

HAMILTON RUN POLL MERINO Stud Breeding & Performance

With Hamilton Run relinquishing a Pastoral Lease held in the Flinders Ranges the complete nucleus of the stud flock have been run on the inside country for the last 12 months. Through the 13 years of management this Poll Merino flock has had enormous emphasis placed on the ewe's ability to be sustainable in dry conditions while remaining fertile and productive in carrying and raring a quality lamb to weaning.

The philosophy of Thrive, Survive and Reproduce has been a critical element in the evolution of the stud and remains a strong consideration through the classing process of the ewe flock. An enormous amount of emphasis is placed on visual classing with length, depth and width a strong consideration for both ewes and rams. Structure and the ability to hold fat cover is a huge consideration as it directly links to the doing ability, fertility and maternal traits of the ewes. Hamilton Run have consistently over the last 6 year period achieved a 140% lambing from a short compact joining period.

There is a requirement for the Hamilton Run Ewes to grow a white stylish wool with density and length of staple with a great underline, all traits that they are not prepared to compromise. The evolution to 6 monthly shearing has provided a tremendous platform to further benchmark staple length and the cut of the flock.



Wool Results
Complete Flock:
20 Micron, SD 3.3, CF 99.2

Wool Results All Young Sheep: 18.4 Micron, SD 3.4, CF 99.4

Fleece Weights are on average 7kg's ranging from 6-11kg's at 12 months.





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Hamilton Run's breeding objective is to produce a large frame sheep with width of loin and hindquarter for both carcase quality and breeding ability through pelvic area. This has allowed for the continue production of a very dual-purpose sheep which has a body weight of 85kgs plus and is capable of producing export carcase weight wether lambs. Surplus wether and ram lambs have achieved 60kg liveweight at 7 months of age and have grossed \$295 for wool and carcase inclusive.

As was displayed at the recent Burra SA Merino Field Days were the Hamilton Run Ewe Team which carried 7 months wool (regulation shorn), upon shearing these young ewes achieved fleece weights of 8.5 to 11.5kgs with an average body weight of 90kg's. While the lead ram HR1208 (HR1000 X) cut 11.5kgs regulation shorn and was a credible 100kgs as a 10 month old lamb with a current wool test of 19.8micron at 2.9 SD, 14.6 CV, 99.9 CF.

The Hamilton Run Poll Merino Stud is OJD MN3 Accredited and has been regularly tested throughout its history creating a sustainably free flock. This reluctant sale presents an opportunity to source sheep from a pure poll flock that has not used horned rams over decades of breeding.

