



August 2023

**WHITE SUFFOLK  
YOUTH FULL OF  
ENTHUSIASM AT EXPO**

**RESULTS FROM  
AUST. SHEEP &  
WOOL SHOW,  
SYDNEY ROYAL &  
NSW SHEEP SHOW**

**WHITE SUFFOLKS  
TRANSFORM SHEEP  
BREEDING FOR  
BAIRNSDALE PRODUCER**



**SPOTTED! STUD  
BREEDERS UNDER  
30 TO WATCH**

**WHITE SUFFOLKS  
RIDE THE WAVE OF A  
CHALLENGING MARKET**





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WHITE SUFFOLK STUD



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MAROOOLA 226201 tw

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Eartag	Sire	DOB	BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	IMF	SHF5	LEQ	TCP
M 226201 tw	FE 201156	29-5	0.3	12.1	18.4	-0.1	3.6	-0.4	1.4	157.7	163.4

Offering two rams at 2023 Royal Adelaide Show Elite Ram Sale Sunday 3 September



Maroola 226250



Maroola 226370

Eartag	Sire	DOB	BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	IMF	SHF5	LEQ	TCP
M 226250	FE 201156	30-5	0.3	13.2	20.4	0.3	3.1	-0.2	0.8	159.9	163.3
M 226370	W 200186	14-6	0.4	12.4	19.7	-1.3	2.3	-0.8	3.5	150.7	160.4

Percentile Highlights

Top 5% - Purple

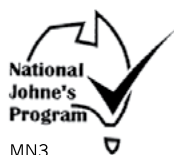
Top 10% - Blue

Top 20% - Green

120 Flock Rams

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By high performing sires including Felix 201156, Wakeleigh 200186 and Maroola 205250.



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# from the president

To my fellow White Suffolk Breeders

It is with a heavy heart that I put pen to paper and write my second presidents report. On Monday 17 July we awoke to the news that Dale Moore had passed away.

Dale served on council from 2008-2013, was awarded a Distinguished Service Award in 2018 and with his father Kevin and the Penrise Stud were one of the founding members of the White Suffolk Breed. He was one of nature's true gentlemen and we were all better for having known him.

On behalf of the Association, I offer our sincere condolences to wife Mandy, parents Kevin and Merle, son Lochlan and extended family.

The AWSA Satellite Flock Program is in full swing with lambs recorded and marked in early July. Once again I extend a huge thanks to the Donnan family for hosting the project on their property. Thank you also to Steve and Debbie Milne from Richmond Hill Agribusiness and to all of the council members that have been able to assist with the AI and through to lamb marking. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Nikki and Anthony and the Promotions subcommittee for revamping our 2023 advertising campaign. It looks terrific and I encourage all members to use and share our Win a Ram and Perfect Match adverts where they can.

We have been working with Youth Liaison Lachie McCrae to design trucker caps and hoodies that we hope to set up in an online store along with other White Suffolk merchandise for our members to be able to purchase. Keep your eyes out for more announcements on this soon.

With the selling season fast approaching I wish all studs success, and to those attending our major shows and sales, thank you for keeping our breed represented in the public domain.



*Ian Gilmore*  
President



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hosts record  
number of entrants

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*It's not often that changing a ram can transform an operation. But that's exactly what White Suffolks have done for Merino producer Mark Norling.*





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## Spotted! Stud breeders under 30 to watch

*Stock Journal (SA) recently ran a series on studbreeders under 30 years to watch, which feature some of our up-and-coming White Suffolk young guns.*



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## White Suffolks ride the wave of a challenging market

*White Suffolk listings have hit record highs in the first quarter of 2023, as an influx of new season 2022 lambs hit the market later than usual.*

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## DNA Technology – An Important Tool for Ram Breeders

*DNA based technologies have revolutionised livestock breeding in recent times.*

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# from the secretary

Hello members,

The past few months have again seen a constant and steady workflow for the Association as members attended to Annual Returns, and we prepare to promote the breed ahead of the selling season.

The Annual Return and renewal process ran relatively smoothly, thank you to all members that completed their Annual Return efficiently.

There were however a few minor hiccups after the rollout of the WebManager upgrade – I thank all members that alerted us to these issues and for your patience while we resolved them with the programmer. These have all now been rectified. The credit card payment online payment facility has been successful and utilized by members and has resulted in less outstanding accounts to chase payment for which is pleasing.

Production of the 2023 Flock Book is well underway with distribution to members on track for early September.

I have recently been advised that the Elite Stud Sheep Sale at the Royal Adelaide Show will be conducted in a different format this year due to the small number of entries received. The sale will be held as a Helmsman sale on AuctionsPlus on Sunday 3 September at 7:00pm.

The White Suffolk breed has been the largest supporter and driver behind the formation and success of the Adelaide Elite Sale, achieving many record prices and strong clearances over the years. Hopefully the sale can be sustained in some capacity into the future.

I have been working with the Elite Show & Sale Committee in Bendigo ahead of their upcoming event from 8 – 10 September. The Show & Sale is shaping up to be the biggest in its history yet, this is a great achievement and testament to the hard work of all those involved behind the scenes. I wish all members attending an enjoyable few days and look forward to reporting on the event in our next newsletter.

I am pleased to advise that Jennifer Impey joined Agri Elements in August and will be working alongside myself in a breed society support role. Jennifer has experience with breed societies, and most importantly shares a passion for engaging with and understanding the needs of members. I am excited to have Jen on board to help bring added efficiency and new ideas. Please make her feel welcome if she reaches out.

Finally, in a bid to chase some sun after the cold and wet winter we have experienced in the Adelaide Hills, I am heading north for a week and will be out of the office from 9th – 16th September. I will be checking emails while away and attending to any urgent matters as required, please keep this in mind if you need to get in touch.

All the best to everyone this selling season, I hope that you reap the rewards you desire.



*Nikki Ward*  
Secretary

## SINCE MAY 2023

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

Flock No	Member Name	Town	State	Stud Prefix
1005	A C R Nagorcka	Hawkesdale	VIC	Nedelle Downs
1006	JM Hiscock & Sons	High Camp	VIC	Brurob

## new members





# INAUGURAL ON PROPERTY SALE

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**10TH OCTOBER 2023  
VIEWING FROM 11.00 AM**

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**Elders**







# FEDERAL COUNCIL MATTERS

August 2023

## VALE DALE MOORE

It is with sadness that the Association shares the news of the passing of Dale Moore, Penrise stud. Dale was an influential member of our Association and a highly respected and valued friend to many.

Our thoughts go out to the entire Moore family during this time.

## JULY FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Federal Council meeting was held in the last week of July in Adelaide.

## ANNUAL RETURNS / MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Annual Return and renewal process is now complete. Thank you to all members that completed this efficiently.

Any members that have not renewed in the timeframe required have had their membership status made inactive and will need to contact the office to reactivate their membership.

## BRUCELLOSIS ACCREDITATION

A reminder to provide your updated accreditation certificate as soon as it is received. While most have updated their records and provided a copy of their certificate, there are still some outstanding. The office will be sending out reminders in the next month if you are yet to provide a copy.

## AWSA SATELLITE FLOCK PROJECT UPDATE

The second satellite flock project is well underway, with lambs born at Anden in June and lamb marking completed in early July. An update report is included in this newsletter for members.

We extend our ongoing thanks to the Donnan family for hosting the project, Steve and Debbie Milne for their work as Project Managers and all those that have assisted with labour.

## 2023 SA SHEEP EXPO WRAP UP

The Association had a strong presence at the 2023 SA Sheep Expo in April, including 11 bursary recipients that attended plus additional youth associated with White Suffolk studs.

A full report is included in this newsletter on the event. Thank you to the members that provided White Suffolk sheep for the participants to look after during the event, and the support offered by members to all participants.

## YOUTH GROUP

There is a planned get together for young White Suffolk members at the Elite Show & Sale in Bendigo this September. The event always has a strong youth representation and includes a young judging and junior handlers competition with some fantastic prizes. If you are interested in how you can become involved please reach out to Lachie McCrae on 0418 540 790.

We have also introduced some promotional clothing items that are branded with our youth logo. See our Promotions report for more detail and how you can order.



## STUD SALE CALENDAR

Thank you to all studs that updated their sale date with their Annual Return. These dates have now been added to the website. If you have a sale date you would like to include please get in touch with the office to have it added.

## 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2024 National Conference will be held from 25th – 27th February at Halls Gap, Victoria.

If any Victorian members are interested and able to help organize the event please contact Lachie McCrae on 0418 540 790.

## MAJOR SPONSORS

We are pleased to report that Zoetis, Rural Bank, Shearwell and Bromar have all continued their sponsorship arrangements with the Association for the current year.

We encourage members to consider utilizing these business in their stud operations.

Thank you to all four sponsors, we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

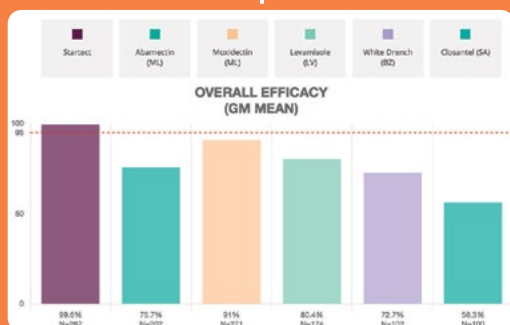


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## White Suffolks

**60**  
WHITE SUFFOLK  
RAMS ON  
OFFER

36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

# TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

INSPECTION FROM 11.30AM | SALE 2.00PM

Brucellosis Free accredited Sale Rams have been Lambplan recorded and paddock reared with a full drenching and vaccinating program.



ASHMORE 200997 (AI)

SIRE: ASHMORE 190016 S.O.D: WARBURN 160048

BWT	PWWT	PEMD	PFAT	TCP
0.63	22.5	3.44	0.23	169



ASHMORE 200667 (AI)

SIRE: ASHMORE 170986 S.O.D: ANDEN 140025

BWT	PWWT	PEMD	PFAT	TCP
0.41	18.2	3.77	0.39	169

# 2023

## FEATURED SALE RAMS

	SIRE	S.O.D	BWT	PWWT	PEMD	PFAT	TCP
220028	ASH 997	ASH 170715	0.6	22	2.6	-0.3	164
220261	ASH 997	ASH 170715	0.5	21.4	2.5	-0.25	163
220007	ASH 667	ASH 160301	0.47	19.5	2.2	-0.97	161
220352	ASH 997	ASH 170715	0.47	21.1	2.3	-0.4	161
220413	ASH 667	ASH 160301	0.44	18.8	2.5	-0.77	161
220216	ASH 997	ASH 170715	0.36	19.2	3.0	-0.14	160

TOP 1%

TOP 5%

TOP 10%

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# PROMOTIONS REPORT

## ANTHONY HURST, *Promotions Chair*

The 2023 Promotions and Marketing campaign has now begun, members should see White Suffolks promoted throughout a range of media all the way into November. We will also run a short campaign in Northern NSW in January next year to support their summer sales.

The revamp of the Newsletter design is complete. Thank you to Caitlin at BizBoost Creative for her keen eye for detail and the new modern magazine-style design she has created. The new style means we can showcase a great photo on the front cover. If any studs have an excellent image they would like to see included please send them through to Nikki.

For our print and digital campaign, a refreshed Win A Ram competition advert has already been released and looks fantastic. We have also tried to think outside the square and create some new eye-catching adverts that are specific to the target audience of the publication they will be shared in. We will continue to work this style into all our promotions moving forward.

Julia Wythes, our breed journalist, has been busy working on stories of White Suffolks. Story ideas and contacts are always a challenge, but we have managed to find some great news items to share in the media recently. Thank you to Julia for your passion for the breed and continuing to help us tell our story.

The 2023 Win A Ram Competition is now open with 2 x \$2,000 vouchers up for grabs. Members are encouraged to promote this to their clients. The competition closes on 20 October and the winners will be drawn live on our Facebook page on 27 October.

To support our youth group we have acquired trucker style caps and hoodies with the youth group logo to sell to members. Some caps will be heading to Bendigo Elite with the remainder available for sale on the AWSA website. We are also working on a hoodie jumper design. All proceeds from sales from the hats and hoodies will directly go towards supporting our youth group.



**WIN A Ram**

Your chance to **WIN 1 of 2 \$2000** vouchers!

Scan the QR code or enter via the AWSA website

[www.whitesuffolk.com.au](http://www.whitesuffolk.com.au)

**WIN \$2000**  
To purchase a White Suffolk Ram

**white suffolk**  
Better by Design

x2

The Promotions team continue to research and develop the new initiatives reported on in the last newsletter. Some have already been completed and the rest remain ongoing. Our focus is currently on the following items:

- A digital flip-book style newsletter for our April 2023 edition.
- New video footage to be taken and incorporated into our TV campaign.
- Video to be produced that promotes the White Suffolk breed aims.
- 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.

- 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 on how we can promote the breed then please feel free to get in touch.

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2023 SA Sheep Expo participants at the event

# SA SHEEP EXPO HOSTS RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRANTS IN TRIUMPHANT RETURN



**The SA Sheep Expo made a record-breaking return in April when young sheep enthusiasts from four states travelled to the Adelaide Showground to participate in its three-day educational program.**

The focus of the event was on the 'ram', with entrants ranging from 12 to 24 years participating in a series of workshops and lectures with broad representation across the wool and sheep meat industry and supply chain.

Expo Chairman, Mark Grossman, said the program topics included ram selection, disease control, shearing shed and yard design, photography, and wool on-farm and off-farm.

"The Expo is very important for the young generation because it gives the opportunity to learn about all aspects within the sheep industry and offers careers for later in their lives," he said.

"The Senior group had the opportunity to get public speaking experience, learn how to present themselves and how to progress in their careers as well as learning how to help the younger generation."

In just its sixth year, the event achieved an attendance of 142 participants beating its previous record by just a few.

"This year we had a record number which is exciting and it's great to see first timers learning how it all works as well as people from sheep backgrounds."

While the focus was on opportunity and upskilling, participants also competed in their age groups with written and practical assessments to test their knowledge.

The competition culminated with the highly anticipated handler competition on the final day where handling skills were put to the test in front of an audience of parents, helpers and sponsors.





The ASSBA and SA Sheep Industry Fund Award of Excellence major prize was won by Caitlin Flanagan-Organ, a wool classer and shearing contractor from Bordertown, SA.

Ms Flanagan-Organ received a \$4,500 study tour bursary to New Zealand.

She said her experience at the Expo was surreal, with one speaker a standout of her week.

"To hear John Dalla speak at the dinner about his experience as part of the Australian shearing team was a very special for me," she said.

"But overall, the expo itself was invaluable and I feel very lucky to have been able to win the major prize."

"The study tour will be an amazing opportunity for me to broaden my industry experience."

She said the two things on her bucket list for her trip were to experience the fine wool industry and attend the Golden Shears.

"The win and the trip are great, but if I'm able to inspire one person to pursue a career in the industry I call that success over winning the award."

The Expo was generously supported by a host of major sponsors including industry partners - the Show Society Foundation, SA Sheep Industry Fund and Australian Wool Innovation.

A full list of results can be found on the expo website, [www.sasheepexpo.com.au](http://www.sasheepexpo.com.au).

**THE 2024 EXPO WILL BE HELD FROM 17TH – 19TH APRIL AT THE ADELAIDE SHOWGROUND.**



▲ (L-R) Junior Age Group Winner – Max Penny, Senior Age Group Winner – Caitlin Flanagan-Organ, and Intermediate Age Group Winner – Tamika Pottage.





# ANNUAL RAM SALE

14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

10 SPECIALLY SELECTED RAMS | 120 FLOCK RAMS



Offering at - Adelaide Elite Sale - 3rd September 2023  
Bendigo Elite Show & Sale - 10th September 2023



Prior inspection welcome by appointment only.

Damien Hawker



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OMAD White Suffolk Stud



◀ **Champion White Suffolk Ewe & Reserve Interbreed Prime Lamb Exhibit - Mertex, T & B Jorgensen**

Junior Champion Ram -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Reserve Junior Champion Ram -  
**YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS**

Senior Champion Ram -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Reserve Senior Champion Ram -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Grand Champion Ram -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Champion Ewe -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Reserve Champion Ewe -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Supreme Champion White Suffolk Exhibit -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

Most Successful Exhibitor -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

**Supreme Interbreed Shortwool Group - MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

**Reserve Interbreed Prime Lamb Exhibit - MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**

# AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW RESULTS 2023

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

**Judge:** Damien Hawker, Omad Stud, Kaniva VIC

## Novice Class – Ram, under 1 ½ years

1. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School
2. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School

## Woolly Ram, born after 1st April in the year prior to the show

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Otto, DG & HT Lieschke
3. Induro, GA Treweek

## Shorn Ram, born in April in the year prior to the show

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek
3. Lakeside Park, P & K Murrowood

## Ram, born in May in the year prior to the show

1. Induro, GA Treweek
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Yonga Downs, B Addis

## Ram, born in June in the year prior to the show

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

## Pair of Rams, born in April, May or June in the year prior to the show

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

## Ram, born in July in the year prior to the show

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Booloolo, S & A Baker
3. Booloolo, S & A Baker

## Ram, born after 1st August in the year prior to the show

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Rangeview, WJ Milroy
3. Lakeside Park, P & K Murrowood





▲ **Supreme Interbreed Shortwool Group -**  
*Mertex, T & B Jorgensen*

**Pair of Rams, born on/after 1st July in the year prior to the show**

1. Booloolo, S & A Baker
2. Booloolo, S & A Baker
3. Hopea, AC & PM McDonald

**Ram Lamb, born after 1st April**

1. Spring Creek, RG & LW Bailey

**Novice Class – Ewe under 1 ½ years**

1. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School
2. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School

**Ewe, over 1 ½ years, shorn**

1. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School
2. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School
3. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School

**Woolly Ewe, born after 1st April in year prior to the show**

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

**Ewe, born after between 1st April & 31st May in the year of the show**

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

**Pair of Ewes, under 1 ½ years**

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



**Grand Champion White Suffolk Ram -**  
*Mertex, T & B Jorgensen*



**Junior Champion Ram -**  
*Mertex, T & B Jorgensen*  
**Reserve Junior Champion Ram -**  
*Yonga Downs, B Addis*



**Ewe, born between 1st June & 31st July in the year prior to the show**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Otto, DG & HT Lieschke
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

**Ewe, born on or after 1st August in the year prior to the show**

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2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Otto, DG & HT Lieschke

**Ewe lamb, born after 1st April in the year of the show**

1. Spring Creek, G & LW Bailey

**Group of 1 Ram & 2 Ewes**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Otto, DG & HT Lieschke

**Sire's Progeny Group**

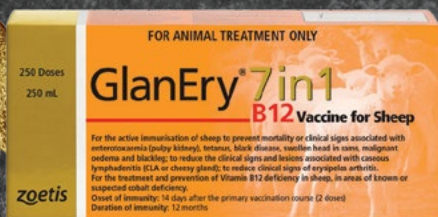
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# SHEEP & LAMB OUTLOOK – JULY 2023

Courtesy of Rural Bank



Lamb markets are expected to encounter good numbers of new season lambs in the second half of 2023. As high supply continues, markets will be looking for direction from export demand which has been a mixed bag so far this year. A drier outlook should avoid the challenges presented by the wet conditions of late 2022 which culminated in a surge of supply in recent months.

The expansion mode of Australia's sheep flock is set to keep the industry in a high supply environment for the second half of 2023. A larger than normal carryover of lambs from late-2022 saw lamb slaughter in the first quarter of 2023 up 12.5 per cent year-on-year. Lamb supply is expected to come into closer alignment to trends from a year ago during the second half of 2023. Minor year-on-year increases to slaughter of around two per cent are expected on the back of flock growth. This will be offset by lighter average carcass weights due to forecast drier conditions. As a result, production volumes will be on par with 2022.

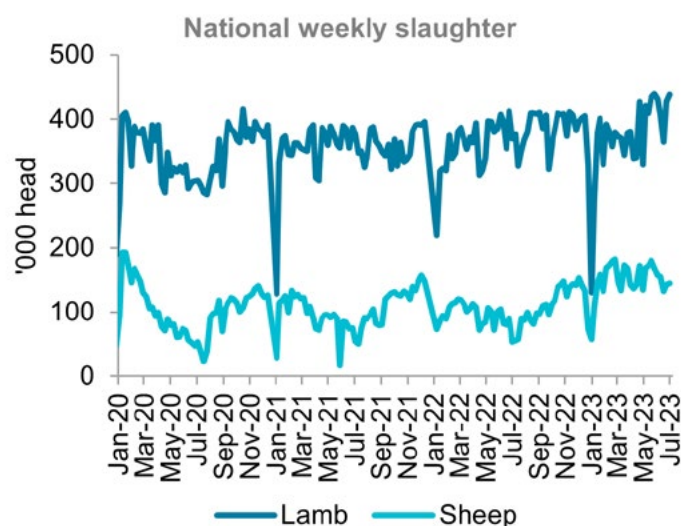
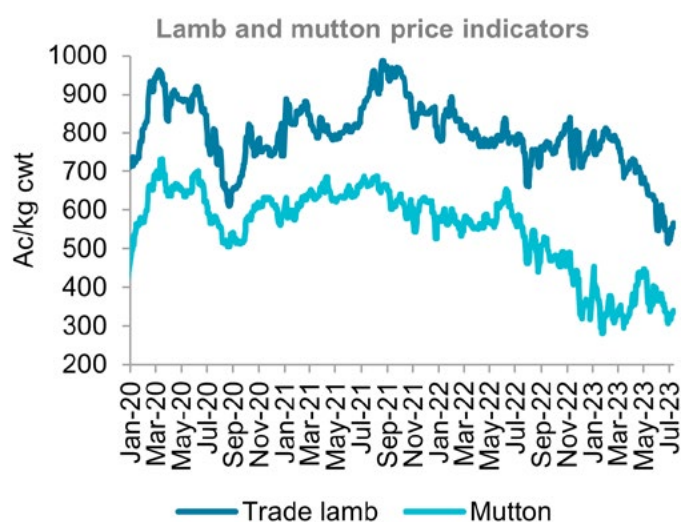
Consumer demand for lamb in Australia is set to remain subdued as consumers respond to challenging economic conditions. Inflation and higher interest rates will prompt many consumers to reassess purchases of higher-valued meat such as lamb in both retail and foodservice channels. This could result in a greater proportion of lamb being destined for export markets.

The ability of export markets to absorb increased production is key to the direction of prices. Currently, elevated production is finding a home in export markets, albeit at lower prices. The volume of lamb exports in January to April was 5.8 per cent

higher year-on-year. However, the average unit price of exports has dropped by 15.3 per cent. Increased volumes but lower prices have resulted in the value of exports falling by 10.5 per cent. The decline in export value largely stems from weaker US demand. Export value to the US has fallen 25.7 per cent so far in 2023 as poor economic conditions in the US are weakening demand. Demand outlooks are more positive to other major markets. There has been a resurgence in demand from China and the UAE following poorer demand in 2021 and 2022. A sustained improvement in appetite for lamb has led to South Korea being the largest growth market in 2023. Export value to South Korea is up 35.3 per cent for the year-to-date which has seen it overtake the UAE to become the third most valuable market.

Lamb prices are set to remain subdued due to elevated supply forecast over the remainder of 2023. Supply is set to remain high deeper into winter than usual which will mean a delayed and limited winter price rally. Following winter, a relatively high and even flow of lambs will keep prices below five-year average levels. Aside from supply, prices will be waiting on further improvement in export demand to offset the high supply environment to provide any further upside. Mutton prices have spent much of 2023 below 400c/kg as supply has increased and demand for older sheep has waned. This is reflective of a national flock rebuild reaching maturation as producers offload older stock and are not looking to markets to supplement breeding ewes. These factors will remain in place for the remainder of 2023 and keep mutton prices subdued.

▼ Source: Meat & Livestock Australia





# YANCO WHITE SUFFOLKS

## Eighth Annual On-Farm Ram Sale Thursday 14th September 2023



**LOT 1: YANCO 210040 sold for \$15,025 to Kohat White Suffolks in the 2022 Sale**



**LOT 42: YANCO 210040 sold for \$7,700 to the Long family in the 2022 Sale**

Thank you to the purchasers and underbidders in the 2022 Ram Sale

**Approx 59 Performance White Suffolk Rams sold by Helmsman Auction interfaced with Auctions Plus**

### Semen Sires (1st July Run)

ID	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	LEQ
Yanco 220047	Farrer 200044	0.27	17.87	1.97	-0.51	3.07	0.25	-2.13	-44.20	166.62
Yanco 220062	Langley Heights 180231	0.28	19.24	2.42	0.03	3.67	0.34	-0.99	-23.70	163.12

### Potential White Suffolk Sires Available in the 2023 Sale (1st July Run)

ID	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	LEQ
Yanco 220048	Farrer 200044	0.32	18.48	2.48	-0.32	3.59	0.12	-0.85	-56.30	169.29
Yanco 220156 (App)	Linton 160625 (PD)	0.52	18.56	3.00	0.12	3.04	0.29	-2.55	-26.47	168.83
Yanco 220014	Yanco 210022	0.29	19.43	2.75	0.18	4.03	0.04	-0.29	-17.18	164.69
Yanco 220144	Maroola 205250	0.35	18.53	3.31	0.30	3.98	-0.16	-0.45	-18.49	162.24

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Yanco Agricultural High School, 259 Euroley Road, Yanco 2703

**Stud Manager:** Ellie Quinn, School 02 69511500, Mobile: 0429317738

**Email:** ellie.quinn5@det.nsw.edu.au

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220053	Ashmore 200667	0.29	12.2	19.3	0.6	4.4	-38	0.16	1.3	168
220071	Ashmore 200667	0.39	11.7	19.2	0.2	4.2	-40	-0.09	1.1	170
220084	Ashmore 170986	0.21	11.8	19.6	0.0	3.0	-41	-0.07	2.4	166
220563	Ashmore 200667	0.44	12.5	20.2	-0.3	3.8	-27	-0.16	0.8	172
221308	Ashmore 210064	0.23	10.3	17.8	0.2	4.3	-49	0.30	2.4	174
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# WHITE SUFFOLK SATELLITE FLOCK PROJECT UPDATE

*By Project Manager, Debbie Milne, Richmond Hill Agribusiness*

**Lambing for the Satellite Flock took place at Anden at the start of June 2023. Lambs were marked on Tuesday the 11th of July. The following table summarizes the results.**

11/7/23	GROUP 1 (SINGLES)	GROUP 2 (TWINS)	TOTAL
Total Ewes	89	148	237 ewes
Ram Lambs	48	99	
Ewe Lambs	33	108	
Total Lambs	81	207	288 lambs

As can be seen above, there were less lambs than expected from the preg scan results. It would appear the preg scanning was perhaps overly optimistic and some twins were in the single group and some singles may have been in the twins. The ewes were lambed under commercial conditions without any interference. There was also some predation from foxes and eagles. The ewes and lambs were in excellent condition at marking.

Information recorded at marking was, group (twins or singles to determine birth type), sex of the lamb, tag number and TSU number. The lambs were double tagged with an EID and visual tag with the same tag number on both tags. Thank you to Shearwell for providing the tags.

Thanks to those who helped on the day including the Donnan family, Andrew, Joel, Trent and Denita, the Pipkorn family, David, Michelle and Jordy and Steve and Debbie Milne.



◀ **Lamb marking in progress**





▲ **Satellite Flock project ewes**

The 288 TSUs have been sent to Neogen for genomic and parentage tests to determine the sire. A weaning weight will be taken in late August, weights and fat and muscle scans in September and a pre slaughter weight taken in October.

Following slaughter of all lambs in October, the carcasses will be measured and analysed by the Meat Science team from the University of New England. All data on the live animals and carcass and eating quality measurements will be submitted to Sheep Genetics. An analysis will be undertaken on the changes to the sire ASBVs and accuracies and a final report on the project will be completed early in 2024.



▲ **Lamb marking in progress**



▲ **Lamb marking in progress**



▲ **Helpers on lamb marking day for AWSA Satellite Flock project**





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

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# WHITE SUFFOLKS TRANSFORM SHEEP BREEDING FOR BAIRNSDALE PRODUCER

*By Julia Wythes*

## It's not often that changing a ram can transform an operation.

But that's exactly what White Suffolks have done for Merino producer Mark Norling.

The Bairnsdale producer has been using White Suffolk rams over his Merino ewes, and he's so impressed, he won't use a Merino ram again.

Mr Norling and his wife Paulette, Albert Park, run two properties in the Bairnsdale region. Before the drought they ran cattle, but then they turned to Merinos, running 17 to 18-micron ewes.

But their pure flock was about to change. Already they were tired of poor lambing percentages, and the wool price dipping.

But then one day a sheep breeder from NSW commented how their country at Bairnsdale was ideal for running crossbreds.

After chatting with their agents Marc Braybon and Brad Obst, Nutrien Deniliquin, their minds were made up.

"He said the White Suffolks were easy lambers and grew well," he said.

Two years ago they bought their first White Suffolk rams from the Jamieson family at Wattle Park stud, Finley, joining them to 2000 Merino ewes.

And for Mr Norling, there are no two ways about it.

"It has been a huge success," he said.



"They have been exceptional. With Merino rams, we were getting joining percentages of 90 to 100 per cent in lamb, while with the White Suffolk rams we are getting 110 to 120pc."

When it came to lambing, he was getting 50 to 60pc lambing percentages using Merino rams, while he gets 100pc with the White Suffolk rams.

"I've found the White Suffolk-cross lambs also mother really well," he said.

He said they had even stopped having to pull lambs and found the White Suffolk ewes to be fantastic mothers.

On top of all this, he found the worm burden was less with the White Suffolk genetics.

"We lamb in autumn, so we would have worm problems. But the crossbred lambs don't seem to pick up the worms as much," he said.

He said the White Suffolk-cross lambs were making \$195 a head plus wool.

"Their fleece is \$13 worth of wool, which is more than paying for shearing," he said.

Now Mr Norling joins every ewe to White Suffolk rams.

When choosing rams, he is looking for a number of things to ensure they suit his Merinos breeders.

"I want a smooth-shouldered ram, long in the body, with good figures for low birthweight and growth," he said.

"I want a ram that will give us meat."

Ewe shearing takes place in September, and the lambs are weaned. Good sucker lambs are sold and the rest are put on crops and shorn in November. He keeps the 250 to 300 of the best White Suffolk ewe lambs as breeders.

He said 80pc of remaining White Suffolk-cross ewes are sold to other producers are future breeders.

The wethers and surplus ewes are placed into the small on-property feedlot when they reach 35 to 40 kilograms. When they reach 55 to 60kg in the feedlot, which usually takes six to eight weeks, they are sold to JBS Australia.

He said the lambs put on 350 to 450 grams a day in the feedlot in warmer weather.

"They have exceptionally good weight gains," he said.

He now buys in replacement Merino ewes, and eventually plans to run 2500 Merino ewes and 2000 White Suffolk ewes.

Once he has built up his pure White Suffolk ewe numbers, he will use bigger, more robust White Suffolk rams.

He said one of the defining factors for the turnaround in their enterprise was a helping hand.

"Marc Braybon at Nutrien gave good advice, and the best part is John [Jamieson, Wattle Park stud] gives us great advice. He's great. He calls us and asks about the lambs and what yields we are getting," he said.

Mr Norling is thrilled how White Suffolks have transformed their sheep breeding.

"I really like them as sheep, and I like their temperament. They suit our country and how we operate," he said.

"We are exceptionally happy. I can't express how impressed we are."





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▲ SA Sheep Expo White Suffolk youth

# WHITE SUFFOLK YOUTH FULL OF ENTHUSIASM AT EXPO



## The Australian White Suffolk Association hosted 11 young sheep enthusiasts at the 2023 SA Sheep Expo through its Expo scholarship program.

The scholarships awarded in March 2023 were designed to encourage the next generation to become involved in the sheep industry and to raise awareness of the White Suffolk breed.

In April, the 11 selected recipients attended the Expo at the Adelaide Showground and participated in the 3-day program.

They were Isabelle Armstrong (NSW), Phoebe Holmes, Mia Grady, Lucas Cech, April Holmes, Stefan Grossman, Shayla Lepse, Dustin Harvey, Tom Megson (SA), Lucy Cook and Lucinda Smith (VIC).

There was also a suite of additional youth connected to White Suffolk studs including Ben, Amelia and Jessica Frick (Gypsum Hill), Stefan Grossman (Koonawarra), Evie Krieg (Aylesbury Farm), Elsie Johnson (Carcuma North) and Hannah Badcock (Fairbank).

Each scholarship winner received an AWSA branded RB Sellars shirt, AWSA cap and an information pack.

Breed secretary, Nikki Ward, attended the event and had the pleasure of meeting scholarship recipients and watching them learn.

"It was fantastic to have many young people involved from our White Suffolk networks, it extended well beyond the 11 participants lucky enough to win a scholarship."

"Their enthusiasm to get their hands dirty and learn new things was great to see," she said.

The Association is aware of the importance of encouraging the up-and-comers, having previously supported the Young Guns competition at LambEx over several years.



**Senior Champion Handler Ben Frick with  
the Dohne he was assigned for the Expo** ►

The Expo was one more way it could continue fostering youth.

"It is important for us to connect with youth and encourage them to learn."

"They are the future leaders of our breed."

Ms Ward said that the number of helpers from within the Association was also pleasing to see.

"To also have past and present White Suffolk members involved really shows the longevity of the breed and the network of support around."

"They all do it out of passion and to give back, some even wish they had opportunities like the Expo when they were younger."

"It is very fulfilling and rewarding to see everyone working together."



▼ **Lucy Cook and Lucinda Smith at the Expo**



**HIGHLIGHTS FOR WHITE SUFFOLK  
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1<sup>st</sup> place, Intermediate Handler - Class 2  
**ELSIE JOHNSON**

2<sup>nd</sup> place, Senior Handler - Class 2  
**LUCY COOK**

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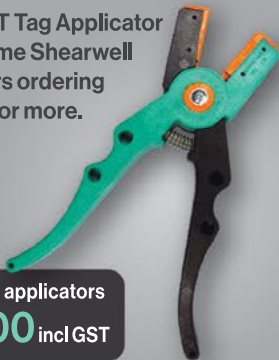
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# SHEEP GENETICS UPDATE

Courtesy of Marnie Hodge, LAMBPLAN Development Officer



## Sheep Genetics implements analysis enhancements each year – in 2023, there were updates to the lambing ease analysis and the accuracy calculations in the TERMINAL analysis.

Briefly, the lambing ease analysis has been updated to dead at birth (DAB) data in the lambing ease analysis and updating to now use a single-step model (enables the inclusion of genomic information) for lambing ease ASBVs. This has resulted in more accurate lambing ease ASBVs, more animals receiving a lambing ease ASBV, and a positive change in lambing ease genetic trends in the Terminal analysis. The accuracy value (i.e., accuracy only, not ASBVs) was also updated as part of the 2023 analysis enhancements for the Terminal and Maternal analysis.

More information about the 2023 Analysis Enhancements can be found under the 'Analysis Enhancements' tab on the Sheep Genetics website, which also has a link to the recorded webinar.

### UPDATED LAMBING EASE SCORING GUIDELINE

As part of the 2023 analysis enhancements, the lambing ease scoring guideline was also updated to include further information about how to record different birth positions and how to score multiple lambs within a litter. View the updated guidelines here: <https://www.sheepgenetics.org.au/globalassets/sheep-genetics/resources/brochures-and-fact-sheets/understanding-lambing-ease-asbvs.pdf>

### EVENTS/TRAINING

Sheep Genetics will be holding MateSel training across the upcoming months. To register your interest, please go to the MateSel page under 'Resources' on the Sheep Genetics website.

If you are interested in organising Sheep Genetics coming to speak at an upcoming field day, please fill in a speaker request form via <https://www.mla.com.au/news-and-events/events-and-workshops/Request-MLA-speaker-for-your-event/>

BredWell FedWell workshops have recently undergone a redevelopment to reflect the best practice genetics and nutrition management. If you are interested in hosting a BredWell FedWell for sheep producers around your area, please follow the link to register <https://www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/Bred-Well-Fed-Well/>

Sheep Genetics have organised several events across the past few months including the 2023 Leading Breeder and a Magnetic Marketing for your Business webinar. If you couldn't make these events, recordings are available on the 'News' page on the Sheep Genetics website.

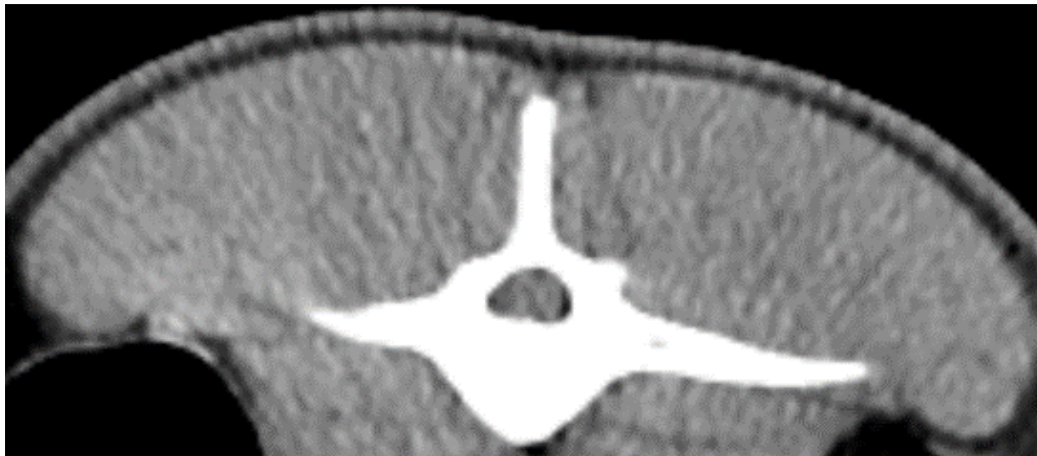
### EATING QUALITY

Sheep Genetics is working with breeders who are consigning SG animals to abattoirs, collecting commercial measures of eating quality. This applies to those who are processing animals that are in an SG evaluation and getting individual animal feedback for intra-muscular fat (from a probe or other device) and yield data (via DEXA). The intention is to investigate the relationship between these commercial measurements and the research measurements routinely taken in the MLA Resource Flock, to determine if commercial measures can be included in the genetic evaluation. If you have a consignment of animals that meets these requirements and are interested in being involved, please contact SG before the animals are consigned to ensure that all the necessary information is collected.

Please see the below requirements for breeders who are wanting to collect commercial carcase measurements:

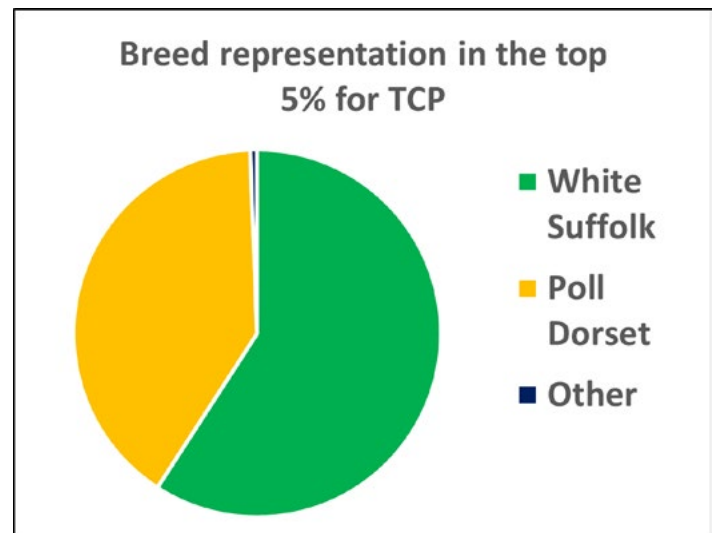
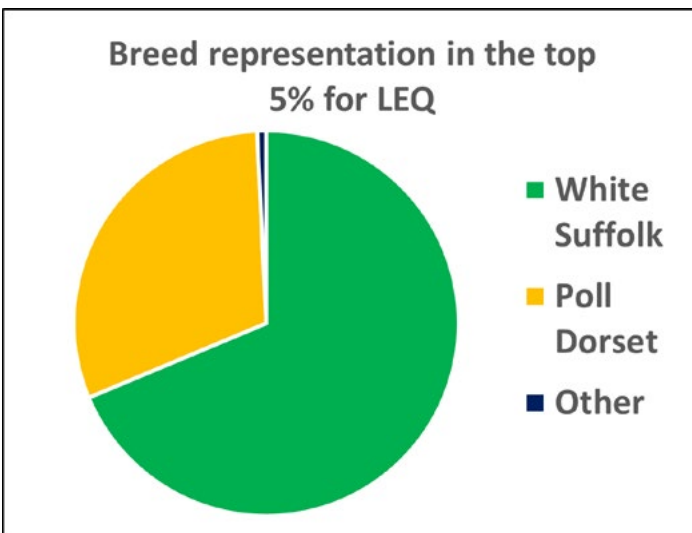
- Animals must have a Sheep Genetics ID and are in the Sheep Genetics evaluation (either excess animals from the stud or have pedigree information)
- A pre-slaughter weight (4 hours fasted) on-farm prior to slaughter
- Ideally pre-slaughter weight is to be recorded as soon as possible to the animals going onto the truck to slaughter, however, pre-slaughter measurements can be taken up to 7 days prior to slaughter
- Date of pre-slaughter measurements
- Management group of animals Kill date and consignment number
- Where possible, we recommend taking the following on farm pre-slaughter measurements
  - ◇ Condition score
  - ◇ Fat and Muscle scan data





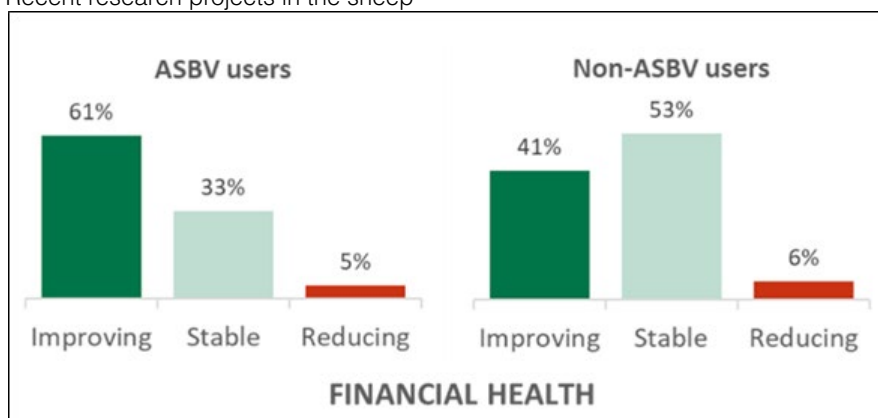
◀ **CT image taken from  
2023 Sheep Genetics  
Scanner Accreditation**

The White Suffolks have a very strong representation of the top end of the lamb eating quality (LEQ) and terminal carcase production (TCP) indexes (based on animals in the 2022 and



2023 for the analysis run date of 15.07.23).

A recent Genetic Insights Survey by Meat & Livestock Australia reported that more than half of commercial producers are using ASBVs. Also, significantly more commercial producers who use ASBVs report their financial health is improving, compared to commercial producers who do not use ASBVs (61% vs 41%). More information can be found here <https://www.mla.com.au/news-and-events/industry-news/genetic-tools-open-the-gate-to-financial-gains/> Recent research projects in the sheep industry



## RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

The 2023 Association for the Advancement of Animal Breeding and Genetics (AAABG) conference recently occurred, which showcased some of the latest research in the sheep industry. Below was some of the interesting, relevant research presented:

- Evolution of sheep breeds within LAMBPLAN and the rise of the Composites. A.J. McMillan, S.F. Walkom and D.J. Brown  
<http://www.aaabg.org/aaabghome/AAABG25papers/6McMillan25031.pdf>
- Match birthweight ASBVs to flock fecundity for lamb survival. S. Hatcher, S. Robertson, D.J. Brown and K.L. Bunter  
<http://www.aaabg.org/aaabghome/AAABG25papers/32Hatcher25134.pdf>

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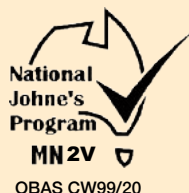


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# BAR



## 22W005

Sire: Moderator 200543

Bwt 0.2  
Wwt 10.1  
Pwt 17.4  
Pfat 0.58  
Pemd 3.9  
TCP 157.5



## 22W020

Sire: Seriston 200256

Bwt 0.4  
Wwt 10.7  
Pwt 16.8  
Pfat -0.09  
Pemd 1.3  
TCP 135.3



## 22W027

Sire: Moderator 200543

Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 10.0  
Pwt 15.6  
Pfat -0.16  
Pemd 3.0  
TCP 148.3



## 22W033

Sire: "Vibe" 20W183

Bwt 0.4  
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Pwt 19.0  
Pfat 0.55  
Pemd 3.4  
TCP 152.8



## 22W101

Sire: "Vibe" 20W183

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Pwt 17.6  
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Pemd 2.0  
TCP 141.7



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Pfat 0.24  
Pemd 2.2  
TCP 140.4



### 22W146

Sire: D.G 200466

Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 8.6  
Pwt 14.7  
Pfat 0.75  
Pemd 3.3  
TCP 143.7



### 22W184

Sire: "Vibe" 20W183

Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 10.6  
Pwt 16.7  
Pfat -0.2  
Pemd 2.5  
TCP 143.3



### 22W315

Sire: Premier 21P015

Bwt 0.4  
Wwt 12.4  
Pwt 18.8  
Pfat -0.5  
Pemd 1.9  
TCP 148.7



### 22W326

Sire: L.H 190173

Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 10.4  
Pwt 16.6  
Pfat 0.62  
Pemd 3.4  
TCP 153.4



### 22W341

Sire: Gemini 210075

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2. Kinellar, LS Patterson
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**Ram, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn, born on or after 1 August 2022**

1. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
2. Roodell, B & S & C Picker
3. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School

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2. Kinellar, LS Patterson

**Pair of Rams, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn**

1. Kinellar, LS Patterson
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2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
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**Ewe, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, in wool**

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#### **Reserve Champion Ewe -**

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2. Swanbrook, MacIntyre High School

#### **The Peter Taylor Group – consisting of 1 ram and 2 ewes, showing milk teeth only**

1. Roddell, B & S & C Picker
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3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

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# MERINOS STILL DOMINATE AUSTRALIA'S BREEDING EWE FLOCK



By Ripley Atkinson, MLA Senior Market Information Analyst. Story courtesy of Meat & Livestock Australia.

**Australia's breeding ewe flock – and subsequently the 2023 lamb cohort – is still primarily built on Merino genetics, particularly for producers with more than 5,000 sheep.**

The May wave of the *Sheep Producer Intentions Survey* provided unique insights into the genetic makeup of the nation's breeding ewes by breed, as well as producers' flock sizes.

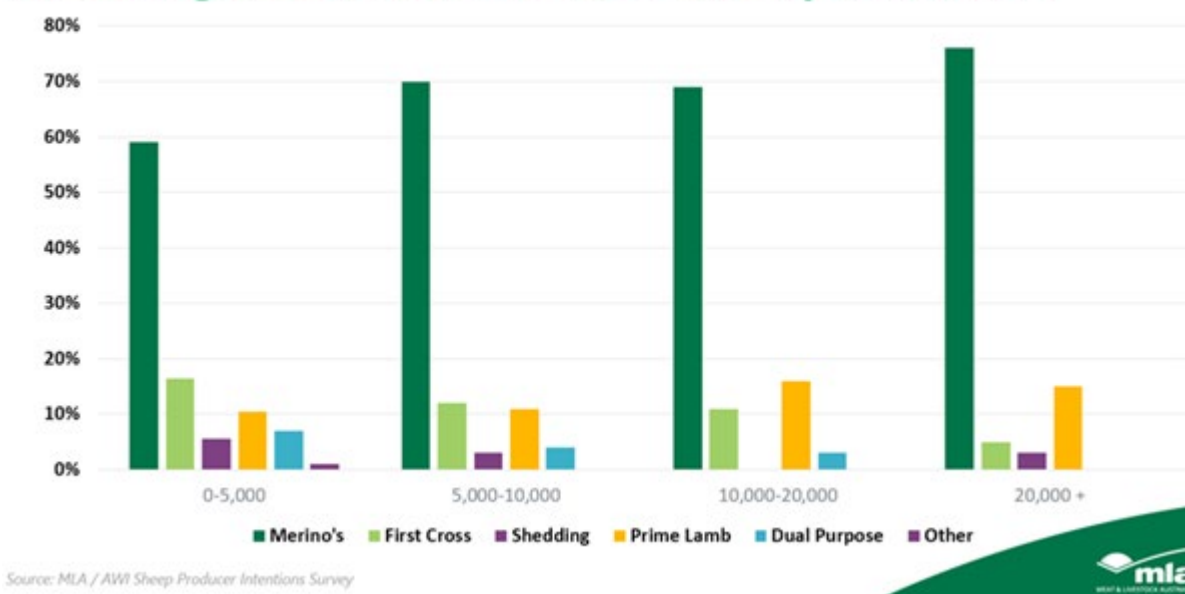
Nearly 2,000 sheep and wool producers from across Australia were surveyed in order to measure breeding intentions, sentiment, breeding ewe breed demographics and similar information for wethers.

## MERINOS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE

The Sheep Producer Intentions Survey report segments results by state and producer flock size. This segmentation shows how the breakdown of breeding ewes by breed changes as flocks get larger.

The data indicates that Merinos dominate as the breed of choice for breeding ewe flocks, especially once the flock's size reaches 5,000 or more sheep.

## Breeding ewe breed breakdown by flock size



▲ **Figure 1:** Australian breeding ewes by breed and producer flock size.



Merinos make up:

- 59% of ewes in a 0–5,000 head flock
- 70% of ewes in a 5,000–10,000 head flock
- 69% of ewes in a 10,000–20,000 head flock
- 76% of ewes in a 20,000+ head flock.

Prime lamb breeding ewe numbers remain stable with larger producers, accounting for 16% and 15% respectively for producers with 10,000–20,000 and 20,000+ head flocks.

Producers with less than 5,000 sheep have a much more diversified spread of breeds across the breeding ewe base, as Merinos make up a smaller portion of the total (although still dominant).

As Figure 1 indicates, the larger the flocks get, the more dominant Merinos become, demonstrating that most of Australia's large sheep flocks are built on Merino genetics.



*Courtesy of Honeyoaks Stud*

## 2023 LAMB CROPS AND PRODUCER SIZE

The survey data also provided insights into the expected genetic makeup of the 2023 lamb crop.

Joining Merino ewes for purebred Merino lamb production remains the dominant mating process for producers with 5,000 or more sheep.

The mating process of joining non-Merino ewes for lamb production increased significantly for producers with less than 5,000 sheep, accounting for 45% (on average) of the total lambs expected for 0–5,000 head flocks.

This data aligns with the October wave of the Sheep Producers Intentions Survey, indicating that flocks with less than 5,000 sheep will see large numbers of lambs with pure meat breed-based genetics in their 2023 drop.

Conversely, the opposite relationship is true where the percentage of Merinos joined for purebred or crossbred lamb production rises as flock sizes increase. For producers with more than 5,000 sheep, Merino ewes destined to breed purebred Merino lambs accounted for 53% or 9.2 million of total ewes expected to be joined.

## WRAP UP

This segmentation and breakdown of ewes by breed indicates that Merinos remain the key component of the nation's breeding ewe base, particularly for producers with 5,000 or more sheep. Smaller producers have a much more diversified spread of ewes by different breeds.

Importantly, the lamb crop of 2023 will also have a diversified offering of different breeds, with smaller producers supplying large numbers of lambs with pure meat breed-based genetics for the spring flush in 2023. Larger producers with a pure Merino-based genetic lamb crop will support the nation's woolgrowing intentions.

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# WHITE SUFFOLKS THE RIGHT MATCH FOR BOONDEROO

*By Julia Wythes*

Lachie Seears wants a sheep with a frame that can carry plenty of meat.

And he has found White Suffolks bring just that, as well as a swag of benefits to his high rainfall country flock.

Mr Seears, Boonderoo Pastoral Company, southwest of Lucindale in the lower southeast, runs his property with his wife Rebecca and children Hugh and Anneliese, with the help of his parents Peter and Helen Seears and staff Michael Levick and James McIntosh.

The family is running a mix of cattle, sheep and broadacre cropping on the 6000-hectare family farm.

It is at least 15 years since the family began using White Suffolk rams as a terminal sire over a majority of its Composite self-replacing breeding flock.

“For me being a prime lamb producer, I just think they really have the frame around them to be able to put the meat on the bone,” he said.

“Around 98 per cent of our lambs go to slaughter, so we like what they have brought to the lamb as far as meat production and yield. We liked that they had that stretch in the frame that allowed us to put the kilos on the animal.”

The make-up of the White Suffolk brings plenty of benefits at lambing time.

“We like the White Suffolk breed because of that ease of lambing. With the size of production we have going on, I don’t have time to get around them and check them every day. It’s more of a set and forget deal,” he said.

“They are great mothers, and we get an average lambing of 140 to 150 per cent.”



The Seears family sources its White Suffolk rams from Peter Angus' Maroola stud, Mallala.

Rams that excel in yield and growth rates to finish lambs as soon as possible are crucial.

"I like Pete's rams. I like the way he is building his stud flock. I have so much confidence in him that I don't even go up there - I tell him what I am looking for and let Pete pick them out," he said.

"They've been fantastic rams. I really like the way he's built that stud up over the years. As Pete's stud has got better and he's sourced better rams, we've seen that direct flow-through to our commercial flock here. The lambs are doing better here."

Ewes are joined from mid-January until the end of February, with lambs born in winter. They've begun weaning the lambs from 15 to 16 weeks old.

"It depends on the season, but in the last five years, we've shifted towards an earlier weaning. We're getting them off mum, getting them on some lush clover tucker and moving forward from there," he said.

The Seears family has irrigated country, so this plays a big role in producing quality lambs, with the earliest finished at 20 to 24 weeks old.

"We are lambing ewes on some mixed clover and grass pivots at the moment, but then once they are finished lambing we will set those pivots up in the spring to basically become a lamb factory to try and get as many lambs off as quickly as we can in the wool," he said.

"Anything that is a bit later we will shear. With our cropping program, we grow a lot of broadbeans, so we will finish those lambs on those broadbeans. So after harvest from mid-January to mid-March we run lambs on bean stubbles and turn them off there.

"I'm trying to structure a production system that gives us a bit of flexibility depending on seasonal variation."

All White Suffolk-cross lambs are sold over the hook at a range of meatworks in the south east and into Victoria.

"We have multiple meatworks we like to supply to," he said. "We've always got good feedback around how the lambs hang up."





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## WHITE SUFFOLKS, MATERNALS & POLL MERINOS



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### White Suffolk Semen Sire

Name	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	LE_DIR	LEQ	TCP
EM-200339	ELLA MATTA-190156	0.21	22.64	3.56	-0.65	5.71	-0.47	0.23	-5.00	3.02	173.4	178.9
EM-210270	LANGLEY HEIGHTS-180231	0.15	20.93	4.10	-0.01	5.10	-0.38	-0.13	-15.24	1.82	170.3	174.3
EM-210326	FELIX-191175	0.26	18.40	3.74	0.32	4.18	0.02	-0.20	-64.71	3.23	170.8	166.1

### Potential Top White Suffolk Sale Rams

Name	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	LE_DIR	LEQ	TCP
EM-220005	ELLA MATTA-210270	0.15	19.69	4.14	0.11	4.68	-0.29	1.66	-34.53	2.69	165.9	167.3
EM-220012	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.07	18.96	3.93	0.39	4.03	-0.18	-0.71	-22.00	2.62	164.8	165.7
EM-220022	ELLA MATTA-210270	0.38	21.08	3.40	-0.74	5.49	-0.38	1.73	5.18	0.79	165.9	171.5
EM-220119	FELIX-191175	-0.12	17.62	3.27	0.46	3.38	0.06	0.23	-71.38	3.86	166.1	160.3
EM-220120	VALMA-202189	0.08	18.22	4.38	0.69	3.82	-0.19	-0.81	-35.52	2.89	166.2	166.1
EM-220173	FELIX-191175	0.09	18.31	3.79	0.90	3.26	0.09	-0.37	-48.09	2.92	166.4	162.4
EM-220478	ELLA MATTA-210315	0.35	17.75	2.92	0.11	3.35	0.22	-0.77	-52.66	1.11	166.0	160.1

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Photo: Pictured with EM313 top priced White Suffolk ram, are Gordon Wood, Nutrien auctioneer, Georgie Pinto (nee Heinrich) holding her son Hunter, Jamie and Andrew Heinrich (Ella Matta), and Alistair Keller, Elders stud stock.



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# ELLA MATTA WHITE SUFFOLKS, MATERNALS & POLL MERINOS



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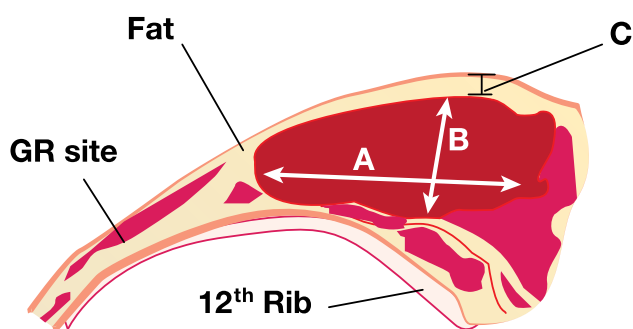
### Potential Top White Suffolk Sale Rams

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Name	Sire	BWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	LMY	IMF	SHEARF5	PWEC	LE_DIR	LEQ	TCP
EM-220490	ELLA MATTA-210270	0.09	18.43	3.71	-0.30	4.70	-0.03	-0.49	-21.41	2.62	168.4	167.8
EM-220499	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.28	22.10	3.02	-0.45	5.42	-0.49	0.82	-9.71	2.17	166.8	172.3
EM-220579	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.19	18.76	3.59	-0.62	5.18	-0.30	-1.35	-42.59	2.14	171.5	172.0
EM-220587	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.23	19.99	3.48	-0.58	5.43	-0.44	1.11	-19.47	1.77	164.6	168.6
EM-220627	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.25	18.48	3.45	-0.47	4.66	-0.36	-0.40	-9.36	2.17	165.2	169.1
EM-220639	FELIX-191175	0.11	18.24	3.24	0.12	4.14	0.07	-1.30	-56.94	3.21	171.4	166.7
EM-220689	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.27	22.72	2.67	-0.78	5.39	-0.41	2.35	-26.34	2.95	166.7	169.8
EM-220771	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.31	22.35	3.06	-0.56	5.32	-0.37	0.55	-32.18	1.87	170.4	172.6
EM-220794	ELLA MATTA-200339	0.17	21.16	3.33	-0.33	4.87	-0.51	0.28	-36.11	3.37	169.3	172.8
EM-220819	ELLA MATTA-210326	0.32	18.22	3.44	0.21	4.16	-0.09	-0.92	-60.09	2.37	167.7	164.6

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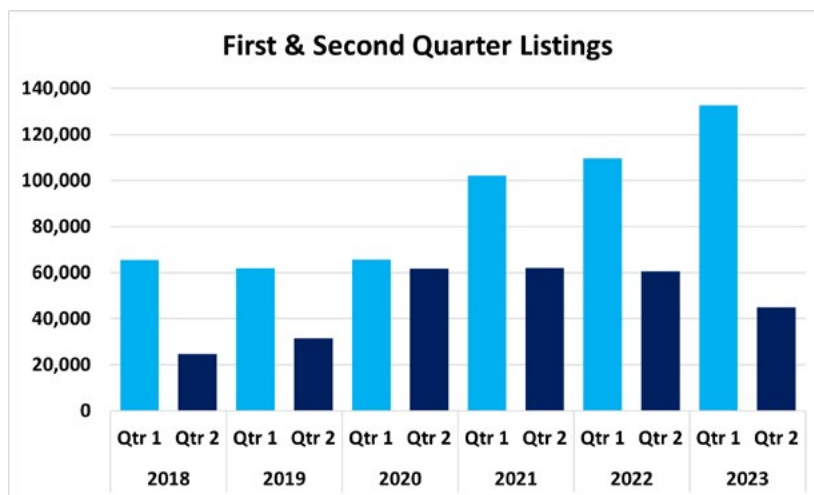


# WHITE SUFFOLKS RIDE THE WAVE OF A CHALLENGING MARKET

By Michael McManus, AuctionsPlus

**White Suffolk listings have hit record highs in the first quarter of 2023, as an influx of new season 2022 lambs hit the market later than usual.**

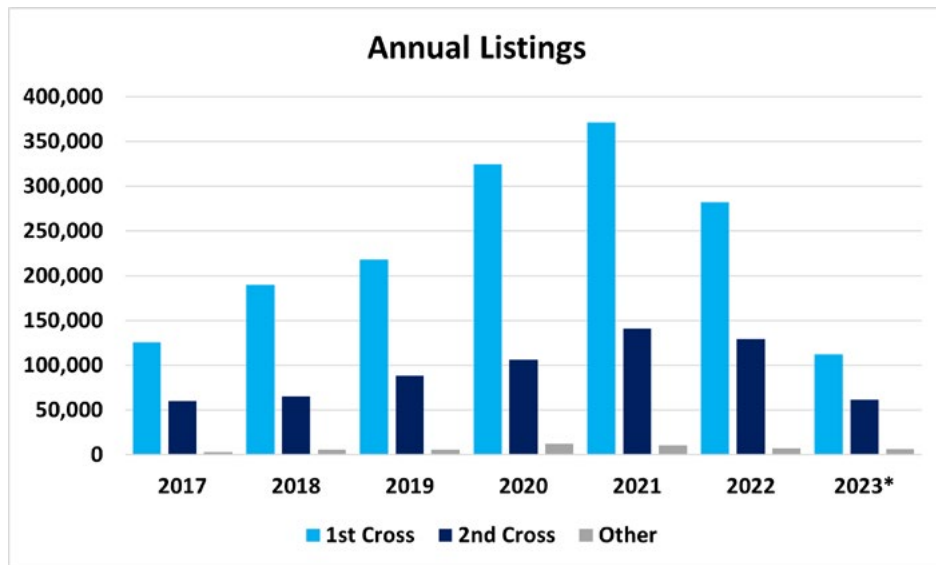
The 180,016 head was up 21% on the same period in 2022 and 30% on 2021. Although listings were very strong in quarter 1, this trend has not been maintained into quarter 2, as the 44,909 head total is below 2020, 2021 and 2022 as the uncertainty in the market has impacted the overall sheep market.



**Figure 1:** White Suffolk listings in Q1 and Q2, 2018 - 2023

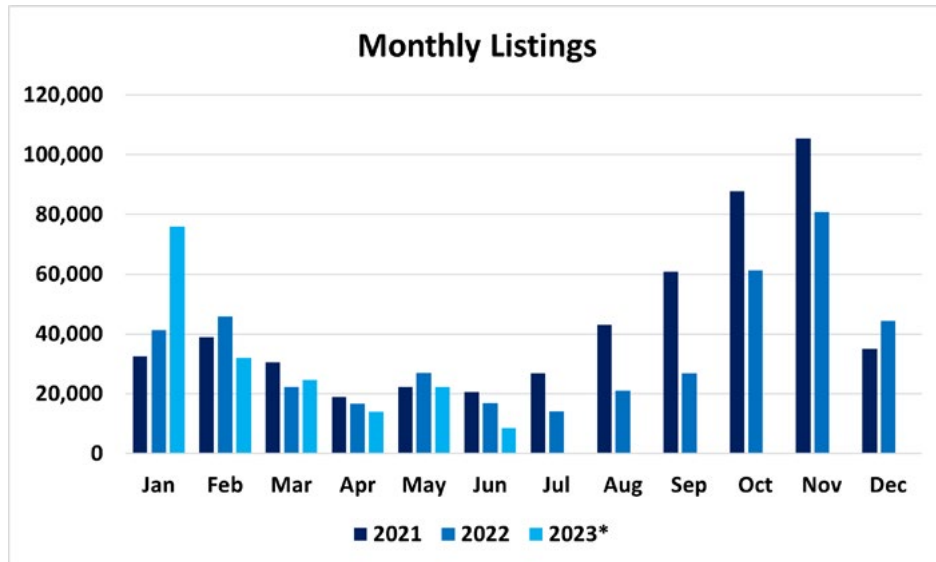
Reviewing 2022, White Suffolk listings failed to maintain the strong start that was seen in the first 6 months of the year. Listings for the year fell short of 2020 and the record year of 2021 as wet conditions resulted in logistical issues with getting stock to market, coupled with the concerns of an exotic disease incursion resulted in particularly low supply in the back half of the year in an otherwise high new season supply period. As shown in figure 1, the backlog of new season lambs in 2022 ended up coming through the system in quarter 1 2023.

*Courtesy of Honeyoaks Stud*



**Figure 2:** Annual White Suffolk listings, 2017 – 2023\* as of 30th June

As previously mentioned, listings in 2022 were unseasonably low in August and September, as farmers chose to retain lambs on farm before reassessing the market situation (Figure 3). This was combined with lambs being market ready later than usual as the wet and muddy conditions meant fattening lambs was slower than usual. Figure 3 highlights how listings tracked on their corresponding month each year, with the first 6 months of 2022 aligning with 2021, but the winter months and into spring was where the deficit was met.

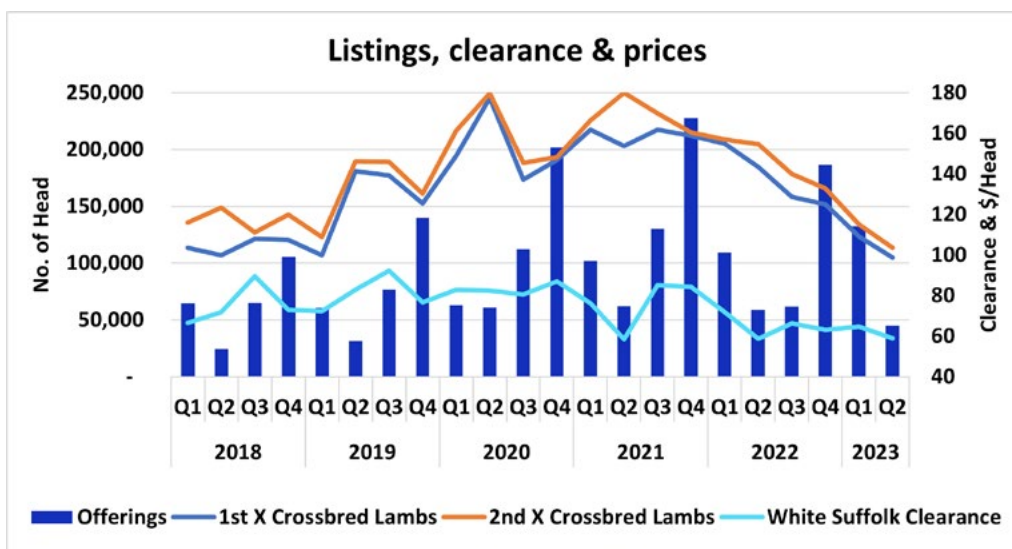


**Figure 3:** Monthly White Suffolk listings 2021 – 2023\* as of 30th June

As seen in figure 4, prices have returned to levels last seen in 2019, falling from highs of \$180 to around \$100 for crossbred White Suffolk lambs in the second quarter of 2023. Along with the fall in prices has been a decline in clearance rates, as restocking demand has dropped off after three consecutive years of flock rebuilding.







**Figure 4:** White Suffolk quarterly listings, clearance and prices, 2018 – Q2 2023

## WHITE SUFFOLK STUD SALES

The number of White Suffolk stud sales on AuctionsPlus has been increasing year on year, with 2022 seeing a total of 51 sales interfaced on the platform. While average bids per sale, number of logins, lots purchased and catalogue views have decreased from the highs of 2020, the current levels are still extremely strong. So far in 2023 an average of 30 lots are being purchased by online buyers and sale catalogues are being viewed by an average of 1,812 users. As we move towards spring, there will be a large increase in sales utilising the online platform. Please head to the AuctionsPlus upcoming auctions page to see a full list of auctions and to view the catalogues.

Year	Number of Sales	Avg Number of Online Bids	Avg Number of Logins	Avg Lots Purchased Online	Avg Catalogue Views
2018	8	78	42	11	951
2019	11	222	54	21	1,238
2020	25	339	127	35	1,548
2021	44	232	95	33	2,575
2022	51	194	84	20	1,257
2023	11	169	78	30	1,812

**Figure 5:** White Suffolk Stud Sale Statistics



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# NSW SHEEP SHOW RESULTS 2023

19 - 21 MAY 2023

**Judge:** Brad Honeysett, Honeyoaks Stud, Gulgong NSW

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

1. Kinellar, LS Patterson
2. Kinellar, LS Patterson
3. Ashburnia, N L Williams

## Ram born between 1st June & 31st July - Novice

1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

## Ram born between 1st June & 31st July - Open

1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Kinellar, LS Patterson
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

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

1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool

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

1. Ashburnia, N L Williams
2. Ashburnia, N L Williams
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool

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

1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Ashburnia, N L Williams

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

1. Kinellar, LS Patterson
2. Rocdell, B & S Picker

## Ram Objective Measurement Class

1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Ashburnia, N L Williams
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

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

1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Kinellar, LS Patterson
3. Milton Park, J Milton & A Hall



▲ **Champion White Suffolk Ewe -**  
Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool

**Ewe born between 1st June & 31st July - Novice**

1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool

**Ewe born between 1st June & 31st July - Open**

1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
2. Roccidell, B & S Picker
3. Avoca, B Campbell

**Ewe born after 1st August - Novice**

1. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool

**Ewe born after 1st August - Open**

1. Roccidell, B & S Picker
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool

**Ewe born after 1st April no more than 2 teeth woolly - Open**

1. Roccidell, B & S Picker
2. Roccidell, B & S Picker
3. Merton, B & H Stanford

**Pair of 2 Ewes shorn, born after 1st April no more than 2 teeth**

1. Roccidell, B & S Picker
2. Kinellar, LS Patterson
3. Merton, B & H Stanford

**Ewe over 1 1/2 yrs shorn or woolly**

1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool



▲ **Champion Ram & Champion Ewe -**  
Roccidell, B & S Picker and  
Farrer, Farrer Memorial Agricultural Highschool



**Reserve Champion White Suffolk Ewe -**  
Roccidell, B & S Picker



**Reserve Champion White Suffolk Ram -**  
Kinellar, LS Patterson



### Ewe Objective Measurement Class

1. Avoca, B Campbell
2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

### Sire's Progeny Group - Keith McIntosh Memorial Shield

1. Kinellar, LS Patterson
2. Roodell, B & S Picker
3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

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

1. Roodell, B & S Picker

### Best White Suffolk Head, Ram or Ewe any age, one entry per Exhibitor

1. Roodell, B & S Picker



Students from Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Macarthur Anglican School at the Show.



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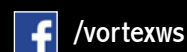
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# SPOTTED! STUD BREEDERS UNDER 30 TO WATCH

*Courtesy Elizabeth Anderson & Katie Jackson, Stock Journal*

**Stock Journal (SA) recently ran a series on studbreeders under 30 years to watch, which featured some of our up-and-coming White Suffolk young guns – Ben Frick (Gypsum Hill), and Lachlan & Stefan Grossman (Koonawarra). Read what they had to say about their involvement in the industry.**



## LACHLAN & STEFAN GROSSMAN

Breeding sheep is an all-family affair for the Grossmans at Angaston, with the next generation making its own mark on the Koonawarra stud.

Brothers Lachlan, 26, and Stefan, 24, Grossman have been stepping up and finding their place in the White Suffolk, Poll Dorset and Border Leicester stud started by parents Mark and Jane Grossman.

Lachlan and Stefan say they have been surrounded by the sheep all their lives, which has helped them develop a real passion for breeding.

The White Suffolk stud began in 1985, with the Border Leicesters added in 1996.

In 2018, with both sons wanting to get involved, as well as to provide another option for their clients, the family added the Poll Dorsets to the mix.

In the 2022 sale, they offered 100 White Suffolk rams as well as 30 each of Poll Dorsets and Border Leicester rams and 10 White Suffolk ewes.

The stud is an all-family affair, with all sire selection based on a conversation.

As well as helping the family's stud, Lachlan has continued to show his interest in the sheep industry in other ways.

He is a part-time shearer, travelling the state and working in sheds, as well as

Lachlan has also been involved in the SA Sheep Expo nearly every year since it began, first as a participant and - more recently - on the committee.



"It's about coming up with different ideas, trying to get the next generation involved," he said.

Lachlan also has a good eye for the sheep, having represented SA in the meat sheep junior judging competition national stage.

He also sits on a number of committees, including the Adelaide region Poll Dorset committee and the SA branch of the Australian Border Leicester Association.

"It's good to catch up with other people and discuss different ideas and topics," he said.

The Grossmans also run a self-replacing commercial Merino flock, and - of the four breeds - Lachlan says Border Leicesters are his favourite.

It is the White Suffolks that Stefan prefers, although there is a general interest in all sheep.

As well as also taking part in the SA Sheep Expo, he is a mainstay of the stud's exhibiting efforts, at country shows and the Royal Adelaide Show.

He has helped pick out their show team, and is a regular on the show mat, displaying the sheep.

He says this is a great chance to line their sheep up against other breeders to benchmark, as well as to speak with other people in the industry.

While he helps with the entire stud, Stefan also has his own ewes within the stud, following through some ewe bloodlines. "It's about coming up with different ideas, trying to get the next generation involved," he said.

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## BEN FRICK

A passion for showing sheep has led one industry up-and-comer to start his own stud alongside his two sisters.

Padthaway's Ben Frick, whose parents Andrew and Tanya Frick are stud principals of Gypsum Hill White Suffolks and Suffolks, branched out on his own with sisters Amelia and Jessica to create Emmavale Suffolks.

With a wealth of experience and knowledge passed down from their parents, the young trio set out to start their own stud in 2020 which has since grown to six breeding ewes.

"We started our stud as a fun side project more than anything," he said.

"It helps us learn more about breeding but we're not worried about selling sheep, we'd like to look more at showing sheep which is our main focus."

Because of his love of showing, Ben said he looked for true to type sheep when purchasing genetics for his flock rather than breeding values, with ewes purchased from Aylesbury Farm,

Ramsay Park and Bowen, NSW, in addition to using Gypsum Hill genetics.

Although he now has his own stud, Ben is heavily involved in Gypsum Hill, moving into a leadership role recently at just 18-years-old.

Through his new role, a recent highlight for Ben was taking Gypsum Hill sheep back into the show ring after more than a decade away from the Royal.

"I took Gypsum Hill rams to the show last year for the first time in about 15 years," he said.

"Dad's had the stud for about 45 years, and he used to show a lot before us kids came along.

"He stopped showing but I've found a love of showing myself so I got a show team together last year and took them to the Royal - we didn't win anything but it was a good experience and a great feeling to bring our sheep back to the show after so many years.

"We haven't been able to take Emmavale sheep to the show yet, but I'm hopeful we can either this year or next."

Although his major focus is showing sheep, another highlight of Ben's young life was having one of his own rams used in the Gypsum Hill breeding program.

"At the moment our stud is a fun project, but in the future I'm hoping to have a completely different line of sheep to Gypsum Hill," he said.

"Dad used our ram as an outcross sire in the stud to bring in different genetics which is what I'd like to continue to achieve in the future."

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220208	0.00	17.04	0.29	2.98
220229	0.04	17.38	0.38	3.34
220238	0.14	17.93	0.40	3.48
220268	0.32	18.94	-0.43	2.56
220354	0.39	20.53	-0.44	2.70
220355	0.34	19.77	0.12	2.63
220373	0.40	19.23	0.47	2.82
220407	0.22	19.36	-0.14	2.73
220408	0.26	19.74	0.14	3.04
220409	0.07	18.85	-0.08	2.93
220417	0.11	17.30	0.26	3.57

TAG	BWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD
220445	0.21	19.2	-0.14	3.14
220447	0.10	19.11	-0.41	3.07
220458	0.08	17.73	-0.26	3.39
220462	0.22	19.78	-0.17	2.36
220479	0.41	19.43	0.33	2.05
220526	0.34	19.71	0.10	2.84
220539	0.27	17.46	-0.33	3.08
220574	0.14	17.41	-0.21	3.24
220689	0.19	17.15	-0.38	3.25
220696	0.14	17.53	0.37	3.88
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# SA SHEEP EXPO IN REVIEW



Late in 2019 the AWSA offered up 10 scholarships to the Expo, and I decided to apply for one.

Luckily, the Association liked my application and I won one of them. I was 13 at the time and I was pretty excited for April 2020 to come around. Unfortunately, COVID-19 hit, and we were unable to go until April 2023. Thankfully the AWSA held over our applications until then.

Arriving at the Adelaide Showground, we were given out Sheep Expo packs, and then went in search of our sheep. Mine was a Poll Merino from Carcuma North. He was a bit jumpy at first, but he was a sweetie, and I immediately named him Rick. We run merinos at home, but I don't know a lot about them, so as you can imagine I learnt a lot over the three days.

After finding my sheep, I found my group and started getting to know them. We then went off to our first lecture of many over the next few days. Highlights were learning about the tips and tricks of handling sheep in the ring, the vet's lecture about the prejoining check of rams before they go out with the ewes, and I loved the Youth Challenge involving all aspects of working with farming. ie bale rolling, grain naming and setting up an electric fence. All of this involved being timed and getting the fastest time possible to get the task done. I got a lot out of the marketing program, and there are aspects of what I learned that I can apply to our stud, like how to invite consumers to your product and then keep them.

The career's panel was also a big highlight, it was so interesting to learn about how many different careers there are surrounding the sheep industry.

I really enjoyed learning something new overall, and how I might be able to challenge myself in the sheep industry in general. I most definitely enjoyed meeting other White Suffolk Youth, learning about their stud operations and where they are situated. It was great to meet a new circle of friends, from KI, Renmark and Adelaide, and we have been keeping in touch ever since.

Sleeping in a small locker with another person was certainly an experience to remember!

I would like to thank the AWSA again for the opportunity of the Scholarship, and I would encourage them to offer these scholarships again, because I believe that they are valuable to White Suffolk Youth. I would also encourage any White Suffolk Youth, or Youth in general, to attend what is a valuable resource for young people going forward into the future in agriculture.

**Lucinda Smith,  
Marleigh White Suffolks  
Gymbowen, VIC**

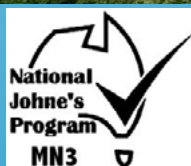


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# SA SHEEP EXPO IN REVIEW



I must say that I wasn't expecting to be asked to be a Group Leader when I came to the Expo, but was happy to help out when the other two leaders could be there only for the first day. The group that I escorted around must be congratulated for their dedication to their sheep, every pen was well swept, and all sheep had water at all times. They were a great lot of young adults, from all over, with the one subject in mind, sheep and how they fit into agriculture.

My highlight was having the fastest team in the Youth Challenge, and everyone had a great time out there on the oval trying to achieve their best time, and letting off a bit of steam.

The amount of information available to us was mind boggling, and all of the lectures were very informative and structured for easy learning. It is amazing the number of career pathways that were on offer during the three days.

I also applaud the team of volunteers who fed and watered us for the three days, it must have been a huge task to get so many meals prepared in time. Great job!

To the AWSA, the scholarships for WS Youth are a wonderful initiative. It gives youth a rare opportunity to learn about agriculture and all things pertaining to all breeds of sheep.

It also gives them the opportunity to be involved in handling other breeds, and learning about them.

It is really important for the White Suffolk breed that we encourage and foster our youth to take up the reins of our breed and take it into the future, as they are the future stud principles, breeders and ultimately, buyers. The scholarships that were offered encourages this to happen.

**Nanette Smith,  
Marleigh White Suffolks  
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# DNA TECHNOLOGY – AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR RAM BREEDERS



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## DNA based technologies have revolutionised livestock breeding in recent times, with DNA testing now routinely incorporated within dairy, sheep, and beef breeding programs around the world.

As with any new and emerging technology, White Suffolk ram breeders should be considering whether DNA technology offers benefits to their enterprise, and if so, how it is best applied alongside other reproductive and genetic technologies within their breeding program.

### USES OF DNA TECHNOLOGY

DNA based technologies can be used for several different purposes within a White Suffolk breeding program, including:

**Parentage verification** - A small percentage of errors will undoubtedly exist within parentage information that is collected via traditional means due to factors such as cross mothering and human transcription errors. DNA technology enables these errors to be identified and corrected, increasing the reliability of the parentage information that is available for animals within a flock.

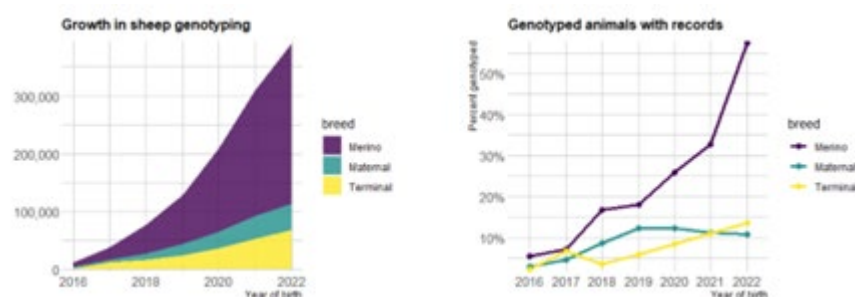
**Parentage assignment** - In situations where parentage information is not available via traditional means, DNA technology can be used to assign the sire and dam of an animal. Use of DNA technology for parentage assignment offers several benefits including the use of syndicate joining groups, or a reduction in the on-farm labour associated with the traditional collection of parentage information.

**Incorporation into LAMBPLAN ASBVs** - When combined with pedigree and performance information, DNA, or genomic

information, adds an additional source of information for the calculation of Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs), as published from the LAMBPLAN genetic evaluation, enabling the generation of ASBVs with additional accuracy, and ultimately enabling more accurate selection decisions to be made.

Genomic information provides the most additional accuracy to the calculation of ASBVs:

- for animals that have incomplete, or a limited depth of pedigree
- for traits that are hard to measure, or traits that cannot be measured prior to an animal entering the breeding flock.
- for traits that have a low heritability.
- in situations where collecting effective performance information is problematic, such as in small flocks, or when an animal has been removed from its contemporary group.



**Figure 1** – Genomics is incorporated into the calculation of Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) for an increasing number of animals each year.





*Courtesy of Honeyoaks Stud*

## **DEVELOPING A DNA TESTING STRATEGY FOR YOUR FLOCK**

Prior to investing in DNA based technologies, it is important that ram breeders develop a specific DNA testing strategy for their flock to ensure that they maximise the benefits that are obtained. When developing a DNA testing strategy, consideration should be given to such things as:

### **WHAT DNA SAMPLES WILL BE COLLECTED?**

DNA samples can be collected in a number of different forms, including Tissue Sampling Units (TSUs), blood cards and semen straws. Of these, the recommended and most common form of DNA sample collection due its ease of collection and reliability during laboratory processing is TSUs.

Using a specific TSU applicator, TSUs involve collection of a simple tissue sample from the middle of the ear, making sure the TSU has been sealed correctly and then placing it into a TSU box or rack for mailing to the DNA laboratory.

### **WHEN WILL DNA SAMPLES BE COLLECTED?**

DNA samples can be collected on animals of any age, and so should be undertaken at a time that best fits in with other normal, routine management practices, ensuring sufficient time is left for the availability of results.

DNA results are usually available within approximately four 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 1st and 15th of each month).

### **WHAT ANIMALS WILL BE TESTED?**

Testing can be conducted as many or few animals as desired, depending on the objective.

Common testing strategies include a) testing an individual animal; b) strategically testing a group of animals of specific interest. For example, the top 30% of a cohort of ram lambs that have been identified as potential selection candidates; or c) testing an entire drop of lambs.

### **WHICH DNA PRODUCT WILL BE UTILISED?**

The two most common DNA products are the 'Parentage Test', which links a lamb to its sire and/or dam, and the 'Genomic Test', which includes the parentage test, along with a high-density genotype for inclusion in the calculation of LAMBPLAN ASBVs.

The 'Genomic Test' involves genotyping animals with a customised DNA chip that was developed specifically for use in the Australian sheep industry known as the GGP Ovine 50K. The chip was developed in collaboration with researchers at the University of New England, Agriculture Victoria and the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit and specifically includes SNPs that explain the most genetic variation in the Australian sheep population. Research has shown that the inclusion of these SNPs on the chip increases accuracy by 7-10% by comparison to generic DNA chips.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

To further discuss the utilisation of DNA based technologies within your operation, contact Neogen Australasia's Territory Manager team. Contact details for the Territory Manager in each region are available from the Neogen Australasia website ([neogenaustralasia.com.au](http://neogenaustralasia.com.au)), or by contacting the Neogen customer service team on (07) 3736 2134 or [naa@neogen.com](mailto:naa@neogen.com).

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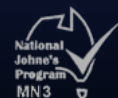
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Dale Moore with Gwenda Gilpin, Beth Grosser and Deb Shillabeer at the 2010 National Conference in Victoria.



▲ Dale Moore with Peter Button at the presentation of his Distinguished Service Award in 2018



▲ Dale Moore with White Suffolk breeders at the 2009 National Conference.

## Vale DALE MOORE

By Andrew Frick

It is with great sadness to note the passing of Dale Moore on Monday 17th July.

Dale had been battling serious illness for several years, and even in the toughest times could still manage that cheeky grin that we all loved.

A funeral service was held in Hobart on Friday 28th July with a large attendance of family, friends, and fellow sheep breeders.

The White Suffolk Association was represented by the President and a contingent of mainland and Tassie breeders. The service highlighted the love and care Dale had for his wife and family, the love and care they had for him, his passion and love of sheep breeding and farming, and his wonderful dry witty sense of humour.

Dale had an excellent eye and capability for stud stock breeding, and along with his father Kevin produced many Show Champions, high price rams and sires that continue to have influence in the genetics of the White Suffolk, Poll Dorset, and Southdown breeds today – the mark of a true stud master.

Dale had a keen eye for sheep and was invited to judge at all the major sheep shows across many breeds. He also served

on many sheep breed society boards and committees over many years, including the White Suffolk Association Federal Council.

His service to our Association and the White Suffolk breed earned him a Distinguished Service Award from 2018.

As a mark of a truly nice bloke, no-one could recall anyone having a bad word to say about Dale. If he had opinion or position on matters, they were always quietly and carefully put. The one exception may have been if discussion turned to football, and Dale's love of the Hawthorn "Hawks" led to a lot of lively banter and friendly sledging. His wonderful witty take on things was always the highlight in any discussion.

Illness may have taken Dale too early, but let's cherish his memory and his achievements, and offer our thoughts to his wife Mandy and children Laura & Mitch, son Lachie and parents Kevin & Merle and the entire Moore family.

A true gentleman.

Vale Dale Moore.

RIP Ole' Mate





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## RAMS

Masculine in appearance, displaying a strong carcass on good structure.

## EWES

Showing great femininity, with sound udder formation.

## HEAD & EARS

Free of wool from the ears forward, sound mouth & bottom jaw, little to no colour, pigmentation of eyes & nostrils accepted & encouraged. Large ears, thick & not erect.

Muzzle maybe slightly convex, no horns or scurs present.

## NECK & SHOULDERS

A moderate neck flowing into a smooth shoulder setting with limited blade movement when walking.

## BACK & LOIN

A straight top line, firm with well sprung ribs & a wide deep loin.

## TAIL SETTING

Well set up just below the level of the spine.

## HIND QUARTERS

Full wide & deep with heavily muscled thighs.

## CARCASS

Heavy, carry from front to back in a slight wedge shape.

## LEGS & FEET

Legs well placed at the four quarters & free moving, free of wool from the knees & hocks, strong bone, compact straight hoofs (not splayed), with erect pasterns that still have some forgiveness.

## SKIN

Pink in colour & free of pigment.

## WOOL

Fine 'downs' type, dense & free of kemp, medullated & coloured fibres.

## TESTICLES

Testicles even, firm & moderate in size.

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Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 9.3  
Pwt 15.1  
Pfat 0.00  
Pemd 3.6  
TCP 149.9

SIRE: "Moderator" 200543

22P029



Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 9.7  
Pwt 15.4  
Pfat -0.53  
Pemd 2.6  
TCP 145.9

SIRE: "Moderator" 200543

22P038



Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 9.4  
Pwt 15.3  
Pfat -0.68  
Pemd 2.2  
TCP 145.2

SIRE: "Moderator" 200543

22P014



Bwt 0.4  
Wwt 11.0  
Pwt 16.4  
Pfat -0.89  
Pemd 2.2  
TCP 145.7

SIRE: "Moderator" 200543

22P040



Bwt 0.3  
Wwt 9.3  
Pwt 14.2  
Pfat 0.00  
Pemd 3.0  
TCP 140.3

SIRE: D.G 200466

22P069



Bwt 0.2  
Wwt 10.0  
Pwt 15.8  
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