



Welcome to our 2025 newsletter. It has been a challenging past 18 months for all of South Australia with record or near record low rainfall received. However some useful falls of rain in June and a wet July have kickstarted our season. Pasture growth has been slow due to the late start and cold conditions but now things are on the move as the days get longer and a bit more warmth. We look forward to the forecast wet spring to get the bulk of feed we need and some good grain and hay crops.

The Merino breeding ewe numbers across the state have taken a hit due to the drought conditions and merino breeders that have been able to hang in there are certainly going to be rewarded going forward. We are now seeing record sheep prices being achieved with lamb prices skyrocketing and mutton now at around \$8 a kilo. The lack of supply should see these prices hold for some time. We should also expect to see a big upside with wool prices once the low yielding drought affected wools clear the pipeline and a lack of supply should drive prices upwards. The Dual purpose Merino is going to be an even more valuable enterprise for all farming operations with lower risk compared to an all cropping enterprise with input costs spiralling out of control.

We were thrilled to win the prestigious Champion All Purpose Merino Ram at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show in July in a class of 60 entries. This promising young Poll Ram sired by Moorundie 62-001 will be offered at the Adelaide ram sale and displays all the dual purpose traits that we are aiming for in our breeding program. At the recent Northern SA Merino Expo at Jamestown our 3 young merino rams won the Champion Pen of 3 Ram Hoggetts, receiving a very generous prize of \$5,000 from Michell Wool. We are keeping HB 4.21 as a future top sire here at Greenfields, while HB 4.22 will be offered at the Adelaide Ram Sale and HB 4.25 will be our first merino ram at the On Property sale.

This years On Property sale team have grown out well considering the tough season. Their wools have tested a little finer and have a little more of a dustier tip but still are very soft handling, white, stylish and well nourished underneath. All rams will have current wool tests and also body weights, and eye muscle and fat scan results. Once again the sale will be held in conjunction with Greenfields Karalee at the Bungaree Station Woolshed at Booborowie, with approx. 120 rams on offer. The 60 rams that Greenfields will have feature sons from new AI sires – Collinsville Buddy 32 (Merino ram sold for \$70,000) and Poll sires Moorundie 62-001 and Banavie 13 as well as our own top sires.

Our 28th Annual On Property Sale is on Monday 8th September at Booborowie commencing 1pm.

For those wishing to inspect our Adelaide sale rams and On Property rams we will be having an inspection day at Greenfields on Monday 25th August.

An excellent selection of rams will be available for private selection anytime after the On Property sale.

A copy of the OP catalogue will be available on the new Greenfields website- www.greenfieldsmerinos.com.au or follow us on facebook for future updates.



We look forward to seeing you all at our On Property sale on Monday 8th September and wish you a kind finish to the 2025 season.

Kind Regards

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