MOUNT RONAN

WHITE SUFFOLKS & MATERNALS

Specialising in the breeding of elite quality prime rams

8th SUMMER RAM SALE
Friday 3rd February 2023
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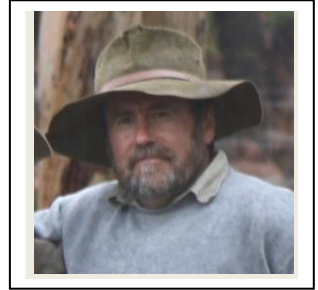
SPECIALLY SELECTED FLOCK RAMS

ACCREDITED BRUCELLOSIS FREE FLOCK No. OV/AC/044

2022 drop Mount Ronan Summer Sale rams .....
....world class profit genetics in an athletic package.

"The profitability of our producers' prime lamb enterprises is the key to the future of Mount Ronan."

WELCOME TO MOUNT RONAN.........

Season 2022 has certainly thrown up a few curve balls for producers and the challenges have been many and varied.

Joanne and I sympathise with those of you who have suffered property and livestock losses or lost production, due to flooding or fires during the year. We are Australian country folk, so we understand that none of us are exempt from misfortune at any time.

We spare a thought for people in the Ukraine who have nowhere else to go when all has been destroyed around them. How fortunate we are!!

We spent a really enjoyable and informative time last autumn, when we visited producers in Victoria and New South Wales. We will be visiting again in mid-April, and hope to catch up with as many producers as possible.

We experienced an average season this year, and the ewe flock performed exceptionally well, producing excellent lambing percentages, and strong lamb growth. A slightly earlier break to the growing season extended the usually short green feed period.

Lambs were weaned onto dry pastures in mid-October and were supplemented with Macco 407 lamb pellets from day one after weaning. The pellets were delivered in a daily trail feed, so lamb growth was not checked after weaning. Once the ration was consumed, the lambs foraged dry pasture for the residue of their feed requirements.

Because we initiated pellet feed supplementation at day one after weaning, instead of at a later stage, the ram lambs are slightly better grown and conditioned this year. This can only assist in the maintenance of their reputation for outstanding commercial performance.

These ram lambs were LAMBPLAN scanned on the 5th January, and have received the standard vaccinations in addition to Gudair. Our sheep are guaranteed to be free of lice and brucellosis upon point of departure from our property.

I started this breeding program 54 years ago. I am now more convinced than ever that the search for outstanding high-production females has yielded wonderful commercial performance in the Mount Ronan sheep genotype. We are convinced that these rams will uphold the Mount Ronan tradition of resilience, robustness, and outstanding prime lamb production performance.

For more than half a century, we have been actively searching for tough sheep which produce wonderful results over a long lifetime. We expect these rams to enjoy a long and productive working life.

Joanne and I hope that you successfully purchase your ram preferences, and we will follow up with the after-sales service, as usual. Good luck.

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Please note:
Mount Ronan stipulates that all rams which are to be registered and transferred into stud flocks will require a total payment of $3000 (excluding GST).

If rams are purchased at the auction for less than $3000 and the buyer wishes to have the rams transferred and registered for stud use, then the purchaser will be required to make up the difference between the purchased price and $3000 (plus GST) before the transfer and registration can take place.

Semen marketing rights & collection:
Mount Ronan reserves the right to collect semen for our own use from any rams offered in the catalogue. Collection will be at Mount Ronan's expense and at the convenience of the purchaser.

Mount Ronan retains exclusive semen marketing rights for all rams offered in the catalogue.

The accuracies of the ASBVs are extremely high because Mount Ronan has measured so many sheep on LAMBPLAN ……….and

It is the wonderful balance between growth and muscling, and the outstanding resilience of the Mount Ronan sheep genotype which sets them apart from the rest.

Mount Ronan – Average for 2022 lambing

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5	LMY	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ
0.40	10.28	16.11	-0.22	2.56	0.07	-0.24	0.45	3.35	-3.13	-29.42	147.03	146.06

Terminal Breeds – Average for 2022 lambing

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5	LMY	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ
0.31	9.61	14.80	-0.28	2.22	0.05	-0.40	2.34	3.28	-1.45	-22.65	141.38	128.10

Sale rams ready for lotting, January 19th 2023

Scanning ram lambs, January 5th 2023

MOUNT RONAN GENETICS........
......DRIVING PROFIT!!!!

"We like the Mount Ronan sheep. They are everything we are chasing. The thing I like the most is their carcase type. Despite the fact that a lot of work has been put into their maternal characteristics they still have very good carcase attributes.

The ewes produce very uniform lines of lambs with very well-muscled carcases which yield really well. Their fat scores just seem to drop into the grid wherever you put them.

We turn off top end supermarket lambs and they are in the 2-3 scores. We take them out to heavy export weights around 32 kilos and they are mostly 3-4 scores.

After more than 53 years of selection for resilience at Mount Ronan the ewes have the ability to "do" in tough conditions and keep bouncing back. That strong constitution is what you get in the Mount Ronan sheep.

Mated ewes at Hills Park, May 2022

Two years ago mature ewes scanned 194.3% after three years of drought, and last year they scanned 211.2% and hoggets 194.7%.

In 2022 adult ewes scanned 206% and hoggets 200.6%, and no ewes received any supplementary feeding.

Andrew Hunter, *Hills Park*, Yerong Creek, NSW. (September 2022)

We have been purchasing Mount Ronan Maternal and White Suffolk rams for the past three years with the view of creating a self-replacing meat flock which is sustainable and profitable.

I'm pleased with the results so far, particularly the mothering nature of the ewes and how protective they are of their lambs.

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Overall the sheep are a very well-balanced breed.

Ben Robilliard, Robilliard Ag, Old Junee, NSW. (September 2022)

"Mount Ronan White Suffolks and Maternals are wonderful sheep. If you are looking for "bang for buck" and wanting maximum kilograms of lamb per hectare, then don't bother looking anywhere else."

Justy Fleay, *Redgum Hills*, Kojonup,WA. (September 2020)

"I think a massive advantage of these Maternals is their mothering ability. I see them physically counting their lambs, they are great milkers and they stamp their hooves at the dogs. The lambs have wonderful doing ability and are quicker maturing.

One of the main advantages is when I sell export lambs they are not bubbling with fat.

They make your mouth water just looking at them. They are very heavy but their leanness is very good."

Owen Blake, *Tandari Pastoral*, Harefield, NSW. (September 2020)

ASBV PERCENTILES

Use the following percentile band tables to work out where an individual ram sits relative to the 2022 drop cohort for all sheep measured in Australia in that dataset across a range of traits.

Percentile band table data is adapted from the *Sheep Genetics* website.
Analysis date 15 January 2023.

* Preferred index

Maternal percentile band table

	BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR	YGFW	YFD	PFEC	MCP+ *
Top 1%	-0.05	11.66	19.79	1.37	3.11	0.41	0.05	0.37	28.12	-4.99	-71.57	182.17
Top 5%	0.12	10.62	17.55	0.70	2.54	0.34	0.04	0.32	24.02	-3.78	-60.77	173.99
Top 10%	0.19	10.05	16.48	0.41	2.23	0.30	0.03	0.29	21.46	-1.87	-54.07	169.18
Top 20%	0.28	9.38	15.26	0.07	1.84	0.25	0.02	0.25	17.64	-0.45	-46.09	162.40
Top 30%	0.35	8.88	14.39	-0.17	1.53	0.21	0.02	0.22	12.77	0.06	-39.92	155.84
Top 40%	0.41	8.43	13.62	-0.35	1.25	0.18	0.01	0.19	8.44	0.36	-34.44	149.62
Top 50%	0.47	7.96	12.86	-0.52	0.97	0.14	0.01	0.15	5.33	0.58	-29.08	142.82

Terminal percentile band table

	BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	LMY	NLW	IMF	SHRF5	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ *
Top 1%	-0.51	12.64	19.48	1.14	4.11	5.36	0.18	0.34	-2.45	1.46	-65.99	158.59	158.28
Top 5%	-0.33	11.73	18.04	0.59	3.44	4.70	0.13	0.06	-0.96	0.31	-55.85	153.47	150.69
Top 10%	-0.03	11.26	17.30	0.35	3.09	4.36	0.10	-0.06	-0.25	-0.35	-49.32	150.59	146.80
Top 20%	0.16	10.69	16.40	0.08	2.66	3.96	0.08	-0.20	0.61	-1.21	-39.34	146.77	141.94
Top 30%	0.23	10.26	15.71	-0.11	2.34	3.66	0.06	-0.30	1.25	-1.86	-31.57	143.72	138.28
Top 40%	0.29	9.86	15.08	-0.26	2.08	3.42	0.05	-0.38	1.81	-2.45	-24.42	140.87	135.13
Top 50%	0.33	9.45	14.43	-0.40	1.83	3.17	0.04	-0.46	2.38	-3.02	-17.57	138.08	132.22

ASBVs are highlighted throughout the catalogue for your convenience.

Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%

AWT   = **Adult weight** (optimise to breeder's requirement)
BWT   = **Birth weight** (optimise to breeder's requirement)
ERA   = **Ewe rearing ability** (the more positive the better)
IMF   = **Intramuscular fat** (the more positive the better)
LE_DIR = **Lambing ease direct** (the more positive the better)
LEQ   = **Lamb eating quality index** (the more positive the better)
LMY   = **Lean meat yield** (the more positive the better)
LS   = **Litter size** (optimise to breeder's requirement)
MCP+   = **Maternal carcase production plus index** (the more positive the better)
NLW   = **Number of lambs weaned %** (the more positive the better)
PEMD   = **Post weaning eye muscle depth** (the more positive the better)
PFAT   = **Post weaning fat** (optimise to breeder's requirement)
PFEC   = **Post weaning faecal egg count** (the more negative the better)
PWWT   = **Post weaning weight** (the more positive the better)
SHRF5 = **Shear force after 5 days of ageing** (tenderness) (the more negative the better)
TCP   = **Terminal carcase production index** (the more positive the better)
WR   = **Weaning rate** (the more positive the better)
WWT   = **Weaning weight** (the more positive the better)
YFD   = **Yearling fibre diameter** (the more negative the better)
YGFW   = **Yearling greasy fleece weight** (the more positive the better)

For more detailed information about ASBVs, go to the following website:
https://www.sheepgenetics.org.au/getting-started/asbvs-and-indexes/

LAMBPLAN'S TRAIT LEADERS

Many of our White Suffolk and Maternal sale rams are trait leaders. In other words, they are in the top percentiles of all the LAMBPLAN database for growth, leanness, muscling, or a combination of these traits. They are in the top percentiles of all the rams of all terminal and commercial maternal breeds measured in the LAMBPLAN program in 2022 in Australia and New Zealand.

Trait leaders are noted in the comments for each ram and boxes are shaded to make them more visible.

Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%

MATERNAL SIRE REFERENCE
(With ASBVs as at 15/01/2023)

PLEASE REMEMBER: Don't compare Maternal ASBV's with Terminal ASBV's because they are different data sets. Comparisons will be misleading due to the use of different breed runs on LAMBPLAN.

MOUNT RONAN   180063

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.13	6.63	13.22	0.08	3.10	0.04	0.05	0.18
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
21/07/2018				8.27	-4.24	-11.11	151.51
SIRE:	Trigger Vale 130981		**DAM:**	MR 160151	**SOD:**	MR 140047	

A Maternal artificial insemination son of the Merino ram TRIGGER VALE 130981. Good growth and outstanding muscling genetics. Lower birthweight and finer micron genetics and phenomenal daughter ewe rearing ability (ERA).

MOUNT RONAN   190071

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.53	6.73	11.21	0.64	2.49	-0.08	0.03	0.06
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
14/07/2019				-24.76	0.39	-35.43	143.40
SIRE:	Mount Ronan 160047		**DAM:**	MR 150279	**SOD:**	Lambpro 122033	

A Maternal son of Maternal ram MOUNT RONAN 160047. Good growth and strong muscling.

MOUNT RONAN   190262

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.48	7.43	12.17	0.07	1.79	0.19	0.01	0.20
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
25/07/2019				-2.79	-0.45	-43.65	148.34
SIRE:	Mount Ronan 150214		**DAM:**	MR 140342	**SOD:**	Lambpro 121676	

A Maternal son of Maternal ram MOUNT RONAN 150214. Positive production ASBVs and higher worm resistance.

MATERNAL SIRE REFERENCE

(With ASBVs as at 15/01/2023)

MOUNT RONAN   200006

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.36	10.94	19.87	0.52	2.62	-	-	-
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
7/07/2020				-13.35	0.47	-26.01	150.77
SIRE:	Felix 151229		**DAM:**	MR 180279	**SOD:**	MR 160624	

A White Suffolk AI son of FELIX 151229. Used in the White Suffolk and Maternal programs. Lower birthweight, strong muscling and growth genetics, plus higher daughter fertility.

MOUNT RONAN   200106

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.24	8.53	15.50	0.12	2.14	-	-	-
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
10/07/2020				-14.46	-0.77	9.06	145.74
SIRE:	Felix 151229		**DAM:**	MR 170084	**SOD:**	Langley Heights 090160	

A White Suffolk AI son of FELIX 151229. Used in the Maternal program on selected ewes. Lower birthweight, with stronger growth and muscling genetics. Excellent daughter fertility.

MOUNT RONAN   200159

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.40	8.10	15.25	-0.56	1.59	0.13	0.03	0.19
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
12/07/2020				23.82	-3.07	-37.78	150.29
SIRE:	Trigger Vale 180576		**DAM:**	MR 180031	**SOD:**	Gates 140069	

A Maternal AI son of selected Merino sire TRIGGER VALE 180576. A very interesting ram. Top of Merinotech Index for young Maternal sires at Mount Ronan for 2020 drop. Has well-structured black hooves and breeds predominantly that way. Beautiful stylish, finer wool and fleece weight genetics for an inter-breed sheep.

MOUNT RONAN   210174

BWT	WWT	AWT	PFAT	PEMD	LS	ERA	WR
0.37	8.98	14.76	-0.60	2.47	-0.02	0.04	0.13
DOB			**MICRON**	**YGFW**	**YFD**	**PFEC**	**MCP+**
17/07/2021				-11.67	0.18	-18.82	153.00
SIRE:	Mount Ronan 180012		**DAM:**	MR 160085	**SOD:**	MR 150335	

A Maternal son of the Maternal sire MOUNT RONAN 180012. Lower birthweight genetics with good growth and muscling. Excellent daughter ewe rearing ability (ERA).

Notes:

Felix	(NSW)	Gates	(NSW)	MR = Mount Ronan
Lambpro	(NSW)	Langley Heights	(NSW)	SOD=Sire of Dam
Trigger Vale	(NSW)			DAM MS = Dam Mothering Score

Shaded ASBV boxes indicate trait leaders – top 20% or better for that trait.

WHITE SUFFOLK TERMINAL SIRE REFERENCES

(With ASBVs as at 15/01/2023)

MOUNT RONAN 200006

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5
0.14	10.58	17.41	0.46	2.24	0.16	-0.19	-0.44
DOB	DAM		LMY	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ
7/07/2020	MR 180279		2.39	1.12	-29.18	151.79	151.25
SIRE:	Felix 151229			SOD:	MR 160624		

A White Suffolk AI son of White Suffolk sire FELIX 151229. Strong growth and muscling combination. Lower birthweight genetics and outstanding daughter fertility. Excellent eating quality genetics.

MOUNT RONAN 210070

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5
0.68	9.48	14.65	-0.54	3.10	0.09	-0.96	1.27
DOB	DAM		LMY	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ
14/07/2021	MR 180275		3.82	-13.35	8.15	137.22	125.09
SIRE:	Somerset 190158			SOD:	MR 170203		

An AI White Suffolk son of SOMERSET 190158. Good muscling.

MOUNT RONAN 210098

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5
0.64	10.56	16.17	-1.01	2.43	0.04	-0.64	1.57
DOB	DAM		LMY	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ
15/07/2021	MR 180336		4.40	-7.50	19.00	142.87	133.46
SIRE:	Somerset 190158			SOD:	MR 170052		

An AI White Suffolk son of SOMERSET 190158. Good growth and muscling, and excellent lean meat yield genetics.

MOUNT RONAN 210148

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5
0.61	10.67	16.18	-0.84	2.81	0.08	-0.52	1.47
DOB	DAM		LMY	LE_DIR	PFEC	TCP	LEQ
16/07/2021	MR 190050		4.77	-10.38	-12.82	141.83	136.58
SIRE:	Somerset 190158			SOD:	Ella Matta 1500967		

An AI White Suffolk son of SOMERSET 190158. Strong growth and muscling genetics. Outstanding lean meat yield genetics.

WHITE SUFFOLK TERMINAL SIRE REFERENCES
(With ASBVs as at 15/01/2023)

FELIX 200895

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5
0.03	12.47	20.22	1.24	3.37	0.09	-0.05	0.54
DOB	**DAM**		**LMY**	**LE_DIR**	**PFEC**	**TCP**	**LEQ**
	Felix 190080		2.91	2.04	-51.37	160.11	162.83
SIRE:	Felix 191175			**SOD:**	Felix 150721		

Used in AI program. Son of FELIX 191175. Lower birthweight with excellent growth and strong muscling genetics. Excellent eating quality ASBVs.

LANGLEY HEIGHTS 180231

BWT	WWT	PWWT	PFAT	PEMD	NLW	IMF	SHRF5
0.13	11.54	17.69	0.42	4.00	0.06	0.06	-1.27
DOB	**DAM**		**LMY**	**LE_DIR**	**PFEC**	**TCP**	**LEQ**
	Langley Heights 150501		3.37	0.00	-23.21	160.55	161.97
SIRE:	Langley Heights 160376			**SOD:**	Langley Heights 130049		

Used in AI program. Lower birthweight genetics, with strong growth and lean meat yield. Outstanding muscling and eating quality genetics.

Notes:

Ella Matta	(SA)	MR = Mount Ronan	
Felix	(NSW)	SOD=Sire of Dam	
Langley Heights	(NSW)	DAM MS=Dam Mothering Score	
Somerset	(VIC)		

Shaded ASBV boxes indicate trait leaders – top 20% or better for that trait.

Sale ram selection, January 19th 2023.