 edition.
- E-news will continue with its six editions per year, this is a great outreach to our commercial producers and continues to perform well. The number of E-news editions per year will be considered when investigating a digital newsletter for April.

- New video footage to be taken and incorporated into our TV campaign.
- Video to be produced that promotes the White Suffolk breed aims.
- Print media advertisements and slogans will continue, however additional phrases will be added to enhance "The Perfect Match" theme and messaging.
- New banners are being designed and acquired for promotional use throughout each state.
- A suite of professional breed photographs to be obtained to refresh images used for promotion.
- The Win A Ram competition will continue with the value of the two vouchers increased to \$2,000.
- Use of social media will increase, and consideration to competitions to build engagement and popularity.
- Ongoing development of the website to back up our messaging, and inclusion of an online store for promotional merchandise and goods.
- Attendance at leading field days in each state into 2024 with our own White Suffolk site.
- Consideration to an international conference, and survey members to gauge support of future conferences.
- Development and growth of the White Suffolk youth group.

If you have any ideas for the Promotions subcommittee to consider then please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

12th BI-ANNUAL MATED EWE SALE

Thank you to all who either bid online or attended our Mated Ewe Sale this year. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward with interest to hear of the resulting progeny.

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Wishing all our valued clients great lambing outcomes again this year!



◀ **Champion Ewe,
Grand Champion White Suffolk
& Supreme Interbreed Ewe -**
Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly ▶

Champion Ram -
SHIRLEE DOWNS, CJ SQUIERS & SONS

Reserve Champion Ram -
BRIMFIELD, M WHYTE & G CREMASCO

Champion Ewe -
CODJI SPRINGS, R & C MARWICK

Reserve Champion Ewe -
KALAGAN, J ADDIS

Grand Champion White Suffolk Exhibit -
CODJI SPRINGS, R & C MARWICK

Supreme Interbreed Ewe -
CODJI SPRINGS, R & C MARWICK

WAGIN WOOLORAMA RESULTS 2023

10-11 March 2023, WAGIN, WA

Judge: Adrian Veitch, Kaya Dorper Stud, Narrogin, WA

Ram over 1 year

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Sasimwa, G & K Cole

Ram under 1 year, showing milk teeth born before 31 May

1. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
3. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons

Ram under 1 year, showing milk teeth born after 1 June

1. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
2. Golden Hill, N Ditchburn
3. Kalagan, J Addis

Ram under 1 year, showing milk teeth born after 1 August

1. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Robert Liebeck

Pair of Rams under 1 year showing milk teeth

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
3. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons

Ram under 1 year showing milk teeth, to be judged objectively and subjectively

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
3. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick

Ewe over 1 year

1. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

Ewe under 1 year showing milk teeth, born before 31 May

1. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
3. Kalagan, J Addis



Ewe under 1 year showing milk teeth, born after 1 June

1. Kalagan, J Addis
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

Ewe lamb showing milk teeth, born on or after 1st August

1. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
2. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

Pair of ewes under 1 year, showing milk teeth

1. Kalagan, J Addis
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick

Group of 1 Ram and 2 Ewes

1. Kalagan, J Addis
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
3. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons

Group of Three Ewes

1. Kalagan, J Addis
2. Codji Springs, R & C Marwick
3. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco

Group of Two Rams and Two Ewes

1. Kalagan, J Addis
2. Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
3. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons



Champion Ram -
Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly



Reserve Champion Ram -
Brimfield, M Whyte & G Cremasco
Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly



Reserve Champion Ewe -
Kalagan, J Addis
Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly

SHEEP & LAMB INSIGHTS

– APRIL 2023



Courtesy of Rural Bank

Stability is expected to characterise lamb prices in the coming month. Lamb supply has eased with average weekly slaughter in March down 2.3 per cent from February but on par with a year earlier. In addition, most sheep producing regions received decent rainfall in late-March which will help sure up autumn pastures following a dry summer. These factors contributed to the National Trade Lamb Indicator (NTLI) improving by six per cent since the middle of March. This was a welcome change following a 17 per cent fall across February and the first half of March. Prices are still relatively subdued with the NTLI 15 per cent lower than a year ago and 14 per cent below the five-year average. Further rainfall forecast for early-April should continue to offer support to prices. Supply is set to slow down further in April as public holidays reduce the number of working days for processors. Looking longer-term, lamb supply will likely increase and remain elevated through to winter. The results of Meat and Livestock Australia's producer intentions survey indicates that there are still plenty of lambs to be sold in coming month. This could mean we won't see the usual seasonal decline in supply in June and July. As a result of a flatter supply trend, the rise in prices typically seen in those months will not be as pronounced.

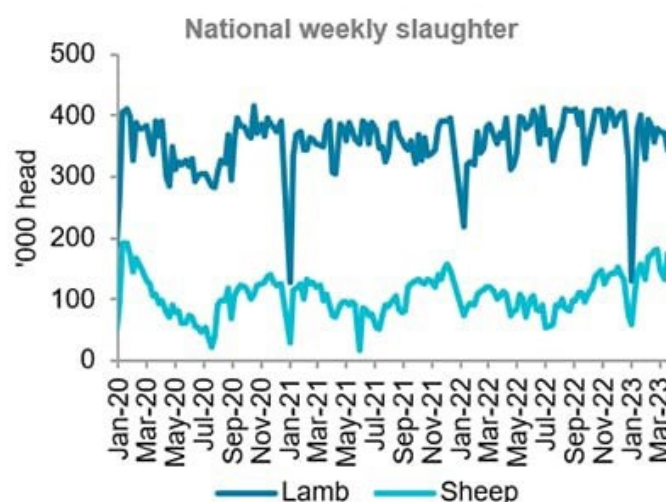
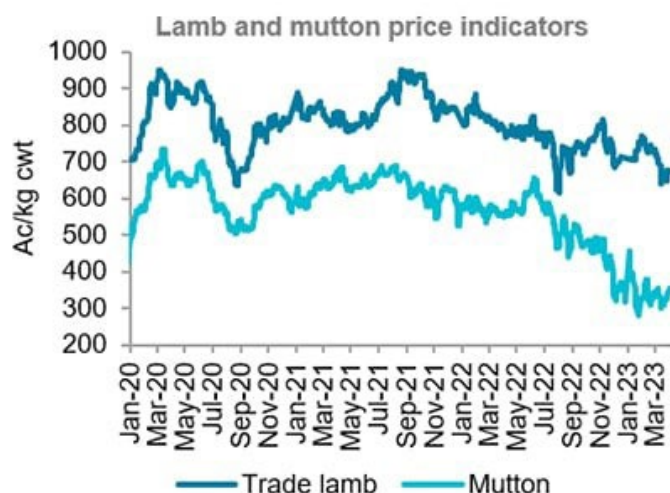
Another factor playing into recent lamb prices is the larger gap to mutton prices. The National Mutton Indicator (NMI) declined dramatically at the start of 2023 and has spent the last month within a range of 300-350c/kg. This places the NMI 34 per cent below the five-year average. The relatively poorer performance of mutton prices saw their discount to trade lambs grow to 51 per cent. This is much larger than the five-year average discount of 31 per cent. As a result, processors appear to be favouring mutton. This is reflected in March sheep slaughter

sitting 40 per cent higher year-on-year. The greater preference for mutton has helped stabilise mutton prices following the drop in prices in January. It has also contributed to weaker processor demand for lambs.

Elevated mutton slaughter has driven a higher volume of exports. Mutton export volumes in March were the largest since November 2019 and 68 per cent higher than a year ago. China has been the primary market absorbing the increase in mutton supply. Exports to China in March were 125 per cent higher than a year ago. Mutton exports to the Middle East have been improving since October 2022 and leapt higher in March, returning to levels not seen since March 2020.

Export demand for lamb is becoming a concern. Export volumes improved by 10.5 per cent in March but were only 2.9 per cent higher year-on-year. China was the largest market for the month. This was the first time it has held that title since May 2021. A 7.8 per cent rise for the month and an 11.3 per cent decline in exports to the US helped China overtake the US. While exports to China were 38.8 per cent higher year-on-year, exports to the US were 29.6 per cent lower. However, there are encouraging signs in smaller markets. South Korea recorded their second largest monthly volume on record and are tracking 47.1 per cent ahead of last year for the year-to-date. Exports to the UAE are also performing well, up 32.4 per cent for the year to date. Tapping into demand in these markets will be key to the direction of lamb prices amidst an apparent slowdown in demand from the US.

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White Suffolk Semen Sires

Name	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	LE_DIR	TCP	LEQ
EM - 200339	EM - 190156	0.21	22.58	3.57	-0.64	5.72	-0.47	0.00	-4.29	3.17	179.87	174.25
EM - 210326	Felix - 191175	0.26	18.88	3.81	0.36	4.14	0.10	-0.65	-64.27	0.96	165.75	171.25
EM - 210270	Langley Heights - 180231	0.17	21.12	4.10	0.00	5.11	-0.38	-0.28	-14.44	0.99	174.22	170.06

Potential Top White Suffolk Sale Rams

NAME	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	TCP	LEQ
EM - 220499	EM - 200339	0.25	19.94	3.26	0.02	4.36	-0.22	-0.29	-23.60	165.95	164.64
EM - 220012	EM - 200339	0.07	18.84	3.93	0.41	4.00	-0.20	-0.77	-22.90	164.44	163.37
EM - 220343	EM - 200339	0.17	20.04	3.35	-0.48	4.98	-0.37	1.41	1.25	166.67	161.70
EM - 220005	EM - 210270	0.17	19.91	4.14	0.11	4.72	-0.29	1.56	-34.84	166.12	164.76
EM - 220022	EM - 210270	0.26	20.15	3.58	-0.36	5.25	-0.40	1.43	-8.14	167.21	162.42
EM - 220360	Langley Heights - 180231	0.28	18.35	3.57	0.49	3.32	0.14	-0.66	-37.02	160.92	164.52
EM - 220304	Langley Heights - 180231	0.25	17.83	3.76	0.41	3.45	0.11	-0.61	-27.23	161.19	163.62
EM - 220639	Felix - 191175	0.08	18.21	3.42	0.20	4.02	-0.02	-1.08	-47.81	164.97	167.88
EM - 220113	Felix - 191175	0.06	17.15	3.78	0.98	3.23	0.21	-1.49	-63.38	159.11	165.79
EM - 220142	Felix - 191175	0.13	18.07	3.18	0.64	3.46	0.17	-0.82	-62.17	158.46	164.68
EM - 220221	Felix - 200145	-0.01	17.82	4.25	0.82	3.71	-0.04	-0.47	-31.76	158.93	160.35
EM - 220207	Valma - 202189	0.20	18.07	4.29	0.47	4.20	-0.05	-0.08	-28.30	162.95	163.98
EM - 220193	Valma - 202189	0.29	19.03	3.92	-0.14	4.87	-0.26	1.00	-16.95	165.13	162.81
EM - 220214	Valma - 202189	0.29	18.54	3.71	0.07	4.42	-0.09	0.35	-24.86	162.21	162.54
EM - 220210	Valma - 202189	0.23	18.30	3.89	0.21	4.23	-0.14	0.36	-26.81	161.96	161.81
EM - 220277	Valma - 202189	0.22	18.46	3.69	0.07	4.24	-0.22	-0.28	-28.05	162.40	161.61
EM - 220209	Valma - 202189	0.21	18.12	4.07	0.03	4.56	-0.21	0.66	-17.63	163.18	161.54

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◀ St Pauls College & Yanco Ag High students that attended the Conference on Monday.

WHITE SUFFOLK YOUTH A FOCUS AT 2023 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

By Julia Wythes for the Australian White Suffolk Association

A focus on young breeders is one of the plans for the Australian White Suffolk Association after its long-awaited national conference.

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, around 100 association members, speakers, industry representatives and school student breeders from across the country descended on Albury to celebrate and plan for the popular breed's upcoming year.

The conference meant a changing of the guard for the Association, with Ian Gilmore, Baringa stud, Oberon, elected as President. Mr Gilmore took over the reins from Andrew Heinrich, Ella Matta Stud, Parndana, SA, who had the challenging role of navigating COVID during the past two years.

Peter Angus, Maroola Stud, Mallala, SA, was elected as Vice President.

A highlight for many was hearing from 20 school students from Yanco Agricultural High School and St Paul's College who run their own White Suffolk studs.

The students play a huge role in ram selection, mating choices, undertaking artificial insemination (AI), lamb marking, attending shows and exhibiting, marketing and selling their stud rams.

This was a highlight for conference convenor Paul Routley.

The Almondvale stud principal said the mix of breeders, from older stud producers who had bred White Suffolks for decades to young people just getting started, was fantastic.

He said the Association was keen to support school initiatives.

"The students were ecstatic with how they were received," he said.



1. Brenton Addis, Yonga Downs stud, WA, with Troy Fischer, Ashmore stud, SA.
2. Lochie Gilmore, Premier stud, Daryl and Brad Honeysett, Honeyoaks stud.
3. Paul Routley, AWSA Councillor, with Dean Bellingham, Shearwell Data, who spoke on electronic ID to Conference attendees.
4. AWSA Councillors Ian Gilmore, incoming President, Anthony Hurst, immediate Past President, and Andrew Heinrich, outgoing President with Rural Bank's Michael Curtis and Kate Shepherd.
5. Graham Wilson, Kismet stud, NSW, with Doug Mitchell, Rene stud, NSW.

"The Association takes great pride in the youth and nurturing them - they are the future breeders."

He said having major sponsors Zoetis and Rural Bank at the conference, as well as conference sponsors MLA, Alltech Lienert, Elders and Nutrien, was a big benefit.

He said animal health and nutrition was a focus, with Dr Matthew Playford from Zoetis and Matthew Hallam from Nutrien presenting.

Dean Bellingham, Shearwell Data, presented on electronic NLIS tagging as NSW and SA look to roll out mandatory eID tagging.

"It gave us the whole perspective of the industry," he said.

Another highlight was guest speaker Kerry O'Keeffe, former Australian cricketer and current cricket commentator for Fox Sports, who shared his favourite moments in his career.

Incoming President Mr Gilmore said the Association was keen to promote White Suffolks even more.

"The White Suffolk has versatility, whether it is as terminal or maternal sires," he said.

He said the conference was a great opportunity to share updates on the breed's second satellite flock project.

Steve and Debbie Milne, Richmond Hill Agribusiness, announced that the Association is currently participating in its second round satellite flock for eating quality in carcase traits,

hosted by the Anden White Suffolk stud, with AI completed in January.

"We will be very keen to see the results - we have sourced genetics that are relevant to as many breeders as possible."

Mr Gilmore is looking forward to the year ahead, especially with the focus on youth.

"This is the first time the Federal Council has implemented a youth committee, with a delegate in nearly every state. It is exciting for the breed to work with students and young breeders," he said.

"It was nice to see the enthusiasm and positive input from the younger generation."

For some breeders, this was their first time at a national conference.

This was the case for David Lieschke, Otto stud, Walla Walla. ►

Mr Lieschke and his wife Helen have been breeding White Suffolks since 2017.

"We bred them because we liked the ease of lambing and good lambing percentages. They also have good weight gain," he said.

Heading to the conference was a priority for the Lieschkes because of their 17-year-old son Tom.

"Tom is very keen on sheep work and is involved in the stud," he said.

"It was a good chance to ask questions and get updates on the breed, as well as meeting other breeders."

8. Major AWSA Sponsor, Zoetis attended the Conference. Pictured is Sarah Heffernan (Zoetis), Peter Angus (AWSA), Brad Honeysett (AWSA), and Daniel Guest (Zoetis National Marketing Manager).
9. New Vice President, Peter Angus, congratulation elected President, Ian Gilmore.
10. Karen Dennis, Kurrabi Park stud, SA, with Janet Gall, Wilsons Creek stud, NSW



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LAMB SALES SET TO HIT 13.44 MILLION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2023

Courtesy Meat & Livestock Australia

KEY POINTS

- February 2023 Sheep Producer Intentions Pulse survey results indicate 51% of Australian producers sold less lambs than expected compared to the October survey results.
- The 'holding back' of lambs has led to 55% of producers expecting to increase their lamb sales in the first half of 2023.
- There may be an increase in yardings to come. This will support MLA's recent projection of record lamb production for 2023.

The results from Meat & Livestock Australia and Australian Wool Innovation's *February 2023 Sheep Producer Intentions - PULSE survey* were released in March, providing updated estimates of the October 2022 producer lamb sales estimates.

LAMB SALES

Results from the survey indicated that 51% of Australian producers had sold fewer lambs than expected by the end of 2022.

With total lamb sales at the end of last year reaching an estimated 8.75 million, this was 3.09 million head less than the projection estimates from the October 2022 Sheep Intentions survey.

The decline in sales was mostly attributed to weather conditions impacting producers' ability to achieve the targeted lamb performance required for sale. Lamb condition and weight have been key determinants of market price over the last few months, as buyers have plenty of stock to choose from.

Other reasonings were:

- prices not being strong enough (25%)
- less lambs than expected from the 2022 drop (13%)
- harvest activities being prioritised (12%).



Although labour issues have been felt across the supply chain, therefore restricting processor capacity, only 6% of producers who sold fewer lambs than expected attributed it to processor availability issues.

The 'holding back' of lambs at the end of last year resulted in 55% of producers expecting to sell more lambs in the first half of 2023 across most states and all farm sizes.

This translates to an increase of 3.27 million lambs to be sold on top of the estimates from the October survey, or a total of 13.44 million head, in the first half of 2023.

LAMB YARDINGS

Lamb yardings week-to-date for 2023 have increased 15% year-on-year as more lambs come to weight and hit the market after the intensive rebuild period.

Week-on-week comparisons of lamb yardings from the last three years can be seen in the graph below (Figure 1).

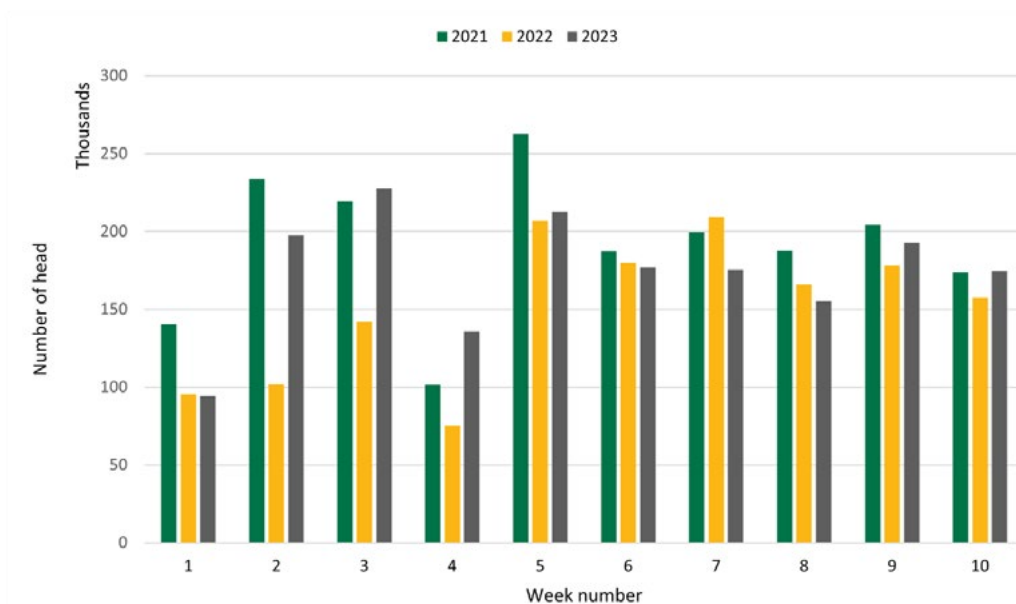


Figure 1. Lamb yarding comparisons 2021–23

Source: National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRS)

The PULSE survey indicates that more lambs may hit the market in the coming months. This has the potential to place pricing pressures on the market and increase selectiveness from buyers.

MLA's February sheep projections forecast the 2023 flock size to reach its largest levels since 2007. This, along with lamb slaughter increasing to 22.6 million head in 2023 and reaching record levels in 2024, is supported by the lift in supply indicated in the survey.

The record production forecast for 2023 is more likely to occur as more lambs come into weight and are being sold. Carcase weights are set to remain historically high and slaughter is increasing.

At the saleyards, buyers can afford to be selective on what lambs to take and which ones to leave, which is leading to premium prices for lambs with weight and good condition.

With feed still available, producers are holding back lambs from last season and will be able to enter the market when their stock reach adequate weights.

Processing space for small stock doesn't seem to be an issue for producers and suggests that production forecasts are attainable.

LOOKING FORWARD

The next Sheep Producer Intentions survey – set to be launched in May – will assess how many ewes producers expect to join for the coming lambing season.

Industry participation in these surveys is vitally important for the visibility of the industry and better decision making on-farm.

To review the full survey results report, scan the QR code.



2021 bursary recipients at the event, with White Suffolk breeders that attended the Conference on Monday.



We congratulate the following 2023 AWSA bursary recipients:

- Isabelle Armstrong, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- Sophie Birchall, Bronte Park, TAS
- Lucas Cech, Hyde Park, SA
- Lucy Cook, Balmoral, VIC
- Mia Grady, Naracoorte, SA
- Stefan Grossman, Angaston, SA
- Dustin Harvey, Porter Lagoon, SA
- April Holmes, Angaston, SA
- Phoebe Holmes, Renmark, SA
- Shayla Lapse, Reynella, SA
- Tom Megson, St Ives, SA
- Caylee Pitman, Freeling, SA
- Lucinda Smith, Gymbowen, VIC

The recipients come from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences, all with aspirations to further their skills and knowledge in the sheep industry to assist with career paths into the future.

Most also have some experience with the White Suffolk breed, and we hope that as a bursary recipient, that they will draw on the support of our White Suffolks networks and look to developing their involvement with the White Suffolk breed moving forward.

Each winner has received free entry to attend the 2023 SA Sheep Expo, a personalized White Suffolk shirt from RB Sellars and an AWSA cap.

The SA Sheep Expo will be held from 26 – 28 April 2023 at the Adelaide Showground, Wayville, SA with the opportunity to take home some great prizes including a \$4,500 NZ Study Tour bursary for the winner of Senior age group.

We wish them all the best in their involvement.

A full report on the Expo and summary from each of the bursary recipients will feature in our August newsletter.

SA SHEEP EXPO BURSARY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Association recently awarded 13 bursaries to young sheep enthusiasts to afford them the opportunity to attend the 2023 SA Sheep Expo.



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St Pauls College & Yanco Ag
High students that attended
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ST PAUL'S COLLEGE STUDENTS ATTEND THE AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK NATIONAL CONFERENCE



St Pauls students at Henty Show

Recently a team of 11 St Paul's College students travelled to the Lake Hume Resort to attend the Australian White Suffolk National Conference.

Students were able to be involved in several presentations, including ones from a vet from Corowa who discussed worm burdens in sheep and associated management practices, the MLA Sheep Genetics team who discussed updates to the database.

A representative from the Rural Bank gave an overview of the sheep markets, both domestic and international. Students also heard from Mr and Mrs Milne, about the White Suffolk satellite flock project aimed at improving the accuracy of ASBV traits.

Students from the College were invited to give a presentation to the conference outlining the College's stud flock, breeding objectives for the future and importance of the support provided by associations such as the White Suffolk Association. Senior students Jess Baker and Lachlan Routley spoke with confidence and enthusiasm on behalf of the group communicating to a room full of delegates and company

representatives, an overview of the College's White Suffolk flock and the opportunities the flock provide students at the College. It was also quite fitting that the flock founder, Mr Wayne Whale was in attendance at the conference who heard of the student's passion and involvement with the flock.

The White Suffolk stud plays an integral role in the education of students studying agriculture, while also providing opportunities for students to be actively involved in showing the stud sheep at local and interstate show. Students are involved in the day-to-day husbandry, management and feeding of the stud flock, and are invited to be actively involved in decision-making processes.

By attending the national conference, students were able to meet industry experts, local breeders and representatives. It also allows students to make that connection between the classroom and the industry. Students are also exposed to the numerous job opportunities that exist in the industry, highlighting the future of agriculture and how they can be at the forefront of the sheep and wool industry.

A huge thanks to the organisers and the numerous breeders and delegates for welcoming and encouraging these young people, the future of our industry.



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WHITE SUFFOLK SATELLITE FLOCK PROJECT UPDATE

Courtesy of Debbie Milne, Richmond Hill Agribusiness

The second AWSA satellite flock project has begun. The project is being led by project manager, Debbie Milne, and conducted on the property of the Donnan Family, Anden White Suffolk stud, Willangie, Victoria.



SIRE SELECTION

In November, the AWSA Technical subcommittee worked to select 11 sires and 2 link sires for the project. Sires were selected from a list of sires already earmarked as potential candidates by the AWSA, as well as nominations submitted to the AWSA by members.

The sires selected for the Round 3 project were:

SIRES	SEMEN DONORS
Detpa Grove 200477 (link sire)	D Pipkorn
Langley Heights 190090 (link sire)	B Lang
Ashmore 210064	T Fischer, B Gale
Days 190108	I Gilmore, B Gilmore, A Hurst
Farrer 190001	S Funke
Gemini 170470	S Funke
Ida Vale 194051	G Treweek, S Baker, L Polkinghorne
Langley Heights 180231	A Newell
Rangeview 190098	B Shepherd, W Milroy
Smithston 200882	G Treweek
Valma 202189	A McLaughlin
Wakeleigh 200186	P Angus
Wattle Park 180280	T Jorgensen

We thank all semen donors for supporting the project by way of donation of semen of selected sires.

AI in progress



Debbie Milne sorted eID tags during AI

Preparing ewes for AI

SATELLITE FLOCK AI COMPLETED JANUARY 2023

The AI for the satellite flock was completed on 11th and 12th January at the host property, Anden, in their fantastic AI centre. Ken Watson and Courtney from Tatiara Breeding Services completed the AI.

350 well grown maiden Merino ewes from Hamilton Run, Jamestown, SA, were prepared for AI by the Donnan family and in great condition on the day.

A total of 325 ewes were AI'd across the two days, with 25 ewes assigned to each sire.

Thank you to the Donnan family, David Pipkorn, Peter Angus, Andrew Frick, and Steve Milne for assisting with labour for the AI, and Debbie Milne for recording tags and sires on the day. A special thank you to the Donnan Family (Joel, Trent and Andrew) for their work and commitment towards the entire project, and to Denita Donnan for catering and arranging accommodation for those that assisted with the AI program. .

Pregnancy Scanning results from March 2023

Pregnancy scanning of the 325 satellite flock ewes was completed on 23rd March.

72.92% of ewes are in lamb, with a total of 385 lambs from 325 ewes expected.

We are looking forward to seeing the lambs arrive in June.

THE NEXT STEPS

The sires of the lambs will be determined through DNA parentage tests, and full genomic tests on all lambs undertaken. All progeny will be weighed and scanned for fat and muscle prior to slaughter in October.

It is expected that the lambs will be slaughtered in November / December 2023 at a facility determined by MLA. Assessment of all eating quality and carcass traits will be undertaken by the University of New England meat science team.

Once data has been collected and reviewed, it will be submitted to Sheep Genetics and contribute to the information used in the calculation of ASBV's for each sire. This will increase the accuracy of genomic tests done by any breeder on animals related to these sires for those hard to measure eating quality traits.



Helpers on AI Day for AWSA Satellite Flock project

WHITE SUFFOLKS FEATURE IN WAMMCO PRODUCER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

WAMMCO Producer of the Month snippets courtesy Farm Weekly.

Over the past six months, the White Suffolk breed has featured in several WAMMCO Producer of the Month awards. Congratulations to all White Suffolk breeders that supply rams to commercial producers. Success like this proves the breed's performance in the industry and ensures the breed is getting the recognition it deserves.



OCTOBER 2022:

BROCKMAN FAMILY, MURADUP, TAKES WAMMCO PRODUCER OF MONTH AWARD WITH A LINE OF 233 WHITE SUFFOLK-MERINO CROSSBRED LAMBS PROCESSED AT KATANNING.

David Brockman and his family took out WAMMCO's Producer of the Month title for October 2022 with a line of 233 White Suffolk-Merino crossbred lambs processed at Katanning on October 1.

The winning October 2022 lambs averaged 22.09kg to return \$154 a head and recorded a high WAMMCO sweet spot of 99.57 per cent.

Most of these lambs were from Clanmea bred Merinos and White Suffolk rams purchased from the Lukin Springs stud, Boyup Brook, but the winning draft also included lambs sired by the first White Suffolk rams purchased from Craig Heggaton's BreedersBEST Genetics stud at Kojonup two years ago.

"We dropped 1700 crossbred lambs from 1500 ewes, achieving our best ever lambing percentage," David Brockman said.

"With the long growing season, 85pc of them were finished on green grass and averaged 22kg carcase weight.

"We run 3400 ewes joined 55:45 Merino/White Suffolk.

Mr Brockman said a change to July lambing for the Merino ewes had allowed him to carry a few more ewes. He said the opportunity to boost profitability via genetics, management and technology was too good for farmers to miss.



DECEMBER 2022:

**CROWLEY FAMILY, GAIRDNER,
WINS WAMMCO PRODUCER OF
MONTH AWARD WITH WHITE
SUFFOLK-MERINO CROSS LAMBS.**

Winning WAMMCO's Producer of the Month title for December, 2022, would not have entered the minds of former shearing contractor Darrell Crowley and his wife Janine when they invested in their first small farm close to the Gairdner CBH bin, on the South Coast highway in 2007.

The winning December draft consisted of 126 White Suffolk-Merino lambs, processed at Katanning on December 19. They comprised tailenders for the season and averaged 21.96 kilograms to return \$142.45.

The WAMMCO Sweet Spot score used to determine winners, was an impressive 97.62 per cent.

The mix of Merino and White Suffolk genetics continues to dominate their breeding base, mainly with purchased ewes, and the rams supplied over the past 14 years by Rob and Stacey Bush's Ros Gywn White Suffolk stud at Mt Barker.

"As a shearer I love white points and white wool, a shed full of big wool bales and a truck load of heavy, healthy animals ready for market," Mr Crowley said.

JANUARY 2022:

**DAVY FAMILY WITH WAMMCO PRODUCER OF
MONTH AWARD WITH A LINE OF WHITE
SUFFOLK-MERINO CROSS LAMBS.**

The Davy family, Blackboy Hill Farm, Wellstead, is the latest family farming business to join an impressive list of WAMMCO Producer of the Month winners.

A draft of 180 White Suffolk-Merino cross lambs from Blackboy Hills Farm, killed at WAMMCO Katanning on January 20 averaged 21.46 kilograms and returned \$138.91 including skin to reach a sweetspot of 97.78 per cent.

For nearly 35 years, the family's Merino flock has been based on Woodyarrup blood stock, both from the stud itself and from Bob Bairstow's original Kalgan Downs stud.

Wool has maintained a prominent place under the present family partnership because of the extra \$25 or so per head it continues to contribute each year.



"With lamb prices well down from more than \$8 per kg over the previous two years, the production of up to 400 bales of wool each year from our self-replacing flock of 7000 ewes is vital to help us to make up the difference," Robert said.

"We have also found that maintaining both spring and autumn shearing and our policy of mating about one third of our ewe flock to White Suffolk rams from the Hyde family's Kohat stud, assists us to get stock off the property quickly at a time when wool is also bringing some good prices."



FEBRUARY 2023:

**CANOWIE PASTORAL
COMPANY, GAIRDNER RIVER,
WINS WAMMCO PRODUCER
OF THE MONTH**

The Griffiths family's winning WAMMCO consignment of 324 White Suffolk-Merino lambs, including a proportion of lambs from bought in ewes, was finished on a new deferment grazing/ feedlotting system installed on the Gairdner River property in 2022.

These lambs were processed at Katanning on February 13 to average 20.94 kilograms per head for a return per head of \$135.52.

The winning WAMMCO sweet spot score was 92.28 per cent.

The Griffiths family - like many other farming families in the region, moved to Gairdner River in the 1970s from Woogenellup, to gain more land at a lower price.

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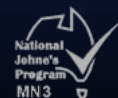
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE BRANCH UPDATE

Courtesy of John Addis

WA Branch President

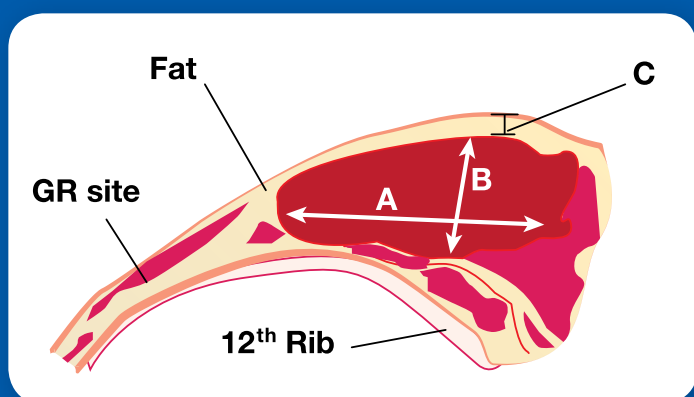
WA breeders had a successful 2022 ram-selling season after a stop-start year due to Covid-19. It has also been great to see the White Suffolk breed featured heavily in the Interbreed in the major shows in Western Australia the past 12 months. This is a credit to the breeders, well done to all.

At the 2023 Wagin Woolorama, the WA Branch held its AGM. I would like to thank Keith Ladyman for his role as President the past two years as he hands over the reigns, it wouldn't have been the easiest job to do over the Covid period. The following Committee were elected at the AGM, and I look forward to working with them in the year ahead:

President	Josh Addis
Vice President	Nathan Ditchburn
Secretary	Harriet Addis
General Committee	Brenton Addis, Glenn Cole, Sascha Squiers

Finally, I would like to wish Tamesha Gardner and Andrew Greenup and their family all the best as they look to retire from breeding White Suffolks. The Gardner family have been a part of the breed for over 40 years and have played a huge role in the development and promotion of White Suffolks in Western Australia in that time.

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20W183



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'NOT NEGOTIABLE'
19W043

22W101

Sire:
Baringa
'VIBE'
20W183



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