# **Anderson Rams**

# Leading the Breeding

# Ram Sale 21st October 2020 1pm on farm and on \*\*\* Auctions Plus\*\*

Inspection from 10am BBQ lunch provided

150 rams -2019 drop- on offer

All rams will be sold with 100% semen rights

Please note: Lots 41, 107, 110, 119, 127, 131 and 144 are replacement rams







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#### We welcome you to the seventh annual Anderson Rams sale.

The size of our stud flock has been steadily increasing along with demand for our rams and this year we are pleased to present 30% more rams for auction.

Given the decline in the wool market and reduced ram sale clearances in WA generally, this is a bold move but all auction rams are trait leaders for numerous key traits and have passed rigorous visual classing. Even with a large increase in offering, the average of the sale team has lifted for PWT, YWT, YCFW, YFDCV, YSS, NLW, DP+ and MP+, whilst maintaining the high values for carcass traits and worm resistance associated with Anderson Rams.

	PWT	YWT	YFAT	YEMD	YFD	YCFW	YFDCV	YSS	YSL	YFEC	NLW	DP+	MP+
Anderson sale team averages	8.4	11.9	1.3	1.9	0	23.1	-1.9	3.0	10.7	-63.6	5%	178	162
industry average	3.5	5.2	0.1	0.3	-1	17.1	-0.7	0.5	7.9	-12	1%	147	146

top 5% of values in Merinoselect top 10% top 20%

Our clients know the value in Anderson Rams is a balance of carcass traits, wool traits and fertility, highly productive yet low maintenance, with a robustness to cope with adverse seasons. And of course, the most worm resistant merinos in Australia.

Our rams are plain bodied, not mulesed, and run at high stocking rates with cumulative breeding over decades for resistance to fly strike and dags. Our aim is to give our clients confidence to also cease mulesing if they choose to do so.

In the September edition of AWI's *Beyond the Bale magazine* is an article that asks if it is possible to find sires that are productive and high wool cutters as well as having all the traits of fly strike resistance.

Out of 2641 eligible sires (current sires with >15 progeny) there is just **ONE** in the whole Merinoselect database that is a trait leader for Wrinkle, Dag, Adult fleece weight, and the MP+ index.

Just one.

It's an Anderson Ram. Anderson -160729

And he's also a trait leader for post weaning weight, yearling weight, worm resistance, staple length and staple strength and DP+ index!

### Don't just take our word for it

Anderson Rams are entered in Sire Evaluations around Australia and New Zealand to effectively benchmark our rams against Australia's best genetics.

**ANDERSON 160729** excelled in just about everything at Merinolink at Boorowa, NSW! Trait leader for all the indexes!

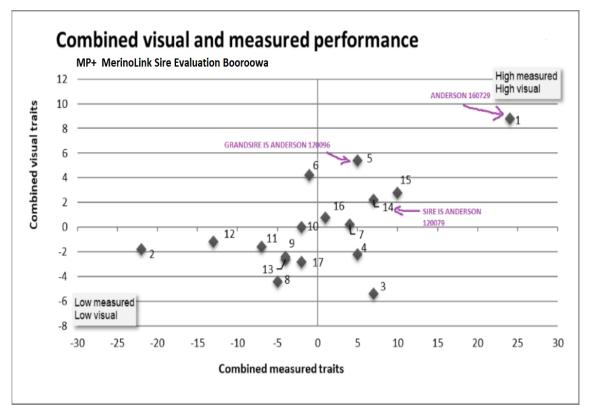
#### Table 2. AMSEA Index Values and Classer's Grade

The index values reported are based on measured traits Flock Breeding Value (FBV) performance with varying emphasis on fleece weight, fibre diameter, body weight, staple strength and worm egg count. See 'Index Options' (page 14) for more information on the indexes presented in the table below.

The highest performing sires for each trait (trait leaders) are highlighted by shading. Each sire is listed for Classer's Visual Grade and the same four indexes are reported at all site evaluations.

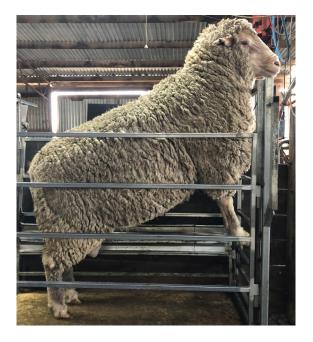
		Sire			AMSEA Ind	Classer's Grade				
Ram	Breeders flock, Ram number	DNA	No	Dual	Merino	Fibre	Wool	Tops % (dev)	Culls % (dev)	
code		Horn/	of	Purpose	Production	Production	Production	pΛ	Р	
		Poll	Progeny	Plus	Plus	Plus	Plus	P.	, r	
1	Anderson Poll, 160729	PH	30	129	125	116	124	29	-15	
2	Bogo, 170018	PP	36	76	78	85	78	-5	4	
3	Brooklyn, 170112	PH	35	103	112	109	107	-5	22	
4	Bundilla Poll, 150009	PP	44	123	100	97	105	-6	5	
5	Curlew, 170116	PH	37	114	100	89	105	8	-19	
6	DT Kenilworth, H17314	PH	41	88	100	106	99	7	-14	
7	GRASS, 161406	PH	48	114	107	107	104	-4	-5	
8	Grassy Creek Poll, 160253	PP	40	101	92	95	95	-5	17	
9	Greendale, 170002	PH	50	82	97	101	96	-3	9	
10	Grogansworth, 170402	PH	41	101	97	94	98	-2	-2	
11	Kambah Poll, 626033	PP	41	98	90	88	93	-11	-3	
12*	Langdene, 140700	НН	33	78	84	88	87	-2	4	
13	One Oak Poll, R15050	PH	49	79	93	96	96	-8	5	
14*	Petali Poll, 150697	PP	49	112	113	116	107	-3	-14	
15	Pooginook Poll, 161153	PH	39	112	105	102	110	12	-2	
16	Wattle Dale, 170632	PH	36	101	100	99	101	5	1	
17*	Yarrawonga, 170193	HH	37	89	105	111	98	-7	7	
	Average performance		40	100	100	100	100	16	27	

His progeny classed exceptionally well too:



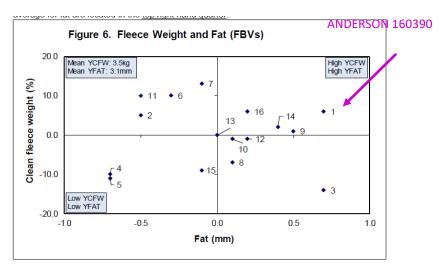
ANDERSON 160729 has just been sold to Mumblebone Merino Stud, NSW for \$30 000

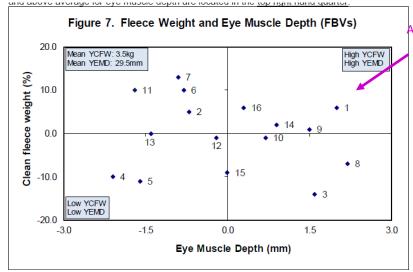
**ANDERSON 160390** has also been a stand out performer in the South Australian Sire Evaluation at Lameroo.



Anderson 160390 showing his huge body depth, and calm and curious temperament.

Renowned classer Bill Walker commented "the Anderson progeny was outstanding when CFW, EMD and FAT and that important balance was taken into account. Added to that, the classer thought highly of the progeny as well."





ANDERSON 160390

"Due to better yields thus affecting Clean Fleece Weight there is a bit of guard changing with the most notable being Anderson 1690390 whose progeny were in the top three 'yielders' thus making this list. His ASBVs for EBWR are trait leading...at –0.9 with another trait leading effort for EBCOV at –0.6.

Check out this rams' ASBVs when you get the chance."

Bill Walker

## **Sire notes**

Sires used in the 2019 drop are all Anderson sires in single sire mating groups except :

CP507333 = Centre Plus 507333

Anderson Syndicate = Anderson 150200/Anderson 140474

#### **Sale Ram notes:**

Born July/August 2019, paddock run

Vaccinated with Gudair, selovin, eryvac, scabigard and 6:1

Brucellosis-free accreditation OVAC No. 604

Rams are unmulesed

Flock rams are available for private selection after the sale.

# **Ewes Wanted**

We are frequently receiving enquiries for ewes with Anderson blood from growers who are looking to speed up their genetic gain of a productive, fertile and low maintenance flock.

If you have any surplus ewes of any age with part or full Anderson blood please contact Lynley Anderson so this information can be matched with buyers.

#### Robustness

Robustness is defined as

- "the ability to withstand or overcome adverse conditions"
- "the quality or condition of being strong and in good condition"

We have always run our ewes at high stocking rates and culled any animal that fails to rear at least one lamb and grow a good fleece while maintaining body condition. They are not jetted or drenched or overfed and are subject to all weather conditions, worms and flies. Indirectly we are selecting for robustness.

Our merinos have certainly been put to the test in the last two dry years, particularly with regard to water supply as we have seen the bottom of dams we have never seen before. I had concerns for the ewes who were mated on, and spent most of their pregnancy drinking poor quality water that was muddy, saline or thick with algae. Most of the ewes and hoggets spent a couple of months in confinement feedlots to protect residual pasture ground cover, and came out at the point of lambing.

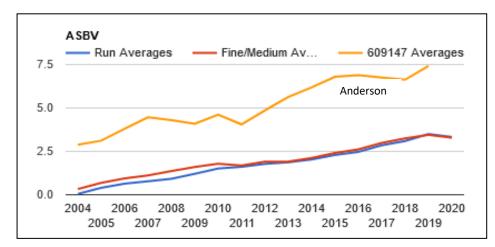
Despite all this, they lambed as if it was a normal season and we marked 112% lambs to ewes mated in the stud component, and 108% in the overall flock.

Robustness is linked to carcass traits of fat and eye muscle depth, also worm resistance, staple strength and lamb survival. With careful selection over 60 years of breeding we have embedded robustness in Anderson genetics along with production traits of fast early growth, high clean fleece weight and fertility.

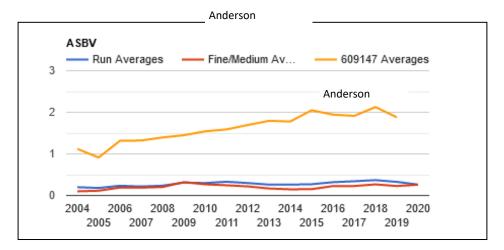
Our breeding objective has always been: To breed robust, productive, low maintenance, fertile sheep.

The performance of our ewes here, and in our clients' flocks in the Eastern States where they were subject to several years of terrible drought has shown that even though there is no direct ASBV for robustness, it is a tangible quality and Anderson genetics have it in spades.

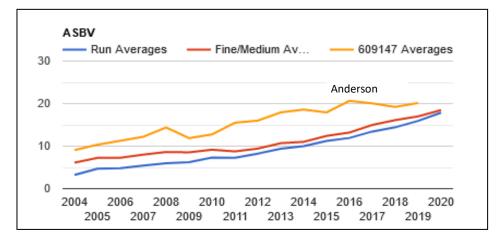
# **Genetic Trends**



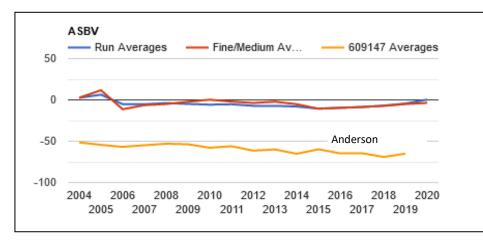
Post Weaning Weight



Yearling Eye Muscle



Yearling Clean Fleece Weight

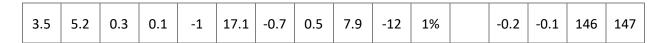


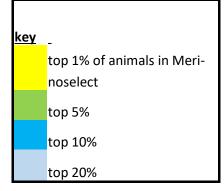
Yearling Worm Egg Count

# **Semen Sires**

SIRE	PWT	YWT	YEM D	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	YFDC V	YSS	YSL	YWEC	NLW	POLL	EBW R	LDAG	MP+	DP+	SIRE OF SIRE
120096	7.3	10.2	0.6	0.6	-0.2	40.2	-0.5	-1.0	18.3	-95	1%	PH	-0.4	0.2	177	180	100502
140178	6.8	10.4	1.0	1.1	-0.4	30.9	-1.6	-0.7	18.4	-94	-3%	PP	-0.8	0.0	163	168	120096
140474	8.9	10.8	3.7	1.9	0.1	25.2	-0.7	0.0	10.2	-69	4%	PP	-0.7	-0.7	160	190	120103
160210	4.9	6.1	1.4	0.5	-0.8	33.8	-0.3	-0.1	17.0	-91	0%	PP	-0.4	-0.2	168	170	120096
160290	9.2	13.8	2.8	1.7	-0.3	43.0	-0.1	-3.7	13.7	-33	0%	PP	-0.2	-0.1	186	202	120507
160390	9.2	12.5	3.0	1.4	0.3	30.0	-1.5	1.2	20.8	-71	12%	PP	-0.9	-0.6	178	210	140474
160729	12.3	17.1	1.5	0.9	0.8	39.2	-3.1	7.9	23.6	-72	7%	PH	-1.3	-0.3	201	217	140178
170322	11.6	15.7	1.7	1.2	-0.4	29.7	-2.5	5.8	10.2	-36	14%	PP	-0.7	-0.2	198	216	MT144315
170390	8.9	13.1	1.8	1.1	-0.6	31.9	-1.0	2.9	14.0	-41	14%	PP	-0.9	0.1	197	220	MT144315
170660	9.4	11.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	44.7	-2.3	4.7	18.7	-75	5%	PP	-0.3	-0.7	185	195	150200
190009	8.6	12.0	1.8	1.5	0.2	30.4	-1.4	1.3	12.7	-74	5%	рр	-0.3	-0.6	173	189	170660

### merinoselect averages





Anderson Rams is recognised nationally and internationally as a leading breeder of robust, worm resistant sheep that are also highly productive.

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# **Semen Marketing Rights**

Anderson Rams retains 100% semen rights from rams sold unless semen marketing rights have been otherwise negotiated with Anderson Rams.

You can use semen from rams you purchase for your own flock requirements.

If the ram is re-sold the buyer must be made aware that the semen

## **Insurance Disclaimer**

Insurance risk of stud animals sold at auction transfers to the purchaser at the fall of the hammer including animals remaining on the vendor's property.

Purchasers therefore are advised to insure their animals at the completion of sale.

Lynley, Alan and Wendy Anderson thank you for your interest in Anderson Rams.