

# WOOLUMBOOL STUDS

The latest news & updates from the team at Woolumbool.

## ANNUAL MULTI-BREED SPRING RAM SALE

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER - 12 NOON

300  
RAMS

300 POLL DORSET  
WHITE SUFFOLK  
& MULTI MEAT COMPOSITES

ON-PROPERTY - YACCA DOWNS WOOLSHED,  
WOOLUMBOOL, SA & ON-LINE VIA AUCTIONSPLUS



## NEW POLL DORSET STUD SIRE - FELIX 200972



**WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE BEST  
HIGH PERFORMANCE GENETICS.**

Purchased on 3rd September, we are pleased to add Felix 200972 to our stud sire team. Bought in partnership with Majardah Stud for \$8,600 at the annual Felix Stud sale, Greenethorpe, NSW.

An August 2020 drop ram his figures impress with BWT:0.31, PWT:19.6, PFAT:-0.1, PEMD:4.2, PWEC:-17, LMY:4.9 IMF:-0.28, SHRF5:1.6, Trade\$:117.2, LEQ:162.9 and TCP:165.5.

WELCOME. It has been a busy 2 years with the Woolumbool team since our last newsletter with the Covid issue added to the mix.

A year ago we purchased additional land 3,000km away at Bridgetown in Western Australia and our eldest son Jason with his wife Elyse and family are now managing that property.

We will be running mainly commercial sheep for lamb production on this property but recently formed a new White Suffolk Stud, "Wandillup" for our WA operations.

Further extensions have been made to the Woolumbool WoolShed with the addition of a modern kitchen for shearing, Ram Sales and Field Days.

Sharon and I have also moved closer to Naracoorte residing on the Stewarts Range property and Aaron, Sally and family have taken over management of the Woolumbool property and are doing an admirable job.

These changes are necessary to accommodate the younger generation and perhaps the slowing down a little of the older cohort.

The seasonal conditions have been extraordinary at the WA property recording 750mm YTD compared to Stewarts Range at 260mm YTD.

The South Eastern properties as most would know experienced a very dry start to the season followed by a very wet July.

Pasture growth seems to have been quite good since the opening rains and FOO also seems to be quite good at present.

Livestock agriculture is booming as the world clamours for clean safe food which Australia can supply. Lamb production remains a very profitable exercise.

A recent sale of our cull stud lambs saw them return very close to \$200/hd over the hooks. Many clients have been achieving similar or better prices for their lambs during the last year.

Wool also has been performing well over the last 6 months particularly the finer end of the clip.

We sold wool during late May from weaner merinos which returned 1509c/kg greasy when converted to clean, it came out at \$2519c clean.

The Poll Dorset and White Suffolk flock rams for the forthcoming annual sale are coming along nicely.

The great majority of them as usual fit at the top end of LAMPLAN performance, and I am sure you will find plenty available to meet your breeding objectives.





## RECORD BREAKING EWE

THIS WEST AUSTRALIAN RECORD PRICED WHITE SUFFOLK EWE WAS SIRED BY WOOLUMBOOL 185370.

THE EWE WAS BRED & SOLD BY KEITH LADYMAN, DUMBLEYUNG WA FROM "KANTARA" WHITE SUFFOLK STUD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADYMAN FAMILY.

## NEW STUD SIRE - RANGEVIEW 190045



MODERATE GROWTH RAM WITH OUTSTANDING PEMD 4.5 TOP 1%, LMY 3.7, IMF -0.53, SF5 0.10 TOP 15%



They are all rising 12 months of age at the moment, and lambing for next years supply is about to hit full swing.

We lamb significantly later than many other suppliers as this increases the effort required to collect all significant data, notably worm resistance information which due to growth set backs will always make it impossible to achieve the actual live-weights of other ram suppliers

We believe that due to the excellent data collection we perform at Woolumbool you can be guaranteed of top performance from our rams.

In 2020 we added to our sires 2 Poll Dorset rams purchased in syndicates; a Rangeview ram from Tasmania @ \$17000 ,and a Bruan ram from Victoria @ \$6500.

We also purchased 2 White Suffolk ewes at the Ramsey Park dispersal with one @ \$3600 and the other @ \$2500.

One ewe rewarded us with triplets and the other, twins. In addition we introduced a further 9 high performance AI sires to the flock.

To further enhance genetic gains we genomically tested about 20% of all 2020 drop ram lambs by sire group. This will improve the eating quality breeding value accuracies for our sheep over time.

A significant change at this year's ram sale is the inclusion of Multimeat Composite rams.

We have decided to sell these rather than the leasing arrangements we have had previously. There will be a very good range of rams available with excellent performance in both meat and wool traits.

We will also be offering a small number of Multimeat Composite rams which are heterozygous for the booroola gene in addition to those which are homozygous for this gene.

Woolumbool have also decided to leave the breeding of Poll Merino rams to others mainly due to the added complexity of having a quite different production system to the other breeds.

There will still be Poll Merino rams available for the last time by private selection during Spring.

We will of course continue with commercial merino wool and prime lamb production in conjunction with the meat ram production.

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual October sale.

Regards  
The Clothier Family



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