

AWSA Satellite Flock 2023

Report July 2023

Lambing for the Satellite Flock took place at Willangie 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
Wet Ewes	77	130	
Dry Ewes	12	13	
Dead Ewes	-	5	
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 as can be seen from the photos below.

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.

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.

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 probably in October. At this stage the lambs are booked in at GMP Gundagai but the option remains open for them to possibly be slaughtered at Stawell depending on circumstances (as Frews have been taken over by TFI research kills have yet to be negotiated at that location).





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