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WELCOME

My records show this to be one of the driest 6 months we have had with only 30 mm of rain falling in the last 4 months. I only hope everyone has enough feed on hand to see stock through.

Wool and red meat prices still are at high levels and are predicted to remain so in the foreseeable future which is encouraging.

Conferences

During the year I went to the White Suffolk annual conference at Wagga Wagga and the Sheep Genetics Conference in Melbourne. Both conferences provided a wealth of information. One focus was how to improve the quality of red meat to the supermarkets using genetics.

EP Ram Expo

Once again I will be taking rams to Wudinna with an interesting lot of sires of this year's ram lambs. I also intend to take several older rams that have come straight from the paddock to enable people to see examples of our mature age rams.

2012 Flyer

In 2012 I provided a flyer to explain why we do what we do as far as stud management is concerned. I have included it in the newsletter as it is still relevant today. The challenges remain the same. The benefits of being in Merino Select and Lambplan had enabled me to benchmark myself with many other studs in Australia and secondly help identify proved sires from which to collect semen that have high accuracies. We will again be provided ASBVs and actual figures on all sale rams. Lambing in July/August creates major difficulty for ram selling. **Our rams are always 3-4 months younger than most others on EP.** Also, our sale is one of the later merino sales on EP and people might worry that they risk missing out by waiting until our late sale.

Why do we Lamb so Late? Our Reasons

We lamb late because our seasonal feed fits with the yearly nutritional needs of our sheep.

IMPORTANT DATES

YANTA on property sale Wednesday 30th August

- Later lambing increases our lambing percentage. We have more ewes to choose replacements from and more rams to select from. This increases genetic gain.
- A later sale is better for clients who can buy rams just before mating. This saves feed, management and interest costs.

How can people compare our rams?

Some people still decide which rams to buy on the visual appearance alone. To them our rams appear to be not as physically advanced and less manicured through being unhusbanded.

We are very strict that our rams meet visual standards and do not have wool or conformation faults.

However we use ASBVs to compare the traits that can be measured. Body weight is a good example of this. It is influenced by environmental conditions including time of lambing, feed, rearing/birth type etc. However, none of these things are an indicator of the genetic worth of it's progeny.

Our focus is always: How good are the genetics of the ram? This is what will affect his progeny and make money (or reduce your workload)

We aim to breed good rams for a reasonable cost price.





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WHITE SUFFOLKS

The sale rams this year have gone to another level genetically with a good few over 200 C+. The two most important traits PWT (growth rate) and EMD (eye muscle depth) have both increased significantly.

Sires used in 2016

Blue boxes indicate top 10% in Sheep Genetics

Farrer 140188 (AI)

- High growth and superb muscle
- Excellent SHEAR F5 (tenderness)
- Outstanding depth of loin and hindquarters
- Terrific son of Farrer 130254
- WWT **11.1** PWT **17.5** PWEC -25 PEMD 1.6 SHEAR F 0.4
- Carcase+ **208**



Ashmore 140120 (AI)

- Fantastic structure and outlook
- Tremendous SHEAR F (tenderness)
- PWT 14.6 PEMD 2.1 SHEAR F **-1.3**
- Carcase+ 197

Ashmore 130227

- Bought elite ram sale Adelaide 2014
- Son of leading WS ram in Australia - Polumbi 451
- A structurally well balanced ram
- WWT **10.8** PWT **16.7** PEMD 2.0 PWEC -25
- Carcase+ 208

Ashmore 130181

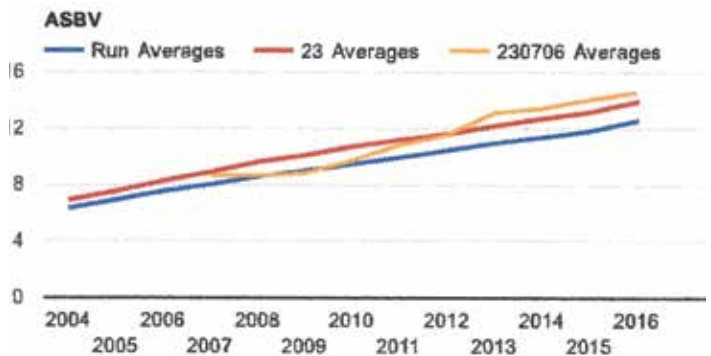
- Bought at Ashmore on property sale 2014
- Also son of Polumbi 451
- Very low birth weight ASBV
- WWT **10.3** PWT 15.8 PEMD 2.0 PWEC **-31**
- Carcase+ 207

Yanta 226 (home bred)

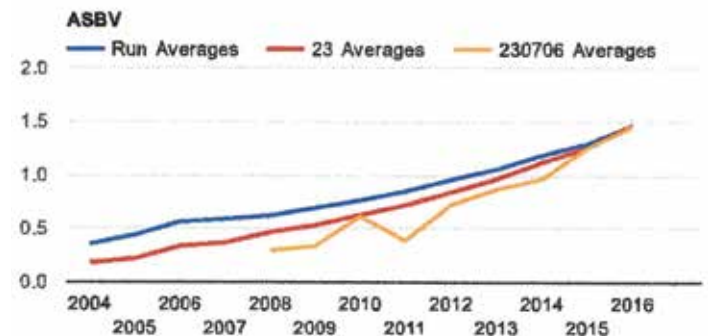
- Son of Bundarra Downs 109192
- Breeding high performance offspring
- Solid thick body
- WWT **10.5** PWT 15.6 PEMD 2.1 Carcase+ 208

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

Post Weaning Weight (yellow Yanta 230706) blue White Suffolk average

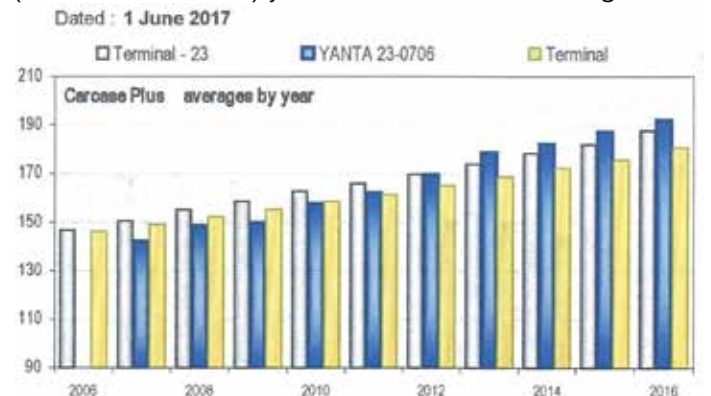


Post Weaning Eye Muscle Depth (yellow Yanta 230706) blue White Suffolk average



Carcase+

(blue Yanta 230706) yellow White Suffolk average



PREVIOUS SALE RESULTS

YEAR	OFFERED	SOLD	AVERAGE	TOP PRICE
2012	78	40	\$740	\$3000
2013	69	62	\$821	\$1600
2014	60	54	\$850	\$2600
2015	66	66	\$1173	\$3200
2016	70	66	\$995	\$2400

POLL MERINOS

This years sale rams come from a diverse selection of sires in my pursuit of increasing wool cut and growth rate, still the main profit drivers .

Paul Cousins selection was Collinsville JC&S 120399 when given the brief to select semen from the best sire available. I have included the progeny test results on the complete drop of rams taken at the PWT stage (9-10 months of age)

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Collinsville JC&S 120399

- Paul's choice
- Worker ram at Minta
- Long stretchy ram

Centre Plus 007257 (AI)

- Semen bought in a package from Turretfield
- Long stapled stylish wool
- Great growth rate
- YWT **8.8** YCFW 16.4 YFD -1.8 YSL 12.3 DP+ 146

Kiandra 130644 (AI)

- Excellent growth rate and wool cut
- Son sold for \$15,000 at 2016 Classing Classic
- YWT **8.1** YCW **21.8** DP+ 146

Yanta 120247

- Son of Wallaloo Park Casper
- Rich well nourished wool
- Heavy wool cutting offspring
- YWT 5.9 YCW **23.5** DP+ 147

Leahcim 142654

- Bought in partnership with Nantoura in 2015
- Attractive white wool
- YWT 6.8 YEMD 1.5 EBWR **-1.2** DP+ 153

Leahcim 2777

- Bought at 2015 Leahcim sale
- YWT 6.5 YCFW 20.6 EBWR **-0.9** DP+145

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

I have been disappointed to see our CFW decline, mainly due to chasing plainer bodies. However with the sires of this year's rams, I believe this has been corrected. Next year's rams should see a continued upward trend in this trait.

PREVIOUS SALE RESULTS

YEAR	OFFERED	SOLD	AVERAGE	TOP PRICE
2012	48	30	\$860	\$1800
2013	48	31	\$755	\$1700
2014	48	26	\$773	\$2000
2015	36	33	\$1257	\$3100
2016	36	30	\$1107	\$3600



Collinsville JC&S 120399



Kiandra 130644

PROGENY TEST RESULTS FOR CURRENT SIRES

SIRE	PWT post weaning weight kg	PEMD eye muscle depth mm	PFDF fibre diameter micron	PGFW greasy fleece weight kg	PFDCV fibre diameter cv %
Collinsville 120399	56.5	32.6	17.8	3.6	19.5
Leahcim 142654	57.6	33.6	17.6	3.2	18.3
Leahcim 2777	59.2	33.4	18.0	3.6	18.3
Kiandra 130644	57.4	33.1	19.0	3.8	18.6
Centreplus 007257	57.1	33.6	17.8	3.7	17.2
Yanta 120247	56.5	33.0	18.8	3.7	18.0



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Top Priced Poll Merino 2016
Mark Noonan \$3600



Top Priced White Suffolk 2016
Ian Proude \$2400

30th ON PROPERTY SALE

Wednesday 30th August 2017

Sale starts 2pm

Inspections from 12 noon

www.yantasheepstuds.com.au and



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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