

Macquarie Dohne Stud

Newsletter

September 2019

I'm looking forward to the day when I can write reporting on what a great season and stable wool market we have !

Unfortunately through, the devastating drought continues through the majority of NSW, QLD and SA, having an extreme impact on farmers, associated businesses and country towns.

However, these adverse conditions have proven how resilient the Dohne is in maintaining condition and rearing lambs. This 'doing ability' is reflected in our stud ewe wool test results from May 2019. Macquarie's non mulesed AAAM line with 8 months drought affected growth averaged:

FD	VM	YLD	SL	SS	CV	CLN cents
20.3	0.7	65.5	76	56	11	2,275

Mulesing has been an industry hot topic for sometime now with global pressure mounting. Macquarie ceased mulesing in 2004. The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers reported in February 2019 that for the first 6 months of the 2018-19 selling season , non-mulesed 20 micron wool sold for an extra 53c/kg.

The stars have been aligned with demand exceeding supply leading to record lamb and mutton prices along with low interest rates. Unfortunately the wool market has once again shown its instability with the EMI dropping 363c per kg over the last three weeks (at the time of writing). The EMI on August 29 , 2019 , closed at 1375. On August 30 , 2018 , it closed at 2090.

The decimation of the breeding flock due to drought hasn't deterred us from putting resources into our genetic progress. Over 1000 stud ewes were AI'd and 400 embryos implanted to our leading sires and dams this year.

As testimony to our breeding philosophy, Macquarie was once again successful at the **Australian Sheep & Wool Show** in July, taking out:

- **NSW Champion Ram**
- **NSW Champion Pair**
- **Reserve Grand Champion Pair**
- **Best 3 Fleeces (^ 81 mm)** (For the second year in a row)
- **Best individual fleece (^ 81 mm)** (For the second year in a row)
- **Most Successful Exhibitor**

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2019 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

**16th Annual
Production Sale**

23rd September

Macquarie
Ram Depot,
Ballimore NSW

**110 Specially
Selected Rams**



Chris Clemson
0428 287 222

Auctioneer

Paul Dooley
0458 662 646

OCTOBER

**15th Annual
Victorian Ram Sale**

31st October

Ballarat
Showgrounds,
Ballarat VIC

**30 Specially
Selected Rams**



Jenni O'Sullivan
0428 222 080

Australian Sheep and Wool Show



John Nadin holding NSW Champion Ram Macquarie MD174684.



Associate Judge Tegan Falkner - Elders, Mt Gambier SA, Event Sponsors Anthony Shepherd - Sheepp matters, Cootamundra NSW, John Nadin and Judge Charlotte Treloar.- Elders, Broken Hill NSW.

Our success is not only evidence at stud level ... our clients have been receiving premiums for their surplus sheep sales, in particular, through Auctions Plus. This can be attributed to good genetics, good management, good classing and good agents.

There are too many top results over the last 12 months to print, but some recent highlights worthy of mention are:

- AH & NA Evans NSW : store wether lambs \$140 / 518.5 c/kg live
- DP O'Brien NSW : store wether lambs \$137 / 411 c/kg live
- O'Brien Brigalows NSW : store wether lambs \$136 / 411 c/kg live
- JG & BA Witts NSW : store wether lambs \$100 / 452 c/kg live

As most of our clientele have been severely affected by the drought, we are going to offer approximately 110 rams at our annual production sale on September 23 and increase our numbers to 30 at the Ballarat sale on October 31.

Once the rams are lotted, the catalogue will be emailed to clients and available on our website www.dohnes.com.au.

Rams purchased from the sale are welcome to stay with us until such time as that they are required. They will be shorn and maintained in working condition.

Grade rams will be available for selection after our production sale in three grades, \$1200, \$900 and \$600.

As has always been the case, we will provide free delivery of rams to most areas.

An informal dinner at the Cattleman's Motel, Dubbo will be held on the night before our production sale , Sunday September 22 at 7pm.

We look forward to catching up during the selling season.

Macquarie Dohnes Displays



**Sheep Week –
Macquarie Ram Depot**

*John Nadin with Central
West Genetics Alicia
McConnell and Robyn
Tozer, Dohne assessor,
Allan Clarke of Dubbo.*



**Sheep Week –
Balmoral Victoria**



**Ballarat Show –
Ballarat Victoria**



**Hamilton Sheepvention –
Hamilton Victoria**

Biosecurity

Biosecurity and health status has always been a priority at Macquarie, a guarantee we provide for our clients. Along with Brucellosis accreditation we have tested 350 ewes for Ovine Johnes disease with a 100% negative result. We are also implementing a fully audited Biosecurity plan for all properties. As to sheep veterinary advice, Greg McCann is, as always, available for all clients.

Upcoming sales

16th Annual Production Sale, Ballimore NSW
Monday 23rd September 2019

110 Specially Selected Rams
Sunday 22 September - Informal dinner
Cattleman's Motel at 7pm.



15th Annual Victorian Ram Sale, Ballarat VIC
Thursday 31st October 2019

30 Specially Selected Rams



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