

ON PROPERTY SALE - MONDAY 12TH AUGUST

160 Poll Merinos | Lameroo SA | 10am Inspection & 1pm Sale



Quality Wool

Highly aligned, bold crimping, nourished & white wools with outstanding staple length & fibre density.



Staple Length

Ability to cut 60-70mm & 4-5kg every 6 months.



Fertility

Highly fertile - consistently recording 115%-125% lambs weaned.



Early Growth

Stock reach marketable size sooner. Ability to join ewe lambs. Positive carcase traits & correct conformation.



Predictability

Long term data collection & use of ASBV's to guarantee reliable & consistent results.



Easy Care

A mules-free flock is achievable due to animals with plain bodies and low breech wrinkle. Ridgway has been mules free since 2022.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo VIC - Friday 19th - Sunday 21st July

South East Merino Field Day, Keith SA - Wednesday 24th July

Hamilton Sheepvention, Hamilton VIC - Sunday 4th & Monday 5th August

RIDGWAY ON-PROPERTY SALE - 50 WALKER ROAD, LAMEROO SA - MONDAY 12TH AUGUST

Classings Classic, Murray Bridge SA - Monday 2nd September

Adelaide Merino Ram Sale, Wayville Showgrounds SA - Friday 6th September



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THE LATEST FROM RIDGWAY

Like most of southern Australia we have had a very dry start to 2024. We were fortunate to receive some reasonable falls in June, but cold weather has slowed feed growth. As a result supplementary feeding will continue for some weeks. Feeding during Autumn is not uncommon for us and we are set up well with containment pens. All dry stock are in containment to minimise soil erosion and allow feed to get away. We have also rotated some ewes and lambs through containment pens and weaned lambs early with success.

Mulesing ceased at Ridgway in 2022. Our first year running un-mulesed lambs went off without a hitch. Prior to shearing our lambs in September 2023 we did crutch about 20% of the drop partly to negate fly strike but also to make the job a little easier for the shearers and keep our wool clip clean. Of the 20% we drafted off to crutch an overwhelming number were bred by one sire. Needless to say this sire was not used again!

With careful skin selection we have been able to create a merino that is able to cut good amounts of long stapled, crimpy, white wool while still being plain enough to handle a non-mules operation. Of our 220 sale rams 83% of these are in the top 20% of the breed for the YCFW ASBV with 64% in the top 10% and 40% of them being in the top 5% of the breed. Our entire sale team averages 31 for YCFW. These rams are by no means ‘thick’ or ‘tight’, they possess soft pliable skins and have exceptional staple length.

We strive to produce sheep which are early maturing, that carry fast growing, elite fibre with good density, who produce lots of lambs and continue to thrive when times are tough. The following graphs plot the trajectory of key traits that relate to these breeding aims in the form of ASBV’s. This shows how our sheep have improved over the past 10 years and indicate where we are heading as a stud.



Increasing YEMD and YFAT is something we have been working on in recent years. It is encouraging to see improvements in this area evolving without the loss of wool quality and quantity, and without the introduction of structure faults into our flock. We will continue to work on this area with careful sire selections.

We are very pleased with how this year’s sale rams have progressed and look forward to offering them at our on-property sale on the 12th of August. We will also offer a select few at the Classings Classic sale in Murray Bridge and at the Adelaide sale both in early September. Rams will also be available through private selection by appointment. We welcome your enquiry for the purchase of our 1 ½, 4 ½ and 5 ½ ewes which will be available in late September.

Ridgway offers a free classing service to their clients and delivery of purchased rams can be arranged. We thank you for your support in the past and extend an invitation to existing and new clients to our sale on Monday the 12th of August.