



GROGANSWORTH



Flock No. 4038 Est. 1985

AUGUST 2009

Merinos

The plans for Grogansworth Merinos involve building on the long-term objectives which are the foundation of the Stud.

Top quality apparel is the major product of the wool from this clean wool-growing country, so the aim is to produce ewes with 18 to 19 micron wool, a slight reduction on the last few years' result, in keeping with the trend we observe in world markets.

Breeding will concentrate on the production of freer-growing sheep, leading to an increase in weaning percentage, and earlier maturity. Businesses running a Merino enterprise will be better able to take advantage of the lamb and mutton markets, as well as the fine-wool trade.

At Grogansworth Merino Stud critical subjective assessment and scientific tools, such as micron-testing of all stud rams and ewes, assist in breeding rams to enable clients to meet their objectives.

We look forward to providing rams to assist you to meet your production goals. We are available to discuss your breeding objectives with you.

The Grogansworth On-Property Ram Auction will be on Monday 19th October. We welcome your enquiries and look forward to seeing you here.

Long-term clients between Boorowa and Young, SW NSW, Rhonda and Bill Daly, trading as YLAD, are very pleased with recent stock sales. Using Poll Dorset rams over Grogansworth blood ewes, they averaged \$124.49 per head for 274 grass-fed Prime Lambs which averaged 23.7kg dressed, having shorn \$9 worth of wool from them in February. The mob averaged of \$133.49. The top lamb returned \$166.

It was a pleasure to see the shearing of young merinos at Milgadara recently.

DUBBO NATIONAL MERINO RAM SALE

Thursday 27th August 2009

Grogansworth will offer 1 Stud Ram at this year's Dubbo Ram Sale.

Tag No. A25308

Micron 19.7 • SD 3.0 • CV 15.1 • Comf Factor 99.6%

This ram is an excellent example of the BBB 9.2 Family. He has soft fine-medium long-stapled wool, growing on a carcase of outstanding conformation.

2008 ON-PROPERTY RAM AUCTION REPORT

The decision to move to an auction in October last year was well-supported by long-term and newer clients, and a good crowd of on-lookers. We thank our valued clients for your support and also the under-bidders.

The 34 rams offered (av. 18.89 micron) all sold, to average \$1015, with rams going to Victoria, Berridale on the Monaro, Central and Southern NSW.



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On-Property Ram Auction

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER • 3PM

Inspection from 11am

45 Fine-Medium Rams

Figures available early October



Champion August Shorn Ram
Royal Canberra Show Feb. 08

VISITOR FROM CHINA

We were visited by a representative of a mill in China, near Shanghai, which processes wool and cashmere during shearing in July.



Colin Hunt (Elders Sydney), Jack from near Shanghai and Kim Henderson during shearing at Grogansworth.

The family has 300 retail outlets throughout China, where they are a well-regarded household name.

They purchase 60,000 bales of 16.5 to 22.5 micron wool with a maximum of 2.5%VM. The Grogansworth wool fits well within these specifications, at an average of 19 microns, and VM about 0.7% - 2%, and is the kind of product sought by buyers for this mill. We value this interest and feedback from people in the wool-processing chain.

SHOW FLEECE

We were pleased with a fleece from one of last year's Show Rams, which had a very good set of figures. It was entered in the Royal Canberra and Yass Shows in early Autumn. It won its class in Canberra, came second to the fleece that went on the be the Champion Fleece of the Show in Yass, and also gained a 2nd prize in the Fleece Competition associated with the District Exhibits at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year.



BOOKHAM WETHER COMPETITION

This year was the 2nd year of this well-regarded industry yard-stick and the YLAD team performed well, being 1st in Wool Yield with 70.2%, and 3rd in Clean Fleece Weight.

BOOKHAM EWE COMPETITION

This important event run by the Bookham Agricultural Bureau, just south of Yass, in February, was won by Grogansworth clients, Caroline Spittle and her daughter, Rosemary Mitchell. The judges, Hay-based classer, Chris Bowman, and John Alcock, Greenland Merino Stud, Bungarby, on the Monaro said, in their appraisal, that the ewes could be classed as stud ewes due to their being highly productive, heavy-cutters of 19.6 micron wool, with excellent muscle and bone structure. Kim Henderson has been classing the Kingslea flock for about 25 years.



KINGSLEA WINNERS

Rick Maslin (Merial Representative, Yass) and Phillip White (Manager, Elders Yass) inspecting the first placed ewes.

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