



NEWSLETTER

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breeding plainer, more productive poll merinos and merinos with the right wool for both today's and tomorrow's markets



It makes good sense to breed your own quality replacement merino ewes. With meat prices are booming across all grades, we welcome your enquiry for ORRIE COWIE poll merino, merino and/or REDWOOD white suffolk rams.

ANNUAL RAM FIELD DAY & AUCTION

150 poll merino, merino and white suffolk rams

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2009

Auction commencing 1.00 p.m.

Penned by from 9 a.m. : BBQ lunch

Our sale catalogue will be available on the website.

PRE-SALE INSPECTION

Anytime of course – just ring and make a time.

But our main day is TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST starting 1.00 p.m. Afterwards, please join us in the Orrie Cowie Shearing Shed for our informal PRE-SALE “SHED PARTY”. Meal and refreshments from 6.00 p.m.

If you require accommodation please ask or just need a ride we will be happy to help co-ordinate it for you.

2009 AUTUMN LAMBING

What a great start to the season - with promise of more rain to come. This earlier start has certainly helped a great autumn lambing, above our usual 100%, assisted by our change to February shearing. The ewes with almost 6 months wool growth, averaged 4.5kg of 21 μ , 60mm, 51Nkt, bright, lustrous wool. On track with our annual average of 8.5-9kg at 100mm plus.

FEEDLOT NEWS

We are expanding our feedlot and would be interested in talking with clients who would like to sell Redwood/Orrie Cowie blood feeder lambs for this enterprise.



CLASSING AND CONSULTANCY

Here at Orrie Cowie, we have always provided a free classing service to clients and would like to expand this in the future. We also receive numerous phone calls each year re sheep husbandry and management issues which we are more than happy to address. For those interested in starting or already operate a sheep feedlot we would like to offer a paid consultancy service to you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nanto Creek, Yacka for achieving near top price (second highest price by \$1.35/hd) at the Jamestown Markets in December 2008 for surplus ewe hoggets, going to a repeat buyer from Mount Pleasant.

A CLIENT'S VIEWPOINT

“We started from an average base of small framed ewes with high microns, dry wool and low fleece weights. Orrie Cowie certainly made a difference in nourishment and size very early on. We have bought some top genetics from Orrie Cowie but it has been Dennis’ skills in classing and husbandry advice that have really set us on the right path. Today we are proud to regularly produce outstanding poll merino ewe replacements rated by many as amongst the best on Southern Yorke Peninsula. Our wool cut has increased significantly with Dennis’ help and our microns have come down heaps. Another different issue that Orrie Cowie has helped to correct is that regular mid-staple break. Our staple strength has increased from a low 20Nkt to a very sound 35Nkt. Our hoggets are averaging 7.9kg at 19.4 μ and the tops to 11kg and 19.0 μ . Needless to say we are very happy with the improvements and the friendly helpful advice given from Dennis and all at Orrie Cowie.”

David and Pam Reade, CURRAMULKA

WA contingency - All getting great results from their purchases of top Orrie Cowie rams (mainly polls)