

Macquarie Dohne Stud

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Lamb demand set to continue

The Australian lamb industry continued its strong run in 2006 driven by international demand for Australian product.

With increasing concerns over animal disease and food safety in the global meat trade, demand for a clean and green, free range animal protein alternative like lamb has grown substantially. Australia is one of only two serious suppliers of lamb to the world market, along with New Zealand.

With the increased grain finishing in lamb feedlots, many more lambs hit the market through winter, and so prices were unable to achieve the extreme highs of 2004. However this provided a far more stable market throughout 2005/06, with production remaining strong through the winter. A direct result was a substantial lift in exports, jumping an estimated 28% in volume and around 20% in value.

The 2005/06 drought will have a lingering effect on production in 2007 ensuring supply will struggle to outstrip demand. High quality lamb remains a niche product in the global market.

With BSE and to a lesser extent Avian influenza still disrupting trade in beef, poultry and pork meat as well as consumer attitudes to the product, lamb remains the only animal protein product untainted by these problems.



MD04-1440, \$15 000 highest priced Dohne ram ever sold in Victoria at the 2006 Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo to Craig and Janet Robertson Havelock Park Dohne Stud Stratford, Victoria.

The domestic market remains the largest market for lamb and is again expected to perform well in 2007. In terms of exports the lamb industry has a significant advantage over beef. The Australian lamb industry has a large number of significant and well differentiated markets. While 80% of Australia's beef exports are destined for Japan or the USA, Australia's nine largest lamb markets account for 72% of total exports.

With strong and growing exports to markets like Japan, the UK, China, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and many others, Australia's lamb industry is well positioned for export growth as production increases in coming years.

The US market continues to be our major export sector and is by far the largest market both in terms of volume, aggregate and unit values. These current trends look like continuing with the demand for Australian lamb set to remain buoyant.

Acknowledgement - Rabobank

Inspection 9am

Macquarie

Sale 1pm

3rd Annual On-Property Ram Sale

130 AA & A Rams

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Monday 16th October 2006

35kms North/West from Warren on the Carinda Rd

Elders Stud Stock
Bevan Jolly 0419 033 202
Bill Mildren 0427 243 221

Landmark/Landmark Wilson Russ
Trevor Wilson 0428 667 561
David Hart 0407 780 722

Stud History

Macquarie Dohne Stud was registered in 1999 with a 50% share of the first Dohne embryos imported into eastern Australia. Since then, large scale embryo transfer programmes have enabled Macquarie to become one of the largest and most genetically diverse Dohne studs in Australia with 1200 registered pure-bred stud breeding ewes. Macquarie sold 400 rams in 2005 to all eastern states of Australia from Tasmania to Hughenden in QLD.

Macquarie genetics have influenced major Dohne studs in NSW, Victoria and Western Australia through semen, ram and embryo sales. Macquarie has over 500 rams for sale in 2006 giving clients a large and diverse selection. Macquarie has undoubtedly the most successful sale history of any Dohne stud in Australia.

- **Top priced ram at the National Sale 4 years in a row (02-05).**
- **Australian record at auction twice \$16,000- 2003 and 20,000- 2004.**
- **Highest Australian average price National Sale 2002.**
- **Highest average on-property sale eastern Australia 2004.**
- **Top price and highest average at Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show (04,05), Hamilton Sheepvention (04,06), Inaugural Eastern Riverina (05) and the Inaugural Victorian ram sale (05).**
- **Top price of \$10 000 Riverina sale 2003**
- **Victorian record price of \$15 000 Bendigo Sheep & Wool Show 2006**

Macquarie exhibited the overall champion pen of Dohne x lambs (F3's) at the 2006 Southern Meats Hook Competition with an average dressed weight of 28.7kg and an average yield of 50.2%. These lambs were 8 months old and had received no grain supplement.

Client Results 2006

- Tom Lowe 'Back Creek' Wyalong rings the bell this year with the sale of 1450 F1 & F2 wether & cull ewe lambs for a top of \$112 and an average \$106.
Tom joined F1's at 10 months for a 79% conception.
- Alex Druce 'Paringa' Warren sold 1000 F1 and F2 lambs for a top of \$107 and an average of \$96.
Alex joined 2000 ewes (majority F1 & F2's) @ 1 1/4% and marked 2160 lambs.
- Dennis, Trish and Tim O'Brien 'Cryon Stn' Cryon sold F1 lambs to Country Fresh Tamworth for 3.30 c/kg to average \$94. These lambs yielded 53%.
- Chris Carrigan 'Welbon' Garah sold F1 wether lambs for \$100.22
- Eric & Sylvia Yeo 'WattleVale' Dunedoo sold F1 lambs to Country Fresh Tamworth for \$105
- Kim & Wendy Muffet 'Taroona' Wirrinya joined 12 month old F1 ewes that pregnancy scanned 91% wet.
- Tom Holt 'Coonong' Urana joined 6000 merino ewes at 1% and marked 100% lambs.
- Geoff & Lynn Hunter 'Welbondonga' Garah marked 117% F1 lambs.
- James Searle 'Tomberua' Coonamble sold classed out F1 and merino ewes over the hook to Fletchers International. The F1 ewes had an average dressed weight of 28.2kg whilst the merinos averaged 21.7kg.

Wanting to become a member of the Australian Dohne Breeders Association?

Receive information on the goings on within the peak body and have your say for \$35 p.a
Contact the association's secretary
Rob Martin 08 8210 5230
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Comparison

The following is an email sent through from Macquarie client Grant Colwell. Last year was Grant's first experience with the Dohne purchasing store F1 wether lambs from Mark and Sue Evans, Walgett and rams at our on-property sale.

"I had had very limited experience with Dohne lambs and found that when I sent a mixed load of lambs to the local market (dohne x, dorset x, texel x) the dorset and texel cross consistently outperformed the dohne by \$5. This isn't to say that the crossbreds are a better article. I put it down to looks. The crossbreds are rounded and appear fatter while the dohne is taller, leaner and not so rounded but are about the same weight if not heavier. Over the hook however is a different story all together. The dohnes are leaner and don't attract a discount for high fat depth. The dohnes also yielded 1-2% better than the crossbreds. Due to the extra yield, extra weight and leanness I have consistently seen the dohne come back with greater returns (\$10) than the crossbreds over the hook.

Another advantage is the skin value over the hook. I have received up to \$9 per skin. The wool value is also positive for the dohne. My dohne lambs averaged 19.6 micron and realised 450c/kg. The crossbred lambs ranged from 23.3 to 28.7 micron and realised 182-220c/kg".

Classing/Assessing

For flock/stud classing/consulting we recommend the following Australian Dohne Breeders Association accredited classers/assessors.

**Northern NSW/QLD
James Koster
0427 546 873**

**Southern NSW/VIC
Jason Southwell
0429 039 521**

Genetic Sales

**Semen/Embryos/Pregnant
Recipients/Stud Ewes**

Contact Greg McCann 0427 843 204

Macquarie Sale Highlights

Winter 06

Australian Sheep and Wool Show – Bendigo

- Private sale of stud sire MD04-1440 for \$15 000 to Craig and Janet Robertson Havelock Park Dohne Stud Stratford, Victoria.
- Private sale of MD05-8169 to David and Glenda Mitchell 'Murragama' Bairnsdale, Victoria.

Hamilton Sheepvention

- Top price Dohne of \$3 000 to Ian and Di Nicholas Benambra, Victoria.
- 8 rams sold for the highest Dohne average of \$2035

Inaugural Longreach Ram Sale

Macquarie and Uardry held the inaugural Longreach ram sale in August this year. This was the first ever auction of Dohne's in Queensland and was a great success. 58 rams were offered and sold for an average of \$1197. Uardry topped the sale at \$2000. Volume Macquarie buyer was John Delahunty 'Bundella', Hughenden who purchased 10 rams for an average of \$1218.



Greg & John in Chile with Macquarie clients Hugo & Tatiana Vera Vera St Josephina Stud Punta Arenas, Chile.

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- Spring 2006 Sale Calendar -

6th National Dohne Sale

Monday 18th October, Dubbo Showground

9am inspection – 1pm sale

- 3 2 y.o Stud Sires
- 2 1 y.o Stud rams
- 3 Specially selected 1 y.o rams

3rd Annual On-Property Ram Sale

Monday 16th October, Macquarie Dohne Stud, Warren.

9am inspection – 1pm sale

- 130 selected AA & A rams

2nd Annual Eastern Riverina Dohne Ram Sale

Friday 20th October, Wagga Wagga Showground

9am inspection – 1pm sale

- 15 selected AA & A rams

Inaugural South Eastern Dohne Breeders Sale

Wednesday 25th October, Naracoorte Showground

9am inspection – 1pm sale

- 25 selected AA & A rams

2nd Victorian Dohne Sale

Friday 27th October, Bendigo Showground.

9am inspection – 1pm sale

15 Specially selected AA rams.

Private Ram Selections

Commence Monday 30th October, by appointment.

- 260 flock rams in 2 grades.

Auction rams can be viewed anytime by appointment.

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