

ASHMORE
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NEWSLETTER

August 2018

WELCOME

Welcome to our August Newsletter, produced to keep our greatly valued clients informed of our latest developments and progress.

Ashmore Field Day - 1 Sept

We are conducting an exciting on-property field day on Saturday 1st of September. The day starts at 11am and runs into the afternoon with lunch included.

We have set this day up as an informal way for commercial and stud clients to view our sale sheep in a relaxed setting without the pressure of sale day. The day will be held in our new undercover custom built Proway yards.

We will have the flock rams, stud rams as well as our keeper and semen sires on display. On display will be Ashmore 150340 who is currently the most tender terminal sire in Australia and the 3rd highest ranked terminal sire on the Lamb Eating Quality Index. We also have the number 1 rank 2017 drop ram for LEQ (170568) on display. He and other rams in the top 1% for a range of traits will be on show.



Industry leading genetics - over 200 rams with exceptional performance will be on display at our on property field day on the 1st of September.

We also have a number of presenters who should raise considerable interest.

Drs Greg Johnsson & Deb Lehmann, Kangaroo Island Vet Services – In our opinion, Greg and Deb are the best sheep vets in Australia that we have come across. Greg and Deb will be answering a range of frequently asked questions that come up in everyday sheep production. This is a unique opportunity to get some first class vet information and ask any burning questions you may have. We invite you to send in any questions you might have for Greg and Deb prior to the day. Email troyfischer@bigpond.com

Tim Johnsson, BreedElite – Tim will be demonstrating the Breed Elite Software which can be used by stud or commercial producers. We have found this software to be the most useful and best value for money on the market. Well worth a look if you have e-tags and are starting to collect data.

Bill Stonehill, Clipex – Bill will be demonstrating the capabilities of our Clipex sheep handler including the crutching, weighing and auto-drafting functions. We have found using a handler makes sheep work faster, easier on the operator and the animal as well as more enjoyable.

Lunch and drinks provided – please RSVP to troyfischer@bigpond.com or 0456 230099 for catering.

Please see the flyer enclosed for additional information. We hope to see you there—it's going to be a great day!

2018 full of surprises

Large parts of rural Australia are experiencing the worst drought in recent memory. For those still in the grips of drought, we hope you are coping as well as you can. As for us, 2018 has been a decile 1 rainfall year with just on 100mm recorded up until the end of July - one quarter of our annual rainfall for the first 7 months. However, with the dry weather, lamb survival rates have been as high as ever. In our first lambing group, out of 430 lambs tagged at birth, 409 survived to tailing which works out at 95% survival. A terrific result from our ewes given the season! Additionally, we received 55mm during the second week of August which has breathed some life back into the season.

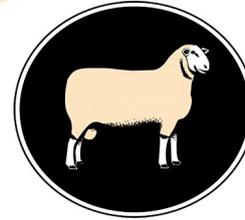
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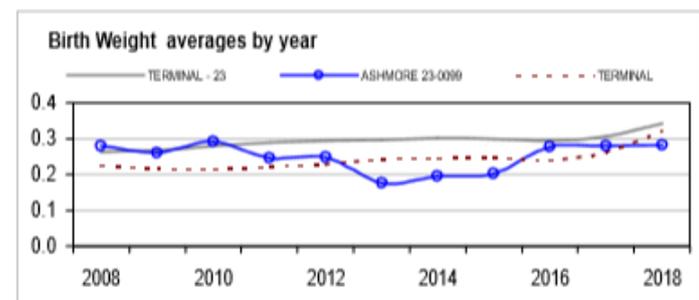
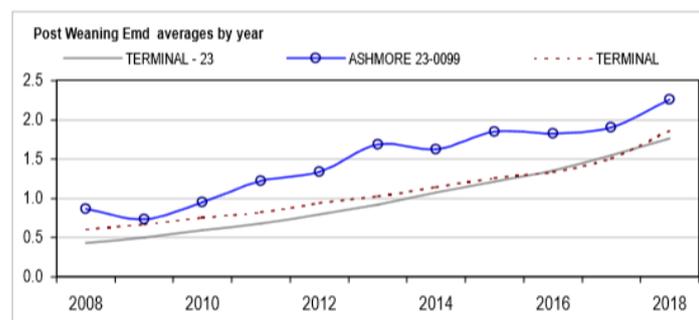
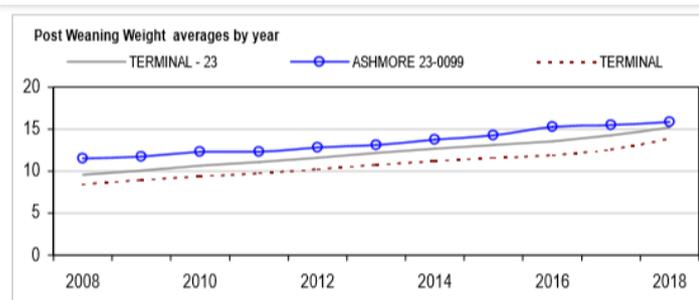


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Preview of Ashmore Ram Sale

Our ram sale is fast approaching, creating a very busy, but stimulating period in our yearly work program. We have some extremely exciting, high performance rams on offer this spring. The very top rams sit around 230 on the Lambplan Carcase Plus index and 175 on the Lamb Eating Quality Index, which puts them in the top 1% of all terminal rams.

The genetic trends below outline our progress and standing within industry - our sheep are well above average for post weaning weight and eye muscle with no change in birth weight over 10 years.



Details of the sale are:

- At "Ashmore", 1460 Wasleys Road, Wasleys
- 24th September 1pm, inspection from 11 am
- Luncheon provided
- 200 industry leading rams - Average Carcase + 200
- 20 selected rams which are all stud sire candidates
- Sale includes a number of rams well suited to maternal flocks or self replacing flocks i.e. high NLW, good growth and moderate mature size. These will be identified in the catalogue.
- Auctions Plus will be used for the first time on the stud ram offering so that clients who cannot attend the sale can still bid themselves.
- Catalogues and videos of stud rams available on our website from late August; hard copy posted in early September.

Social Media Presence

In a move to provide more frequent information and updates we have set up Ashmore Facebook and Twitter pages. If you are on these social media platforms please do look us up and you will keep up to date with the latest happenings at Ashmore. The Ashmore twitter feed can be found at @ashmorews.

Win \$1500 to spend on rams!



Commercial producers have an opportunity to win \$1500 to purchase a White Suffolk Ram. It is really easy to enter and you have a great opportunity to win a terrific prize – all you have to do is go to the Australian WS Website.

<http://www.whitesuffolk.com/pages/news-events/win-a-ram-competition.php>

Ashmore Field Day, 262 Woolsheds Road, Wasleys - Saturday 1st September

Ashmore Ram Sale, 1460 Wasleys Rd, Wasleys - Monday 24th September

220 Rams with Carcase+ average over 200 for sale

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