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WELCOME

The ram sale season coincides with the time of the year where rain or lack of it usually plays a major part in how successful or season develops. Forecasters have predicted below average rainfall for the rest of the year, lets hope they are wrong.

WEBSITE AND WORKSHOP

Those who read my recent flyer will see we now have a website www.yantasheepstuds.com, and we hope those who can have visited it. We intend posting our sale catalogue on it before the sale. The ram select workshop held on July 2nd was well attended but what was more pleasing was how well the day went. Having Andrew Michael contribute the way he did was extremely beneficial to all present, some of whom said it was the best workshop they've attended.

SALE DATE AND BENDIGO

This years sale has come forward to September the 1st to bring it more in line with other ram sales. The rams have again been unshedded to help provide a more realisting product for sale. I recently attended the Wool and Sheep Show at Bendigo which is reputedly the biggest of its type in the world and was encouraged to see ASBVs on an increasing number of displayed rams. It allows us to validly benchmark against those magnificantly prepared and fed rams. I am pleased to see our ASBV figures compare very well against those rams on display.

MARKETS AND ASBVs

The wool market and in particular the meat market are both enjoying buoyant times presently. Investing in genetics that improve your flock in the money making traits is going to pay real dividends. Hopefully, the information we provide, aids with this. I again remind you

IMPORTANT DATES

**YANTA on property sale
Tuesday 1st September**

that all rams have been rigourously visually assessed before figures are considered.

RAM PRESENTATION

Recently we displayed our Poll Merinos and White Suffolks at their respective breed Expos at Wudinna. As our Poll Merinos are much younger with approximately 2 months less wool and not shedded or fed to the same extent, visual comparisons with other studs don't do justice to my rams. To a lesser extent the same applies to the White Suffolk rams that were displayed. Our ASBVs on both breeds are very good however we may look at several future options.

1. Follow Andrew Michaels (Leahcim) approach and don't display at such events.
2. Mate our Poll Merinos 2 months earlier which bringing us more in line with other studs on EP.
3. Feed more to make both breeds heavier with some limited shedding of the Poll Merinos to present them better.

These options will be considered in our planning of future stud operations.





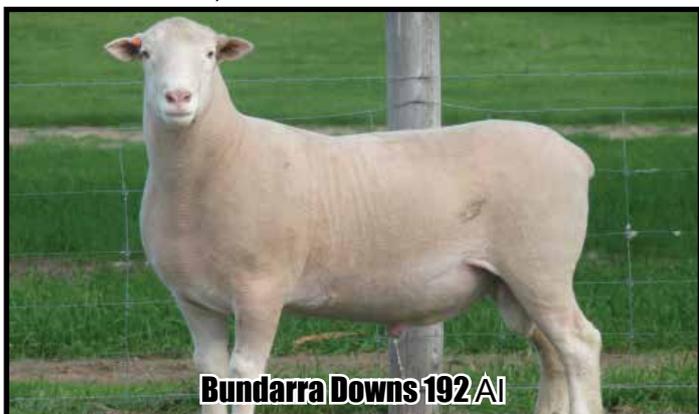
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WHITE SUFFOLKS

The aim at Yanta White Suffolks is still to purchase sires or semen that produce offspring that reach target weights more quickly, have good eye muscle measurements and are not too lean. The sale team this year has some excellent progeny from the well known industry sire Bundarra Downs 109192 (AI). Other sires to be well represented are Ashmore 110138, Burwood 095560 and Yanta 110144 (the son of Ashmore 090069) whose C+ index is now over 200.



Bundarra Downs 192 AI

New Sires used in 2015 (run date 15th July)

blue boxes indicate top 10% in Sheep Genetics

Ashmore 130227

- Bought elite ram sale Adelaide 2014
- Son of leading WS ram in Australia - Polumbi 451
- A structurally well balanced ram
- PWT **16.1** PEMD **2.4** PWEC **-36**
- Carcase+ 212



Ashmore 130227

Ashmore 130181

- Bought at Ashmore on property sale 2014
- Also son of Polumbi 451
- Very low birth weight ASBV
- PWT **16.0** PEMD **2.4** PWEC **-36**
- Carcase+ 209

Yanta 130128

- Son of Wingamin 'Trifecta' 112462 AI
- Very thick strong body
- PWT **14.8** PEMD 1.5
- Carcase+ 195

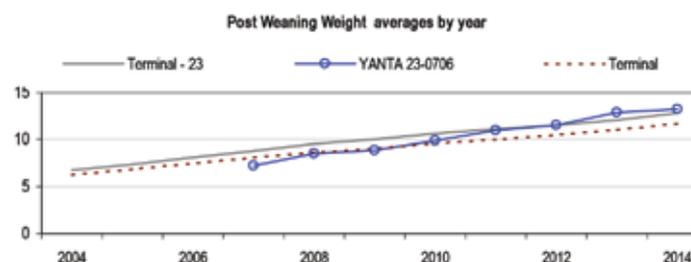
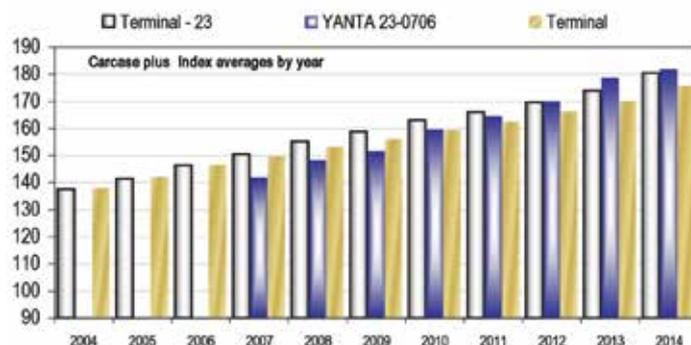


Wingamin 'Trifecta' 112462

All worker rams and potential ram breeders have been tested for Hypotrichosis (a rare genetic condition resulting in hairlessness)

Pictured below are the Carcase+, Post Weaning Weight (PWT) graphs demonstrating that we are still increasing our flock averages for these figures. These graphs compare Yanta, represented by the blue line, with the White Suffolk Breed (Terminal 23, grey line) and with all Terminal breeds shown by the yellow bar or red dashed line. PWT is a key indicator for growth rate and EMD is becoming increasingly important as it positively correlates with reproduction rate.

Run date May 15 2015



POLL MERINOS

The sale rams this year will include a strong representation from a ram bought in 2013 at the Turretfield Research Farm Ram Sale. The ram himself didn't have the great visual appeal of a heavily prepared sale ram, but his offspring are the best performers in the money making traits, as predicted. Leahcim 1452 has left some tremendous woolled offspring.

It was pleasing to hear a regular client say that for the first time in 15 years he hasn't had to cull a ewe hogget on the basis of skin development. A few breeders, have seen a drop in CFW in the pursuit of plain bodied sheep, however by selecting semen from rams that have high CFW coupled with low Early Breech Wrinkle EBVs, this is easily rectified. If bale fillers are desired you will find them at Yanta. Refer to graphs.

Sires used in 2015 (run date 23rd July)

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Leahcim 123265 (AI)

- Worker ram at Leahcim
- YWT 6.8 YEMD 0.5 YCFW 19.9 YSL 17.9
- DP+ 150

Tuckwood 091026(AI)

- Used in 2011, son of the well known Leahcim 154
- Ewes from 2011 mating outstanding
- YWT 8.8 YEMD -1.0 YCFW 33.3 YSL 21.1 EBWR -0.6
- DP+ 176

Yanta 120247

- Son of Wallaroo Park Casper
- Rich well nourished wool
- YWT 5.8 YEMD -1.1 YCFW 19.0 EBWR -0.3

Leahcim 123005

- Bought in partnership with Nantoura
- Big plain body with SRS type wool
- YWT 10.6 YEMD -0.5 YCFW 16.2 YSL 9.9

Turretfield 121460

- First drop of lambs outstanding
- Offspring exceeded visual expectations
- YWT 12.4 YEMD 1.4 YCFW 19.4 YSL 11.0 EBWR -0.8
- DP+ 161



- Untested ram in sheep genetics
- Ram in semen package bought from Turretfield
- Bred some high profile rams
- 2012 Champion Poll Ram Adelaide

We still rigorously class all sheep for structure and conformation correctness, and place a strong emphasis on nourished, white, stylish elite wool.

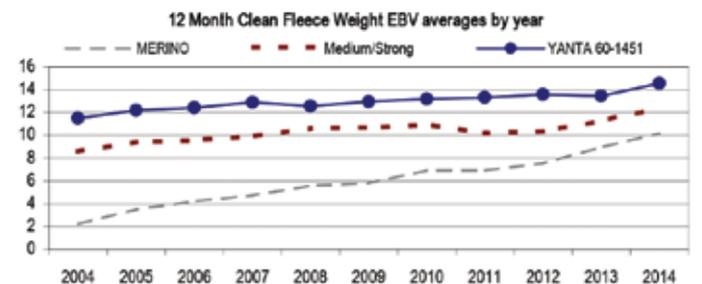
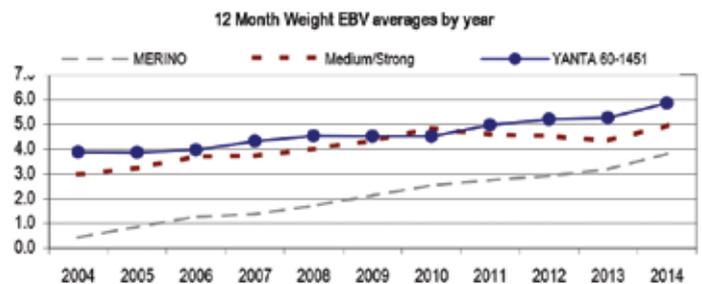
Pictured below are the graphs for Post Weaning Weight (PWT) and Yearling Clean Fleece Weight (YCFW), demonstrating that we are still increasing our flock averages for PWT and YCFW. These graphs compare Yanta, represented by the blue line, with the Merino Breed, represented by the grey line

Staple Length is a trait that I have focused on along with CFW particularly with the sires I have used in 2015. One of the AI sires (Tuckwood 091026) is in the top 1% (93% acc) for YSL and another ram (Leahcim 123265) is in the top 3% (87% acc) in MerinoSelect. I believe this will be of great value to those wanting to shear more than once a year.

We have just finished sire tagging the merino stud lambs and have achieved 85% with the AI programme and, so far a 110% overall with a few more still dropping. Selection pressure next year should be very strong

The MerinoSelect Averages for sheep born in 2014 as at

23 July	YWT	YEMD	YCFW	EBWR	DP+
	3.1	0.3	8.7	0.1	130





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Top Priced Poll Merino 2014
Mathew and Anthony Carr \$2000

photos courtesy Rural Press (Port Lincoln Times)



Top Priced White Suffolk 2014
M. Jacka \$2600

28th ON PROPERTY SALE

Tuesday 1st September 2015

Sale starts 2pm

Inspections from 12 noon

70 White Suffolk Rams 12-14mths old

40 Poll Merino Rams 13-14mths old

MerinoSelect & Lambplan breeding values including GROWTH RATE

OJD Vaccinated - Brucellosis Accredited Free

"Select with ease with ASBVs"

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