



COBANA POLL DORSETS

Reg No 164418 Est 2005



Offering 40 Poll Dorset Rams

**Online Sale Tuesday 27 October 2020
On AuctionsPlus at 12noon**

**Inspections available on Sunday 25 October from 9-12
at "Greenlake" 950 Monaro Highway Bombala
Brucellosis accredited No CW 06/38**

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Welcome to our 10th Annual Poll Dorset Ram Sale.

We have had another busy year feeding sheep unlike most in the state! The decision to put most of our ewes and cows on agistment has worked extremely well. Our Ram lambs weren't fed this year and the extra space they have been allowed resulted in them being exceptionally well grown.

On Tuesday 27th October will be our 10th Ram Sale. This year we have decided to go with an online Auction with AuctionsPlus. There are 40, September 2019, drop rams on offer. We are extremely happy with the line-up and the helmsman system will again be used to sell the rams.

This year we are also offering free delivery (within 400 kms, ie Cowra, Wagga) for purchase of 3 or more rams. Smaller lots by negotiation.

There is a 4% rebate for outside agents.

Breeding objectives of Cobana Poll Dorsets:

- Lambing ease (lower birth weight)
- Increase weaning weight
- Higher carcass yield

Rams will be available for inspection on Sunday 25 October 20 from 9.00am until 12.00 noon or by appointment prior to sale.

All rams have been Gudair vaccinated and Brucellosis accredited No CW 06/38. The rams are performance recorded using Lambplan. For anyone chasing more information this is available online at www.sheepgenetics.com. If you need assistance please email or call.

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EXPLANATION OF HEADINGS AND AUSTRALIAN SHEEP BREEDING VALUES

Following the lot number of each ram across the page are the columns titled:

ID: Ear tag identification. Further information on each ram is available from www.sheepgenetics.org.au website.

BT (Birth Type): Indicates the birth type of each individual ram. (1 – Single, 2 – Twin, 3 – Triplet)

SIRE:	SIRE	BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	LEQ
	Felix 160494	0.48	11.6	19.5	0.1	3.9	161.2
	Aberdeen 160263	0.54	10	14.4	-0.3	1.5	125.8
	Aberdeen 160481	0.33	10.2	13.8	-1.3	1.6	127.5
	Aberdeen 160693	0.31	10.2	14.6	-0.7	1.6	128.2

BWT: (Birth weight in kg) Estimates the genetic difference in weight at birth. Our lambs are all weighed at birth. Too large a lamb may cause lambing problem, or too small, low survival rates.

WWT: (Weaning weight in kg) Estimates the genetic difference in live weight at 100 days.

PWWT: (Post weaning weight in kg) Estimates the genetic difference in growth at 200 days.

PFAT: (Post Weaning Fat depth in mm) Estimates the genetic difference in GR fat depth at 45 kg live weight. All rams were scanned at post weaning.

PEMD: (Post Weaning Eye Muscle depth in mm) Estimates the genetic difference in eye muscle at the C site at 45 kg. All rams were scanned at post weaning.

PWEC: (Post Weaning Worm Egg Count WEC) Shows the genetic difference in WEC of animals run under the same management.

INDEXES: Indexes are designed to help meet different breeding objectives and programs. They are simply a guide to assist in selection, however when doing so producers should consider their own breeding objective. This will involve considering your current ewe base, the environment they are run in and the target market for their progeny. Any queries about what is right for you please feel free to call me or email.

LEQ - a new index incorporating L2020 lean meat yield and eating quality, no emphasis on birth weight



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GENERAL ADVICE COMMENTS IN CATALOGUE:

The figures provided are a good guide. Groups of animals breed more closely to their average ASBV or index value than individuals. The breeding value of a team of rams will almost be identical to their average ASBV.

The comments provided are a guide. The main figure's you should be interested in is BWT, (as dead lambs don't grow) and PWT as it is the key economic driver. Below are the figures I would recommend:-

BWT: less than 0.2 for young or small frame sheep
Less than 0.3 for merinos
Less than 0.5 for xb's

WWT: Not a critical measure unless: You sell lambs as stores under 20 weeks
You sell suckers (PWWT more important)

PWWT: The key economic driver - all rams with high PWWT will have a good \$ index. Some research results suggest the difference in sire PWWT of 10 to 6 has resulted in 70% turnoff at 16 weeks compared to 57% at 18kg carcass weights

PFAT: The secret to finishing lambs that hit the grid. Important to know which market you are targeting or else ignore.

Recommendations:	Merino Dam	Export: -0.2 to -0.8
		Trade: 0.0 to -0.6
	XB Ewe Suckers:	0.0 to -0.4
		Trade: -0.2 to -0.8
		Export: -0.6 to -1.2

Remember no animal will be too fat while growing. It is only as they mature that fat is laid down. Select more lean animals as finishing time stretches from 6 to 12 months. Also XB ewes pass on more fatness in genes than merino so it is important not to select very lean sires for Merino's.

PEMD: The value is related to carcass yield, the higher the better (there is currently research underway to see if excessive muscle leads to eating quality issues).



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