



# MACQUARIE Dohne Stud



Stud Newsletter

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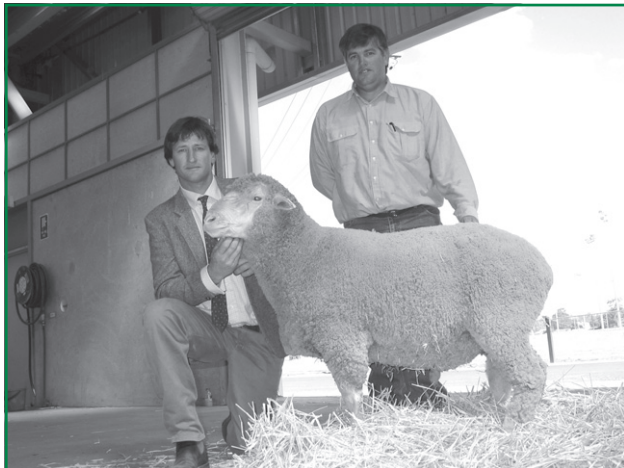
## DUAL PURPOSE BREEDS - A FAD?

Recent publications from heavy weight sheep industry analysts such as Rabobank and Meat and Livestock Australia have pointed to the fact that Dual Purpose Breeds offer the Australian Sheep Industry a very profitable pathway for both individual breeders and the sheep industry as a whole, both now and into the foreseeable future.

In its **Global Focus - Sheep** report, Rabobank makes the point that:

"Profitability of sheep production has improved significantly in recent years after the difficult decade of the 1990's. However, the flock remains delicately balanced, particularly in relation to the availability of the cornerstone of the wool and meat industry - the merino ewe".

"Australian sheep numbers have been in long-term decline, due to sustained low wool prices and a reduction in the relative profitability of wool production compared with other enterprises".



MD 01- 100, 2003 National Sale Topper and the highest priced ram sold at auction in Australia during 2003. Sold to Bob Walters of Middleview Dohne Stud, Dalgety and Stephen and Di Perry of 'Wyndabyne', Warren for \$15,000.

### EBV's For MD01-100

Index	BW%	FW%	FD%	CV%
112.5	2.8	0.5	-0.6	-0.6

### 365 Day Actuals

FD	CV	CF	BW
18.1	15.0	100	80.5

## AUSTRALIA'S NO. 1 "OLYMPUS"



MD 03-681 Currently Australia's No.1 Ranked Sire. For sale at this years National Dohne Sale in Dubbo.

### EBV's for MD03-681

Index	BW%	FW%	FD%	CV%
130.4	8.6	-3.1	-1.6	-1.8

### 300 Day Actuals

FD	CV	CF	BW
18.8	11.1	99.9	82

"The emergence of a professional and profitable prime lamb industry has altered the composition of the flock away from the merino towards meat-based breeds, and **wool has become a by-product of meat production**".

"With higher lamb prices and lower wool prices in the past 18 months, operators have begun to derive a higher proportion of their income receipts from stock turnoff rather than their wool clip. Dual purpose operators are currently in a better position, as they benefit from higher lamb prices and from any gradual recovery in wool returns".

"The Dohne allows merino breeders to continue in a self replacing quality wool enterprise while benefiting from the increased profitability of the sheepmeat industry by way of increased lambing rates, growth rates and carcass value".

### Acknowledgments:

- Rabobank
- Global Focus - Sheep Report
- Hassal and Associates
- Meat and Livestock Australia

**Inspection 9am**

# MACQUARIE

**Sale 1.00pm**

## Inaugural On-Property Production Sale

★ 80 AA & A Rams ★

★ 10 AA & A Ewes ★

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2004

John Nadin 0427 474 610  
Landmark Wilson Russ  
Trevor Wilson 0428 667 561

35kms North/West from Warren on the Carinda Rd

Greg McCann 0427 843 204  
Elders Studstock  
Bevan Jolly 0419 033 202



MD02-196, 2003 Riverina Sale topper. Sold to Tom Holt Coonong Dohne Stud, Urana for \$10,000.

#### EBV's for MD02-196

Index	BW%	FW%	FD%	CV%
109.9	7.8	-0.2	0.16	-1.8

#### MD02-196 365 day actuals

FD	CV	CF	BW
19.0	15.8	99.5	75.0

## MACQUARIE CLIENT SUCCESSES

After receiving prime lamb rates over the hook in recent years, the Dohne is now recognised by meat buyers and agents alike as a leading prime lamb breed and is commanding premium prices in the saleyards throughout NSW.

Following are some sale results from clients of Macquarie Dohnes:

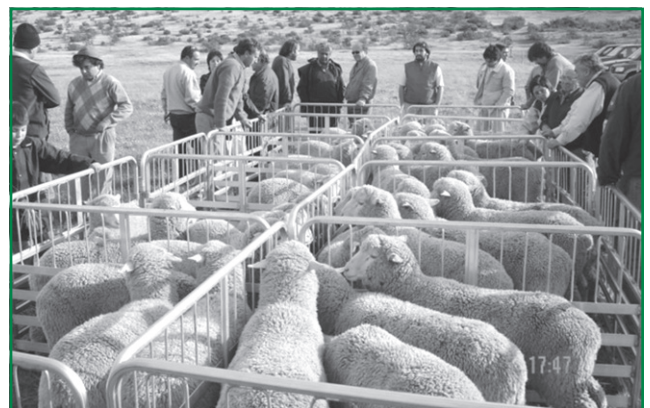
- Alex Druce of 'Paringa', Warren topped the Dubbo Prime Lamb Market on the 21st June, 2004 with 11 and 12 month old F1 wether lambs, selling for \$155 per head or c. 478c/kg dressed. These lambs were **all sired by Macquarie rams**.
- The Cosgrove family of 'Mylone', Warren sold 11 month old F1 and F2 lambs for \$140.50 per head. These lambs were estimated to weigh 58.5kg live.
- Bill and Margie Pye of 'Calga', Coonamble sold 8/9 month old lambs for \$117 per head. These lambs were estimated to weigh 23kg dressed.
- Barry and Veronica Beach of 'Yarrandale', Warren sold a draft of F1 wethers that had experienced an extremely tough start for \$135 per head.
- Rose Hill Pastoral Co., Gurley sold 11 month F1 and F2 wethers for \$138. These lambs were weighed onto Currawong grazing wheat and weighed off after 26 days. The F2 lambs put on up to 500grms per head per day with the average for both F1 and F2 lambs being 430 grams per head per day.
- Grant and Ron Masters of 'Fernleigh', Spicers Creek sold F1 wether lambs (estimated 52kg live) for \$128.
- Carinya Pastoral Co., Ballimore sold 180 2y.o F1 ewes off shears in November 2003 for \$147.50 per head.

## DOHNE FERTILITY

- Bill and Margie Pye of 'Calga', Coonamble joined 2004 merino ewes on the 1st October 2003 to 1% Dohne rams for 6 weeks. These ewes were scanned in early January 2004 resulting in 193 dry ewes or 9.6%. 1609 ewes had 100% lambs weaned off them during the first week in September 2003. Some of these rams were under 12 months of age.
- Chris Carrigan of 'Welbon', Garah had CFA ewes rear 118% lambs during the drought in 2003. Chris has sourced top quality AA and A rams, mostly at auction. Chris equated the number and cost of rams to lambs weaned over a conservative 4 year working life of a ram. The cost per lamb weaned was under \$4 per head.
- Kim and Wendy Muffet of 'Taroona', Wirringa joined F1 ewes at 10 months of age for an 87% conception.
- Alex Druce of 'Paringa', Warren joined at 1% and marked 94% lambs in 2004. These ewes were joined during the heat wave in February.
- David and Virginia Taylor of 'Glenidyl', Coonamble joined at just over 1% in November 2003 and marked 105%.

**NB.** Whilst many people are joining rams at 1% it must be realised that at this rate there is little back up if 1 or more rams are "off" during the joining period. 1% is sufficient if the seasonal conditions are favourable and if pre-joining ram and ewe management is appropriate. The principals of Macquarie Dohne Stud recommend joining at 1.5% to cover any potential problems during joining.

## MACQUARIE GENETICS IN CHILE



This photo of F1 weaners was taken on the 4th of April this year. Quote:

"The growth of the lambs was very good and they have adapted to the climate without problems".

Hugo Vera  
Chile

## MACQUARIE RAMS

Top price at:

★ Dubbo National ★ Riverina  
★ Bendigo ★ Hamilton

Multi Vendor Dohne Sales 03/04

## MACQUARIE SALE HIGHLIGHTS

### 2003 National Sale - Dubbo

- \$15,000 top priced ram, MD01-100, purchased by syndicate of Bob Walters, Middleview Dohne Stud, Dalgety and Stephen and Di Perry of 'Wyndabyne', Warren. This was the highest priced ram sold at auction in Australia in 2003.
- Australian Dohne Assessor James Koster selected for volume buyers Michael, Dennis and Gerard O'Brien purchasing 23 rams for an average of \$3,935.
- 79 rams averaged \$4,254 with a 100% clearance.

### 2003 Riverina Sale - Hay

- \$10,000 top priced ram, 02-196, purchased by Tom Holt, Coonong Dohne Stud, Urana.
- Mark and Meranda Winning 'Mona', Bollon QLD purchased 3 rams for \$3,666 average.
- 16 rams averaged \$3,852 with a 100% clearance.

### 2004 Macquarie Autumn Inaugural Invitational Sale

- Macquarie sold 14 pure-bred ewes to \$2,500 and averaged \$1,714. Australian Dohne Assessor Alan Clarke acted on behalf of volume buyer Hugh Miller of Warrego Estates, Cunnamulla who secured 9 ewes for an average of \$1,722.

### 2004 Bendigo Ram Sale

Bendigo was the host for the first Dohne rams to be auctioned at a multi-vendor sale in Victoria.

- \$3500 top price ram, AA MD03-614, sold to David Mitchell of Bairnsdale. MD03-614 is a son of MD01-31, record top priced ram at the 2002 National Dohne Sale.
- Highest average price of \$2,700 with a 100% clearance.

### 2004 Hamilton Ram Sale

- \$3,500 top price ram, AA MD03-696, sold to Brian Glassel, Tooleran Vale, VIC.
- Highest average price of \$2,700 with a 100% clearance.
- Volume buyers were Eric and Sylvia Yeo, 'Wethervale' Dunedoo securing 4 rams for a \$2,500 average.

## SEMEN SALES

**MD01-100** Bob Walters 02 6456 6744

**MD02-196** Tom Holt 02 6920 8002

All other semen enquiries:  
Greg McCann 0427 843 204

## 2004 SALE RAMS

Macquarie sale rams are grown out under natural grazing conditions. No irrigation or forced feeding has taken place. Whilst rams may be finished prior to sale, we are aiming to breed an animal capable of reaching its genetic potential under natural conditions.

Once again this year's sale rams have gone through a torrid time, being hand fed through the drought from weaning in November to June this year. However, despite this we are happy with their type, conformation, growth' and wool quality.

This year's sale rams have an average micron of 18.1, average C.V of 17.7 and an average C.F of 99.

Flock rams will be available for private treaty from Monday 1st November 2004.

**Preference is given to those clients who don't fill their ram requirements at the upcoming auction sales and then on a 'first in, first served' basis.**

## GENETIC DIVERSITY

The principals of Macquarie are conscious of the importance of genetic diversity, especially when large scale embryo transfer programs are used.

In 2003 Macquarie purchased 3 sires and used 11 sires for joining in 2004.

An extensive embryo transfer program and A.I, earlier this year, will result in 1300 lambs being born this year.

## INFORMATION DAYS

Macquarie, in conjunction with associated studs and commercial flocks, will be conducting a series of information days throughout NSW and QLD.

At each day, there will be a keynote speaker as well as a cross section of stud and commercial sheep.

### September 2004

- 10th - 'Calga' Coonamble 10.00am-2.00pm
- 16th - 'Welbon' Garah 11.00am-3.00pm
- 17th - Inverell Showground 10.00am-2.00pm
- 24th - 'Taroona' Warrinya 10.00am-2.00pm
- 28th - 'Corroboree' Cudal 10.00am-2.00pm
- 29th - 'Tongi' Cassilis 10.00am-2.00pm

### October 2004

- 5th - 'Cryon Station' Cryon 10.00am-2.00pm

### December 2004

- Monaro - Date to be advised

For further information regarding these days contact:  
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## - Sale Calendar 2004 -

### National Ram Sale Preview Day

Friday, 8th October 10am-2pm, Warren

### 4th National Dohne Sale

Monday, 18th October 9am-1pm,  
Dubbo Showgrounds

- 40 Specially Selected AA and A Rams

### 3rd Riverina Dohne Sale

Friday, 22nd October 9am-1pm  
'Uardry', Hay

- 15 Specially Selected AA and A Rams

### Inaugural On-Property Production Sale

Friday, 29th October 9am-1pm

- 80 Specially selected AA and A rams

- 10 Specially selected AA and A ewes

### Private Ram Selections

Monday, 1st November by appointment,  
Warren

### Inaugural Monaro Invitation Sale

February 2005 (Date to be advised)

## MACQUARIE DOHNE STUD OFFERS

- Genetic Diversity
- Large Selection
- Veterinary Expertise
- Liaison with meat processors
- Promotion of daughter studs and flock clients products.
- Professional classing, management and breeding consultancy.

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**MACQUARIE** is your gateway to one of the largest and most genetically diverse Dohne Studs in Australia.

We have for sale throughout the year:

- Semen
- Chilled Embryos
- Pure-bred unjoined stud ewes
- AI Packages
- Pregnant Recipients
- Pure-bred pregnant stud ewes
- Frozen Embryos