

BRUAN POLL DORSETS

“Commercially Focused Seedstock Producers”

Information Update

July 2013

LEADING BREEDER FORUM

Bruan Poll Dorsets as members of the Meat Elite Australia group took part in the Leading Breeder Forum in Bendigo in February. It was attended by over 100 breeders and service providers. A number of speakers provided insights into the key topic areas of:

- New developments in Sheep Genetics
- Genomics-what’s next?
- Improving you and your clients business, and
- Breeding the ram of the future

The two day Forum was full of new information for the Lamb Industry and Meat Elite Australia gave it’s overview on their genetic gain, Young Sire Progeny testing program and how it is supporting the Lamb Industry research projects through genomics and meat eating quality testing.

MEAT ELITE AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

Bruan Poll Dorsets as one of the 16 stud breeders in the Meat Elite group attended the annual conference which followed on from the Leading Breeders Forum. The Meat Elite Australia group is about sharing genetics, progeny testing elite young sires and using latest breeding technologies to identify and supply animals that lift the productivity of the sheep meat industry. All Young Sire Program rams are DNA tested and receive research ASBVs for birth and post weaning weights, shear force, dressing percent, intramuscular fat (IMF), lean meat yield (LMY), and worm egg count (WEC).

As a group we visited Pepperton and Ilfracombe studs and then on to the East Loddon historic woolshed.



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SHEEPVENTION AUG.5th & 6th

Once again we will be heading to Hamilton Sheepvention with a Ute load of rams for display in the Sheep Tech Marque. We hope you will seek us out and have a chat with us any time over the two days. We will not be showing sheep in the Sheep Pavilion this year, so both us and the sheep will be in the one spot.



SALE DAY- OCTOBER 21st

No doubt all of us can not wait for October to arrive when all the previous horror seasons will be behind us. Hopefully we will all have plenty of good lambs marked and doing well. Our sale date is Monday October 21st. We have a big line-up of top performance rams for those needing rams this coming season. At the moment they are ticking along slowly as we prefer them to be grass fed rather than pumped along with a lot of supplement feeding. Big fat overfed rams we believe is not the ideal. Come and see us at Sheepvention for sale data/ flyers etc and feel free to discuss any ram requirements.



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Keep an eye on our website for stud rams, and semen available.

Our aim is to select sires that have DNA research breeding values that project good meat eating qualities. We are along way off producing “the ram” with excellent traits all round, but the sooner we start selecting, the sooner we may get there. It is still very important we select good ASBV’s and that our data collection is accurate but we also need to select for yield and eating quality. Having said all that, it is equally important that our rams are structurally correct, and able to work effectively under normal commercial conditions.

RAM SELECT WORKSHOP

Bruan Poll Dorsets would like to invite our clients to a Ram Select Day on Thursday August 22nd on property .It is a Sheep CRC initiative and is free of charge to our clients. Lunch and morning tea are provided. These workshops have been successfully run around the country over the past year and we felt it to be a good opportunity to help our clients with their ram selection. The workshop is designed to build confidence to: define breeding objectives, assess rams using figures and visual assessment, prepare for the auction or selection day and invest in rams for production and profit. We will keep our clients updated closer to the day.

