



What an amazing time to be in Dorpers. The Lamb market is pumping and now is the time to invest in new Dorper and White Dorper Genetics. Amarula Dorpers has been established for 20 years now and this is our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Production Sale. Our first sale was way back in 2003 when we offered 20 rams and 10 ewes. It has grown exponentially since.

There is an awesome selection of top-quality rams to choose from. 80 Amarula Dorper rams and 55 Amarula White Dorper Rams. Due to the large demand in rams throughout 2020 we have sold many of our 2019 rams as they were old enough. This means we have a large selection of 9 to 10 month old ram lambs. There are even a few at 8 months. They are exceptionally well grown for their age and ready to go. Do not miss out as there are no rams available after the sale for 2 months, when the next rams will be 10 months.

We continue to select heavily using the Dorper breed standard, to throw out any animal with conformation issues (especially hoof growth, shoulder conformation and toplines). There is a no second chance policy for reproduction and fertility problems, poor mothering ability or bad temperament. These are particularly important selection criteria.

Our main selection criteria revolve around good fat coverage, good muscling and true to the Dorper type of feminine ewes and masculine rams. Fat cover is so important for the survivability of the Dorper ewe and ram. A ewe needs to rear a lamb and get back in lamb if it is tough. Without a good fat layer this cannot happen. The majority of our rams go west to large properties, where it is getting increasingly hotter and dryer. They must be able to perform in challenging conditions.

Now it is about breeding the right article the first time and reducing the number of progeny wastage. It is about running less ewes to produce more high-quality lambs. For milking mothers to go back in lamb while the lambs are still on them. A dorper needs to adapt to all situations. Through accelerated joining, we have increased our numbers remarkably throughout 2020 and will be back in full production by mid-year. Let's hope the rain keeps falling and we can produce a whole lot more rams.



So, what does that mean? It means there is no better time to get yourself the some of the best genetics in Australia. What you see is what you get. Bred for production and commercial reality. All rams are visually assessed for conformation and selected on carcase quality traits as well as performance recorded in Lambplan.

The drought has proven Amarula Dorpers are robust and bred to survive and reproduce under challenging seasonal conditions. They also thrive in the good times and perform extremely well in feedlots with outstanding growth rates and muscling.

The sale is interfaced with AuctionsPlus with live audio and video feed on the day. All videos are on AuctionsPlus. **For more info or you would like a chat give Justo (he loves to talk Dorpers) or Lorroi a ring on 0439 367737 or 0428829489.**

If you are in the market or just having a stickybeak, join us for Dorper lamb and gravy rolls, with the help from the Westpac Helicopter rescue service from Inverell. All very COVID safe, and after sale refreshments sponsored by Suncorp. It is a great way to catch up with other dorper breeders.

Amarula has its own Covid Safe Plan used in conjunction with our Nutrien agents Plan for the safety of all attendees. Interstate attendees should check with their state authorities to ensure compliance with travel requirements or restrictions. Queensland will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> February – no more borders.

Thankyou for coming and have an awesome day.

**Don't wait – you may miss out.**



## AMARULA DORPER SALE INFORMATION

### EVALUATION

Amarula Dorper and White Dorpers chosen in the sale team have been selected by Justin and Lorroi. They have been visually assessed under the Dorper Breed Standards for correct conformation, excellent carcass traits and high reproduction ability. This has been recorded in the form of the visual assessment tool Classimate. The ram's body is broken into individual parts and gives the purchaser the ability to see where the positive attributes and negative points are. If you need some guidance in your purchase, please come and talk to us about the qualities you are looking for in your Dorper Ram or Ewe. Please look at the animals and decide what qualities are right for you.

We are breeding rams that are productive and commercial. Amarula Rams will breed you a fast growing, early maturing prime lamb that is off to market so you can now concentrate on the next round of lambs being born. They will perform on all types of environments.

### HEALTH

Amarula is an Ovine Brucellosis accredited flock. We have undertaken 2 negative Faecal 350 tests for Ovine Johnes in the last 5 years and have our own On Farm Biosecurity Plan.

All rams and ewes have received the required Glanvac 6 in 1 plus Scabbymouth vaccination protocol. All have Faecal Egg Counts are performed to determine if drenching is required. We are selecting for worm resistance in our flock.

### DELIVERY

We take care in the efficient delivery of all stock after the sale. Landmark agents will be handling the delivery of rams & ewes after the sale.

**NO STOCK WILL BE LOADED UNTIL AFTER THE SALE IS COMPLETED!**

### FREIGHT AND TRAVEL

We are willing to hold animals for a reasonable period to allow for coordination of transport to their new home. We can provide recommendations of suitable stud stock carriers and will assist wherever we can for a safe and efficient transport of animals to your home property. All due care will be taken for the safety and health of your purchased rams prior to pick up or delivery, however, to protect your purchase, you may wish to consider insuring your rams from the conclusion of the sale.

**TALK TO US ABOUT OUR FREE DELIVERY RUNS.**

### INSURANCE

Animals will become the responsibility of the purchasers at the conclusion of the sale. We strongly recommend insuring your animals for a period at the conclusion of the sale. Insurance can be arranged with Landmark as required.

## AMARULA DORPER SALE INFORMATION

### FERTILITY GUARANTEE



All Rams & Ewes are guaranteed to breed. Any claim against the breeding ability of an animal purchased should be made within six months of the date of sale.

The guarantee covers the purchase value of the ram or ewe. **This does not cover infertility due to injury, misadventure or disease contracted since the sale of the ram or ewe. Insurance covers this.** A veterinary certificate may also be requested at the vendor's discretion.

The ewe or ram shall be returned in the event of an animal failing to breed and either be replaced with an animal of comparable value or credit to the full purchase price will be given at the following sale or on a private sale animal (if available).

### REGISTRATIONS

If you would like your purchase to be transferred to your name, fill out the buyer's instruction slip and tick Transfer.

### AUCTIONSPLUS

The Sale is interfaced with AuctionsPlus. This allows buyers to place bids online over the AuctionsPlus system. There is live streamed video and audio. It is nearly as good as being ringside on the day.

Please register online at <http://auctionsplus.com.au/Registration/PreRego> at least 48 hours prior to the sale.

### TELEPHONE BIDDING

If you don't think your service is good enough, phone bidding is always an option. Please ring our Nutrien (Landmark) sale team or Nick Pagett (0439 367737). Nick has been present when we assessed all the rams and ewes.

### OUTSIDE AGENT REBATE

A 3% rebate is offered to outside agents introducing a client in writing to Nutrien Narrabri, 24 hours before the sale (0427 311415) or in person on sale day.

### LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

All refreshments and drinks are provided by Amarula Dorper Stud. We have Amarula Dorper Lamb Gravy rolls handed out by Westpac Helicopter rescue service volunteers, so we can be COVID Safe. Stay and join us after the sale for refreshments sponsored by Suncorp Bank.

### DIRECTIONS

Glenavon is 45km east of Moree on the Inverell Rd (Gwydir Hwy). You can't miss the Amarula Dorper sign at the turnoff. We are 3km west of Gravesend.

## **SHEEP GENETIC ASBVS**

Australian Sheep Breeding Values are an **estimate** of an animal's genetic potential to pass on traits to its progeny. It is based on pedigree (genes), performance recorded information (e.g. weights at certain ages, scanning for fat depth and muscle) and the environment in which it is raised (e.g. birth type, old or maiden mother, amount of feed). They are essentially a projection of how that animal's progeny will perform for a range of traits.

**It is important to know that ASBVs are a tool for breeding sheep, they do not provide all the answers. Visual selection is very important to cull sheep that will not be functional in a commercial production system, regardless of how good the ASBVs are.**

ASBVs provide a measure of the animal's genetic potential independent of environmental influences that can affect the physical appearance.

**WEIGHT ASBVs** describe the animals' genetic merit for growth rate.

**WWT** - Rams with a more positive weaning weight (WWT) will on average, produce lambs that grow quicker to weaning – 100 days.

Average for Dorpers is 5.5 and the top **10% is > 7.6**

**PWT** - Rams with more positive ASBVs for post weaning weight (PWT) produce lambs that grow quicker and reach target weights in a shorter time. Post weaning weight estimates the genetic difference between animals at 225 days of age.

Average for Dorpers is 8.7 and the top **10% is > 11.7**

## **CARCASE FATNESS**

ASBVs describe the value of an animal's genes for fat depth at a constant weight – a negative ASBV means a genetically leaner animal. We recommend a positive PFAT.

**PFAT** - Rams with a more negative ASBV for post weaning fat (PFAT), will produce lambs that are leaner, at the same weight. Post weaning fat estimates the genetic difference between animals at 225 days of age.

Dorpers with positive fat will survive better in tough conditions and dry times. Fat increases the ability of breeding ewes to maintain weight and condition, conceive twins, better milking and mothering ability and survivability.

Also, increases the eating quality due to intramuscular fat.

## **CARCASE MUSCLING**

ASBVs describe the value of animals' genes for eye muscle depth at a constant weight – a positive ASBV means a genetically thicker-muscled animal, and one that will have slightly more of its lean tissue in the higher-priced cuts.

**PEMD** - Rams with more positive ASBVs for eye muscle depth (EMD) produce lambs that have a higher lean meat yield. Post weaning muscle depth estimates the genetic difference between animals at 225 days of age.

Average for Dorpers is 1.3 and the top **10% > 2.2**

A positive PEMD is best as it increases the value of the carcass, by increasing the amount of lean meat it contains and increases dressing percentage.

Increases the amount of meat on higher priced cuts. Higher muscling is favourably related to reproductive rate.

## **WORM EGG COUNT (WEC)**

ASBVs describe the value of animals' genes for carrying worm burdens – a combination of being genetically less likely to pick up worms and being better at getting rid of them. Resistance can result in fewer drenches being required each year. The best way to increase the genetic resistance of your flock to worms is to use rams with better than average worm resistance.

**Worm Egg Count (%)** - Rams with more negative WEC ASBVs produce progeny who have a higher genetic potential to resist worm burdens. Lower WEC ASBVs are desirable.

Average for Dorpers is -21 and the top **10% is > -45**

## **MCP INDEX (MATERNAL CARCASS PRODUCTION) AND SRC INDEX**

A combination of ASBVs into a single value. Each ASBV is weighted to reflect the traits emphasis in the breeding objective. The Maternal Carcass Production (MCP) index ranks animals on their suitability for a self-replacing system with a carcass production focus. This index balances the main economic traits relevant to Maternal breeders. This allows higher gains to be made for growth and carcass traits. The index aims to maintain adult weight at current levels.

Average for Dorpers is 131.5 and the top **10% is > 140.7**