



Newsletter

Volume 13

Over 200 rams going to auction in 2014.

The lamb & mutton market has once again surpassed all agriculture commodities. With China entering the market & South East Asia looking promising consistency in price looks like continuing. Identifying the key profit drivers is the key to a successful & profitable sheep operation. The dohne is the only sheep breed that ticks all the boxes.

Profit Driver	Dohne	Merino	XB.	Composite
Fertility	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fecundity	✓	x	✓	✓
Growth Rate	✓	x	✓	✓
Quality Wool	✓	✓	x	x

Around the Traps in NSW

On a recent client run in northern NSW the quality of the now F3, F4 & F5 hogget ewes is unsurpassed. In fact one flock I saw was equal to the best line of commercial hogget ewes I have ever seen.

The hype throughout the industry over the last 12 months from some quarters has been 'we need to cut more wool'.

As Cameron McMaster (Former South African Dohne Breed Manager for 30 yrs) said, 'Once you put too much wool on a sheep you sacrifice those traits which set the dohne apart from the merino.....fertility, fecundity & doing ability'. Quality wool is paramount but not to the detriment of these profit driving traits. A kg of wool will only give approx \$6 in a producer's pocket.

One commercial producer in the north said that his F3/4 Dohnes are cutting about 1/2 kg of wool less than his Merinos but is consistently marking 30% more lambs. The figures speak for themselves.

Justin, Dennis & Sam O'Brien, Cryon Station Walgett
February 2014 with Classer James Koster



Upcoming Events

11th On Property Ram Sale

Warren, NSW



150 Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

Riverina Performance

Ram Sale

Hay, NSW



50 Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

SDBG Victorian Invitation Sale

Ballarat, VIC



12 Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

SDBG Tasmanian Invitation Sale

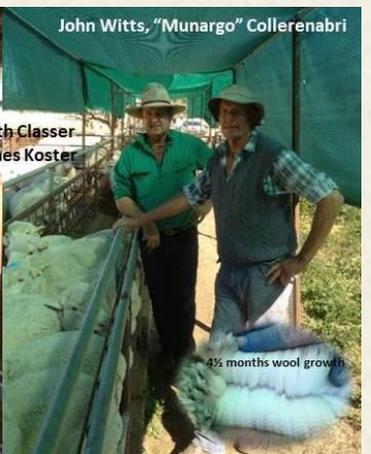
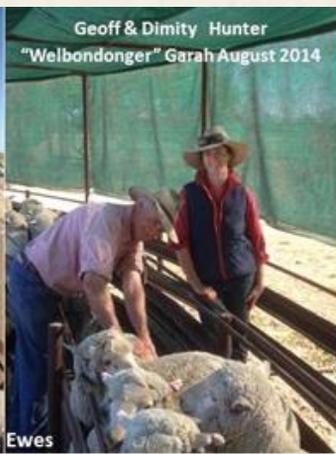
Campbell Town, TAS



12 Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm



Tasmania

Macquarie Dohnes have performed exceptionally well in the harsh conditions of Tasmania. Macquarie's type....width, depth & well nourished wools have held them in good stead.



Tim's Macquarie rams play an integral role in Tim and Mandy's composite sheep operation.

AGENTS

Clemson Hiscox & Co Pty Ltd
Walgett, NSW
Chris Clemson (02) 6828 7222

Landmark
Dubbo, NSW
John Settree 0408 297 368

Brad Wilson 0417 467 911

Hay, NSW
Geoff McDougall 0428 105 533

Albury, NSW
Kevin Norris 0419 482 151

Melbourne, VIC
Andrew Sloan 0428 522 204

Murray Bridge, SA
Gordon Wood 0408 813 215

Elders Limited
Dubbo, NSW
Scott Thrift 0417 660 260

Hay, NSW
Bill Haygarth 0408 629 255

Bendigo, VIC
Will Daley 0488 929 026

Hamilton, VIC
Ross Milne 0408 057 558

Naracoorte, SA
Leigh Allen 0408 838 668

Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo

For the third year in a row & unsurpassed, Macquarie won the champion dohne fleece. The fleece was off a Majestic special stud ewe & cut 6.4kg (skirted), 21.4 micron and a 99.4% comfort factor.

Since exhibiting Macquarie has won the champion fleece 5 times, reserve champion 3 times, champion dual purpose fleece once.....all in 8 showings.



Australian Dohne Breeders Association (ADBA).

As vice president of the ADBA I feel it imperative to keep clients up to speed with association matters.

1- Past ADBA councils have been bogged down with stud breeder's issues. The current ADBA council's objective is to promote the commercial dohne

2- Council is looking to employ a Publicity Officer.

The Publicity Officer will be responsible for liaising with processors, wool buyers and industry bodies to ensure maximum returns for commercial dohne producers.

Ram selling season is fast approaching.

Macquarie finished the season selling 455 breeding rams into all sheep producing states. This would make us possibly the largest registered dohne ram seller in the country.

We will have approximately 600 rams for sale this season.

The top 30% of our rams will be going to auction at;
On Property Production Sale, Warren - 24th Sept – 150 rams
Riverina Sale, Hay NSW – 14th Oct – 50 rams
Vic ram sale, Ballarat Vic – 27th Oct – 12 rams
Tasmanian Ram Sale, Campbell Town – 30th Oct – 12 rams

Thank you to all clients and agents for your continued support and we look forward to catching up over the next few months.

Regards John Nadin

AGENTS

AWN

Mudgee, NSW

Brett Cooper 0407 136 129

Hamilton, VIC

Dale Bruns 0458 899 918

Kings Meadows, TAS

Brett Cox 0419 528 205

Roberts Ltd

Evandale, TAS

Andrew Calvert 0418 130 155

Damian Meaburn 0419 970 009

CLASSERS

James Koster 0427 546 873

Bill Mildren 0427 243 221

Michael Elmes 0429 847 552

Andrew Calvert 0418 130 155

Chris Bowman 0429 935 101

CONTACT DETAILS

MACQUARIE OFFICE

Tanya Barton

Ph: (02) 6026 2393

Fax: (02) 6026 2110

JOHN NADIN 0427 474 610

GREG McCANN 0427 0427 843





www.dohnes.com.au