



HADDONRIG



Extensively measured, highly profitable Merinos and Poll Merinos

Dear clients,

A timely Summer break of 140mm in early December provided us with optimal conditions for joining, resulting in a successful AI program and great natural conception at scanning this year. Overall conception saw 140% fetuses and a twin rate of 60% on ewes scanned in lamb. All maiden ewes achieved 90% conception or better and mixed age stud and flock ewes achieved 96% scanned in lamb. After a 1200 head AI program, we recently marked our AI lambs and saw a 125% or better result.

With 1800 ram lambs classed in January, we're excited to present this year's auction group and grade selections. On July 14th, shedded rams averaged 99.8kgs BWT, 42.2 for Eye Muscle Depth (EMD) and 6.4 for FAT. Paddock auction rams saw an average daily gain of 200 grams/day since shearing in March to reach an average of 81.3kgs BWT, 37.5 Eye Muscle Depth (EMD) and 4.4 for FAT. We're extremely happy with these results showing the growth potential of HR genetics.

On-farm, we are improving our data accuracy and results around reproduction and carcass figures (Australian Standard Breeding Values or ASBVs). Using EIDs, we are collecting more lifetime data on our ewes (or stud nucleus), including fat and muscle scanning at joining and more comprehensive joining data which follows through to weaning results. Whilst maintaining our constant focus on balance, improving our data accuracy means our comparative industry performance (ASBVs) is also improving year-on-year, closer reflecting the reality of the HR animal.

We are above industry average for growth (Post Weaning Weight (PWWT), Yearling and Adult Clean Fleece Weight (YCFW and ACFW) and the Sustainable Merino (SM) index which represents meat cut and overall profitability.



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Wether trading has been a big part of our livestock enterprise this year, with 1600 HR-bred wethers retained and 3500 wethers purchased in January for an average of \$91/hd. Margins for the trade include: 41kg average feedlot entry weight with wethers putting on 300 grams/day, resulting in a total weight gain of 17kgs for an average sale weight of 58kgs liveweight. Average carcass sale value of \$234/hd including skin value, cutting \$35kg of wool based on 3.5kg average per head came to a total sale proceed of \$268/hd for a net profit of \$115.86 per head at a 127% margin. Interestingly, purchased trade wethers shored an average of 2.5kgs wool/hd compared to our own HR wethers, which averaged 3.5kgs. At 9000c/kg, that's a difference of \$9/hd and nearly covers the cost of shearing alone (\$11/hd).

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our **On-Property Auction on the 11th of September.**



2024 AI lamb marking. 125% lambs marked to ewes joined.



Peas in a pod. 2024 grade rams



Olivia Falkiner, Matt Kelly,
Oscar Nuthall and Will Michell



HR ET ewe fleece, December 2024



2024-drop ram lambs. August 2024

2025 DATES

Nyngan Ag Expo 02 August • **Dubbo National Merino Show** 12-13 August
South West Slopes Field Day 02 September • **HR Ram Sale** 11 September

Client Profile: The Taylor Family, Walcha

HR clients have properties in a variety of environments. Long-term clients, the Taylor family, have recently shifted their operation from Young to "Elswick" Walcha which experiences 700mm of rain in both summer and winter. Recently they achieved fantastic results with their 2025 scanning.

Out of 1943 merino ewes scanned they have the potential lambing rate of 147%, with only 4.5% dry ewes (maidens included). The maiden ewes were a particular standout, with 94.5 % in lamb with the potential of a 125% lambing. Excellent management by the Taylor's combined with HR fertility. The Taylors also got the highest price for the medium wool catalogue at the Melbourne sale recently with wool off their 6-year-old ewes. A strong testament to the quality and longevity of the Haddon Rig wools.