



ORRIE COWIE

Has been breeding stud standard polls since 1968 viz. for 49 years so our poll factor is very strong. You can have confidence that our poll ewes will breed mostly polls and our horn ewes on offer mated to polls will breed at least 50% polls. Some of these horn ewes are already half poll so they are well on the way to breeding pure poll ram and/or ewe lambs.

In choosing to purchase mated Orrie Cowie stud ewes, you have committed firstly, to a sound body structure and shape, most importantly to expect quality wool as **“Orrie Cowie is renowned for quality wool”**.

Every joining has been made using top stud Orrie Cowie sires and so we expect the ram lambs to be of stud through to station ram standard and the ewe lambs to effectively become stud poll ewe replacements.

For 50+ years every Orrie Cowie stud ewe has been selected on ability to join, raise a lamb and the lambs have been assessed for quality. Any ewe with a non-stud standard lamb has been removed to a commercial flock. This has been standard practice at Orrie Cowie for 50+ years and the reason why our rams breed such even and true to type progeny.

At our recent shearing, following an exceptionally dry spring and summer, albeit a wetter than normal spring, every ewe shorn had reared a lamb and the sale ewes on offer averaged 7-9kg skirted fleece into the press for 11 months wool. The hoggets at 6½ months wool cut an average of 5kg skirted into the press.

The important thing about quoting fleece weights is that feed on offer plays a big part, however the sheep must have the genetic ability to grow staple length before setting down extra fat layers and shutting off wool fibre growth. So in some years, wool cut has been as much as 11kg average into the press. Three Orrie Cowie show ewes cut 16kg and two 15kg with 13 months wool growth, so if the feed is right the potential to make money out of wool is huge viz. 16kg @ 1000c/kg greasy = \$160/head. (see photo below)



The Orrie Cowie ewes on offer will be sold on Auctionsplus early March unless sold as a whole beforehand. Purchase of this mob of 516 specially selected Orrie Cowie stud ewes would be an ideal start to a seriously good quality poll merino stud, with rams to sell in 2018 and poll ewe hogget replacements or a very valuable addition to a stud wanting to increase their poll ram sales in 2018 and further add to their poll flock with extra ewe hoggets ready to join in 2018.

At Orrie Cowie we have held a current Brucellosis accreditation for more than 45years, an OJD-MN2-3 status for the last 20 years, guidair vaccination for the last 18 years.

All Orrie Cowie ewes have been shorn 12th January 2017, drenched with duocare, glanvac 3, B12, Co/Se bullets as weaners and eryvac twice for all ewes, and hoggets only eryvac as lambs. Backlined with Avenge.

We at Orrie Cowie wish you success with your purchases as every one of these stud ewes has been specially selected as suitable for sale and with potential to breed stud rams and replacement poll ewe hoggets. After you have read some of our exciting pedigree history and great performance results, if you wish to purchase semen we are happy to discuss with you which may be the best sire to choose. Inspection of ewes and hoggets on offer is very welcome.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Dassa on behalf of the ORRIE COWIE STUD

PS. This is a genuine stud ewe reduction sale, aiming to reduce the workload on ageing principals and to give the younger generation a start.

PPS. There are MerinoSelect ASBV's available on the hoggets and some ewes, and also figures on some of our top sires.

SUMMARY

1. Auctionsplus

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| BLUE 1,2,3,4 | Single pen poll merinos x 91m/a and 44 hoggets |
| RED 1,2,3,4 | Single pen merino ewes x 31 m/a and 15 hoggets |
| BLUE 5 | 5 or 10 per pen poll merinos x 44 |
| BLUE 5 | 5 or 10 per pen merinos x 10 |

All these have been fleece sampled.
best hoggets and stud ewes.

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All above have been single sire mated.

2. Auctionsplus (sale ewes in bigger lots)

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| BLUE 6 | 2 nd poll merino hoggets x 35 |
| RED 6 | 2 nd merino hoggets x 13 |
| BLUE 7 | 2 ½ - 3 ½ y.o. poll merino ewes x 45 |
| RED 7 | 2 ½ - 3 ½ y.o. merino ewes x 13 |
| BLUE 8 | 4 y.o. plus poll merino ewes x 20 |
| RED 8 | 4 y.o. plus merino ewes x 14 |

All above single sire mated.

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| 3. | BLUE 9 | Mixed aged poll merino ewes 2014 drop onwards x 96 |
| | RED 9 | Mixed aged merino ewes 2014 drop onwards x 45 |

Syndicate mated to poll sires.

i.e. 516 Auctionsplus

ORRIE COWIE EWES FOR SALE

– breakdown on joining, so date quoted is expected lambing time.

Sale ewes – single pens

April/May drop (single mate) x 78 poll merino

April/May drop (single mate) x 26 merino

Lambing due to start 10th April to end May

Sale ewes – single pens

June/July drop x 57 poll merino ewes

June/July drop x 44 poll merino ewe hoggets

June/July drop x 15 merino ewes

June/July drop x 15 merino ewe hoggets

Lambing due to start 1st June to end 15th July

Sale ewes – bigger pens

June/July drop (single mate) x 35 poll merino ewe hoggets

June/July drop (single mate) x 13 merino ewe hoggets

June/July drop (single mate) x 65 poll merino ewes

June/July drop (single mate) x 27 merino ewes

April/May drop (syndicate poll mate) x 96 poll merino

April/May drop (syndicate poll mate) x 45 merino

Lambing due to start 1st June to end 15th July

TOTAL 516