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WELCOME

It has been an exciting and memorable 12 months. Another magnificent feed year saw stock achieve their breeding potential with sale animals, for most producers, making very favourable prices. Strong meat prices look like continuing and with 21-22 micron prices for wool surpassing the high prices of 1988, sheep profitability looks very strong for both meat and wool.

GENETIC GAIN

At Yanta our primary focus has been on improving the genetic performance of our sheep and in particular the rams we retain and sell. We are making **significant gains** in a number of breeding traits particularly in the **money-making ones**. We don't have to guess this as our involvement in *Sheep Genetics* allows us to gain credible analysis on our flock's performance. We prefer to assess the performance of our sheep objectively using *Sheep Genetics* while making sure structure, conformation and wool quality (in the poll merinos) have not been compromised.



2010 RAM SALE



The White Suffolks are ranked in a *Lambplan* database of approximately 1.5 million sheep. The Merinos are ranked in *MerinoSelect* in a database of approximately 1.25 million sheep. To achieve what we have in this "showring" is very pleasing (refer to graphs)





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WHITE SUFFOLKS

Our **aim** at Yanta White Suffolks is to purchase sires or semen that produce offspring that reach target weights quicker, have good eye muscle measurements and are not too lean. Research has shown tasting quality is being compromised by too leaner meat. This year's offering will include sons of 2 well known sires in Australia: Bundarra Downs 4398 and Ashmore 185.

BUNDARRA DOWNS 4398 (AI):

- ◆ Grand Champion Royal Adelaide '07
- ◆ Lambplan Carcase+ index **201** (15th May 2011)
- ◆ Used by 31 other studs in Australia
- ◆ Ranked 16th Carcase+ index in Australia



ASHMORE 185

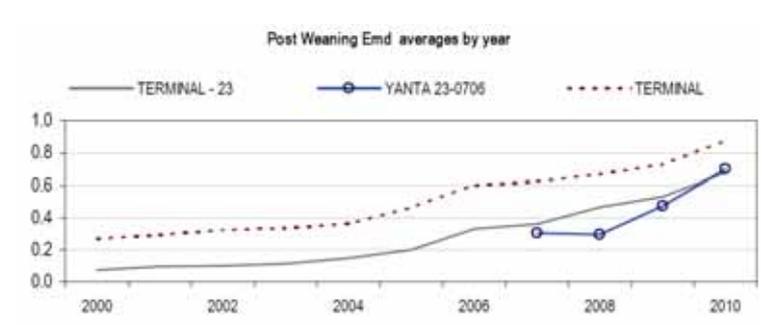
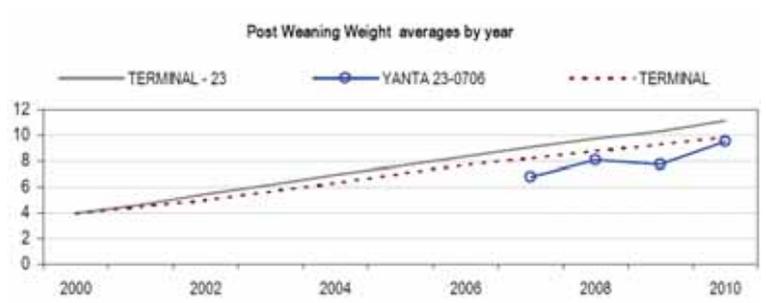
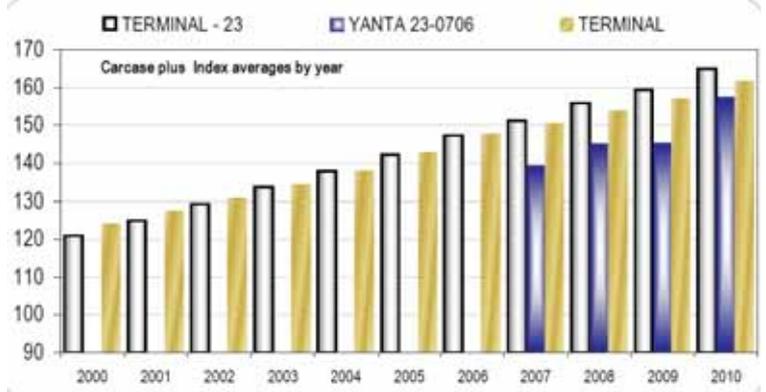
- ◆ Yanta purchased at 2009 Ashmore on-property auction
- ◆ Lambplan Carcase+ index **209** (15th May 2011)
- ◆ Used by 5 other studs in Australia
- ◆ Ranked 4th Carcase+ index in Australia



Progeny from **Ashmore 185** have great eye muscle depth with the right balance of fat. The offspring of these two rams will be sure to appeal amongst the 100 being offered. Other sires of sale rams are **Uralba 767** and **Cymru 015**.

NEW SIRES

Last year we purchased two sires from the Elites Ram Sale at the Royal Adelaide Show; one from the Burwood Stud, the other from the Waratah Stud. We also purchased semen from **Ashmore 090069** (pictured above), the ram ranked **2nd in Australia** on the Carcase+ Index, with an index of **211** (15th May 2011). These rams should provide us with some quality rams for next year.





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POLL MERINOS

Great to see the prices currently being paid for wool at around \$10/kg greasy for 21 micron wool. My ambition is to achieve the genetic gain as referred to in the quote from Elders Portfolio Management Service (Jan 2011)

“Genetic gain will be a major factor in the wool industry gaining improved productivity in the coming decades” (Jan 2011).

Last year’s successful ram sale, especially the demand for the progeny of **Leahcim 154** (AI) will hopefully be repeated this year as progeny of **Leahcim 312** (AI) should also attract attention. He was **Leahcim’s** top performing 2008 ram in *Sheep Genetics* (182 on the 7% DP index, 23rd June 2011) and has very plain bodied progeny, along with impressive growth rates (ASBV PWT 11.5kg). Other progeny are from **Glenville 319** and **Yanta 758**, son of Leahcim 218 and half brother of Leahcim 154).



Leahcim 312

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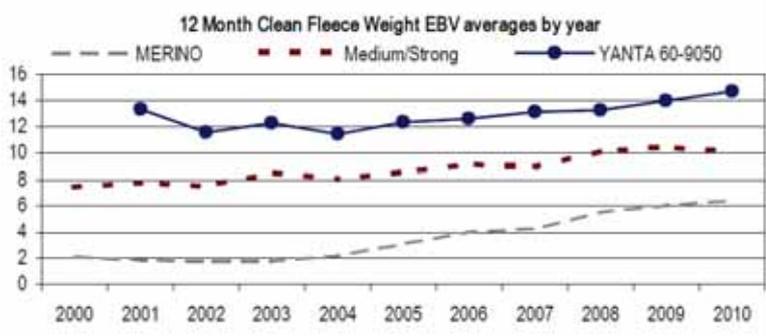
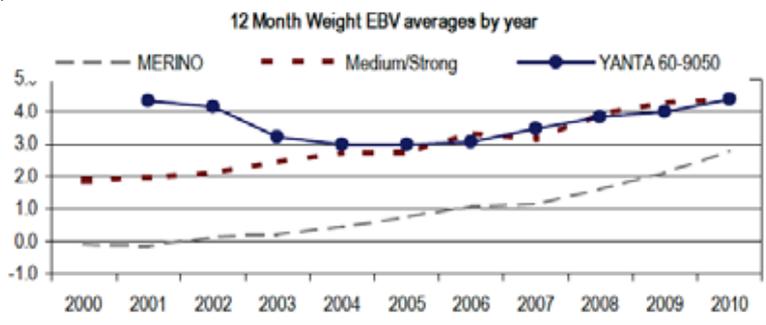
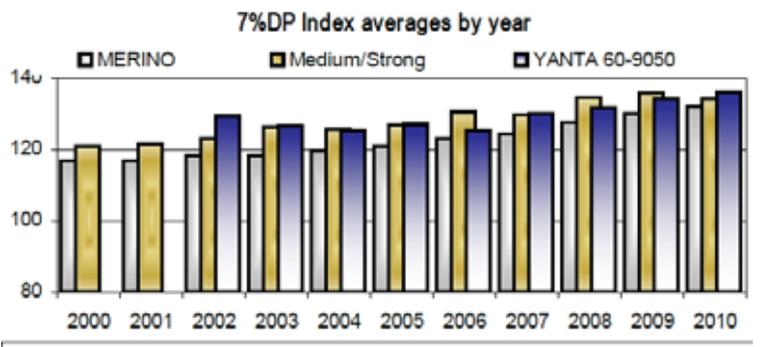
This year we have purchased semen from the following rams which have great figures for reducing wrinkle:

- ◆ **Tuckwood Poll 091026** (191, 7% DP index, 23rd June, 2011) a son of Leahcim 154
- ◆ **Toland Poll 091187** (191, 7% DP index, 23rd June, 2011) grandson of Centre Plus 351

We also purchased another ram from the **Glenville Stud, W20-21** (pictured) in partnership with the Secker brothers.



He is a son of **W20** and is a big, plain-bodied ram with exceptional wool. At the 2011 Mid North Field Days at Burra we purchased a ram from the **Orrie Cowie Stud** (pictured on front page), a son of **Collinsville Majestic**. It all makes for an exciting future. We anticipate increasing growth rates in their progeny and a discontinuation of the need for mulesing.





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PREVIOUS SALE RESULTS

	Offered	Sold	Average	Top Price
2009				
White Suffolks	79	79	\$1172	\$2800
Poll Merinos	36	17	\$632	\$700
2010				
White Suffolks	99	89	\$935	\$2200
Poll Merinos	30	27	\$1141	\$2650



2010 top priced poll merino ram purchased by Chris Lymn

PRACTICAL RAM SELECTION WORKSHOPS

Thanks to those who attended our *Making More from Sheep* workshop last year. I hope it gave an understanding of performance figures. Those who want more information on this and other related topics can attend similar workshops on Eyre Peninsula over the coming month. On Southern EP:

- Chris Prime's, Wharminda, 21st July
- Bronte Gregurke's, Tumby Bay, 9th August
- Mark Dennis, Port Lincoln, 11th August



2011 YANTA ANNUAL RAM SALE

FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2011

2pm - Inspection from Midday

100 White Suffolk Rams 12-14mths old

33 Poll Merino Rams 13-14mths old

OJD Vaccinated - Brucellosis Accredited Free Lambplan & MerinoSelect Figures

BRED TO PERFORM

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