

Macquarie Dohne Stud



Newsletter

Volume 15

2014 Sale Wrap

Thank you to all buyers and under bidders for your support throughout 2014. In the breakdown, Macquarie sold 180 rams at auction from 194 offered for a 93% clearance.

Rams topped at \$4 400 and averaged \$1 653.

Rams were offered at Hamilton (VIC), On Property, Hay (NSW), Ballarat (VIC) and Campbell Town (TAS).

2014 On Property Ram Sale



Photo courtesy of The Land

Brad Wilson Landmark Stud Stock Dubbo; John Nadin Macquarie Dohne Stud and his daughter Grace; buyers of the top priced ram Dianne & Stephen Perry, "Wyndabyne" Warren; Ash McGilchrist Landmark Warren; Auctioneer Paul Dooley, Tamworth and Macquarie Co-Principal Greg McCann.

200 Grade Rams

Available for Private Treat

Free delivery to most areas.

2015 Calendar

JULY

Australian Sheep & Wool Show

Friday 17th to the Sunday 19th July

Bendigo Showground,
Bendigo VIC
Dohne Sheep on Display

AUGUST

Hamilton Sheepvention
3rd & 4th August

Hamilton Showgrounds,
Hamilton VIC
10 Dohne Rams



Photo courtesy of
The Land

Brad Wilson, Macquarie Dohne Stud Stock Classer James Koster, who purchased the second-top priced ram on behalf of DD Dohnes, Moama, with Ross Thompson, Macquarie Dohnes and James and John Nadin.

Riverina Performance Ram Sale



Photo courtesy of The
Land

Chris Bowman, John and Will Nadin. Chris Bowman purchased 8 rams for new Macquarie client Mark Kearine "Euabalong Station" Euabalong NSW.

SDBG Tasmanian Invitation Sale



Photo courtesy of the Stock & Land

The top price of \$1 900 was paid by Russell Fowler, 'Bendeveron', Bothwell TAS for a Macquarie ram.

Genetics

Stud ewe classing has been completed. 800 special stud ewes will be naturally mated and 800 single stud ewes have been set aside to Artificially Inseminate (AI) to our leading stud sires. These include 13-7021(Twin).



Photo courtesy of Brad
Wilson, Landmark Dubbo

'Empire 5th' 13-7021 elite fleece at 4 months growth

SEPTEMBER

On Property Ram Sale

23rd September

Macquarie Dohne Stud
Warren, NSW

2 Stud Sires

160 Dohne Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

OCTOBER

Riverina Performance Ram Sale

8th October

Shear Outback,
Hay NSW

30 Dohne Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

SDBG Victorian Invitation Sale

26th October

Ballarat Showgrounds,
Ballarat, VIC

3 Stud Sire

10 Dohne Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

SDBG Tasmanian Invitation Sale

29th October

Campbell Town
Showgrounds,
Campbell Town, TAS

16 Dohne Rams

Inspection 10am

Sale 1pm

An exciting young *Empire* family sire out of an *Ace* special stud ewe 13-7021 will be AI'd to 400 ewes. *Ace* 09-2430 (Twin) sire has bred well and will also be used. 2430's grandsire is MD01-100, who sold for \$15 000 at the 2002 National sale.

Macquarie purchased the top priced dohne ram in Australia this season for \$8 000 from Ian & Steph Longmuir, Mollerin Rock Dohne Stud WA.

MR13-0022 ('*Longy*') is a true to type, long bodied sire with excellent structure. '*Longy*' has an Index of 141.7 and

ASBV's - BW 6.1, CFW 9.1, Fat 0.2 & FD -0.6.

Longy's great great grandsire is Macquarie's \$20 000 sire MD *Olympus* 03-681.

Longy will also be used in our upcoming AI program.



Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly

Mollerin Rock Principals Carly, Ian & Steph Longmuir with Nathan King, ADBA classer WA.

Council Matters.

Council recently held a two day face to face meeting in Melbourne.

Guest speakers included Barry Hutton, Riverlea Feedlot; Bruce Peat, Riverside Meats & Andrew Jackson, United Wool. Council heard very interesting talks from businesses which realise the value of Dohnes in their enterprise.

Bruce Barnes-Webb, Graham Coddington & I form the national sub-committee for dohne carcass promotion. We are in the process of organising meetings with major processors, retailers & wholesalers throughout Australia. Before this is possible we need carcass feedback pertaining to saleable meat yield, fat depth and eye muscle area. If you have lambs being processed in the upcoming months, please ask for this data to be collected & have it forwarded to either Bruce, Graham or me.

A meeting is currently being organised with Thomas Foods. Our aim is to not only promote the dohne but to receive feedback from the processors that can help ensure that commercial dohne breeders receive the value their Dohnes deserve.

As mentioned previously, a Quality Assurance Certificate & commercial membership package are in the process of being finalised. We are now waiting on processor feedback before issuing.

Dohnes Holding Their Own.

Over the last two decades, the Australian sheep industry has changed from a wool oriented industry (1991-92 gross value of production from wool was \$2.98 billion and from sheep and lambs was \$0.46 billion) to a dual product industry (2011-12 GVAP for wool of \$2.73 billion and for sheep and lambs of \$2.90 billion). The increased emphasis on lamb production has driven an increase in the breeding ewe proportion of the flock and a rise in the importance of reproductive performance.

Data for 2010-11 and 2011-12 from ABS and MLA/AWI sheep meat and wool surveys estimated:

- Average marking rate for pure-bred Merino lambs – 80%
- Average marking rate for Merino cross-bred lambs – 88%
- Average marking rate for other breed lambs – 98% (excludes Merino and first-cross Merino lambs).

Averaged across the five collection periods (2005-06, 2006-07, 2008-09, 2010-11 and 2011-12), and for all breeds of lamb produced:

- 38% of all breeding ewes were on farms that have a marking rate of less than 80%, and
- 6% of all breeding ewes were on farms that have a marking rate of over 120%.

Averaged across 2010-11 and 2011-12:

- 43% of Merino ewes mated to Merino rams were on farms with purebred Merino lamb marking rates of less than 80%.
- 2% of Merino ewes mated to Merino rams were on farms with purebred Merino lamb marking rates over 120%.

Average marking rate (per cent) by state and year. Based on ABS customised report,

STATE	YEARS						
	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
NSW*	79	79	85	90	90	81	82
QLD	66	60	73	70	65	68	64
SA	84	88	88	96	95	89	89
TAS	84	86	85	94	95	83	83
VIC	87	87	90	92	94	75	81
WA	83	75	80	83	85	81	84
Australia	82	80	85	89	90	80	82

Australian wool production per head

1991/92 - 4.4 kg

2013/14 - 4.4 kg

Highest during the period 1991-2014 **4.7 kg** (2001/02)

Lowest during this period was **4.2 kg** (2006/07)

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The dohne outperforms in both areas.....fertility & wool cut.

Unfortunately information from other key areas of the Dohne's performance isn't collected.....

doing ability, fecundity, growth rates, fat depth & distribution & meat yield.

From the past

Sydney rams sale 1960.



Photo courtesy of Bob Berry, Dubbo

Third from the left John Nadin Snr. Fourth from the right John Coy and first from the right Owen Capper. All young sheep classers with Winchcombe Carsens.

How times have changed.....this sale went for three days!

Once again thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year. May the heavens open up, especially in those areas devastated by drought.

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