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2022 Newsletter

2022 RAM SALE

WEDNESDAY
28TH SEPTEMBER

Bundilla On Property Ram
Sale & online with Elite
Livestock Auctions
at 1pm, inspect from 8:30am

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER

Inspection & Presentation
from 9am
at Bundilla property

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Bundilla 2021 Sale Results

Our 36th Annual Sale of Bundilla Poll Merino Rams was an incredible result for our family, with 313 of 320 rams sold to average \$4767.

The \$16000 top priced ram sold to CW Mattiske & Co, Geraldra Stockinbingal.

85 registered buyers travelled from Longreach, Queensland across NSW and Victoria to South Australia, Western Australia & Tasmania.

Private Ram Sales were outstanding with over 500 Bundilla rams sold privately plus a large number of surplus ewe sales.

We thank all of our clients for their support and look forward to contacting them in the coming weeks.

2022 Bundilla Ram Sale



Our 2022 On Property Ram Sale will operate again in conjunction with Elite Livestock Auctions (formerly StockLive), an online selling platform for any buyers to bid and secure their rams if they are unable to be present at our onsite property sale. Video footage & photographs of all lots will be available on Elite Livestock Auctions website (www.elitelivestockauctions.com.au) from the 23rd September.



2022 Bundilla Open Day 16th September

This year we have scheduled to start our Open Day with a Presentation on "Understanding ASBV'S & selecting Rams to best compliment your Breeding Operation". The day will begin at 9am with the opportunity to view all the 2022 sale team following the presentation.

Our 2022 Production sale team currently consists of 520 Bundilla Poll Rams, with 400 private sale Poll Rams available post sale. We have completed all carcass testing and fleece weighing for this group.

YCFW	YFD	YFDCV	YSL	PWWT	YWT	YFAT	YEMD	EBWR	WR	MWWT	7%DP
25.2	-0.9	-0.9	10.6	6.4	9.0	0.3	1.2	-0.2	0.24	0.4	203.0

Bundilla Moves to a 6 Month Shearing

This year we have moved to a 6 month shearing for a combination of reasons. Firstly the forecast of a very wet winter & the opportunity to make use of our new shearing shed. Also to better manage our non mules flock, and to have the benefit of having freshly shorn ewes during lambing.

All 5475 mixed age ewes that were joined this year were shorn with 6 months wool. Our ewe lambs will be taken through to late October to be shorn. The ewes cut an averaged 3.9Kg Greasy of 18.6 micron. The fleece lines averaged 67mm staple length with a 49 NKT staple strength & a 71.1 Yield. In all the ewes averaged \$42.51 worth of fleece value.

Nutrien Ag's Simon Flick & Rachael Ward put our results in perspective to the general market. They used our test results to set parameters for comparison of other similar types sold in Sale 202R.

For adult fleece wools they used specs of (18-20 micron, 0.5-3.2VM, 60-70mm, 43+NKT, with NM & CM lots excluded so as to provide a truer comparison of a premium only related to having a status of NM/CM.

- The market average price was 1599c/kg clean.
- Schneider purchased 58% of our total clip, and 78% (81 bales) of our fleece wools. They purchased 71% (57 bales) of our adult fleece wool at an average of 1793c/kg clean. This is a premium of 12.1% above the market average price.



In all we were very happy with the result and feel this will be our direction moving forward. It must be said the second half of the year will be through the lambing, lactation and weaning period so it will be interesting to see what reductions in fleece production we will see at shearing at the end of October.

Exciting New Poll Merino's coming through in 2022

We are very excited by the 2022 drop of lambs this year, with 3412 lambs tagged & genomic tested from 2456 dams (138%). The combination of high performance & visual correctness is helping us improve the depth of genetics we can provide year on year.

Sires such as Bundilla 200810 pictured below combine an outstanding confirmation & wool quality while providing a very balanced breeding background being in the top 1% in sheep genetics for 7%DP a very unique ram.

YCFW	YFD	YFDCV	YSL	YSS	PWWT	YWT	HWT	YFAT	YEMD	EBWR	ERA	LS	WR	MWWT	7%DP
25.6	-1.21	-0.85	11.06	1.7	7.86	9.08	9.46	0.36	2.63	-0.64	0.07	0.13	0.28	0.02	223
73%	81%	72%	74%	57%	75%	75%	73%	65%	69%	68%	36%	45%	44%	56%	

This sire represents what we are trying to achieve across our stud nucleus - Sheep that express a very balanced breeding set of ASBVs & that have thrived in what has been a very challenging wet period. It looks like we will have 3 years with our average rainfall exceeding 1000mm.



2022 Work Placement at Bundilla

Matthew Kelly (Marcus Oldham College), Grace Corrigan (Charles Sturt University) & Kate Murphy (Charles Sturt University) have all undertaken their work practical placements at Bundilla. It's been a wonderful experience having energetic & passionate sheep enthusiasts working within our industry. Each year we are looking to have students join us for their work placement to gain experience in an environment that uses many sheep technologies to assist in management & selection within our program.



Bundilla Clients Pushing the Limits of Merino Productivity



Each year we like to highlight one of our client merino programs that are pushing the limits of merino productivity. The Hufton family, Mal, Louise, Tim & Charlie are running an inspirational mixed farming sheep livestock program with country under management from Harden to Gundagai. In 2022 The Hufton family received the Grid Performance award presented by Gundagai Lamb for the consistent amount of lines of lambs to receive IMF & meat yield premiums, 79% of lambs they contracted in 2022 received premiums, 170 producers consigned lamb to this grid in 2022.

Mal, Tim & Charlie all promote how important pasture improvement and fodder cropping is to maximizing the genetic potential of their sheep enterprises. In 2021 the Hufton family joined 100% of the Bundilla blood ewe lambs at 6-7 months of age to Meat Plus rams.

The Hufton family, had a 152% marking rate for the Bundilla blood ewes joined in 2022 at Harden, 10% above their crossbred operation for the year, a great result. Jason Southwell, Tim & Charlie have been focused on very high indexing dual purpose sires with very balanced ASBVs. These sires are joined 3 times in a 12 month period to maximize the return and genetic gain from the investment they make in Bundilla sires.

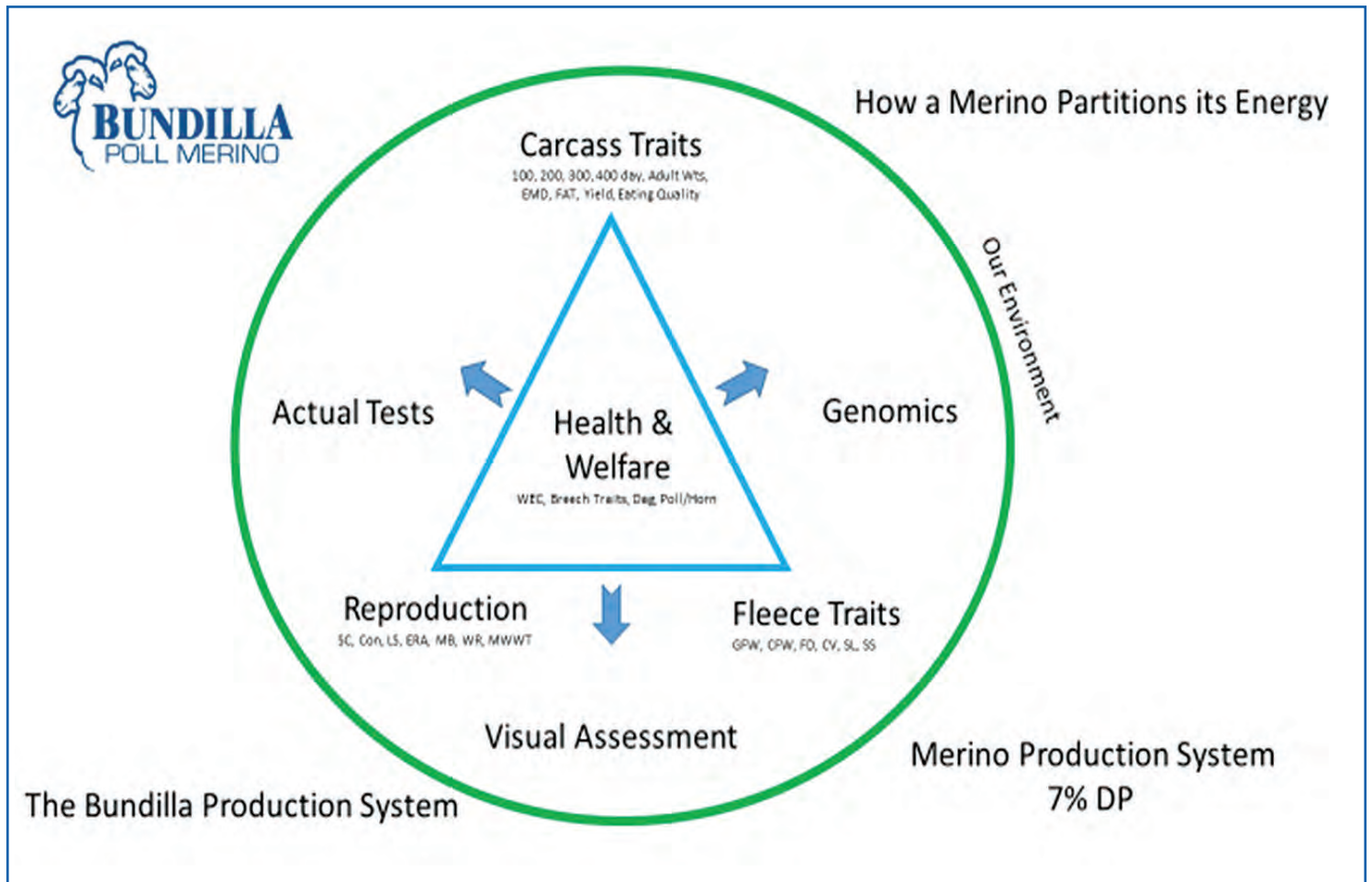
Making Genetic gain in feed efficiency at Bundilla

The true value of ASBVs is being able to have constructive breeding outcomes over the entire stud nucleus to achieve genetic gain and therefor feed efficiency. With 43 years of reproduction data, 36 years of Carcass data and 30 years of Fleece data, the accuracy of the information we use to assist in our genetic decisions is very repeatable.

By having a very balance approach to our breeding program, we target gradual gains across all traits within our stud nucleus.

Any time we have used extreme sires (Sires that have an imbalanced production system for example too much CFW, or too much muscle, or too big a litter size) we are seeing an imbalance in how an animal partitions its energy.

Basically all you are seeing in these animals are moving the energy it uses to support its fleece value to its carcass traits you are not seeing an improvement in feed efficiency.



This shows why long term breeding programs with balance breeding objectives, using a combination of measured and visual assessment are being and will continue to be the backbone of the Australian sheep industry going forward.

In 2022 we constructively single sire joined 2456 stud ewes, and achieved a 173% pregnancy scan result.

	YCFW	YFD	YFDCV	YSL	YSS	PWWT	YWT	HWT	YFAT	YEMD	EBWR	WR	YFEC	MWWT	7%DP
2022 Ewe Base	25.2	-0.8	-0.8	8.9	0.44	5.8	8.6	9.7	0.3	1.0	-0.18	0.21	-4.47	0.33	186.9
Ram Base	27.9	-1.0	-0.9	11.6	0.58	7.6	10.6	11.7	0.3	1.2	-0.37	0.23	-9.50	0.42	207.6
Mid Point	26.6	-0.9	-0.8	10.3	0.5	6.7	9.6	10.7	0.3	1.1	-0.28	0.22	-7.0	0.37	197.3

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of having a balanced breeding program, focusing on merinos that may not be extreme for certain traits but are more balanced and feed efficient in the way they partition the energy that you provide them either through improved pastures or supplementary feeding. Year on year these are the sheep that will contribute to your bottom line with the least amount of wastage.