**SALE NOTES**

All rams have been inspected by Justin Kirby (qualified Dorper sheep Inspector and Judge) in accordance with the Dorper Breed Standard and meet the requirements of the Standard, including structural soundness and fitness for purpose.

Individual animal bodyweights were recorded in January 2021.

These rams are pasture-reared, with minimal supplementary feeding, and no supplementary feeding prior to sale. They are ‘straight out of the paddock’ and we are confident that they will perform well wherever they go.

None of the rams have ever been shorn or had their feet trimmed.

Rams are offered for sale by Merlin Dorpers and Old Munbilla.

Groups of commercial ewes are offered for sale by Merlin Dorpers.

Lots on offer

Lots 1 - 5: White Dorper rams, offered for sale by Merlin Dorpers

Lots 6 - 41: Dorper rams, offered for sale by Merlin Dorpers

Lots 42 - 53: Dorper rams offered for sale by Old Munbilla

Lots 54 - 58: Groups of 7 commercial Dorper ewes, offered for sale by Merlin Dorpers

Lot 59: Group of 7 commercial White Dorper ewes, offered for sale by Merlin Dorpers

Bidding opportunities

The Merlin Dorper Annual On-farm Production Sale is interfaced with AuctionsPlus.

Phone bidding is also available through Pitt Son’s and should be arranged with a Pitt Son’s team member prior to the commencement of the sale. To arrange phone bidding, please contact Stuart Bell on 0474 223 332.

Health

‘Merlin’ is certified as an Ovine Brucellosis flock (certificate CW/19) and have also undertaken faecal 330 Ovine Johne’s tests, and returned a negative result (negative M12-17137).

All rams are guaranteed to breed. Any claim against fertility should be made within six months of purchase. This fertility guarantee does not extend to injury, disease or misadventure. For claims of infertility, the ram must be returned to the property and a veterinary certificate may be required. The ram will be replaced with another ram of similar value.

Freight

All purchased animals become the property and responsibility of the buyer at the conclusion of the sale, from which time the Pitt Son’s staff will co-ordinate the collection and loading of purchased animals.

If transportation of purchased animals cannot take place on the day, the current owners are happy for the animals to remain on the property post-sale for a reasonable period of time while freight arrangements are made.

Any purchases totally over $5,000.00 (excl. GST) may be entitled to free delivery to NSW and QLD locations. Within 800klm of Merlin Dorpers Please discuss any transport arrangements with Merlin Dorpers owner, Terry Balla (0412 033 505).

Stud registration

All rams are eligible for registration with the Dorper Breed Society.

Registration and transfer of ownership will be arranged at the buyer’s expense.

Refreshments

Light refreshments will be provided on the day, and will include a lamb/pork sausage sizzle supplied by Merlin Free Range Pork and Merlin Dorpers.

The Sale

This year’s sale will be a HELMSMAN AUCTION

HOW IT WORKS

1. Upon arrival, an intending purchaser will need to register their intent and receive a ‘buyer number’.
2. All rams will be penned and numbered for inspection as per the catalogue and will be available for assessment by potential buyers.
3. At the commencement of the sale at **11:00 am**, all rams will be on the market simultaneously and bids will be recorded on a notice board overseen by Pitt Son’s staff. You may bid on any ram, regardless of lot number, by filling in a bid card and handing it to a member of Pitt Son’s – current bids will be displayed on the board.

This allows you to select multiple rams, whilst observing your intended monetary spending limit as, if your first pick ram exceeds your limit, you can still bid on any other ram on sale.

1. You may open the bidding at the pre-set “reserve price”, which will be displayed on the board. Further bids will be accepted in multiples of $100.00. There is not limit on the size of the bid.
2. Bids are recorded with the assigned ‘buyer number’. You can bid on any number of rams at once, and can see at a glance whether your bid still stands or has been overbid.
3. A bid, once submitted and recorded, cannot be retracted, and the person responsible for submitting such a bid will be responsible for it until overbid by another party.
4. The sale will remain open for a minimum of 40 minutes after which time, any additional registered bit will result in an extension of the sale time until no more bids are received (in a specified period), thereby ending the sale.

Risk and responsibility release

1. Any person attending the sale does so at his/her own risk.
2. All persons attending the sale release the vendor from all actions or demands due to any loss, death, damage or injury occurring on the premises.
3. The vendor is not responsible for, and has no liability for, any death or injury to a person or any loss of, or damages to, any person attending the sale, their property or otherwise.

Indemnity

All persons attending the sale agree to indemnify the Vendor from and against any liability, loss, damage, expense or claim which the vendor may incur, including third party, during or after the sale in all respects.

Livestock Auctions Terms and Conditions

This sale will be conducted under the usual terms and conditions of the NSW Stud Stock Sales, which will be displayed at the sale, and includes the following:

* GST - 10% GST is to be added to the purchase price.
* Licensed Agents will conduct the sale – Pitt Son’s.
* 3% rebate under the following conditions:

1. Settlement within 7 days of the sale date
2. Introduction, in writing of intending purchasers 24 hours prior to the sale commencement
3. Rebate available through physical attendance at the sale and/or AuctionsPlus.

**STUD SIRES** of listed stock

**Offered by Merlin Dorpers**

Dorper Sires

Winrae Dorpers 174165

Nomuula Dorpers “Dozer” 160233

Merlin 160174

White Dorper Sires

Davemm Hill “RANDY” 140073

**Offered by Old Munbilla**

Dorper Sires

Whynot 130186

BOK 100023

Bulmar ‘Swahili’ 170143