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WELCOME

Welcome to our 2019 News. So far our region has benefitted from good seasonal conditions in comparison to many in SA and across Australia and we do hope this continues on. Our sale rams again will present in excellent condition having had access to plenty of pasture particularly in the last few months.

We sincerely thank all clients for their ongoing support during 2018/19, and extend a very warm welcome to any new clients.

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Woolumbool's 2019/20 Calendar of Events

- Annual Auction - Wednesday 2nd October, Yacca Downs Woolshed, 1pm
- October - December Selection of Multimeat Lease Rams
- March 2020-SE Field Days-Display Woolumbool Studs Display
- August 2020-Hamilton Sheepvention_Multimeats Pty Ltd display

The Year at Woolumbool

After top seasonal conditions last season including a 60 ml rainfall event in December which for us proved to be beneficial we then entered a period of prolonged dry with no significant rainfall until the opening seasonal rains which fell on May 8th. It was of course Summer/Autumn and not completely unexpected but it was at the very low end of Summer rain.

Over Christmas and into January, Sharon and I visited our 2 sons Jason and Tristan and their families in WA. We have not long arrived home from another visit during August. The draw of Grandchildren can be quite strong. WA is experiencing generally a reasonable season much like SA. We have now been home for 2 weeks and as expected went straight into the mad rush to prepare for the ram sale along with stud lambing and lamb marking of the merino flock.

Some of you may have heard that Sharon collided with a couple of young cattle in early March which resulted in a completely burnt out car. This was not how we intended to replace our car but at least she emerged unscathed.

Recently we have added a toilet block to the shearing shed and hopefully this will be operational by sale day.



Woolumbool **173980**.Bwt **0.46** Wwt **11.6** Pwwt **18.8** Pfat **0.7**
Pemd **3.8** Imf **0.28** SF5 **-3.8** C+ **233** TCP **169** LEQ **171**

Normally we don't brag about particular sires bred here at Woolumbool but on this occasion something has to be said about the ram pictured. He has proven to be one outstanding ram right from when he was a lamb in 2017. At 6 mths of age we sold a half share in him for \$10,000 to Bundara Downs Studs. He currently has almost 1000 progeny recorded on the LAMBPLAN database and we have sold more than 2000 semen doses across Australia to about 45 different flocks. Almost half of this year's White Suffolk catalogue is sired by him.

Lamb and Wool Production

Livestock agriculture remains a very reliable production system for us all and the outlook continues to be favourable even with trade wars. Last seasons lamb sales were exceptional as were the prices received for wool. The majority of our lambs were sold as store lambs at very good prices. Some were transferred to our small property at Stewarts Range and taken to heavier weights before sale to TFI over the hooks again for excellent value.

Our merino wool flock averaged \$21.34/clean kg for the adult portion including hoggets with an average of 5.42 kg greasy/hd. This brought them out to an average value of \$77.90/hd

Indexes

LAMBPLAN have decided to replace the old Carcase Plus index with a new index called TCP. This stands for Terminal Carcase Production. The simple reason for this change is continued use of the old index would result in lamb slowly becoming poorer in eating quality. The new TCP index is a \$ index with EQ traits added rather than the old C+ being simply a mathematical calculation. At this years sale both index will be displayed in the catalogue

2019 Sale Rams

At Woolumbool we are proud to produce rams with balanced ASBV's to give our clients the greatest possible chance of meeting their production aims.

This year we were forced to supplement our spring born rams during late autumn as did many livestock producers due to the prolonged dry summer. We did this by trail feeding lupins. Many of the rams are in the 12 month age bracket and are hence very fit and active. They are most importantly not overfed.

We recommend these young rams for your use.

Woolumbool Poll Merinos

This year we are offering 20 high quality Poll Merino rams with lovely soft bright fleece rot resistant wools. The genetic trends for the Woolumbool Poll Merino flock consistently demonstrate that our flock is well above average across all the main indexes these being **FP+, MP+ & DP+**.

This years offering are all August/September born animals and are as well grown as possible given that the rams as lambs spend the first 6 months of their life running with the commercial merino lambs