



Superior Maternal Genetics

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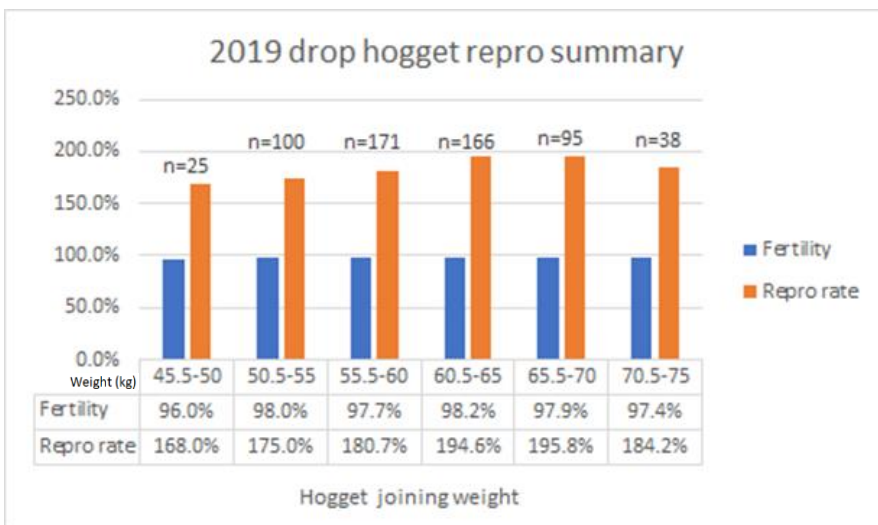
## Strathview Genetics Ram Sale Tim Lubke 0427 693 056

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**



### Ram sale

Our Annual ram sale will be held on-property at 'Strathview' starting at 12pm. 125 rams available for viewing from 10am. We are pleased the government has made an exemption allowing us to conduct the sale in person. ALL bidding will be conducted ONLINE using the Helmsman system through Auctions Plus. With all bidders operating online using your mobile or device, it will ensure the length of the auction is completed smoothly and in a timely manner. All buyers will need to register on Auctions Plus 2 business days prior to the sale. Alternatively, you may ask your stock agent to bid on your behalf. Please contact Tim if you have any questions or concerns with the sale process or changing government regulations. We will have videos of all rams available for viewing prior to the sale on the Auctions Plus website. A Covid safety plan will be in place.



Hogget preg status	Count	Avg join WT	Avg join CS
0	14	61.1	3.55
1	124	59.1	3.47
2	410	60.7	3.49
3	62	63.6	3.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>3.50</b>

**The av condition score for the hogget’s joining was 3.5**

Our ewe hoggets this year scanned on average 183%. Conception rates were outstanding, with only a handful dry. The most profitable hogget ewes were in the 60-65kg category. The graph above highlights the increased scanning rate with the added weight put on ewes. It also highlights very little, to no extra gain with increasing hogget ewe weight beyond 65-70kg. In the 70-75kg weight range, the scanning rate drops. Understanding the sweet spot for productivity in our ewes can greatly increase profitability. More information is yet to be released from the trial as we are awaiting the final paper to be drawn up. We are hoping to hold a field day in conjunction with MLA representatives next year in February with a full report on the trial and a workshop on Understanding Condition Scoring for Profit.

## Working with the industry’s Best



### Ewe lamb trial

The ewe lamb trial conducted by MLA concluded this year with the hogget joinings. The data was collected from the ewes that joined as lambs (joined at 7-8 months). All dry ewe lambs sold. Ewes that either lost their tag or died have been excluded from the data set. Data includes the average joining weight, average condition score, and the average conception rate.

Our 3-5-year-old mature ewes this year scanned at 205%. The increased scanning rate is a result of two very good feed seasons with our ewes being condition scored 3.4 or above at joining. With a run of good seasons, ewe management after weaning (while ewes are idle) should be at the forefront of our minds by managing the weight and condition of our ewes. Running more ewes to increase competition, as well as containment feeding will be key management practices in capping adult weight for us going forward.

Genstock performing Embryo transfer in surrogate ewes. They were able to extract 17 eggs out of our highest indexed ewe.



## Investing in the Future

Our embryo transfer work and artificial insemination program this year has been successful. We've been able to increase our stud numbers by selecting our top performing ewes. We're not only getting more numbers on the ground, but higher performing ones too.

## 2021 Strathview Maternal Flock Rams

This year's ram sale team led by elite sire Strathview 331 displays strong maternal traits. This drop highlights the selections we have been making in terms of dropping adult weight, whilst increasing fertility for a more resilient and feed efficient sheep. Strathview stud is one of the highest ranking maternal flocks on LambPlan for \$maternal weaning weight, registering on average **+1.0 for milk**. At the most critical phase of rearing lambs, Strathview ewes can convert feed into milk, weaning an **extra 1kg of meat** per ewe, making them more efficient when it counts!

These rams are resilient and have a strong constitution, built for commercial producers looking at running high stocking rates that perform well under pressure.

## Poll Dorsets:

We will again this year include 5 Poll Dorset, low birth weight, high fat, high muscle rams suitable for maiden ewe joining or terminal sire. These will be on the \$terminal Lambplan index.

Looking forward to seeing you either in person, or online at our sale 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021!