

MERRYVILLE NEWS



Newsletter of Merryville Merino Stud, Boorowa

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Wal's Message

Last year when we spoke, the wool market was some 2116c/kg. It is now 1723c/kg for an average of 1932c/kg for the year. This is a result of difficult retail trading conditions since last October throughout the economies in the Northern Hemisphere, with the exception of America. There was also great uncertainty over what will happen with Brexit and the USA/China tariff war. This has all contributed to hesitancy in the market.

The drought has been terrible but sheep are certainly worth feeding. The season and the wool market will turn around and we need to be in a position to capitalise on our wool, mutton and lamb markets when good seasons return.

For some years now we have used Geoff Casburn's benchmarking analysis and think it verifies our wool growing business model of 18 to 19 micron on an average body weight of 65kg at a wool cut of 6 to 6.5kg. (This is down this year to 5.7kg at 17.7 micron due to drought).



Supreme Champion fleece of the Australian Wool Network Fleece Show in Dubbo 2018. Pictured is co-judge John Croake, AWN, with Wally and George Merriman. The fleece was champion medium wool fleece, grand fleece and then supreme champion fleece.

Unfortunately, the finer micron does not help in this market. Geoff Casburn's 2018 analysis is included in this newsletter as well as a link to his full presentation. I think you will find it interesting reading.

Scott Carmody has also contributed and we are grateful for his commercial insight into the market.

The rams for our On-property sale are the best

grown that we have had with an average body weight of 78.5kg up 6.7kg on last year.

On matters AWI, as you know I will be standing for election to the Board in November this year. I have been encouraged by shareholders and supporters to stand for another term to facilitate a smooth transition of IP and experience for the next group of Directors. This will be

my last term and I will undertake to support the Chair and the board in our future endeavours to promote the industry for our shareholders. If you want me to continue with this role, I will need your vote as we have much to do particularly in marketing our clip in the current world economic environment.

I look forward to catching up with all of you at the ram sales.

Merryville On-Property Unhoused Ram Sale

Friday 13th September 2019 - 1pm at "Beverley", Boorowa

ENQUIRIES

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Landmark, Boorowa Ph 02 6385 3666

George Merriman Ph 02 6385 3282
Elders, Boorowa Ph 02 6385 3107

Sydney Success



Sydney Royal Show 2019

"Supreme 14 2nd"

Grand Champion Fine Wool Merino Ram and
Champion Fine Wool March Shorn Merino Ram

2 to 4 tooth Ram Objective Measurement Class							
heaviest cutting 17 micron ram, 3rd highest fleece value, highest subjective points							
Fle Yield	Mic	Live Wt	EMA	FD	FWT	Value	Place
71.7%	17.6	109kg	38.5	6.5mm	15.5kg	\$261.51	2nd



Sydney Royal Show 2019

"Merryville Bolte"

Grand Champion Poll Merino Ram and
Champion Fine Wool March Shorn Poll Merino Ram

6 teeth & over Ram Objective Measurement Class							
3rd highest EMA, 2nd highest fleece value							
Fle Yield	Mic	Live Wt	EMA	FD	FWT	Value	Place
77.0%	17.3	122kg	41.5	6.5mm	13.2kg	\$254.23	2nd



Sydney Royal Show 2019

Grand Champion Superfine Wool Poll Merino
Ram and Champion Superfine Wool August
Shorn Poll Merino Ram

Great Southern Supreme Merino Show 2019.

Winners of the
Roger Birtles'
Memorial March
shorn Group



Highlights

MERRYVILLE

GSSM 2019

Champion March Shorn Poll Merino Ewe
Reserve Champion March Shorn Merino Ram
Reserve Champion Sale Ram
Champion March Shorn Fine Wool Merino Ram
Champion March Shorn Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram
Champion March Shorn Fine Wool Poll Merino Ewe
Champion March Shorn Fine/Medium Wool Poll Merino Ewe
Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Poll Merino Ewe
Reserve Champion March Shorn Fine Wool Merino Ewe
Most Successful Exhibitor
Roger Birtles' Memorial March Shorn Group – 1st
6 rams sold to a top of \$5,000 and average of \$2,583
Equal Sale Top price sold to Glen Brothers Pty Ltd, Guildford, Vic

Armidale 2019

7 rams sold to a top of \$12,000 (2nd sale top price) and average of \$5,643

Mudgee 2019

4 rams sold to a top of \$5,500 and average of \$3,000.
Sale Top price of \$5,500 sold to NT Collins, Hunterston, Vic

Royal Canberra Show 2019

Grand Champion August Shorn Merino Ewe
Grand Champion Poll Merino Ram
Grand Champion Poll Merino Ewe
Junior Champion Merino Ewe
Supreme Merino Fine Wool Exhibit

Sydney 2019

Grand Champion Poll Merino Ram
Grand Champion Fine Wool Merino Ram
Grand Champion Superfine Wool Poll Merino Ram
Grand Champion Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram
Reserve Grand Champion Superfine Wool Poll Merino Ram
Champion Superfine Wool August Shorn Poll Merino Ram
Champion Superfine Wool March Shorn Poll Merino Ram
Champion Fine Wool March Shorn Merino Ram
Champion Fine Wool March Shorn Poll Merino Ram

Reserve Champion Ultrafine Wool August Shorn Merino Ram
Reserve Champion Fine Wool August Shorn Poll Merino Ewe
Reserve Champion Fine/Medium Wool March Shorn Poll Merino Ewe
Most Successful March Shorn Poll Merino Exhibitor

Bendigo 2019

Merryville sold 8 rams averaging \$7,000 with our top of \$13,000 sold to A, M & B Tobin, Baynton, Vic. Two rams sold for \$10,000 each to Langley Pastoral, Langley, Vic and SS & Ja Ballinger, Delungra, NSW.

MERRYVILLE CLIENTS

Congratulations to the many clients who have continued to enjoy success in the past 12 months, including:

2019 CANBERRA ROYAL WINNERS

The Lette family, Conrayn, Berridale NSW – Supreme Superfine Wool Merino Exhibit, August Shorn Pair 1st, August Shorn Group 1st.

2019 SYDNEY WINNERS

The Lette family, Conrayn, Berridale NSW – Grand Champion Ultrafine Wool Merino Ram, Reserve Grand Champion Superfine Wool Merino Ewe, The Sir Walter Merriman Memorial Perpetual Trophy for Most Successful Superfine & Fine Wool Merino Exhibitor.
The Walton family, Wurrook, Rokewood Vic – Grand Champion Ultrafine Wool Merino Ewe, Reserve Grand Champion Superfine Wool Merino Ram.

2019 AUSTRALIAN FLEECE COMPETITION

Of note is that 14 of the previous 19 Grand Champions of the Australian Fleece Competition (from 2001 to 2019) were Merryville Blood

Glen Brothers Pty Ltd, Wattlebank Merino Stud, Guildford Vic

Grand Champion Fleece
Champion Superfine Fleece
State Champion Fleece – Victoria

Sea Ori Pastoral Co, "Rosemont" Crookwell NSW

Reserve Grand Champion Fleece
Champion Commercial Fleece
Reserve Champion Commercial Fleece
Most Successful Commercial Exhibitor
State Champion Fleece – NSW
Champion Extra Superfine Fleece
Champion Fine Fleece
Reserve Champion Superfine Fleece

HM Barty & Sons, Beverley Merino Stud, Redesdale Vic

Reserve Champion Extra Ultrafine Fleece

LR & JE Blanch, Westvale Merino Stud, Wollun NSW

Champion Ultrafine Fleece

NT Collins, "Hunterston" Hunterston Vic

Commercial class 16.5 – 17.5 micron – GFW 9.0kg @ 74% Yld Italian type

2019 AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW (BENDIGO) WINNERS:

The Walton family

Wurrook Merino Stud, Rokewood Vic
Grand Champion Superfine Wool Ewe of the Show
Champion Victorian Bred Merino Ram Superfine
Champion Victorian Bred Merino Ewe Superfine
Champion Victorian Bred Merino Ewe Fine
Champion Superfine Wool Ewe
Champion Superfine Wool Poll Ram
Reserve Champion Superfine Wool Ram
Reserve Champion Superfine Wool Ewe
Champion August Shorn Superfine Wool Ewe
Champion March Shorn Superfine Wool Ram
Champion August Shorn Superfine Wool Poll Ram
Champion March Shorn Superfine Wool Poll Ram
Reserve Champion August Shorn Superfine Wool Ram
Reserve Champion August Shorn Superfine Wool Ewe
Reserve Champion March Shorn Fine Wool Poll Ewe
Most Successful Superfine Wool Exhibitor

The Crawford family, Rock-Bank Merino Stud, Victoria Valley Vic

Champion Victorian Bred Merino Ram Ultrafine
Reserve Champion August Shorn Ultrafine Wool Ram

The Lette family, Conrayn Merino Stud, Berridale NSW

Reserve Champion Ultrafine Wool Ram
Champion March Shorn Ultrafine Wool Ram
Reserve Champion March Shorn Superfine Wool Ewe

Merryville Annual Highlights

2018 On Property Ram Sale

Merryville Stud held their 19th Annual On-Property Ram Sale in September 2018 with 140 rams sold to a top of \$6,000 twice and an average sale price of \$1,993.

The first ram to reach the top money was bought by long standing clients DO, IJ & JJ Blewitt, Wollondilly, Goulburn NSW. The March shorn Superfine wool 24-month-old son of EM Super had a current micron of 17.9, SD of 3.0 microns and CV of 16.8%.

The Davis family, Demondrille Stud, Harden, purchased the second of the top priced rams for \$6,000. The Superfine wool ram was a 12-month-old son of Merryville 14 2nd and tested at 19.1 micron, with a 3.1 micron SD and CV of 16.4%. Merryville 14 2nd was the Sydney Royal Supreme Merino Exhibit in 2016.

Local client Tom Booth, Kiola, Boorowa, led the volume buyers, purchasing 12 rams in total including the second top priced ram of \$4,500. Lot 14 was the first lot of the March Shorn Fine wool rams to be offered and had a micron of 16.6, SD of 3.1 and CV of 18.7%. Mr Booth's purchases averaged \$2,000 for his selection of rams.

Other volume buyers included Checkers Pastoral, "Checkers", Cargo. Their first purchase of \$4,400 was a 12-month-old March shorn Fine wool ram tested at 17.7 micron with 2.4 micron SD, 13.8% CV and 99.6% CF. The company went on to purchase another eight 12-month-old, May shorn Fine wool rams to average \$2,717.

West Victorian client, JA Fitzgerald, travelled to the sale to secure 11 rams in total for an average of \$2,405. Mr Fitzgerald's purchases included a Fine wool son of Merryville 14 2nd for \$3,750. This 12-month-old ram tested at 17.7 micron, SD of 2.9%, CV 16.6% and CF of 99.8%.

Brothers Brian and Barry Page "Barrawarra Pastoral Co", Mount Russell NSW also purchased two 24-month-old rams at the top of the market. They secured an August shorn ram sired by Brilliant Monarch Super 9th, tested at 17.4 micron, with 2.4 micron SD, 13.5% CV and 99.8% CF for \$3,750 and then a March shorn Superfine Wool ram for \$3,500.

Another longstanding client, Geoff Burey "Tareela" Guyra made two purchases at \$3,750 and \$3,000 for 12-month-old Superfine and Fine Wool rams.

2019 On Property Ewe Sale

Merryville Stud's 35th Annual On-Property Ewe Sale saw an increased number of Stud and Flock ewes offered at "Geegullalong", Boorowa, on Thursday February 14th 2019. In a near clearance, 1499 of the 1520 Merino ewes offered were sold with the sale attracting new and existing buyers from across NSW and Victoria.

Of the stud ewes, 718 sold from 739 offered to average \$124.71 per head and top at \$182.50, while all the 781 flock ewes offered were sold to a top of \$130 per head.

Top price of the sale was \$182.50 for a pen of 21 head of 1.5-year-old fine wool, May shorn stud ewes bought by first-time buyer, Garry Judge of Newbridge NSW. Mr Judge purchased 168 ewes from eight pens in total, including the first offering of a pen of 19 Poll Merino ewe hoggets for \$130 per head.

Victorian repeat buyers, the Glen Brothers Pty Ltd from Wattlebank Merino Stud, Guildford, bought the top-priced pen of CFA stud ewes for \$150 a head. This pen of 32 CFA fine wool stud ewes were May-shorn and just had their lambs weaned. They also secured a pen of 22 head of CFA May/June-shorn Poll Merino stud ewes with lambs just weaned for \$115 per head. The Glen family have been on Merryville blood since 1971, buying both ewes and rams annually.

Volume buyers of the sale were new clients FJ, AH & TP Morrison of Reidsdale, NSW. The Morrison's commenced their buying with the purchase 33 CFA stud ewes along with 43 CFA Poll Merino stud ewes at an average of \$100.66. The family then went on to secure another 474 CFA flock ewes later in the sale.

Relatively new buyers, Stan & Colleen McCann of Grenfell, NSW, returned to our ewe sale and bought 6 pens (168 head) of CFA stud ewes at an average of \$106 per head. The McCann's first purchased 100 stud ewes at our 2018 ewe sale.

All 781 flock ewes offered were sold for an average of \$88.31 and a top of \$130. The top price was paid for a mob of 170, 1 ½ year old, May/June shorn, flock ewes by new buyer, Rob Hudson of Hargraves, NSW. The bulk of the flock ewes (474) were purchased by FJ, AH & TP Morrison of Reidsdale, NSW, and the Glen Brothers of Guildford, Victoria, took home the remaining 137 CFA flock ewes.

2019 Great Southern Supreme Merino Show and Ram Sale

Merryville Stud sold the equal top-priced ram at the 72nd Annual GSSM Ram Sale held in Canberra on 21st January 2019. The second lot of the sale was knocked down for \$5,000 to long-term clients, the Glen Brothers Pty Ltd, Guildford, Vic. Bred in a PR Syndicate, the 2016 drop ram measured 18.6 microns with a SD of 2.2, CV of 14.5% and 99.8% CF.

Frankfield Pastoral Co of Gunning, NSW, purchased the first lot of the sale for \$3,000. This 2016 drop ram was sired by Giant Test (the Grand Champion Fine Wool Ram Sydney 2015) and tested 17.1 micron 3.3 SD, 19.3 Cv and 99.8% CF. Lot 5 was also purchased by Frankfield Pastoral Co. for \$2,500.

Of the 6 rams Merryville sold, they averaged \$2,583 for the sale.

Merryville once again won the Roger Birtles Memorial March Shorn Group class for three rams and two ewes. This was Merryville's seventh success in this class. Other awards won during the show include the Most Successful Exhibitor, Champion March Shorn Poll Ewe and Reserve Champion March Shorn Ram.

Self-replacing 18 micron Merino operation – Best Enterprise

Recent figures released by the NSW Department of Primary Industries for 2018 shows all Merino based enterprises had a positive GM except for the 20 micron enterprise joined to terminal sires.

Geoff Casburn, NSW DPI Sheep Development Officer, says "The 18 micron wether enterprise performed the best with a GM of approximately \$24/DSE followed by the 18 micron ewe enterprise with \$21/DSE and 20 micron wethers with \$15/DSE."

"The 18 micron self-replacing Merino enterprise achieved the highest GM of \$63/DSE, smashing the \$600 per hectare barrier at 10 DSW/ha. While this result is primarily due to increased wool income, the enterprise has also seen a 21% increase in the sale value of four month old wether lambs due to the increased demand from wether enterprises."

"While drought impacted heavily on sheep enterprises, the prices in 2018 continued to strengthen, providing producers with strong market signals for when conditions improve", said Mr Casburn.

The full details of the gross margin outputs can be viewed at: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/budgets/livestock

SALE CATALOGUE

MERRYVILLE ANNUAL SALE

ON-PROPERTY UNHOUSED RAM SALE

▶ 159 SALE RAMS ◀

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2019

Inspections from 10am — Sale commences 1pm

6%, 12% & 20% indexes available on all rams.

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LOT	Tag No.	D.O.B.	GFW	WEANER Micron	SIRE	CURRENT Micron	SD	CV	CF	SPIN
AUGUST SHORN										
1	145	Aug/Sept 2017	3.0	15.3	Giant Test	17.1	3.1	18.2	99.5	16.3
2	70387	Aug/Sept 2017	3.4	16.8	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.0	2.7	15.0	99.6	16.7
MARCH SHORN										
3	70356	Aug/Sept 2017	4.8	15.8	Pemcaw Poll	17.1	2.6	15.4	99.8	15.9
4	70406	Aug/Sept 2017	2.0	16.1	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	15.2	2.5	16.2	99.9	14.3
5	164	Aug/Sept 2017	3.0	15.3	Francesco 3rd	17.1	2.7	15.9	99.7	16.0
6	521	Aug/Sept 2017	2.5	15.4	Brilliant Super Syndicate	16.1	2.7	17.1	99.5	15.1
7	70537	Aug/Sept 2017	3.0	15.6	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	15.5	2.4	15.8	99.7	14.4
8	70190	Aug/Sept 2017	3.0	16.3	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.3	2.4	13.8	99.8	16.0
9	70247	Aug/Sept 2017	4.5	18.5	Brilliant Super 14th	17.6	2.9	16.5	99.6	16.6
10	70352	Aug/Sept 2017	4.8	18.6	Merryville ES	19.1	2.4	15.0	99.5	18.0
11	134	Aug/Sept 2017	2.0	17.2	Giant Test	17.6	3.0	16.9	99.5	16.6
12	70503	Aug/Sept 2017	6.5	17.5	Willandra Desmond	18.3	3.4	18.4	99.1	17.4
13	6780	Aug/Sept 2018			Ringmaster Superior 14th	16.7	2.5	15.0	99.7	15.5
14	262	Aug/Sept 2018			Giant Test	18.0	2.3	13.1	99.7	16.5
15	6699	Aug/Sept 2018			Yarrowonga 961	17.6	2.7	15.1	99.6	16.4
16	324	Aug/Sept 2018			Giant Test	16.1	2.4	15.0	99.6	15.0
17	5632	Aug/Sept 2018			Pemcaw Poll	19.0	3.4	18.0	99.1	18.0
18	5605	Aug/Sept 2018			Supreme 14	18.1	3.1	17.0	99.5	17.0
19	6865	Aug/Sept 2018			Merryville Giant Syndicate	17.4	3.1	17.9	99.7	16.5
20	6684	Aug/Sept 2018			Francesco 3rd	16.9	3.3	19.5	99.3	16.2
MAY SHORN ULTRAFINE WOOL										
21	6259	Aug/Sept 2018	4.4	14.6	Ringmaster Centenary	17.6	3.3	18.2	99.5	17.2
22	6101	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	15.7	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.8	2.9	16.7	99.6	16.2
23	5927	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	14.8	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.1	2.7	16.2	99.7	15.5
24	5540	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	16.7	Ringmaster Centenary	18.1	2.6	13.6	99.6	17.7
25	6004	Aug/Sept 2018	2.2	16.7	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.1	3.0	15.9	99.4	17.9
26	5767	Aug/Sept 2018	2.6	16.0	Ringmaster Syndicate	17.5	3.7	20.4	99.5	17.5
27	5595	Aug/Sept 2018	2.9	16.7	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.4	3.0	16.8	99.6	16.8
28	6115	Aug/Sept 2018	4.4	14.6	Ringmaster Centenary	16.5	3.1	18.3	99.7	16.1
29	5971	Aug/Sept 2018	2.8	15.3	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.0	2.9	16.6	99.6	16.5
30	6149	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	16.3	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	17.8	3.1	16.8	99.2	17.2
31	5993	Aug/Sept 2018	2.7	17.1	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.4	3.4	17.5	99.0	18.4
32	5828	Aug/Sept 2018	2.6	15.2	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	16.8	3.3	19.1	99.3	16.5
33	5539	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	14.1	Ringmaster Centenary	18.6	3.5	17.7	99.2	18.5
MAY SHORN SUPERFINE WOOL										
34	6163	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	16.7	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.1	3.7	19.4	99.2	18.1
35	231	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	17.7	Giant Test	18.6	2.9	15.4	99.7	17.3
36	6089	Aug/Sept 2018	3.3	16.2	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.6	3.3	17.4	99.4	18.2
37	6071	Aug/Sept 2018	2.6	17.1	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.4	3.6	19.5	99.4	17.7
38	6764	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	17.3	Ringmaster Superior 14th	17.5	2.9	16.1	99.5	16.9
39	6164	Aug/Sept 2018	2.9	15.7	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.5	3.0	16.7	99.7	17.0
40	5651	Aug/Sept 2018	2.0	16.7	Pemcaw Syndicate	19.3	2.7	13.9	99.7	17.8
41	5977	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	17.6	Uniform Syndicate	18.8	3.7	18.4	99.4	18.9
42	5806	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.8	Pemcaw Syndicate	18.5	3.0	16.2	99.6	17.3
43	275	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.9	Giant Test	17.5	2.8	15.9	99.4	16.4
44	6225	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.8	Magnussen Syndicate	18.8	3.5	18.4	99.4	17.9
45	5818	Aug/Sept 2018		16.8	Supreme 14	18.8	3.1	15.6	99.3	18.4
46	5743	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.3	Castellon HE	18.4	2.9	15.4	99.4	17.4
47	5953	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	17.5	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.0	3.1	16.0	99.5	17.5
48	5787	Aug/Sept 2018	2.6	15.3	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.1	3.0	17.3	99.6	16.1
49	5851	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	15.9	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.0	3.0	16.0	99.7	17.3
50	5898	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	16.7	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.9	3.2	17.2	99.3	17.5

LOT	Tag No.	D.O.B.	GFW	WEANER Micron	SIRE	CURRENT Micron	SD	CV	CF	SPIN
51	6041	Aug/Sept 2018	2.8	17.3	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.4	2.7	14.6	99.8	17.1
52	5932	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.1	Brilliant Super Syndicate	18.0	3.0	16.0	99.4	17.7
53	5839	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	17.3	Yarrowonga 961	19.0	3.2	16.7	99.5	17.9
54	6256	Aug/Sept 2018			Supreme 14	18.4	3.2	17.4	99.3	17.4
55	5709	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	15.4	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.7	2.9	16.5	99.4	16.7

MAY SHORN FINE WOOL

56	6902	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	20.5	Merryville Giant Syndicate	19.6	3.2	16.1	99.9	18.3
57	6882	Aug/Sept 2018	5.2	19.2	Merryville Giant Syndicate	20.0	3.5	16.8	99.3	19.6
58	6011	Aug/Sept 2018	4.1	18.0	Yarrowonga 961	20.8	3.6	17.2	99.1	19.6
59	256	Aug/Sept 2018	4.5	18.1	Giant Test	18.9	2.9	15.2	99.7	17.9
60	6160	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	17.2	Yarrowonga 961	19.9	3.2	16.0	99.5	18.6
61	5929	Aug/Sept 2018	4.2	18.8	Yarrowonga 961	20.4	2.8	13.7	99.6	18.8
62	6262	Aug/Sept 2018	3.6	18.5	Uniform 42nd	19.5	3.3	16.4	99.6	18.9
63	688	Aug/Sept 2018	2.8	18.7	Merryville EM	19.0	3.4	17.5	99.5	18.6
64	6915	Aug/Sept 2018	3.2	16.8	Merryville Giant Syndicate	17.1	2.8	16.4	99.7	16.0
65	5753	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	16.8	Pemcaw Poll	17.8	2.9	16.1	99.7	16.7
66	6232	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.3	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	18.8	3.1	16.7	99.6	17.7
67	5659	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	17.6	Castellon HE	18.9	3.5	18.1	99.3	18.4
68	6102	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.2	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	18.5	2.7	14.8	99.8	17.2
69	6894	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	17.6	Merryville Giant Syndicate	18.9	3.1	16.3	99.4	17.7
70	6096	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	18.0	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.5	3.1	15.4	99.4	18.8
71	6615	Aug/Sept 2018	3.2	19.5	Pemcaw Poll	19.8	3.6	17.0	99.0	19.7
72	6941	Aug/Sept 2018	4.4	19.3	Merryville Giant Syndicate	18.8	3.2	17.0	99.5	17.7
73	236	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	18.0	Giant Test	19.0	3.1	15.6	99.6	18.6
74	5934	Aug/Sept 2018	3.1	16.3	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.1	3.1	17.2	99.2	17.1
75	6112	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.8	Supreme 14	19.1	2.8	14.3	99.5	18.3
76	6161	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.9	Yarrowonga 961	19.1	3.1	16.4	99.4	18.0
77	6103	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	17.5	Castellon HE	19.2	3.5	17.4	99.4	18.8
78	3935	Aug/Sept 2018	3.1	19.1	Magnussen Syndicate	19.8	3.4	16.6	99.3	19.1
79	6146	Aug/Sept 2018	2.9	15.7	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	17.5	2.8	16.2	99.6	16.4
80	690	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	16.1	Merryville EM	17.5	2.9	16.5	99.7	16.5
81	6207	Aug/Sept 2018	1.8	16.2	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.2	3.0	16.6	99.6	17.1
82	784	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	17.0	Merryville ES	19.6	3.0	15.2	99.3	18.2
83	6107	Aug/Sept 2018	4.5	15.8	Yarrowonga 961	18.3	2.9	15.8	99.7	17.1
84	295	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	18.2	Giant Test	19.5	3.0	14.6	99.3	18.7
85	6807	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	18.1	Magnussen Syndicate	19.8	3.3	16.7	99.3	18.6
86	6210	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	17.1	Supreme 14	19.6	3.1	15.4	99.5	18.7
87	605	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	19.3	Merryville EM	18.2	3.1	17.1	99.6	17.2
88	6255	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	15.7	Pemcaw Poll	17.9	3.0	16.8	99.6	16.8
89	6015	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	17.5	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.4	3.5	17.5	99.3	18.8
90	5864	Aug/Sept 2018	4.2	17.8	Yarrowonga 961	20.2	3.2	15.8	99.2	18.9
91	5563	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	16.2	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	19.4	3.4	17.5	99.5	18.3
92	5521	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	17.0	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.5	3.3	16.7	99.6	18.4
93	733	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	19.1	Uniform 42nd	19.2	3.0	15.2	99.4	18.5
94	216	Aug/Sept 2018	3.7	18.9	Giant Test	19.7	3.3	15.8	99.4	19.2
95	6018	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	16.4	Pemcaw Syndicate	19.5	3.6	17.8	99.4	18.9
96	5790	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	18.2	Merryville ES	19.6	3.5	17.0	99.2	19.2
97	5982	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	18.5	Castellon HE	19.7	3.7	18.3	99.2	19.1
98	5836	Aug/Sept 2018	5.0	16.7	Supreme 14	19.4	3.2	16.3	99.5	18.2
99	6038	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	16.6	Yarrowonga 961	18.2	2.9	16.1	99.6	17.0
100	5710	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	18.0	Pemcaw Syndicate	19.4	3.4	16.8	99.5	19.0
101	6049	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	19.1	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	19.8	3.5	17.0	99.2	19.2
102	6644	Aug/Sept 2018	4.2	18.5	Orrie Cowie Casper	18.3	3.2	17.5	99.4	17.3
103	3917	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	18.3	Magnussen Syndicate	19.5	3.0	15.4	99.4	18.2
104	5884	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.3	Pemcaw Poll	17.7	3.5	19.6	99.5	17.0
105	5657	Aug/Sept 2018	2.1	14.5	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.5	3.1	17.0	99.3	17.4

LOT	Tag No.	D.O.B.	GFW	WEANER Micron	SIRE	CURRENT Micron	SD	CV	CF	SPIN
106	6192	Aug/Sept 2018	3.2	16.0	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.1	2.7	14.6	99.8	16.8
107	5541	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.3	Pemcaw Poll	18.1	3.0	16.0	99.3	17.4
108	775	Aug/Sept 2018	2.8	18.4	Uniform 42nd	17.5	2.8	16.2	99.4	16.4
109	5765	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	15.5	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.8	3.3	18.4	99.4	17.0
110	6199	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	18.2	Yarrowonga 961	21.0	3.3	15.6	99.3	19.6
111	6151	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.8	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.8	3.2	17.2	99.4	17.8
112	5850	Aug/Sept 2018	3.2	17.3	Castellon HE	19.4	3.4	16.9	99.6	18.7
113	6843	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	18.1	Magnussen Syndicate	18.8	3.1	16.3	99.5	17.7
114	5524	Aug/Sept 2018	3.7	17.7	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	19.3	3.7	19.1	98.8	18.5
115	6091	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	15.7	Francesco Ultra Syndicate	18.1	2.8	15.3	99.7	16.9
116	751	Aug/Sept 2018	2.8	18.6	Merryville ES	19.4	3.1	15.5	99.5	18.5
117	6841	Aug/Sept 2018	4.5	17.2	Magnussen Syndicate	19.6	2.6	13.1	99.5	18.0
118	5740	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	19.2	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.8	3.8	18.8	99.2	19.5
119	6812	Aug/Sept 2018	4.1	18.1	Magnussen Syndicate	19.5	3.1	15.6	99.2	18.8
120	5978	Aug/Sept 2018	3.2	17.1	Uniform 42nd	19.4	3.5	17.0	98.9	19.1
121	6061	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	17.6	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.2	3.1	15.5	99.4	18.6
122	5780	Aug/Sept 2018	2.4	16.4	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	19.1	3.3	16.9	99.4	18.6
123	6072	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	18.1	Supreme 14	19.7	3.3	16.0	99.3	19.1
124	6012	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.5	Hamilton Giant Syndicate	19.5	3.7	18.2	99.1	19.3
125	5833	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	15.0	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.3	3.1	17.6	99.4	16.4
126	5711	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	15.0	Brilliant Super Syndicate	17.2	2.6	15.0	99.6	16.0
127	6113	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	16.8	Brilliant Syndicate	19.4	3.4	17.5	99.4	18.4

MAY SHORN FINE/MEDIUM WOOL

128	6790	Aug/Sept 2018	5.0	18.1	Orrie Cowie Casper	19.7	2.8	14.1	99.5	18.2
129	6937	Aug/Sept 2018	4.8	20.2	Merryville Giant Syndicate	19.8	3.2	16.0	99.5	18.9
130	5715	Aug/Sept 2018	5.6	19.4	Yarrowonga 961	20.4	3.1	15.2	99.5	19.0
131	5968	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	18.0	Castellon HE	19.7	3.7	18.0	99.2	19.3
132	5550	Aug/Sept 2018			Pemcaw Poll	20.0	3.5	17.1	99.2	19.3
133	5992	Aug/Sept 2018	3.2	16.5	Magnussen Syndicate	19.4	3.0	15.7	99.6	18.1
134	5713	Aug/Sept 2018	3.6	16.4	Magnussen Syndicate	19.7	3.2	15.7	99.4	18.8
135	759	Aug/Sept 2018	3.8	18.9	Uniform 42nd	19.6	3.8	19.5	98.6	18.8
136	5596	Aug/Sept 2018	4.8	16.6	Brilliant Super Syndicate	19.7	4.1	20.2	98.2	19.8
137	790	Aug/Sept 2018	2.9	18.5	Uniform 42nd	18.6	3.3	17.6	99.2	17.6
138	5542	Aug/Sept 2018	5.0	18.2	Supreme 14	19.5	3.6	17.9	99.2	19.0
139	5519	Aug/Sept 2018	4.0	16.7	Castellon HE	19.8	3.4	17.2	99.3	18.7
140	6642	Aug/Sept 2018	5.0	16.7	Orrie Cowie Casper	18.5	3.1	17.0	99.4	17.4
141	766	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	16.6	Merryville ES	18.5	3.5	18.8	99.3	17.6
142	6723	Aug/Sept 2018	4.9	18.1	Magnussen	20.0	3.7	18.0	98.8	19.6
143	6711	Aug/Sept 2018	4.5	17.9	Magnussen	19.1	2.8	14.8	99.6	17.7
144	6028	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	16.6	Pemcaw Poll	19.3	3.6	18.5	99.7	18.4
145	6708	Aug/Sept 2018	4.5	17.4	Magnussen	19.7	3.4	16.9	99.2	18.9
146	3914	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	19.6	Uniform Syndicate	19.4	3.2	16.4	99.6	18.2
147	222	Aug/Sept 2018	5.0	17.7	Giant Test	18.2	3.1	17.1	99.6	17.2
148	6197	Aug/Sept 2018	5.0	18.4	Grand Monarch Syndicate	19.8	4.1	20.6	97.8	19.5
149	5840	Aug/Sept 2018	2.6	18.5	Castellon HE	19.3	3.6	18.6	99.2	18.5
150	823	Aug/Sept 2018	3.0	18.8	Uniform 42nd	18.5	3.2	17.4	99.4	17.5
151	5702	Aug/Sept 2018	2.5	18.0	Castellon HE	19.8	3.4	17.3	99.3	18.7
152	5593	Aug/Sept 2018	4.4	16.5	Pemcaw Syndicate	19.1	3.1	16.0	99.2	17.9
153	6078	Aug/Sept 2018	2.4	15.2	Grand Monarch 44th Syndicate	18.6	3.2	17.3	99.5	17.6
154	5841	Aug/Sept 2018	4.4	18.0	Yarrowonga 961	20.3	3.0	14.9	99.6	18.8
155	5557	Aug/Sept 2018	3.4	16.7	Merryville ES	19.3	3.3	17.1	99.4	18.2
156	6688	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	16.9	Pemcaw Syndicate	18.6	3.0	16.0	99.5	17.4
157	6634	Aug/Sept 2018	5.5	17.1	Orrie Cowie Casper	17.3	2.8	16.2	99.6	16.2
158	6132	Aug/Sept 2018	3.9	18.9	Pemcaw Syndicate	18.4	3.2	17.3	99.7	17.4
159	646	Aug/Sept 2018	3.5	18.6	Merryville EM	19.3	3.1	16.0	99.3	18.0

Merryville Stud Structure

The Current Breeding Families

STYLE:

All micron tests shown are on full feed.

ULTRA FINE

This type traces back to the original Ravensworth sheep and is about 80 years old. The sheep range from ultrafine (it is not uncommon for some to be tested to 14.0 micron) to 16.5 micron. Pure Saxon wool with style and high spinnability.

Average of Adult Ewes **16.5 mic** **4.5 kg cut/hd**

Sires Used:

Ringmaster Centenary 3rd	16.7 mic	
Goulburn Supreme by Ringmaster Francesco	16.1 mic	Supreme Exhibit at GSSM in 2010
Brilliant Monarch Super		
Ringmaster Ultra 2nd	15.6 mic	
Ringmaster Ultra 3rd	15.2 mic	

SUPER FINE

This type traces back to the original Ravensworth sheep and is about 80 years old. The sheep range from ultrafine (it is not uncommon for some to be tested to 14.0 micron) to 18.5 micron. Pure Saxon wool with style and high spinability

Average of Adult Ewes **17.5 mic** **5.5 kg cut/hd**

Sires Used

Ringmaster Superior 14th	18.4 mic	Grand Champion Superfine Wool Ram Sydney 2017, cut 12.9kg
Merryville Giant Test	17.4 mic	Grand Champion Fine Wool Ram Sydney Royal 2015, cut 16kg wool

FINE

Larger framed, heavier cutting, 66s 70s type, staple length 90mm, white - highly crimped wool, genetic source of the Merryville Commercial Flock and represent about 40% of stud numbers

Average of Adult Ewes **18.5 to 19.0 mic** **6.4 to 7.3 kg cut/hd**

Sires Used

Giant Test	17.4 mic	
EM Supreme Syndicate	18.4 mic	Supreme Exhibit Sydney Royal 2010. Cut 15.6kg, weight 128kg
Big Brilliant Syndicate	18.6 mic	Supreme Fine Wool Ram at Campbell Town Show in 2009, sire of the second top (\$20,000) and third top (\$16,000) price rams at Bendigo 2013
Supreme 14	18.6 mic	
Supreme 14 2nd	17.6 mic	
Brilliant Example Syndicates and fine-testing		Uniform Syndicates of young rams for progeny testing

MEDIUM

Large framed ewes with 64s type wool. Main families are Uniform and Grand Monarch which trace back to Wanganella ram 'Sire Francis' 1929.

Average of Adult Ewes **19.0 mic** **7.4 kg cut/hd**

Sires Used

Grand Monarch 42nd by Grand Monarch 37th	18.9 mic	Not shown, reserved as a 2 tooth. 3rd season.
Uniform 41st	19.4 mic	Reserve Champion Sydney Medium Wool ram 2006
One Oak Magnussen	18.5 mic	Purchased at the One Oak dispersal sale for \$16,000. Reserve Grand Champion Medium Wool Ram Sydney 2013. Heaviest cutter in the Trangie Sire Evaluation Trial.
EM Cas	18.8 mic	Grand Champion Fine/Medium Wool Ram Sydney 2015, cut 16.2kg

MURGHA

The Murgha stud was established with ewes bought from the Murgha dispersal sale pure Wanganella blood. Highly regarded at the time, esteemed studs such as Uardry, Koonawarra and Pemcaw can trace their origins back to the Murgha dispersal sale. The sheep have been joined to Merryville medium types and are like a separate family in the Merryville medium type.

Average of Adult Ewes **19.0 mic** **7.1 kg cut/hd**

Sires Used

Sons of East Mundulla	19.4 mic	East Mundulla by WA Purple (contains Merryville blood) out of a Collinsville Olympic ewe (Merryville background).
One Oak Magnussen	18.5 mic	Purchased at the One Oak dispersal sale for \$16,000. Reserve Grand Champion Medium Wool Ram Sydney 2013. Heaviest cutter in the Trangie Sire Evaluation Trial.

POLL MERINOS

The type and style of the Merryville Poll Merino sheep mirror the Merryville horned types and families

FINE

Average of Adult Ewes **19.0 mic** **6.0 kg cut/hd**

Sire Used

Uniform Poll 14th	17.3 mic	Champion Fine Wool Poll and Grand Champion Poll in Sydney 2019. Second in his Objective Measurement class with a fleece weight of 13.2kg valued at \$254.2
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FINE/MEDIUM

Average of Adult Ewes **19.3 mic** **6.8 kg cut/hd**

Sire Used

Pemcaw Poll	18.7 mic	Purchased at Dubbo 2012 for \$44,000 cut 13.7kg wool, weight 131kg
Merryville Poll ES	18.2 mic	
Yarrawonga 961	17.5 mic	
Terrick West Poll	18.6 mic	Purchased in Adelaide for \$27,000

Merryville Poll Merinos

The Merryville Poll Merino Stud continues to perform at the highest levels.

Merryville was awarded the Most Successful March Shorn Poll Merino Exhibitor in Sydney 2019. "Merryville Bolte" contributed to this success being awarded the Grand Champion Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram and then the Grand Champion Poll Merino Ram. This ram also placed second in the 6 teeth and over Ram Objective Measurement class. His results included a 13.2kg FWT, 17.3 micron fleece valued at \$254.23. The 122kg ram had the 2nd highest fleece value and 3rd highest EMA. Another Merryville Medium Wool Poll Ram had the highest EMA and 4th highest fleece cut of his class.

Merryville Poll Merino Stud exhibited two grand champions in Sydney 2018 with the Grand Champion Superfine Wool Poll Ram earlier judged champion March-shorn and growing 18.4 micron wool with a 2.8 micron SD, 15.2pc CV and 99.8pc CF. In the fine wool poll section Merryville showed Grand Champion and Reserve Champion rams.

At the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show 'Merryville Cas'

was the Grand Champion Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ram. This poll ram went on to win his Objective Measurement class cutting 15.8kg at 18.1 micron. No poll ram has ever cut this sort of weight at this micron.

Merryville Poll Stud's results at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show included the Most Successful Exhibitor in March Shorn Poll Merino Section, Grand Champion Poll Ewe, Grand Champion Fine Wool Poll Ewe, Grand Champion Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ewe and Junior Champion March Shorn Poll Ewe.

In the Objective Measurement class, a Merryville 2 tooth poll ram had the highest eye muscle depth at 40.0 mm, with a fat depth of 3 mm. This ram also had the 2nd highest poll fleece value of the class.

In the Objective Measurement class at the 2015 Sydney Royal Show, Merryville's Junior Champion Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ram placed 3rd with a 19.5 micron fleece. This was the highest yielding and most valuable fleece of the class at 82.1% and \$125.39 respectively.

Merryville is continuing to strengthen the genetics of its Poll Merino Stud.

Performance & Production

Increasingly shows are including Performance Classes in their schedules to give a more objective view of a sheep's value. These Performance Classes use objective measurement for both wool and meat, looking at Frame & Confirmation, Body Weight, Fat Depth, Eye Muscle Depth, Staple Strength, Coefficient of Variation and Fleece Value.

Merryville Stud has proven the profitability of both its rams and ewes in the Objective Measurement Classes at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in recent years.

In 2019 Merryville placed second in the 2 to 4 tooth Ram Objective Measurement class with a 15.5kg FWT, 17.6 micron fleece valued at \$261.51. This ram was the heaviest cutting 17 micron ram, had the highest subjective points and the 3rd highest fleece value in the class. Along with Merryville Bolte's success in the OM class, another Merryville Medium Wool Poll Ram had the highest EMA and 4th highest fleece cut of the class.

In 2017 a Fine/Medium Wool Poll Ram was the winner of the OM 6 tooth & Over Ram class. 'Merryville Cas' cut 15.8kg of 18.1 micron fleece at a yield of 83.5% for a total fleece value of \$277.

The 121kg ram had an eye muscle depth of 32mm.

In the Sydney 2016 Objective Measurement 2 to 4 tooth class, Merryville had the second highest fleece value for 'Merryville 14' (the Supreme Merino Exhibit) with a 15.4kg, 18.5 micron fleece with a yield of 72%. A Merryville 2 tooth poll ram had the highest eye muscle depth at 40.0 mm and a fat depth of 3 mm. This ram also had the 2nd highest poll fleece value of the class.

In Sydney 2015 'Merryville EM Cas' placed 2nd in the Ram 6 tooth and over class with a 125.5kg ram with 18.8 micron wool, a fleece yield of 74.9% and fleece value of \$138.06. A younger poll ram in the 2 to 4 tooth class placed 3rd in his class. With a 19.5 micron fleece this was the highest yielding and most valuable fleece of the class at 82.1% and \$125.39 respectively. In the 2 to 4 tooth Ewe class Merryville secured 2nd place with a 17.7 micron, 12.5kg fleece valued at \$108.23.

Merryville Stud recorded a record wool weight of 18.36kg in the performance class of the 2015 Dubbo Show and Sale. The ram won the class with a micron of 17.8, SD of 2.9, CV of 16.8% and CF of 99.8%. The fleece was valued at \$155.33 and received 160

points from a possible 160 for the fleece value. The eye muscle depth and fat depth also obtained maximum points.

The Objective Measurement Class for Rams 6 tooth and over at Sydney in 2013 was won by a Fine/Medium ram from the Merryville Uniform family during his first showing. This ram weighed 113.5kg after shearing a 12.4kg fleece of 18.1 micron wool yielding 75.2% and valued at \$116.66. The ram's total value was \$409.00 and its eye muscle measured 42mm with a fat depth of 4.2mm. This eye muscle measurement was the highest in the class. Merryville's entry in the Ram 2 to 4 tooth class also had the highest eye muscle measurement of 41mm.

Merryville won the Objective Measurement Class at Dubbo in 2013 with a ram cutting 14.6kg wool with a micron of 17.4 and 139kg body weight. The ram scored a perfect score for his fleece which was valued at \$126.44. This follows on from Merryville's Castellon ram which cut 14.8kg at 19.2 micron in 2012.

In 2012 in the performance classes at Sydney Merryville placed 1st and 3rd with two rams. The prize winning ram was a 4 tooth while Merryville's 6 tooth ram came third. Both rams scored top in their class for eye muscle depth.

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VALE

Trevor Picker

In a tragic accident in June the superfine and ultrafine industry lost a major stalwart in Trevor Picker. Trevor and his family are renown for their dedication to the superfine wool industry and Trevor's death is a great loss. I have been friends with the Picker family all my life and know that the boys will continue Trevor's good work and help to shape the future of superfine wool and the Australian wool clip.



Gordie McMaster

During the year we lost a great friend in Gordie McMaster. I have very fond memories of Gordie throughout our times on the road at various sheep sales and shows. He was probably the most enthusiastic person I have ever met and will be missed by the industry.



Penny judges 2019 'Fleece to Fashion Awards'

Penny recently judged the 2019 Fleece to Fashion Awards alongside one of Australia's most successful designers Akira Isogawa and Scone retailer Acey Firth in Armidale.

The Fleece to Fashion Awards aim to bridge the divide within the Australian wool and fashion industries by fostering relationships between farming and fashion communities. Models showed-off contemporary wool pieces at the glamorous black-tie event which was MC-ed by wool ambassador and TV star Catriona Rowntree.

"I was so honoured to be asked to judge the awards with Acey and Akira, we all brought a different perspective to judging the entries but ultimately all agreed on the winners," Penny said.

Penny and her fellow judges selected university graduate, Madison Hislop as the winner of the top prize, the New England Woolgrowers Supreme Award.

"The awards are a great platform for designers of all abilities to showcase their garments," Penny said.

"We had entries from secondary school students through to established designers and some of the entrants have gone on to win scholarships at overseas design schools.

"Coming from a wool growing background I was so proud to see the amazing designs that could be created with wool, and the innovation in the woollen fabrics available these days is pretty incredible.

"It's such a versatile fibre and performs so well in so many different roles from evening wear through to sportswear and tailored suits to knitwear.

"I think if we can continue to foster young designers who want to work with wool we will help to secure the future of the industry."

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WOOL INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Unfortunately for Australian wool growers, the first few weeks of the new 2019/20 selling season has seen a pretty torrid retraction in wool prices. Coming off the record highs of 2018 it was somewhat expected by most that prices would come back eventually. Disappointingly, in reality wool prices have been dented by influences almost exclusively unrelated to issues specific to the Australian wool market.

The ongoing Sino – USA trade imbalance dispute has caused massive damage to the confidence levels of all global markets affected and the wool markets are no exception. The textile industry in China is the major supplier of the States requirements and the US administration imposition of outrageously high tariffs has certainly negatively affected the prices being able to be paid for raw supply of wool from Australia. It is estimated that around 15% of our production ends up in the USA as a finished product and that is primarily after having been manufactured in China.

Chinese spinners and weavers in particular report that demand going forward is almost impossible to gauge or read. The past two years of the slowdown in the Chinese domestic economy hampers decision making. The US is traditionally used as somewhat of a “dumping ground” to alleviate stocks and unsold textile products

and with the stiff US import tariffs above and beyond 10 to 25% of value, this situation has become totally un-economic. This of course almost brings to a standstill the flow of money that is used to continue purchasing of the raw materials from Australia and other global producing nations.

Other outside and negative influences that continue to stall wool price levels progress include the seemingly unresolved effects of the South African wool ban into China. Withholding periods of 90 days for greasy wool to be shipped and rumoured renegotiations of the original sale prices are effecting the flow of those 40,000 odd bales. The farce that is the move to Brexit from the EU, which is perhaps the most exclusive and voluminous destination for Australian wool, remains a dampener on the European economy. The continuously devaluing of the Chinese RMB (currency) also has a big bearing on the direction of wool price levels.

With global Merino wool supply at such low levels not seen for several decades, it could be somewhat assumed that prices should be heading up. The traditional supply versus demand scenario is often used as a simplistic predictor and convenient cliché, but demand is almost exclusively the predominant driver. This is the case of most commodities.

There is no argument that

since the peak levels of mid 2018 demand has fallen away and to such an extent that our 12% drop in production has failed to arrest the drops so far. Of course coming off the high prices that have been available for the past few years, the magnitude of those falls have been far greater than what the wool industry has become accustomed to. The speed at which the retraction has occurred is also a concern, but sentiment must be restored in order for levels to be found again at which trade can confidently be undertaken.

From a supply point of view, when just some of these influences are resolved and it rains again, the Merino ewe and sheep in general should become a very valuable article. Obviously sheep numbers have been hammered and with meat and lamb prices at such lucrative levels, competition for breeders, particularly of good parentage credentials, will be fierce.

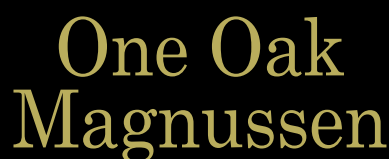
The outlook on the positive side of the price situation is that there is little doubt that several mills around the world are at critical levels of greasy stocks in front of machinery for processing. Any slight improvement in demand will see markets react swiftly and steeply. What triggers this is far beyond any of our local influences, as a raw material producer and exporter who is at the mercy of larger global market forces.

—Scott Carmody

In 2014 we purchased One Oak Magnussen for our Medium, Fine/Medium and Castellon studs because of his heavy cutting ability. Magnussen won the Objective Measurement class in Sydney 2013 where he cut 18.4kg at 18.6 micron and was the heaviest ram at 18 micron that has contested the OM class in Sydney.

He is now showing up in Sire Evaluation trials. At the MerinoLink Trial in Temora in the Merino LifeTime Performance project, at 3yrs his progeny are the top cutters on raw data, top cutters GFW on raw data at 10.7kg.

He is the second top cutter on clean fleece weight at 6.2kg and just point one above average for micron at 18.9.

The logo for 'One Oak Magnussen' features the text in a stylized, serif font. 'One Oak' is in a smaller size above 'Magnussen', which is significantly larger and bolder. The text is white and set against a dark, rectangular background.

His progeny are also the 2nd top for bodyweight at 81.9kg.

In the classers' assessment, he has the most tops for the least culls.

The purchase of Magnussen and his data with the MLP project now allow us to benchmark our own sires to compare other rams within the ASBV system.

The MLP project is proving that these early age results are not repetitive and sheep like One Oak Magnussen will go on cutting extra weight through their lifetime

One Oak Magnussen is now deceased but we have many sire sons to continue on in Magnussen syndicates.