

Narcoota Poll Merino Stud

Dear Fellow woolgrower,

We are pleased to extend to you an invitation to our 31st Annual Ram Sale. This will be on Thursday 11th of September 2014 at 1pm with inspection from 11.00am. Landmark Pfitzner & Kleinig will be conducting the sale, with auctioneer being Glen Keast. We intend to offer 36 rams in the main auction, plus another seven rams will be penned for sale following the auction.

I hope you have had a successful lambing and are enjoying a good supply of pasture. We are thankful for the 430 mm of rain from Valentine's Day until mid August.

Sire Information

Sires used for the 2013 drop include:

Turretfield 1125 a very highly indexed son of the sire ranked third nationally. He has an attractive 58/60s heavy cutting fleece with long pencil sized staples. He was reared as a twin and scored well for bare breech.

Narcoota 147 was displayed as a reserve at our ram sale in 2011. Large ram with a good fleece weight and an attractive fleece. This sire had ten rams that sold in last year's sale.

Mernowie 407 purchased in 2010. Muscular ram with nourished quality wool that tested 19.3 micron as a 2.5 year old. This sire had eight rams that sold in last year's sale.

Narcoota 670 has a big body, good temperament and a long staple length of 140 mm testing 21 micron.

Narcoota 520 is a son of Narcoota 7647. This ram had his sire's wool and a good plain body.

Syndicate includes those progeny where the sire has not been identified.

Mulesing

The ram details include a code indicating which rams have some bare skin in the breech area. No rams were mulesed, but they were tail stripped.

Dual purpose and lamb survival

The rams were weighed and tested for eye muscle depth by Ian Bradtke on August 4th. Eye muscle is measured by ultrasound between the 12th and 13th rib.

Ian Bradtke complemented our team saying they were the first sale team that were difficult to fit into his weighing crate and they had the best meat to body ratio of the merinos that he had tested. They were matched by progeny of another Mernowie sire, called Escalator when testing sale rams for the Glenville stud.

Fat content was also measured and is also available on request. According to Jason Trompf at an AWI update, "While fat is easier to gain and lose than muscle, a healthy balance is good. The sheep's ability to put reserves into fat as well as wool and muscle can be important for survival of a ewe and her lamb as some fat reserves are utilized when nutritious feed is scarce."

Wool Quality

The average fibre diameter for our mature ewe flock was 20.6 microns over the last two year. In the table are the average measurements of the rams listed for sale.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the 11th September.

Regards,

Tim, Lynn, Daniel and Nikki Grosser



Average Test Result	14 months	17 months
FD/Micron (1/7/14)	20.8	20.6
Comfort Factor %	98.9	99.3
Yield % (1/7/14)	74	75
Body Weight - kg (4/8/14)	84	91
Eye Muscle Depth - mm	40	41