



Exciting News & Information

WEBSITE

www.yantasheepstuds.com.au

The site provides much information on both studs. Current and previous newsletters and a yearly activities calendar are displayed. I hope to provide some photos of interest and the sale catalogue. Please visit the site and let me know your thoughts and any additional information you would like me to provide.

Minnipa Sheep Genetics Project

Many of you may be aware of the trial funded by AWI at the Minnipa Ag Centre. The trial was primarily to help breeders understand how to use MerinoSelect in their flock. The trial was run over four years using the Minnipa flock with progeny from selected sires performance tested. What I was so encouraged about was that progeny from 2 sires bought from our 2011 sale performed exceptionally well, particularly in the money making traits of clean fleece weight and growth rate. This represented a genuine way in which the rams worth can be valued. I was quite excited to see these results, as surely its the money making ability of the ram which determines his true worth.

Branded Lamb Product

At the Australian White Suffolk Conference I attended this year at Nuriootpa, a scheme to investigate a **nationally branded lamb product** was discussed. This would only apply to White Suffolk cross lambs and the sires would need to come from a registered White Suffolk stud. If successful, hopefully a premium would be paid on the price received for those lambs. I have attached and forwarded the survey that needs to be filled out to give the organisation an idea of the support amongst those producers who qualify. You have **much to gain and nothing to lose** so please complete the survey. www.whitesuffolk.com.au/commercial/register

Ram select workshop

Two years ago we held a "Bred Well, Fed Well" workshop at our new shearing shed. Attendees found it very informative and it was well received. On **Thursday July 2** we are holding a **Ram Select Workshop** facilitated by Sheep CRC in our shearing shed. Both Merino and White Suffolk will be featured, the presenters being Michelle Cousins and Andrew Michael. Andrew manages the well known Leahcim Poll Merino and White Suffolk Studs and is recognised as one of the most progressive and innovative stud breeders in Australia.

Please turn over for more information and registration details.



RamSelect Workshop

Confident ram selection and purchase



Rams are purchased on one day of the year but their effect on your flock lasts for many years

Make sure you buy the right genes for production, quality and disease resistance



More wool * More meat * More lambs

MERINOSELECT and **LAMBPLAN** breeding values help to select rams that will breed the best progeny for you

RamSelect - a 1 day practical workshop building confidence to;

- select rams for all breeds
- define your breeding objective
- assess rams using figures and visual assessment
- prepare for the auction or selection day
- invest in rams for production and profit

Hosted by: Don Baillie, Yanta Poll Merino & White Suffolk's

Presenters: Michelle Cousins, Cousins Merino Service and
Andrew Michael, Leahcim

Where: Yanta, Tumby Bay SA 5605, at the Shearing Shed.
(Turn off Lincoln Highway at Mine Hill Road, turn right onto Marshall's Road at the top of the hill and follow signs to Shearing Shed)

When: Thursday 2nd July 2015 (morning tea & lunch provided)

Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Cost \$50.00 per business

RSVP: by Monday 29th June to Don Baillie - Phone: 86882041
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