

Narcoota Poll Merino Stud

Dear fellow woolgrower,

We are pleased to extend to you an invitation to our 32nd Annual Ram Sale. This will be on Thursday 10th of September 2015 at 1pm with inspection from 11.00am. Elders Roseworthy will be conducting the sale, with auctioneer being Matt Ward. We intend to offer 40 rams in the main auction, plus another fifteen rams will be penned and offered by auction.

While classing client's hogget's I have heard of lambing percentages of 115%. No doubt spring rains are important for the many twin lambs to reach their potential. Geoff Schutz once again was thrilled with the sale of his 11-12 months old merino wether lambs. Half of the drop dressed 32 to 34 kg and the average value of the whole drop was \$153 plus \$4 for the skins. These lambs also produced a 70 mm fleece in 7 months. The enthusiastic 84 year old grazier commented, "That there is money to be made in sheep."

Sire Information

Sires used for the 2014 drop include:

EJ referred to last year as Turretfield 1125. This ram's sire (Ejanding 075006) in 2014 was ranked second nationally in the Merino Superior sires in the Dual Purpose category. The progeny of EJ have displayed good growth rates and good handling wool with pencil sized staples. EJ was reared as a twin and scored well for bare breech. Eleven of his progeny are in the sale and one has been reserved.

Narcoota 670 this ram has a big body, bare breech, very long staple testing 21 micron and a good temperament. His fleece valued last year at \$100 was displayed. This sire has twelve rams listed for sale.

Narcoota 1604 is a son of Mernowie 518. Tall ram with white wool.

Narcoota 2142 is a son of Mernowie 518. Good eye muscle depth and good fibre density.

Les is a son of the widely used AI sire Leahcim 858. Good staple length, attractive and nourished wool. This ram behaves like a pet and when you are not looking will bump the handler.

Syndicate includes those progeny where the sire has not been individually identified. The 3 ram lambs used were; **Narcoota 3014** has sired progeny for next year's sale. Narcoota 3207 sold last year as Lot 15 for \$1250; Narcoota 3034 also sold last year but did not feature highly in last year's sale, because he dropped back in condition after working.

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 sheep are generally free of wrinkle. I dislike seeing skin pieces and shearing cuts. This has led to an increase in staple length. In my opinion the discounts for wool over 100 mm are currently not significant. Longer and denser wool can yield higher, which can reduce discounts when shearing after dusty periods. These plainer merinos tend to have higher lambing percentages. Three other factors promoting lambing percentages on our property are attention to body condition, nutrition and eye muscle.



Wool Quality

The average fibre diameter for our mature ewe flock was 20.5 microns over the last three year. In the table are the average measurements of the rams listed for sale. They are similar to last year. The body measurements were taken 19 days earlier and the 14 months group should grow more before the sale.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the 10th September.

Regards,

Tim, Lynn, Daniel and Nikki Grosser

Average Test Result	14 months	17 months
FD/Micron (26/6/15)	19	20
Comfort Factor %	99.4	99.6
Yield % (26/6/15)	72	71
Body Weight - kg (16/7/15)	79	90
Eye Muscle Depth - mm	38.5	40.5