



## *Invitation*

The Curtis family invite you to attend Bellevue's  
**14<sup>th</sup> Dorper & White Dorper Ram Sale**  
*"Bellevue", Millmerran, Qld*  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 10am for 1pm auction (Qld)**

<b>Catalogue:</b>	Available now on AuctionsPlus Videos of each Lot will be available early next week on AuctionsPlus <a href="https://auctionsplus.com.au/auctionV2/New/#/catalogue/12158">https://auctionsplus.com.au/auctionV2/New/#/catalogue/12158</a>
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
<b>Time:</b>	1pm (Qld), with inspections from 10am (or welcome by prior arrangement)
<b>Location:</b>	Google Maps: <b>Bellevue Grazing Company</b> will get you here  Bellevue 60 Bellevue Road (PO Box 65) Millmerran Qld 4357
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Bellevue:</b> David Curtis 0427 066 535 Sophie Madge (Curtis) 0449 183 181  <b>Landmark Toowoomba:</b> Colby Ede 0417 265 980 Simon Booth 0438 756 245 Andrew Costello (AuctionsPlus) 0429 485 191
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.bellevuedorpers.com.au">www.bellevuedorpers.com.au</a> Register for email updates by clicking the link on our webpage
<b>Instagram:</b>	bellevuedorpers
<b>Facebook:</b>	Bellevue Dorpers
<b>Agent &amp; Outside Agents:</b>	Landmark Toowoomba is the agent. A 3% rebate is offered to outside agents, introducing a client in writing to Landmark Toowoomba (07 4637 3000) 24 hours before the sale and who attend the sale with, or buy on behalf of, their clients and settle within 7 days.
<b>Animal Health:</b>	Brucellosis: Bellevue is Ovine Brucellosis accredited. QGMM0549 expires 31/10/2021
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Pre-booking advised. Toowoomba (1 hr drive), Pittsworth (30 min drive), Goondiwindi (1.45 hr drive), Warwick (1.15 hr drive), Dalby (1.10 hr drive), Millmerran (15 min drive)

With our focus firmly past the end of this drought, we are presenting 140 of our lead drop of **2018 born** rams at our 2019 Dorper & White Dorper Ram Sale. Many will be just turning 12 months of age.

Our focus at Bellevue is on producing quality rams for the commercial prime lamb industry. This has been backed up by our recent success at the 2019 Royal Queensland Show (Brisbane EKKA).

Bellevue received 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Prime Lambs Carcass Competition for our Pens of Three Light Trade Lambs (18-21kg dressed weight category). Dalby High School won the 24+kg category, as well as the Champion ribbon with Dorper lambs sired by a Bellevue ram purchased at our 2017 sale. All of these lambs were pasture raised, with the Bellevue lambs straight off their mothers who were grazing dry grass.

As a stud, in recent years we have chosen to not show, rather, to put our energy and focus into the factors we believe line up with our commitment to commercial prime lamb production. Through our use of detailed stud recording and LambPlan data, we are able to present to our customers important production information that will assist with their breeding objectives.

We realize that everyone has been challenged through extremes of weather, however it is important to remind ourselves to stay focussed on what we can control, so that we are prepared for the opportunities that will present when it does rain.

Our commitment to present 140 Dorper & White Dorper rams at this year's sale is giving our ram buyers an opportunity to secure quality, at an affordable price. These are the lead group of our 2018 born rams. We believe in what we are producing, and we want these rams to be in our customers paddocks, not ours, working and doing what they are bred to do. Going forward, we will continue increasing numbers year by year, catering for the growing demand for quality meat sheep.

Dorpers have proven their place in the Australian lamb industry. They have proven their place here at Bellevue. We're in the worst drought on record, we haven't harvested a winter or summer crop for the past two+ seasons, yet the Dorpers keep getting pregnant, lambing, raising lambs and giving us the ability to send a finished 44kg live weight animal out the gate, at an early age, without eating us out of house and home. We can't speak highly enough of our Dorpers and their productivity, especially during this dry.

If you purchase at our sale and would like us to hold your rams because of the dry, please don't hesitate to talk to us. We are more than happy to assist.

MLA have recently released some interesting producer information on the benefits of using ASBV's, visit:

<https://genetics.mla.com.au/prime-lambs/>

and

[https://www.mla.com.au/news-and-events/industry-news/not-convinced-about-breeding-values-producers-respond/?utm\\_campaign=52915\\_FFBK%20-%2026%20July%202019&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Meat%20%26%20Livestock%20Australia&dm\\_i=4PKB,14TV,92VQV,35FR,1](https://www.mla.com.au/news-and-events/industry-news/not-convinced-about-breeding-values-producers-respond/?utm_campaign=52915_FFBK%20-%2026%20July%202019&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Meat%20%26%20Livestock%20Australia&dm_i=4PKB,14TV,92VQV,35FR,1)

To see Sophie's Bellevue Dorper photos, visit:

Facebook: Bellevue Dorpers

Instagram: bellevuedorpers

To all Dorper and prime lamb breeders, we wish you every success with your endeavours. We invite you to attend our sale, whether you are, or are not in the market for rams. Feel welcome to come along, have a day out and catch up with fellow prime lamb producers, check out our rams and taste test our Bellevue Dorper lamb chops for lunch.

If you would like to have a chat before our sale, please don't hesitate to call David on 0427 066 535 or Sophie on 0449 183 181 or email: [bellevuedorpers@bigpond.com](mailto:bellevuedorpers@bigpond.com)

We hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**David, Robbie & Sophie Curtis** – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019