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# from the president

Welcome to the 2023 November AWSA Newsletter. This spring has been a very challenging season, with commercial livestock prices across Australia very depressed and this has obviously flowed through to the stud industry.

I would encourage studs to resist the temptation to offer rams at unsustainable prices. We are all in the same market and need to work together.

There has been some confusion this year with rams at auction being sold and purchases having to advance to a stud registration minimum. The vendor has the right to enforce this, but it must be announced prior to the auction commencing.

On an exciting note, the Association awarded two Honorary Life Memberships in September to Peter Heinrich, Ella Matta stud, and Graham Day, Allendale stud. Both Peter and Graham were foundation members of the Association and have both been influential in the development of the breed and encouragement of breeders of all ages across Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Peter and Graham on their awards, and thank them for their contributions to the Association and breed over a period of more than 40 years.

In late October whilst travelling through Victoria I had the opportunity to visit the Donnan family property and inspect the Satellite Flock lambs before they went for slaughter. I had a great afternoon with Bruiser and Joel, and we can't thank them enough for their commitment. Richmond Hill Agribusiness have kindly donated the cost of scanning for the project. Thanks Steve and Deb for your generosity and tireless work for the project.

This November the Association has entered a Movember team to support men's health. This was a suggestion by our newest councillor, Brad. Thanks to Brad and all those that have signed up or donated to this great cause. Anyone struggling or needing to talk to someone just pick up the phone and call a White Suffolk friend.

The conference is fast approaching and will be held at Halls Gap in the Grampians, Victoria. Lachie McCrae has been working hard with a select group of members to organise this event for us. I encourage all members to think about attending with the conference targeting rest, relaxation and fellowship. The conference will be a little less intense than previous ones with Lachie planning an exciting day trip and other changes.

To our secretary, Nikki, thanks for all your hard work and keeping me on the straight and narrow. To my fellow councillor's and all our wonderful members, I wish you season greetings and an improved and prosperous New Year.

Yours in White Suffolks,



*Ian Gilmore*  
President



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## Honorary Life Membership - Graham Day

*As a 10 year old - decades before the White Suffolk breed was established - Graham Day brought up with his father Allen the need to breed a Suffolk sheep without black wool fibres.*

## Elite White Suffolk Show 2023

*Mountain Mist takes out Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit with their Junior Champion Ram.*



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## Best of both worlds for Longbottoms

*Mr Longbottom, his wife Courtney and son Harvey, Longbottom Pastoral Co, Bordertown, rely on White Suffolks to bring meat and growth to lambs by their wool-growing Merino ewes.*

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## Meet the McIndoes

*Isla, 14, Kirsty, 12, and Skye, 10, have been running their own stud alongside their parents Dugald and Bec McIndoe's Smithston Farms stud, based at Glencoe, since 2015.*





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## Royal Adelaide Show Results 2023

*Mertex reign Supreme with their Ewe who then went on to win the Interbreed Shortwool Champion Ewe.*



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## Friendships, Forts & Feeding

*Imogen, 12, and Oscar, 10, have been helping their parents Dean and Mandy Cameron with their Noremac White Suffolk and Suffolk studs, based at Englefield, ever since they can remember.*

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## Honorary Life Membership - Peter Heinrich

*One of the founding members of the White Suffolk breed has been presented with life membership of the Federal Association for his foresight more than 40 years ago and the impact his genetics have had on the breed.*

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## from the secretary

The busy show and sale season months have almost ended. I have enjoyed seeing members success at shows and events across the country. Even though it has been a tough selling season, I congratulate you all for your persistence, support of the breed and the great examples on display.

A huge thank you to all those that have participated in the White Suffolk Movem-baa team. It's been so much fun joining you all. I'm very much looking forward to seeing and sharing the final progress photos!

As the end of the year closes out for the Association, we will be sending out reminders to those with outstanding accounts over the next few weeks and it is appreciated if these are paid before 31 December to make the audit process easier. Members that have outstanding accounts at the time of the 2024 membership renewal will not be able to renew their membership until their accounts have been paid in full. With the challenging year and market, if you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact me to discuss confidentially.

The operation and success of the Association is certainly a team effort.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Federal Council for their support over the past year year, particularly those that receive countless phone calls from the office to share thoughts and ideas and to help answer the hard questions.

To Caitlin at BizBoost Creative, thank you for taking care of our Newsletter and making our design ideas come to life. To Steve and Debbie Milne for their management of the satellite flock and preparing some great eNews editions throughout the year.

To the members, it is always a pleasure to work with you and for a breed I am so passionate about.

The AWSA office will be closed for the Christmas period from Monday 18th December – Tuesday 2nd January. We will be checking emails intermittently, but please keep this in mind if you have anything you may need assistance with.

Finally, I wish you and your families a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.

See you in 2024!



*Nikki Ward*  
Secretary

# AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION

## 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**Location:** Halls Gap, Victoria

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February

**More information will be distributed to members in due course.**

**Enquiries:** Lachie McCrae - 0418 540 790





# MOUNTAIN MIST

## WHITE SUFFOLK STUD

*Supreme Champion*

ELITE SHOW & SALE 2023



This ram is exhibiting tremendous length and EMD. He scanned in at 57 for muscle as a lamb at the Elite Show.

He weighed in at 119 kg at 12 months old.

### MOUNTAIN MIST 220102

- SCANNING RESULTS FROM ELITE SHOW

WEIGHT	MUSCLE	FAT	WWT	PWWT	EMD	PFAT	TCP
119	57	8	10.4	15.9	1.8	-0.4	142.2

## SEMEN AVAILABLE

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# FEDERAL COUNCIL MATTERS

November 2023

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to Peter Heinrich, Ella Matta Stud, and Graham Day, Allendale Stud, on being awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

Both Peter and Graham have had significant involvement in the breed and Association since its formation. Their award is very well deserved for their service and commitment to the breed and their mentorship of all members over such a long period of time.

## AWSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE – HALLS GAP, VICTORIA

Plans are well underway for the 2024 National Conference which will be held at the Country Plaza in Halls Gap, Victoria.

Note that the Conference will be held later in February, from the 25th to 27th February 2024.

Lachie McCrae is working with a small group on putting this together – we have taken on board member feedback in wanting a more social and relaxed conference so members can take this as a 'holiday' opportunity and enjoy spending time networking with other stud breeders and friends. A separate flyer is included in this newsletter with more information and how you can register. Thank you to Lachie and his team for the work on this to date.

## AWSA SATELLITE FLOCK PROJECT UPDATE

The second satellite flock project is tracking well with lambs recently sent for processing. We are looking forward to receiving the data and results back from this and reviewing the report early in the new year. Members will also be provided with the report once available. For more information read the update report in this newsletter. Our thanks again to the Donnan Family, Anden Stud, for hosting the satellite flock, Steve & Debbie Milne at Richmond Hill Agribusiness for their management of the project, and all those that have assisted with labour over the past 12 months.

## 2024 SA SHEEP EXPO BURSARIES

The AWSA will again be awarding up to 10 bursaries for youth to attend the 2024 SA Sheep Expo. The application form will be released shortly and we strongly encourage young enthusiasts within our Association to consider applying. Keep an eye on your emails for more information soon.

**Anthony Hurst & Lachie McCrae helping  
to develop the skills of our youth**

## YOUTH GROUP

The Federal Council have been looking at ways to increase youth participation and support. One of the easiest ways for outreach has been involvement in Young Judge and Handler competitions at Shows. The Elite Show & Sale was earmarked as an event with a large youth gathering, and it was great to see this again in 2023. At the event, Federal Councillors assisted in running the Young Judge and Young Handler competition to develop the skills of our younger breeders which was well received. The youth also had first look at the new hoodies, with winners of the handler classes gifted a hoodie for their success.

If anyone is involved or wishes to run a handler competition at a major or regional Show, please get in touch with the office so we can discuss how the Association may be able to support your event.





## ONLINE MERCHANDISE STORE NOW LIVE

The Association now has a new online store on the AWSA website for merchandise orders. Clothing items can be purchased in the store including Show uniform / vests, caps and hoodies. Make sure you take a look – the hats and hoodies might make for a perfect Christmas gift!

## STUD REGISTRATIONS & TRANSFERS

Members are reminded of their obligation to ensure all stud ram registrations and transfers are completed as soon as possible after sale. This is important to ensure that it does not impact on the ability to complete and finalise rams used on Annual Returns when released next year.

## STUD RAM PRICES FOR REGISTRATION

A reminder to members that the Association does not have any involvement on the stud ram prices set by individual to enable registration and transfer with the Association.

This is a buyer beware situation, and it is recommended that if you intend to purchase a ram for use within your stud, that you make yourself aware of the price set by the stud for this prior to purchase.

## FEDERAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for 2024 AWSA Federal Council. All members are welcomed and encouraged to consider nominating.

Five (5) positions will be available for election. An online ballot will be conducted in January for the election of Federal Councillors if more nominations are received than the number of positions available. Please keep an eye on your emails for more information.

## MAJOR SPONSORS

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**Top Price ram 220166(picture) sold to Chris Squiers "Shirlee Down" for \$18,000.**



220194 sold to Tim Jorgensen "Mertex" for \$ 14,000.  
220160 sold to Grant Bingham "Iveston" for \$ 9,000.  
220119 sold to Lachlan Day "Days" for \$8,000.  
220525 sold to Tom Groat "Conapaira" for \$8,000.  
220041 sold to Richard Hawken "Thurlstone" for \$7,000.

**159 White Suffolk Rams sold to \$18,000 and AVG \$1,950**



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# PROMOTIONS REPORT

## ANTHONY HURST, *Promotions Chair*

Over the past few selling months, White Suffolk promotion has been ticking along through print and digital media. The breed has featured well in sale reports which also gives great exposure and promotion.

A few highlights to report on since the last newsletter:

- New video footage was obtained and used to revamp the TV Advertisement. Thank you to Brayden Gilmore for his assistance with this. We also strengthened our campaign with the slogan 'A flocking great choice' - a play on words to attract the attention of listeners.
- Thank you to all members that promoted the Win A Ram competition at their sales and through social media and newsletters. While the number of entries was less than the previous year, it is still very encouraging to see entrants from across all states. The positive comments entrants share on the White Suffolk breed are enlightening, and you may see some of these shared across our social media soon.
- New merchandise is now available to purchase in the new online store on the AWSA website – Hoodies, Trucker Caps, Show Vests and a Standard AWSA Cap. Thank you to all members that have already purchased items. I was fortunate to take some new hoodies to the Elite Show & Sale in September where they were well received by the kids in attendance and looked great around the shed.
- Our use of social media has increased over the past few months. We have promoted the Movember campaign, Win A Ram Competition and announcement. We are now preparing a schedule of posts to continue the momentum.
- We will be trialling a flip-book style newsletter for our April 2024 edition. This means that the April newsletter will not be a print version. Members will receive more information about this soon including advertising options. We are trialling this style to increase our outreach of our breed and individual stud advertisements and promotion to commercial producers.



**WIN A Ram WINNERS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**Joel Dash from VIC &**  
**Thomas Masters from SA,**  
for being drawn the winners of the \$2,000 ram vouchers.

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297  
entries

6  
states  
represented

*"Just purchased my first white Suffolk ram and really think that the breed is the way of the future"*

*"Just purchased my first white Suffolk ram from a local breeder to go over my mixed flock of ewes. Really like the way that the breed reads and presents."*

We will continue our focus on the following new initiatives into the new year:

- 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.
- Ongoing development of the website to back up our messaging.
- 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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**AWSA Youth Hoodie**



**AWSA Standard Cap**



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# SEMEN SIRES AVAILABLE

## \$50 A DOSE

INDIVIDUAL VIDEOS AVAILABLE



**220687**

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PEMD	PFAT	TCP
0.38	11.4	17.26	2.93	0.37	147.7



**220555**

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PEMD	PFAT	TCP
0.31	13.16	22.20	1.80	-0.31	160.61



**220544** SENIOR CHAMPION  
HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION '23

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PEMD	PFAT	TCP
0.39	12.42	19.33	1.48	-0.53	148.1

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 'READY TO JOIN' EWE LAMB SALE

# SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY '24

HELSMEN STYLE SALE TO BE HELD ONLINE ONLY AT AUCTIONSPLUS

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# ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW RESULTS 2023

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

**Judge:** Ian Kyle, Ashley Park Stud, VIC

**Associate Judge:** Stefan Grossman, Koonawarra Stud, SA

## Ram, Novice Class

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

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

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore & Sons
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan

## Ram under 1½ years, born in April

1. Omad, D Hawker
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Lakeside Park, P & K Murrowood

## Ram under 1½ years, born in May

1. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson
2. Omad, D Hawker
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

## Ram, under 1½ years, born in June

1. Fairburn, F MacDonald
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Seriston, A Hurst

## Pair of Rams, April to June

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore & Sons
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. KIS, K, I & S McIndoe

## Ram, under 1½ years, born in July

1. Smithston, D & B McIndoe
2. Wattle Park, J & M Jamieson
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore & Sons

**Grand Champion Ram & Supreme White Suffolk  
Exhibit & Overall Breed Champion**  
Mountain Mist, M Baldock

Junior Champion Ram -  
**MOUNTAIN MIST, M BALDOCK**

Reserve Junior Champion Ram -  
**RANGEVIEW, WJ MILROY**

Senior Champion Ram -  
**MALLEE PARK, T & M FERGUSON**

Reserve Senior Champion Ram -  
**FAIRBURN, F MACDONALD**

Grand Champion Ram -  
**MOUNTAIN MIST, M BALDOCK**

Junior Champion Ewe -  
**BARINGA, I & D GILMORE & SONS**

Reserve Junior Champion Ewe -  
**MOUNTAIN MIST, M BALDOCK**

Senior Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

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

Grand Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

Supreme Champion White Suffolk Exhibit -  
**MOUNTAIN MIST, M BALDOCK**

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





▲ **Senior Champion & Reserve Senior Champion Ewe -**  
*Sunnybanks, P Day & Mertex, T & B Jorgensen*

**Ram under 1½ years, born in August**

1. Mountain Mist, M Baldock
2. Rangeview, WJ Milroy
3. Baringa, I & D Gilmore & Sons

**Pair of Rams, July to September**

1. Rangeview, WJ Milroy
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Roodell, B & S & C Picker

**Ram Lamb, woolly**

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

**Ram Lamb, shorn**

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

**Stockscan Performance Class**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelam
3. Sunnybanks, P Day

**Terminal Carcase Production (TCP) Class**

1. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelam
2. Somerset, L McCrae
3. Anden, A, D, J & L Donnan

**Ewe over 1 ½ years with lamb at foot**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Marleigh, T & N Smith



**Senior Champion White Suffolk Ram -**  
*Mallee Park, M Ferguson*



**Junior Champion Ewe -**  
*Baringa, I Gilmore*



#### **Woolly Ewe, under 1 ½ years, born after 1st April**

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

#### **Ewe under 1 ½ years, born in April**

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

#### **Ewe under 1 ½ years, born in May**

1. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelam
2. Ridgell Downs, I & J Plumridge
3. Wakeleigh, K Wake

#### **Ewe under 1 ½ years, born in June**

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

#### **Pair of Ewes under 1 ½ years, April to June**

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

#### **Ewe under 1 ½ years, born in July**

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



**Reserve Junior Champion Ram -**  
*Rangeview, WJ Milroy*



**Grand Champion Ewe -**  
*Sunnybanks, P Day*



*June Ram class with a lineup of 42 rams*



#### Ewe under 1 ½ years, born in August

1. Mountain Mist, *M Baldock*
2. Premier, *B & L Gilmore*
3. Mertex, *T & B Jorgensen*

#### Pair of Ewes under 1 ½ years, July to September

1. Baringa, *I & D Gilmore & Sons*
2. Wattle Park, *J & M Jamieson*
3. Wakeleigh, *K Wake*

#### Ewe Lamb, woolly

1. Induro, *GA Treweek & ML Whelan*
2. Marleigh, *T & N Smith*
3. Mertex, *T & B Jorgensen*

#### Ewe Lamb, shorn

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

#### Ewe Lamb, shorn

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

#### Breeders' Group

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

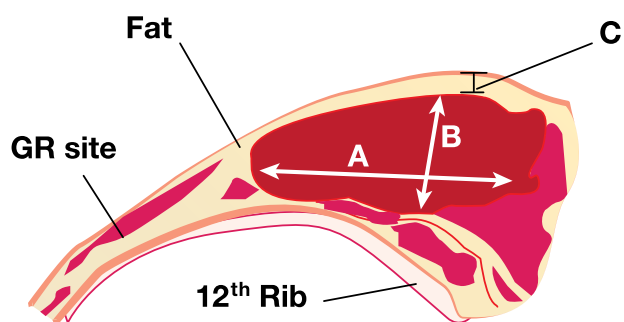
#### Sire's Progeny Group

1. Baringa, *I & D Gilmore & Sons*
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#### Pen of Three Rams

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**Junior Judging Under 15 Years winners –**  
1st Kirsty McIndoe, 2nd Skye McIndoe and  
3rd Eliesha Murrowood.

## Junior Handler, under 15 years

1. Skye McIndoe
2. Brandon Lawrence
3. Eliesha Murrowood

## Junior Handler, over 15 years

1. Isla McIndoe
2. Jacey Ferguson
3. Imogen Cameron

## Junior Judging, under 15 years

1. Kirsty McIndoe
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1. Isla McIndoe
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3. Alesha Bennett
4. Lucinda Smith

## Junior Stockman Award

Nate Lawrence

**Junior Judging Over 15 Years placegetters from 4th to 1st along with Anthony Hurst and Lachie McCrae.**





# SHEEP & LAMB OUTLOOK – OCTOBER 2023



Courtesy of Rural Bank

Australian lamb prices are expected to remain relatively stable over the next few weeks, with any uplift to be limited by the high volume of lambs expected to flow through the market. Lamb prices have fallen sharply since the start of the year but have stabilised and made modest gains over the past 6 weeks. The National Trade Lamb Indicator has gained 53 cents (+12 per cent) over the past month but still lags 338 cents (-41 per cent) below this time last year.

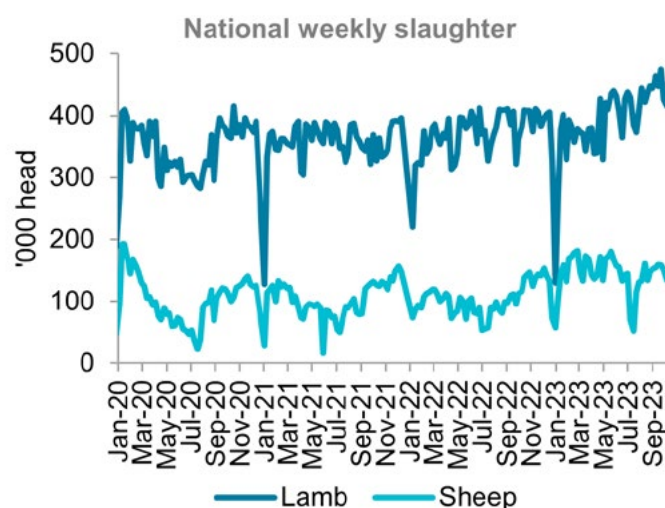
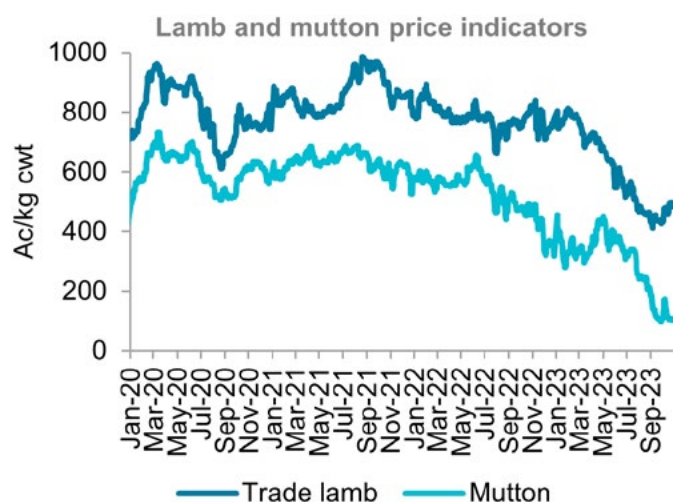
Prices have faced downwards pressure from the high supply of lambs coming through the market. Lamb slaughter has averaged over 429,000 head per week in October, up almost 28,000 head (+7 per cent) from October 2022, and 55,000 head (+15 per cent) above the five-year average for the month. This trend has been consistent throughout the year, with year-to-date lamb slaughter up 32,000 head per week (+9 per cent) from 2022.

The high supply of lambs is unlikely to slow over the next few months. The forecast is for a bumper crop of new season lambs which will continue to flow through the market. Restocker demand has been reduced over the past few months due to the dry seasonal conditions and outlook. The recent rainfall has seen an uptick in demand however the forecast of a dry summer will continue to limit restocker confidence. The continued high supply and dry seasonal outlook will limit any significant uplift in prices over the next couple of months.

Domestic retail demand for lamb is starting to return, as the reduced saleyard prices are slowly being passed onto consumers. Export volumes remain high as processors look to find a home for the additional product available. There was over 31,000 tonnes of lamb exported in September, up 26 per cent from September last year and 35 per cent above the 5-year average. China and the US continue to be the major markets for Australian lamb. Exports to the US started the year slowly but have improved over the past five months, while exports to China have returned to normal levels following a drop off in 2022.

Mutton prices have tracked steadily throughout October aside from a brief spike following rain at the start of the month. The National Mutton Indicator is down 352 cents (-77 per cent) since the start of the year and plunged to its lowest point since 2013 in late-September. Prices have struggled with the surplus of supply, with weekly mutton slaughter for September up 47.2 per cent from last year. Mutton supply has surged as farmers looked to turn-off stock to manage feed availability. The increased supply of mutton has continued to flow onto the export market. Mutton exports are up 47 per cent by volume so far this year, with China remaining the predominant market. However, reports of large quantities of meat in freezers is putting a dampener on prices. The supply of mutton is unlikely to slow over the next few months, which will maintain downwards pressure on prices.

▼ Source: Meat & Livestock Australia



## 35TH ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY SALE HIGHLIGHTS



**TOP PRICED RAM, LOT 92, DG220811 TR  
SOLD FOR \$12,500. SIRED BY DG REGAL 200477.**



**2ND TOP PRICED RAM, LOT 79, DG220128  
SOLD FOR \$10,000. SIRED BY DG REGAL 200477.**

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### SALE RESULTS

- STUD EWES - A top of \$2,000 & average of \$1137.
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- FLOCK RAMS - A top of \$2,600 & average of \$1320.

### TOP PRICED RAMS

- Lot 92, DG220811 TR - purchased for \$12,500 by Shane & Jodie Foster, Boonaroo, Casterton, Victoria.
- Lot 79, DG220128 - purchased for \$10,000 to Andrew & Caroline McLaughlan, Valma Stud, Tasmania with a 1/4 semen interest retained within stud.

### STUD RAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Lot 80 - DG220368Tw - \$9,000 to Roger Wilkinson, Camborn Stud, Pooncarrie, NSW. Sired by DG NOBLE 180374Qu.
- Lot 73 - DG220732Tw - \$8,000 to KJ Nunn, Ballarat, Victoria. Sired by DG REGAL 200477.
- Lot 88 - DG220030 - \$7,500 to Paul Routley, Urana, NSW. Sired by YANCO 200156.
- Lot 82 - DG220489Tw - \$7,000 to Roger Wilkinson, Camborn Stud, Pooncarrie, NSW. Sired by DG REGAL 200477.
- Lot 89 - DG220420ET - \$7,000 to L McIntosh, Karu Pastoral, Allawah Laggan, NSW. Sired by YANCO 200156.

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# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: GRAHAM DAY

*Courtesy Catherine Miller, Stock Journal*

As a 10 year old - decades before the White Suffolk breed was established - Graham Day brought up with his father Allen the need to breed a Suffolk sheep without black wool fibres.

At the Day family's 51st annual ram sale in early October, Graham was presented with a plaque by Australian White Suffolk Association immediate past president Anthony Hurst for more than 40 years service to the breed.

The Allendale Suffolk stud was established in 1931 and is the nation's oldest Suffolk stud but in 1984 Graham put some Suffolk sires over their Poll Dorset ewes.

"I always thought Suffolks were a great breed for their early growth and carcase qualities but I knew with the country being so wool conscious that the black fibres were holding it back," he said.

The following year when the AWSA was established Allendale was one of the foundation studs as flock number nine. Graham attended the first meeting of the society and was elected to the committee, a position he held for six years.

"A lot of the early breeders were such successful stud people and had open minds that it was always going to be a success taking two great breeds and making a sheep that was the best of the two breeds," Graham said.

Anthony said Graham was instrumental in the establishment of the White Suffolk National Field Day held at Dookie in Victoria which enabled breeders to compare their stock and breeding ideas. It evolved into the National White Suffolk Conference which is held annually.

"It is testament to Graham's passion in giving members a forum and the opportunity to network and compare their programs and success," he said.

Over the years Anthony says Graham has always been encouraging of young stud breeders and a great mentor to many.

"I remember work experience here at the age of 14 when I had started my own White Suffolk stud, I certainly wouldn't have been doing that without Graham's passion and involvement in what we did," he said.

Allendale had plenty of showing success in the early years of the breed and also built a strong White Suffolk client base.



In 2009 after a restructure of the family business one of Graham's sons Lachy and his wife Lou took over the White Suffolk flock as the Days Whiteface stud. They have continued to drive it forward with assistance from Graham.

Graham says it has been wonderful to witness the growth in the breed's popularity as a prime lamb sire but he and his wife Prue's greatest pleasure had come from the friendships with fellow stud breeders and clients.

"We haven't made our fortune doing it but meeting all the people from the different breeds has been so wonderful," he said.

Graham is now a life member of all three sheep breeds he has been involved in, as well as Herefords Australia and has also been recognised with a President's Medal from the Royal Melbourne Show.

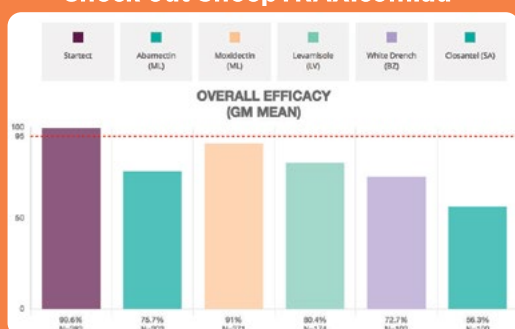
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# WHITE SUFFOLK SATELLITE FLOCK PROJECT UPDATE

▲  
**Lambs to Gundagai  
Meat Processors  
- 30th October 2023**

By Project Manager, Debbie Milne, Richmond Hill Agribusiness

**The AWSA Satellite Flock project 2023 is nearing completion. All on farm measurements have been taken (weaning weights, early post weaning weights and fat and muscle scans and pre slaughter weights).**

The AWSA Satellite Flock project 2023 is nearing completion. All on farm measurements have been taken (weaning weights, early post weaning weights and fat and muscle scans and pre slaughter weights). This data was sent to Sheep Genetics and included in the run on the 1st of November and so is now contributing to the sire's breeding values. Sire's breeding values can be viewed in "Animal Search" on the Sheep Genetics website [www.sheepgenetics.org.au](http://www.sheepgenetics.org.au) using the identification number "Sire SGID" below.

The number of lambs per sire at each stage is shown in the table below. One lamb is still waiting for the re-test of its parentage (result expected next week).

	Sire	Sire SGID	Lambs marked 11/7/23	Lambs weaned 1/9/23	Lambs weighed and scanned 20/10/23	Lambs weighed and sent to GMP 31/10/23 (over 40KG)
			Number of lambs per sire			
Sire	LANGLEY HEIGHTS-180231	2300022018180231	25	25	25	24
Link Sire	LANGLEY HEIGHTS-190090	2300022019190090	21	21	21	20
Sire	IDA VALE-194051	2300362019194051	13	13	12	11
Link Sire	DETPA GROVE-200477	2300432020200477	21	21	21	20
Sire	ASHMORE-210064	2300992021210064	26	26	26	22
Sire	FARRER-190001	2301392019190001	26	26	26	25
Sire	GEMINI-170470	2302332017170470	29	28	27	23
Sire	SMITHSTON-200882	2304642020200882	16	15	15	15
Sire	WATTLE PARK-180280	2305392018180280	24	24	23	21
Sire	DAYS-190108	2307362019190108	17	17	17	15
Sire	RANGEVIEW-190098	2308572019190098	22	22	22	19
Sire	VALMA-202189	2309162020202189	24	24	24	21
Sire	WAKELEIGH-200186	2309412020200186	23	23	23	22
		Sub Total	287	285	282	258
		Retest DNA	1	1	1	1
		Total	288	286	283	259





▲ **Lambs after scanning  
- 1st September 2023**



▲ **Lamb marking in progress**

The lambs were sent to Gundagai Meat Processors and slaughtered on the 31st of October 2023. Carcase and eating quality measurements are being undertaken by the Meat Science team from the University of New England. Once all tests are completed the data will be entered into the LAMBPLAN database and contribute to the sire's breeding values.

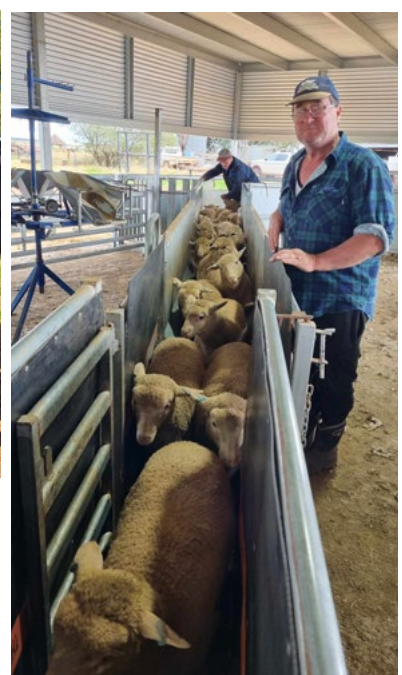
A detailed analysis of the changes to the breeding values and accuracies will be undertaken at the completion of the project. The results of this analysis will be presented at the AWSA National Conference in February 2024.



▲ **Lamb marking in progress**



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



▶ **Weighing the lambs at weaning at Anden**



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# THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS FOR THE LONGBOTTOMS

▲ **Rohan Longbottom, his wife Courtney and son Harvey, with his dad Shane Longbottom, Longbottom Pastoral Co, Bordertown.**

By Julia Wythes

## If Rohan Longbottom can get a fantastic wool cut, as well as a meaty prime lamb, he's laughing.

And using White Suffolk rams over his Merino ewes is ticking both those boxes.

Mr Longbottom, his wife Courtney and son Harvey, Longbottom Pastoral Co, Bordertown, rely on White Suffolks to bring meat and growth to lambs by their wool-growing Merino ewes.

The Longbottom family runs an engineering and fabrication business, but as the years have gone on, the family farming operation has grown to become just as important.

"The farm started as a hobby, but over time it just got bigger and bigger," he said.

## LONG HISTORY

Mr Longbottom came by his love of White Suffolks honestly - his parents Shane and Linda ran White Suffolks, and they are still heavily involved in the farm to this day.

The Longbottom family runs 2500 Merino ewes, using White Suffolk and Suffolk rams over the top.

This has given their production two big bonuses.

"Having the White Suffolks meant we could still get a wool cut out of the ewe, and then also get a prime lamb," he said.

"Every lamb on the place is terminal, so the White Suffolk was the best option over the Merino ewe.

"It allowed us to end up with a pretty good prime lamb.

"If we pick our Merino ewe correctly, they produce a long, heavy-framed lamb.

"The yields and the carcase that come off the White Suffolks are great.

"We just started using them and had success. We were so happy with how it was going, so we just continued."

He said working with White Suffolks was great.

"They are a lot easier in the yards," he said. "Compared to some others, they don't give your dogs a hard time and they don't get angry and stirred up.

"They are pretty neutral, cruisy sheep. The White Suffolks are a lot nicer."

He said the White Suffolk lambs mothered up well.

"These lambs are a bit keener to have a feed," he said.

## CLOSE TO HOME

The Longbottom family has been using genetics from Lachy Day's Days Whiteface stud for a number of years.

And the fact he is just across the paddock is only one of the reasons they source their rams from the stud.

"Going to their ram sale is just the closest and easiest one, but they also have some of the best White Suffolks around. So it doubled up as the easiest thing to do," he said.

He also sources rams from Anthony Hurst's Seriston stud, Avenue.

Because he is joining the White Suffolks to Merino ewes, there are a couple of things he really wants to see when he is picking out his rams.

"We want low birthweight and high growth," he said.

"We usually choose out of the catalogue, but we also want a good fat score and decent eye muscle.

"We also want good feet and a good looking head - you don't want an ugly sheep. You want sheep to be nicely shaped - nothing too tall. It takes too much energy growing hide instead of growing fat.

"We want smaller in the shoulders, bigger in the butt.

"We also really work on ease of lambing - it can be a nightmare to be chasing sheep.

"We've just really worked on that for the past five years, and I think our lambing has got much easier."

He said using White Suffolk genetics also brought better lambing percentages.

"Depending on the season, we normally lamb between 105 to 120 per cent," he said.

## STRONG CROSS

The Longbottom family buys in all replacement Merino ewes to be joined to terminal sires.

Suffolk rams are joined to their oldest five-and-half-year-old ewes in October for a March lambing.

"This means we never need to put black wool through our shed. We sell them first in spring, but they never get shorn," he said.

"The rest of the ewes are joined to a White Suffolk in December, January and February, so we have three lambings and spread them out."

Lambs are weaned between 12 and 14 weeks old, and are grazed on quality pastures.

These include a combination of barley, rye grass and clover.

The lambs are drafted into weight groups.

"We will categorize them into heavies, mediums and lights, and then the different groups will be grazed in their mobs," he said.

## GETTING RESULTS

Lambs are sold over the hook when they reach around 50 kilograms live, bringing a carcase weight of around 22 to 24kg.

All lambs are sent to JBS Australia in Bordertown.





Mr Longbottom has taken special care to be involved in the process and understand how their lambs are stacking up.

This has included being in the JBS Farm Assurance program.

"We've toured JBS when our lambs were killed," he said.

"They've given us the full run-down, and we've been able to talk to the meat inspectors and others there.

"They said they are always really happy when they see our lambs come through on the sheet.

"He said they cut up easily and they don't have grass seeds. So we've had great feedback."

In the future the Longbottom family plans to grow their flock, but the White Suffolk involvement is staying put on the family farm.

"We're definitely not looking to move into another breed," he said.

"We are just looking to develop what we are doing and to get higher percentages and turn lambs off quicker."



## ASHMORE 2023 RAM SALE RESULT 193 Rams Averaged \$1,447

**STUD RAM RESULTS BELOW. Thanks to all purchasers and underbidders!**



**Ashmore 220071 TCP 171**

- ♦ 220071 by A200667 - \$9,200 to Fingerpost, SA
- ♦ 220563 by A200667 - \$9,000 to Sunnydale, VIC
- ♦ 220053 by FE191175 - \$7,000 to Hannaton, VIC
- ♦ 220002 by A200667 - \$6,000 to Glenfinnan, NSW
- ♦ 220483 by V202189 - \$4,200 to Glenfinnan, NSW
- ♦ 220344 by V202189 - \$4,200 to Hobson Farming, VIC
- ♦ 220411 by A190016 - \$4,200 to Southdale, WA
- ♦ 220059 by A200667 - \$3,000 to Richmond Park, SA
- ♦ 221304 by A200667 - \$3,000 to Detpa Grove, SA



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### ASHMORE 221308 – Semen Available



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- ◆ Top 1% LEQ, TCP, PEMD, SF5, Top 5% IMF
- ◆ Top 10% PWT, LE DIR
- ◆ Top 20% PWEC

TAG	SIRE	BWT	WWT	PWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC	IMF	SF5	LE DIR	LEQ
221308	ASH210064	0.30	10.4	17.8	0.2	4.1	-50	0.33	-4.5	2.5	180

### ASHMORE 200084 – Semen Available



- ◆ Sired by Ashmore 170986 (170986 sired 30 registered WS stud rams in 2021 Flock Book)
- ◆ Terrific balance, excellent structure, moderate frame
- ◆ Used as a lamb, 132 progeny in LAMBPLAN
- ◆ Top 1% LEQ, TCP Top 5% WWT, PWT
- ◆ Top 10% LE DIR, SF5
- ◆ Top 20% PEMD, IMF

TAG	SIRE	BWT	WWT	PWT	PFAT	PEMD	PWEC	IMF	SF5	LE DIR	LEQ
220084	ASH170986	0.24	12.0	19.7	-0.08	3.0	-40	-0.12	-0.8	2.3	167

Troy Fischer: 0456 230 099

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▲ **Interbreed Short Wool Group**  
- Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

# HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION 2023

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

**Judge:** Peter Angus, Maroola Stud, SA

## Ram under 1½ years, woolly

1. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Windy Hill, M Smart

## Ram under 1½ years, born in April

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

## Ram under 1½ years, born in May

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
3. Wakeleigh, K Wake

## Ram under 1½ years, born in June

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

## Pair of Rams, April to June

1. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
2. Marleigh, T & N Smith
3. Somerset, L McCrae

## Ram under 1½ years, born in July

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Wakeleigh, K Wake
3. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan

## Ram under 1½ years, born in or after August

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Wakeleigh, K Wake

## Pair of Rams, July to September

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

## Lamb Production Class

1. Somerset, L McCrae
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
3. Marleigh, T & N Smith

## Ewe under 1½ years, woolly

1. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
2. Rene, D Mitchell
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

Senior Champion Ram -  
**INDURO, GA TREWEEK & ML WHELAN**

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

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

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

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

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

Reserve Champion Ewe -  
**MALLEE PARK, M FERGUSON**

Grand Champion White Suffolk Exhibit -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN (RAM)**

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

## WHITE SUFFOLK INTERBREED SUCCESS

Interbreed Short Wool Group -  
**MERTEX, T & B JORGENSEN**



◀ **Grand & Junior Champion Ram**  
- Mertex, T & B Jorgensen



**Champion Ewe**  
- Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

**Ewe over 1½ years, woolly**

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

**Ewe under 1½ years, born between 1 April and 31 May**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Mallee Park, T & M Ferguson
3. Ridgell Downs, I & J Plumridge

**Ewe under 1½ years, born between 1 June and 31 July**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Wakeleigh, K Wake
3. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan

**Ewe under 1½ years, born after 1 August**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
3. Wakeleigh, K Wake



◀ **Senior Champion Ram**  
- Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan

**Pair of Ewes, under 1½ years**

1. Wakeleigh, K Wake
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan

**Sire's Progeny Group**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Wakeleigh, K Wake
3. Marleigh, T & N Smith

**Breeders' Group**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
3. Wakeleigh, K Wake

**Pen of Three Rams**

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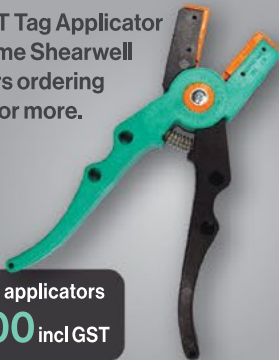


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# SHEEP GENETICS UPDATE

*Courtesy of Marnie Hodge, LAMBPLAN Development Officer*



## **With ram selling season beginning to wrap up and breeders starting to think about joining decisions, it's important to set yourself up for success.**

Some important considerations before making joining decisions include:

- What is your Breeding Objective? (also, consider the needs of your ram buyers)
- What strategies are you using to address factors in the Breeders Equation to make genetic gain?
- Are you using MateSel in your joining decisions to manage inbreeding/co-ancestry whilst making genetic gain?
- Are you planning to strategically genotype and young rams to increase selection accuracy and reduce generation interval?
- Do you have all data in Sheep Genetics and have checked available reports and exclusions?
- Have you checked percentile bands to see where you sit in comparison to industry?

### **NEW TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR SETTING A BREEDING OBJECTIVE AND TRACKING GENETIC GAIN**

Setting a Breeding Objective is the first step to a successful sheep breeding business. Your Breeding Objective should capture key traits for the productivity and profitability of your business, as well as your client's businesses.



Sheep Genetics is asking for feedback on some recently developed resources to assist both seedstock and commercial producers in setting a Breeding Objective and tracking genetic gain. These resources can be found on the Sheep Genetics website via New tools for setting breeding objective and tracking genetic gain or the QR code. We encourage seedstock breeders to test these tools for their own business, as well as working one-on-one with clients to develop their Breeding Objective, track their flock's genetic merit, and develop skills of ram buyers on how to select sires that will help achieve their Breeding Objective.

*Please provide any feedback about the new tools to Sheep Genetics via [info@sheepgenetics.org.au](mailto:info@sheepgenetics.org.au)*

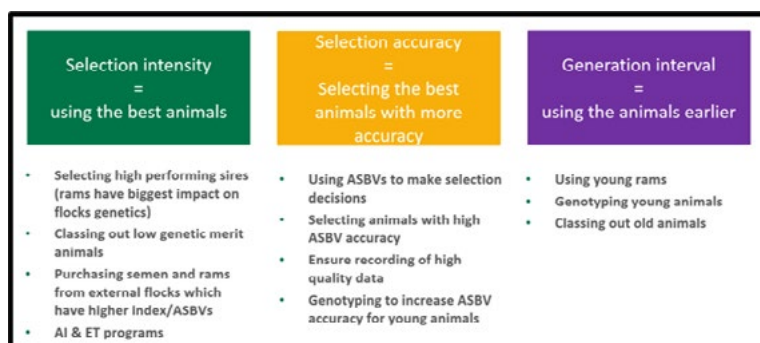


## MAKING GENETIC GAIN

The Breeders Equation describes how genetic progress is made. The factors influencing the rate of gain includes selection intensity, selection accuracy, generation interval, and genetic variation:

$$\text{Genetic Gain } (\Delta G) = \frac{\text{Selection Intensity } (i) \times \text{Selection Accuracy } (r)}{\text{Generation Interval } (L)} \times \text{Genetic Variation } (\sigma_e)$$

To make genetic gain, breeders can aim to increase selection intensity and, and/or decrease generation interval. There will be genetic variation in animals within your flock and the Terminal analysis which are available to make joining decisions. The Breeders Equation can be simplified even further to using animals with the best animals, selecting these with more accuracy, and using younger animals. As always, ASBVs should be used in a balanced approach when making joining decisions along with structural and health factors – if an animal cannot walk, eat, or reproduce it isn't going to be productive or profitable. There are several easy strategies that sheep breeders can use on-farm to address factors of the Breeders Equation to make genetic gain, including:



## ORGANISING A DATA AUDIT WITH SHEEP GENETICS

Accurate ASBVs are a result of high quality, accurate data, hence it is important to ensure that data submitted to Sheep Genetics is quality. There are a number of data quality control steps in the analysis that identify potential data entry issues/exclude incorrect data – it is important to always ensure that you perform data validation in your on-farm software to limit any data entry mistakes. There are Sheep Genetics reports available to check the number of records being used in the analysis, data quality, and any exclusions including:

- Summary of traits observed per year drop
- Genomic pedigree inconsistencies
- Exclusions (both on submission and post-analysis)
- Data Quality Score (DQS) Report
- Reproduction summary

It's important to review these reports prior in advance to key events in your business, including ram sales and joining decisions to ensure high data quality and accurate ASBVs. Please contact Sheep Genetics to organise a data audit.

## GENOTYPING YOUNG RAMS PRIOR TO JOINING TO BOOST ACCURACY OF ASBVS

Using young rams has the potential to increase your genetic gain through reducing your generation interval (see above strategies to improve genetic gain). However, young rams often have a lower ASBV accuracy due to less data informing ASBVs. Genotyping young rams can increase the selection accuracy (Breeders Equation).

It's important to consider timeframes when looking to strategically genotype young rams to help inform joining decisions. It can take up to 2 months from taking a tissue sampling unit (TSU) to genomic information being used to inform an animals ASBVs. Please be mindful to submit genotypes on young rams early to receive results back prior to making joining decisions. For more information about genotyping and genomic service providers details, use the QR code. Contact Sheep Genetics to discuss genotyping strategies.



## MATESEL

Sheep Genetics is currently running MateSel training and refresher workshops. MateSel is a free tool available to Sheep Genetics members which assists with joining decisions by identifying which rams and ewes to mate to get the best outcome per your Breeding Objective, whilst managing inbreeding/co-ancestry. MateSel uses pedigree and ASBVs from the Sheep Genetics database to inform decision making. There has been almost 5x more MateSel runs performed in 2022 compared to 2017 as significantly more Sheep Genetics members are now using MateSel to help inform selection and mating decisions.

In 2017, a flock in Sheep Genetics started using MateSel to help inform joining decisions. They have since been using MateSel each year to help with joining decisions, resulting in significant gain in their flock's average LEQ, which has surpassed both the breed and analysis average.

For more information about MateSel and to register for an upcoming session, please visit the MateSel page under 'Resources' on the Sheep Genetics website.

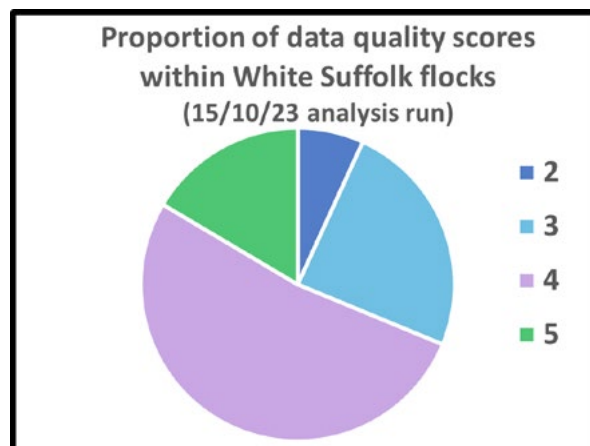


## GENOTYPING WHITE SUFFOLK FLOCKS LEAD THE ANALYSIS FOR QUALITY DATA

The Data Quality Score (DQS) Report is available to Sheep Genetics members that have at least the last 3 years' worth of data in the analysis. The DQS uses the past 5 years' worth of data and considers factors such as completeness of pedigree, ratio of males to females, proportion of year drop with trait recording, number of contemporary groups, effective progeny numbers, linkage, and index gain.

A large proportion of White Suffolk flocks in Sheep Genetics have a data quality score of 4 or 5 (as per the 15/10/2023 analysis)! Flocks with a data quality score of 5, on average, make higher rates of genetic gain in comparison to flocks with low data quality scores, so it is important to focus on collecting high quality data to both improve your flocks' genetic merit as well as the genetic merit of your ram buyer clients. Of the 5-star flocks in the Terminal analysis, 49% are White Suffolk, 44% are Poll Dorset and the remaining 7% are made up of Suffolk, Texel, Ultra White, and Composite Terminal flocks.

Please contact Sheep Genetics if you would like to do a data audit to improve data quality or talk through any reports.



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## SEMEN CATALOGUE



**FARRER 220173**



**FARRER 220103**

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TAG ID	SIRE	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	PFAT	PWEC	LMY	IMF	SF5	LE-DIR	LEQ
<b>FARRER-220173</b>	Valma 202189	0.28	11.20	17.29	4.79	0.15	-56.68	4.49	-0.16	-1.54	2.06	175.81
Superwhite Ram. Low birth weight, tremendous muscle, worm resistance and shear force												
<b>FARRER-220103</b>	Farrer 190111	0.12	12.27	20.50	2.94	0.51	-72.58	2.58	0.40	-2.68	2.01	176.21
Supewhite Ram. Low birth weight, tremendous growth, worm resistance, IMF and shear force. Dam of Farrer 210275 sold \$15600												
<b>FARRER-210167</b>	Farrer 190111	0.22	12.60	20.50	2.22	-0.16	-65.72	3.24	0.38	-1.21	1.33	169.95
Superwhite Ram. Low birth weight, tremendous growth, muscle, worm resistance and IMF												
<b>FARRER-200172</b>	Waratah 180007	0.14	11.12	17.59	2.21	-0.50	-36.55	3.66	-0.04	-1.30	1.76	158.96
<b>FARRER-200086</b>	Ella Matta 150097	0.01	9.57	15.01	1.78	0.33	-63.12	1.29	0.93	-3.49	3.29	161.68
Superwhite Ram. Low birth weight, worm resistance, outstanding IMF and shear force												
<b>FARRER-200044</b>	Farrer 160068	0.32	10.79	17.99	3.43	0.13	-70.39	3.42	0.08	-0.03	3.65	169.09
Superwhite Ram. Excellent growth, muscle, worm resistance and lambing ease. A son Farrer 210275 sold \$15600												
<b>FARRER-190134</b>	Felix 170761	0.48	12.36	19.48	2.96	-0.69	-51.62	4.55	-0.25	1.37	-1.54	163.61
<b>FARRER-180273</b>	Farrer 170015	-0.07	10.26	17.21	3.73	1.12	-47.81	3.16	0.05	-1.60	1.52	163.18

	Top 1%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%
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▲ **McIndoe girls at this years Elite Show with their Handler class ribbons**

## MEET THE MCINDOE'S

By Julia Wythes

**Some of the McIndoe girls' earliest memories are in the shed.**

**They remember helping handle the magnificent White Suffolk rams under the patient guidance of their mum and dad.**

And now these three incredible youngsters not only plan to grow their very own KIS White Suffolk stud in the future, they have another big goal in mind - beating their dad.

Isla, 14, Kirsty, 12, and Skye, 10, have been running their own stud alongside their parents Dugald and Bec McIndoe's Smithston Farms stud, based at Glencoe, since 2015.

They grew up being pushed in prams round the paddocks checking lambing ewes.

"We always used to go in the shed and help Dad with the rams, and sometimes when we put the halters on them and tried to lead them, they would be bolting around the yard," Skye said.

"We would get used to them and fiddle around with them, and we would quieten them down eventually."

You would think they just like White Suffolks because their parents have a stud, but there is much more to it than that.

"We like White Suffolks because of their temperament, they are nice bodied sheep, and they are the best overall," Kirsty said.

They began their KIS stud - named after their initials - with help from their parents.



▲ **Isla, Kirsty and Skye McIndoe**



"We were hanging around Dad's stud and he decided that it would be nice to get us three to start up a stud of our own," Isla said.

"We have 65 stud ewes in KIS White Suffolks."

"They are the same type as Dad's sheep. Sometimes we use the same rams for our lambs, but ours are always better," Skye said.

The girls take great pride in working hard in their stud.

"We go outside at about 6:30am in the morning, and there are about 200 in the paddock at a time. And when we are really busy, sometimes there are 20 sheep that have lambed in the morning. They lamb outside and we bring them into the shed in the trailer. If it's a sunny day and they are single lambs, they will go back out that day. If they are twins, they will go out after one day if they are healthy. We tag, weigh and tail them before they go back out," Kirsty said.

The talented trio have some big plans for their KIS White Suffolk stud.

"Our plan is to get bigger and better than what Dad has," Isla said. "One day we're going to overrule Smithston."

Their dad Dugald McIndoe is pretty chuffed with his girls, and has loved working side-by-side with them since they were little.

"I had a ewe here when they were younger and I sprayed her with Condyl's Crystals. Two little girls' faces just lit up when they saw the ewe go pink to begin with, and they thought that ewe was Christmas. That ewe went to Dubbo Show and they christened her 'Pink Lady'. We gave them 21 ewes for their stud, including Pink Lady, so they've still got the Pink Lady family," he said.

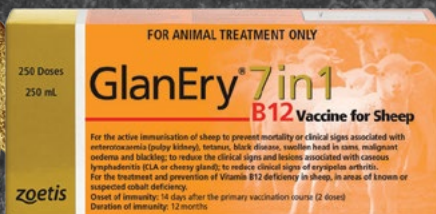
"They just love it. Before they go to school in the morning, they are out at daylight picking up lambs, putting them in pens and mothering them up. They do it every morning and then every night. We couldn't do it without them, to be honest."

**Kirsty McIndoe  
with twin White  
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Stockdale,  
LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough

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Champion Ram -  
**STOCKDALE, LJ & JK & BJ FAIRCLOUGH**

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

Champion Ewe -  
**SHIRLEE DOWNS, CJ SQUIERS & SONS**

Reserve Champion Ewe -  
**YONGA DOWNS, B ADDIS**

Champion Lamb -  
**STOCKDALE, LJ & JK & BJ FAIRCLOUGH**

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# ROYAL PERTH SHOW RESULTS 2023

23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

**Judge:** Guy Treweek, Induro Stud, VIC

## Ram Lamb, born after 1 April and before 31 May, shorn

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
3. Iveston, GR & DJ Bingham

## Ram Lamb, born after 1 June, shorn

1. Iveston, GR & DJ Bingham
2. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
3. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough

## Ram Lamb, objective measurement

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
3. Iveston, GR & DJ Bingham

## Ram under 1½ years, born before 31 May

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Brimfield, M Whyte

## Ram, under 1½ years, born on or after 1 June

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
3. Brimfield, M Whyte

## Spring Drop Ram, born on or after 1 August

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. A Line Sheep, P Nalder

## Ram, under 1½ years, objectively measured

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. Barby Downs, RT & SM Simpson
3. Brimfield, M Whyte

## Ram, under 1½ years, with ASBV

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. A Line Sheep, P Nalder
3. Brimfield, M Whyte

## Pair of Rams under 1½ years

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. A Line Sheep, P Nalder
3. Brimfield, M Whyte

## Ewe Lamb, born on or after 1 April and before 31 May

1. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
2. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
3. Iveston, GR & DJ Bingham



### Champion White Suffolk Ewe

Shirlee Downs,  
CJ Squiers & Sons

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Farm Weekly

#### Ewe Lamb, born on or after 1 June

1. Iveston, GR & DJ Bingham
2. Brimfield, M Whyte
3. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons

#### Ewe under 1 ½ years, born before 31 May

1. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons

#### Ewe under 1 ½ years, born on or after 1 June

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

#### Pair of Ewes, under 1 ½ years

1. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
2. Brimfield, M Whyte
3. Annaghdowns, KM & VJ O'Neill

#### Breeders' Group

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Brimfield, M Whyte
3. Annaghdowns, KM & VJ O'Neill



### Champion White Suffolk Lamb -

Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough  
Photo Courtesy of Farm Weekly

#### Pen of Three Ewes

1. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
2. Brimfield, M Whyte
3. Annaghdowns, KM & VJ O'Neill

#### Pen of Three Rams

1. Stockdale, LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough
2. Yonga Downs, B Addis
3. Brimfield, M Whyte

#### Sire's Progeny Group

1. Yonga Downs, B Addis
2. Shirlee Downs, CJ Squiers & Sons
3. A Line Sheep, P Nalder



### Champion White Suffolk Ram

Stockdale,  
LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough  
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#### Interbreed Pen of Three Rams

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LJ & JK & BJ Fairclough  
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Suffolk Ewes, Royal Adelaide Show  
- 220256, 220280**



**Supreme Interbreed Lamb,  
Royal Geelong Show  
- 230450 (Full sister to 220280)**



**Supreme White Suffolk  
Exhibit, Sheepvention &  
Junior Champion Ram, ASWS  
- 220780 - sold to Hopea Stud  
for \$7,000**



**Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit,  
ASWS Bendigo & Reserve Senior  
Champion Ram, Sheepvention  
- 220500**



**Reserve Senior Champion Ram,  
Royal Adelaide Show  
& ASWS Bendigo  
- 220505  
- Sold to Spring Creek for \$14,500**



**Supreme Interbreed Shortwool  
Group, Sheepvention  
- 220780, 220280, 220441**



**Reserve Interbreed Prime Lamb  
Exhibit, ASWS Bendigo  
- 220280**



**Supreme Interbreed Group,  
Royal Adelaide Show  
- 220505, 220280, 220441**



**Interbreed Pen of 3 Rams, Royal Adelaide Show  
- 220505, 220268, 220346**



**Supreme Interbreed Prime Lamb Group, ASWS  
- 220441, 220280, 220500**

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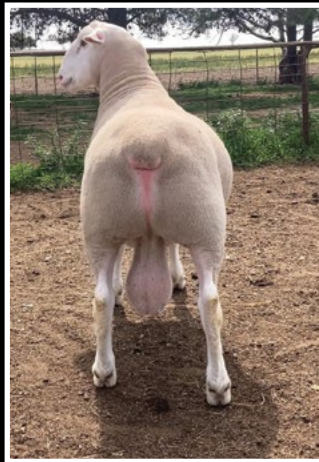


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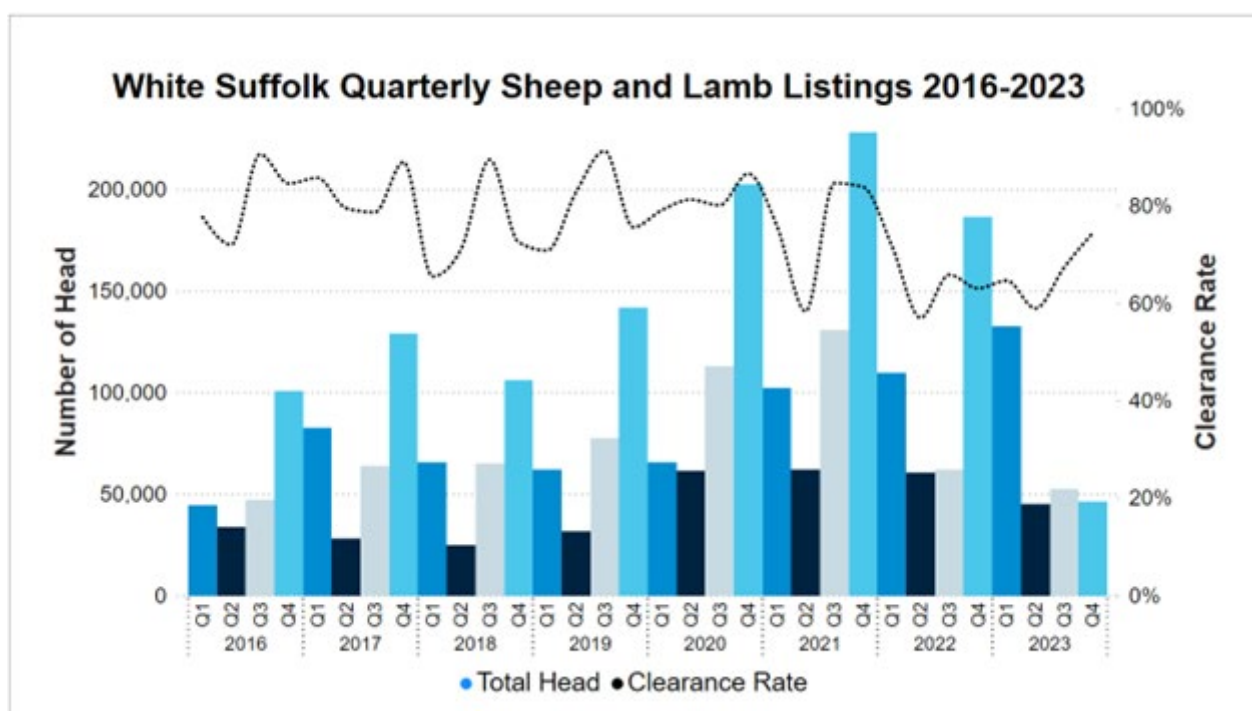
# EWE-TURN: A YEAR OF TWISTS AND TURNS IN THE SHEEP MARKET

By Michael McManus, AuctionsPlus

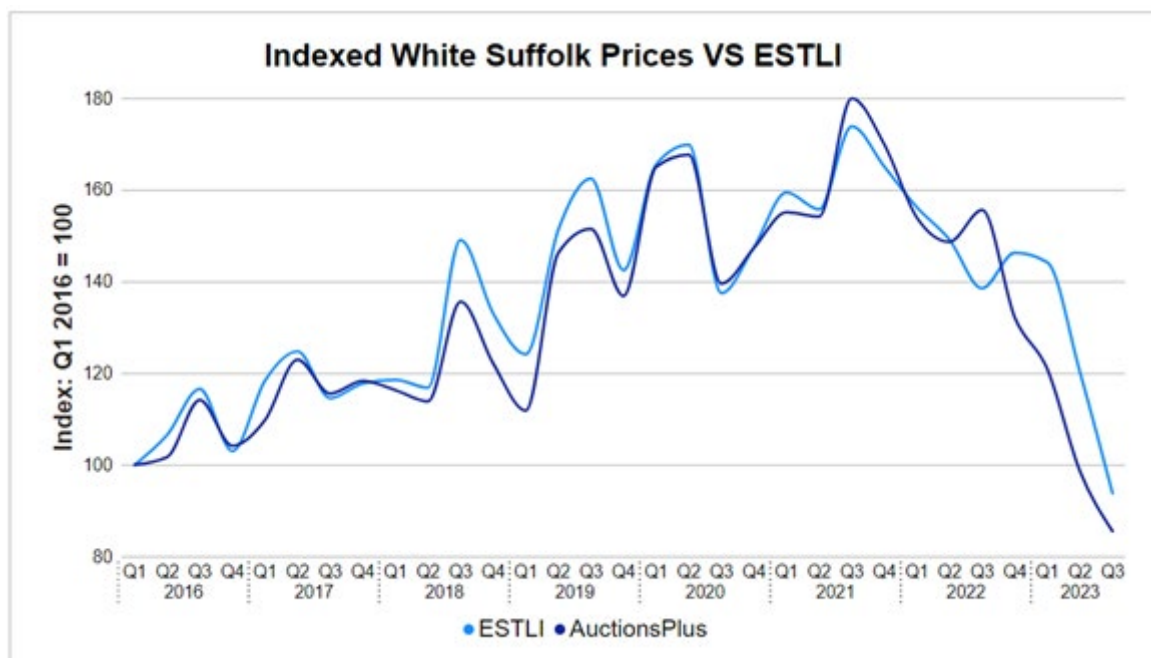
Throughout the year, reports have consistently highlighted the challenging conditions faced by the overall sheep market — a difficult year, to put it lightly.

Prices have plummeted to levels last witnessed back in 2016, and low clearance rates across the board have further exacerbated the situation for listings. White Suffolks, like all breeds, have borne the brunt of this market deterioration, experiencing returns at their lowest level since 2016 on AuctionsPlus. Supply in the third quarter of 2023 has also hit its lowest point since 2016. Clearance rates have not been immune to the declines, hovering around the 60% mark for most of the year; however, there is a glimmer of improvement as new season lambs come online. Currently, clearance for White Suffolk listings is averaging 74% for the fourth quarter.

Courtesy of Baringa Studs



Except for the first quarter of 2023, when a backlog of market-ready lambs pushed offerings to a Q1 record, this year has witnessed the lowest listing levels since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The typical new season lamb listing months from August to November have been considerably lower than average, as an unpredictable market has led sellers to rethink their strategies for finding buyers. Listings are beginning to pick up as we head towards Christmas, though it may be too little too late to compete against previous years.



To illustrate the rapid decline in prices throughout the year, White Suffolk prices have been indexed against the ESTLI (Eastern States Trade Lamb Indicator), starting at Q1 2016 as the reference quarter of 100. Over the following seven years, prices steadily rose against the first quarter of 2016, culminating in a peak in late 2021. However, prices then began to decline, and the severity of the fall was unforeseen. What took four years to build was wiped out in less than one, which is now currently resting below the indexed year.

White Suffolk Stud Sales	No. Auctions	Avg Online Takngs (%)	Avg Active Bidders	Avg No. Bids Per Lot	Avg Online Bids Per Lot	Avg Underbidders Per Sale	Avg Total Online Bids Per Sale	Avg Connections Per Sale	Avg \$/Head Price	Avg \$/Head Price Online
2017	6	15%	4	4	2	9	78	43	\$1,359	\$1,010
2018	11	23%	6	6	5	11	181	50	\$1,344	\$1,379
2019	11	13%	4	3	3	7	75	50	\$1,797	\$2,012
2020	46	31%	11	5	4	24	262	122	\$1,780	\$1,796
2021	67	27%	8	4	3	24	174	103	\$1,802	\$2,059
2022	77	23%	7	4	3	20	157	91	\$1,703	\$1,651
2023	61	19%	4	3	2	9	67	74	\$1,344	\$1,376
Grand Total	279	22%	6	4	3	15	142	76	\$1,590	\$1,612

As we run down the days to Christmas, November brings about a quieter month for AuctionsPlus, as the stud selling season winds down for another year. White Suffolk stud sales had a strong showing with 61 sales interfaced online this year. This is back from the peak of 2022 and just behind 2021 but is sitting above the remaining years. Considering the rapid decline in the commercial market, online statistics held up well, with the average online bids per lot sitting at 2, recording a slight decrease from previous years. Active bidders per sale were back to half of the high of 2020, with 4 — albeit representing a healthy number of buyers participating in each sale.

An interesting statistic is the average \$/head price across all White Suffolk sales, with online buyers coming in above the physical buyers at \$1,376/head against \$1,344/head, equating to a premium of \$33/head.





◀ **Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit -**  
*Mertex, T & B Jorgensen (Ewe)*

Senior Champion Ram -  
**INDURO, GA TREWEEK & ML WHELAN**

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

Junior Champion Ram -  
**BOOLOOLA, S & A BAKER**

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

Grand Champion Ram -  
**BOOLOOLA, S & A BAKER**

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

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

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

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

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

# ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW RESULTS 2023

2<sup>ND</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

**Ram Judge:** Anthony Ferguson, Anna Villa Stud, SA

**Ewe Judge:** Shane Baker, Booloolo Stud, VIC

**Ram under 1½ years, born during the month of April, in the year prior to the Show**

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

**Ram under 1½ years, born during the month of May, in the year prior to the Show**

1. Induro, GA Trewweek & ML Whelan
2. Mullinger Park, BR & AK Shepherd
3. Omad, D Hawker

**Ram, under 1½ years, born during the month of June, in the year prior to the Show**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Maroola, PJ Angus
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

**Pair of Rams, April to June**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Omad, D Hawker
3. Induro, GA Trewweek & ML Whelan

**Ram, under 1½ years, born during the month of July, in the year prior to the Show**

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

**Ram under 1½ years, born on or after 1 August, in the year prior to the Show**

1. Omad, D Hawker
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Koonawarra, Grossman Family

**Pair of Rams, born after 1 July**

1. Booloolo, S & A Baker
2. Induro, GA Trewweek & ML Whelan
3. Omad, D Hawker

**Ram Lamb, woolly**

1. Windy Hill, M Smart
2. Newbold Studs, B Close
3. Koonawarra, Grossman Family





▲ **Senior Champion White Suffolk Ram -**  
*Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan*

**Pen of 3 Rams, under 1 ½ years**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
3. Maroola, PJ Angus

**Lamb Production Class – Trade**

1. Mullinger Park, BR & AK Shepherd
2. Omad, D Hawker
3. Maroola, P Angus

**Lamb Production Class – Export**

1. Illoura, RV Piggott & Son
2. Mullinger Park, BR & AK Shepherd
3. Omad, D Hawker

**Ram Lamb Performance Class**

1. Windy Hill, M Smart
2. Newbold Studs, B Close
3. Koonawarra, Grossman Family

**Ewe over 1 ½ years with lamb at foot**

1. Koonawarra, Grossman Family
2. Windy Hill, M Smart

**Ewe under 1 ½ years, born between 1 April and 31 May**

1. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
2. Induro, GA Treweek & ML Whelan
3. Maroola, PJ Angus

**Ewe under 1 ½ years, born between 1 June and 31 July**

1. Gypsum Hill, AD & TM Frick
2. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen
3. Mertex, T & B Jorgensen



▲ **Reserve Champion & Champion Ewe -**  
*Mertex, T & B Jorgensen (both)*



**Junior & Grand Champion White Suffolk Ram -**  
*Booloola, S & A Baker*



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



### **Ewe under 1 ½ years, born after 1 August**

1. Mertex, *T & B Jorgensen*
2. Induro, *GA Treweek & ML Whelan*
3. Koonawarra, *Grossman Family*

### **Pair of Ewes under 1 ½ years**

1. Mertex, *T & B Jorgensen*
2. Maroola, *PJ Angus*
3. Gypsum Hill, *AD & TM Frick*

### **Ewe Lamb, dropped since 1 April**

1. Anna Villa, *AK, SV & CD Ferguson*
2. Elton Downs, *C & D Rudiger*
3. Tiparra Spring, *C Ferguson*

### **Ewe Lamb Performance Class**

1. Anna Villa, *AK, SV & CD Ferguson*
2. Anna Villa, *AK, SV & CD Ferguson*
3. Windy Hill, *M Smart*

### **Breeders' Group**

1. Mertex, *T & B Jorgensen*
2. Newbold Studs, *B Close*
3. Gypsum Hill, *AD & TM Frick*

### **Sire's Progeny Group**

1. Mullinger Park, *B Shepherd*
2. Mertex, *T & B Jorgensen*
3. Newbold Studs, *B Close*



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



**Ewe Judge, Shane Baker (Booloolo) and**  
**Ram Judge, Anthony Ferguson (Anna Villa)**







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**1. Breeders' Group** - Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

**2. Sires' Progeny Group**  
- Mullinger Park, BR & AK Shepherd

**3. Supreme Prime Lamb & Maternal Breeds Ram**  
- Booloola, S & A Baker

**4. Interbreed Pen of 3 Rams** - Mertex, T & B Jorgensen

**5. Interbreed Shortwool Champion Ewe** - Mertex, T & B Jorgensen



# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: PETER HEINRICH

*Courtesy Catherine Miller, Stock Journal*

One of the founding members of the White Suffolk breed has been presented with life membership of the Federal Association for his foresight more than 40 years ago and the impact his genetics have had on the breed.

Peter Heinrich, Ella Matta stud, Bute, who is 91 years of age, received the huge honour from long serving board member and family friend Andrew Frick during Royal Adelaide Show judging.

Peter says he never set out to be a stud breeder but it came about trying to maintain the merits of the Suffolk breed while also breeding a sheep with a white face and white points.

"We had to get the black fibres out to get more for the wool and skins, the meat buyers used to come along and not want any black points and discount the lambs," he said.

To do this he bought a ram from the Kentish Downs stud at the prestigious SA Poll Dorset Fair and put it over some Burwood Suffolk ewes.

About the same time a number of other breeders also had the same idea but when the flock book was established in 1979 Ella Matta was given the number one stud.

Mr Frick said Peter had been a tremendous support to fellow breeders including himself recalling the time when he got to help prepare and show a team for Ella Matta when the White Suffolks made their Adelaide Show debut that same year.

"Peter had a wonderful group of rams, it may have been the only time that Ella Matta has shown but they showed with some success that day," he said.

Another of Peter's highlights was when a ram exhibited by the Pipkorn family, Detpa Grove stud which was bred from an Ella Matta ram won Grand Champion at Adelaide a while ago.

In the early years Ella Matta sold many high priced rams at the SA Foundation Breeders sale as well as privately.

In 2000 Peter handed over the stud to his son Andrew and his wife Tracie which saw the stud relocated from the Yorke Peninsula to Kangaroo Island.

Third generation Jamie Heinrich is also a big part of the Ella Matta stud which now comprises about 700 stud White Suffolk ewes and holds an annual on-property sale which has seen several state records over the years.

"They are a wonderful group of stud breeders in the White Suffolks and I think the breed is still right up there," Peter said.





▲ **Oscar Cameron**

Imogen, 12, and Oscar, 10, have been helping their parents Dean and Mandy Cameron with their Noremac White Suffolk and Suffolk studs, based at Englefield, ever since they can remember.

"I remember racing Dad into the wool shed to get the grain and hay before he did so I could feed the rams," Imogen said.

"I would pick one or two rams, and they would be mine. No one else was allowed to show or halter that ram. From my perspective, as a young kid I remember picking all the best rams."

Imogen is very involved in showing the sheep and getting them ready for sale, including taking photos and updating Facebook.

Meanwhile Oscar is very involved in the hands-on work on the farm.

"I drive the four-wheeler or the side-by-side to muster sheep, without a dog," he said.

"I like working with the sheep. I think White Suffolks are one of the calmest sheep breeds out there. They are really easy to work in the yards, they don't jump the fences."

Their favourite time of year is lambing. "With natural mating, Ocky and I do a lot of that," Imogen said.

"We tag and weigh the lambs at birth, and record who the mother is, who the father is, and whether they are a ram or a ewe."

"We also record if they have been born as a triplet, a twin or a single. We also record their rear type. We have arguments over who is tagging the next lamb."

The kids have already got their futures planned - Oscar is going to take on the White Suffolk stud and Southdowns, meanwhile Imogen will be running the Suffolks and the family's Shorthorn herd. Imogen also plans to become a vet and have a wildlife sanctuary.



▲ **Imogen Cameron**

## FRIENDSHIPS, FORTS & FEEDING

*By Julia Wythes*

**For Imogen and Oscar  
Cameron, every day  
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◀ **Champion White Suffolk Ewe & Supreme Exhibit of the Show**  
Sunnybanks, P Day

Champion Ram -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

Reserve Champion Ram -  
**CREMORNE, GR & MJ CORNISH**

Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

Reserve Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

### WHITE SUFFOLK INTERBREED SUCCESS

Interbreed Supreme Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

Interbreed Supreme Champion Group -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

Supreme Exhibit of Show -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY (EWE)**

# ROYAL HOBART SHOW RESULTS 2023

26<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

**Judge:** Dane Rowley, Springwaters Poll Dorset Stud, NSW

#### Ram, under 1.5 years, shorn

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

#### Pair of Rams, under 1.5 years, shorn

1. Cremorne, GR & MJ Cornish
2. Mountain Mist, M Baldock

#### Ram, under 1.5 years, shorn within 28 days of judging

1. Cremorne, GR & MJ Cornish
2. Sunnybanks, P Day
3. Walker's Whites, J Walker

#### Ram, born on or after 1st August year prior to show

1. Mountain Mist, M Baldock
2. Walker's Whites, J Walker
3. Mountain Mist, M Baldock

#### Ram Lamb, born after 1st April in year of the show

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

#### Shorn Ewes, under 1.5 years

1. Mountain Mist, M Baldock
2. Mountain Mist, M Baldock
3. Walker's Whites, J Walker



▲ **Champion Ram**  
Sunnybanks, P Day

#### Pair of Ewes, under 1.5 years

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Walker's Whites, J Walker

#### Ewe Lamb, born after 1st April, untrimmed

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

#### Group of Three, under 1.5 years

1. Sunnybanks, P Day
2. Mountain Mist, M Baldock
3. Cremorne, G Cornish





◀ **Champion White Suffolk Ewe & Supreme White Suffolk Exhibit**  
Deppeler, D Deppeler  
Photo Courtesy of Stock & Land

Champion Ram -  
**DEPPELER, D DEPPELER**

Champion Ewe & Supreme White Suffolk -  
**DEPPELER, D DEPPELER**

# ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW RESULTS 2023

21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER - 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023

**Judge:** Chris Badcock, Fairbank Stud, TAS



▲ **Champion Ram**  
Deppeler, D Deppeler  
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◀ **Champion White Suffolk Ewe & Supreme Interbreed Ewe**  
Sunnybanks, P Day

Champion Ram -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

### WHITE SUFFOLK INTERBREED SUCCESS

Interbreed Supreme Champion Ewe -  
**SUNNYBANKS, P DAY**

## ROYAL LAUNCESTON SHOW RESULTS 2023

12<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

**Judge:** Owen Badcock, Whitmore House, Tasmania



▲ **Champion Ram**  
Sunnybanks, P Day

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## RAMS

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## 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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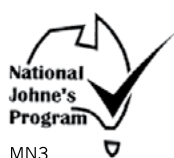
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Top 20% - Green



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