

Narcoota Poll Merino Stud

Dear fellow woolgrower,

We are pleased to extend to you an invitation to our 34th Annual Ram Sale. This will be held on Thursday, the 7th of September 2017 at 1.00pm conducted by Elders Roseworthy. We intend to offer 60 rams in the auction. The rams are heavier than previous years thanks to the brilliant season in 2016 and have been fed grain through the autumn and winter. We are likely to produce 900 lambs again from 700 stud ewes. This is allowing us to put selection pressure towards sheep we hope will be healthy and productive.

The fibre diameter of our adult flock is averaging 20.4 micron. The adult ewes are filling bales with 30 fleeces (depending on yield and the season) of wool that is bold with defined character. The plainer open faced sheep have good lamb survival, 120 mm staple length in 12 months and less skin pieces. Many of the rams have nourishment in the wool tip to provide protection during hot dusty summers and stubble conditions.

Sire Information

EJ sired by a ram from WA, Ejandng 075006 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. EJ was reared as a twin and scored well for bare breech. Six of his progeny are in the sale from the April drop.

Narcoota 4116 this ram had a good barrel, bare breech, long staple testing 20.6 micron. A son of EJ. This sire has 12 rams in the sale.

Narcoota 4121 is also a son of EJ. Hired from Philip Klemm for the June drop after EJ died. This ram was Lot 1 at our 2015 ram sale. He has bred the wool qualities that we are pursuing. He has five rams in the sale.

Narcoota 3308 has good crimpily nourished 20 micron wool. He has 7 rams in the sale. Grand sire was a Mernowie ram.

Leahcim 142225 is a son of Leahcim 123153. Purchased in 2015 for his positive breeding values for weaning weight, eye muscle and back fat. Six of his progeny are in the sale.

Les is a son of the widely used AI sire Leahcim 858. Good staple length and nourished wool. He has 4 big rams in the sale.

Narcoota 4703 is a son of Les. Four of his five April drop sons have outstanding body weights. Most of these have the sire's quality 20 micron medium wool. This sire has a good temperament.

Narcoota 5424 is a son of Les and was purchased by Grantley Doecke for \$1150. Used as a lamb instead of his sire for the June drop as we considered him to be equal to his sire for his nourished fleece and wool type. He has 4 sons in the sale.

Narcoota 5051 had an excellent growth rate. He was lot 2 in the 2016 sale and sold to Phil Sobey for \$1000. He has two June drop sons in the sale including the first of the 14 months old rams to be offered.

Syndicate includes those progeny where the ewes were mated to the above rams however the ewes lost their mating group identification tags. So at marking I was unable to identify their lambs to a sire group.

Information The ram details include a code indicating which rams have some bare skin in the breech area. Ram lambs are tail stripped but not mulesed.

On the details a T is listed after the tag if the birth type was likely to have been a twin based on dam pregnancy testing and lamb weaning weights.

Test Results In the table are the average measurements of the rams listed for sale. The yields are taken from the mid side samples taken at the end of June. They are low due to a dry period and they were in feedlot conditions with access to saltbush and a small paddock. The rams were weighed at day 100, 200 and the most current weight on July 28.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 7th September. Light refreshments will be provided.

Regards,

The Grosser Family

Average Test Result	14 months	17 months
FD/Micron (27/6/17)	19.8	20.2
Comfort Factor %	99.4	99.2
Yield % (27/6/16)	60	60
Body Weight - kg (28/7/16)	89	111
Eye Muscle Depth - mm	40	42

