

LACHLAN MERINOS

"Breeding for big sheep with great wools"

FLOCK HISTORY

- Selecting for deep crimping, heavy cutting and silky white wools at 13 months of age.
- Originally founded on Peppin bloodlines, with infusions of Mandalay (Roseville Park) Banavie, Wallaloo Park, Charinga and Lachlan Merinos using AI over the last 20 years, and ET in more recent years.
- **Flock average: 18.9-19.8 mic, 8.0-9.2 kg.**
- During 2008/2009, we have continued to make positive steps in the direction of overall improvement and development of our sheep. We have continued to develop our breeding program, focusing on our artificial component, adding embryo transfer.
- We were losing bidder on the top price ewe (\$8600) at a Dispersal Sale (Severn Park Merino Stud). We purchased another ewe at this sale. "Big Mama", who was a standout in the whole stud for frame, early growth characteristics, fertility (being paddock joined & had 4 live lambs), and outstanding temperament. We have used "Big Mama" this year in our ET program, with other Lachlan Merinos ewes, to develop a new, completely separate family to our stud, breeding for mules free sheep for 2010.

LACHLAN MERINOS WOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Mitchell Rubie with Lachlan Merinos Champion Show Fleeces

- **2003 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo;** 1st med wool (9.1kg @18.3mic), 3rd med wool 10.5kg @ 18.9 mic), 1st strong wool (9.4kg @ 19.1 mic); all skirted ewes fleeces.
- **2004 Bendigo Sheep Show:** Three 3^{rds}; medium wools testing 17.3 to 20.3 micron; 4th highest clean fleece weight of the show (Lachlan Merinos fleeces were paddock run, competing against shedded and coated fleeces).
- **2005 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo:** 1st and 2nd in the medium and 1st and 2nd in the strong sections
- **5 year adult flock average: 19.3 micron**

DUBBO NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW 2006 RESULTS

- **Lachlan Merinos group of 3 lambs received 1st & 2nd, defeating 36 teams from studs & commercial breeders from 3 states at the Dubbo National Sheep Show, August 2006.**
- 1st champion pen of 3 lambs averaged **42.26 kg** a head dressed (\$153.54 a head) @ \$2.70/kg.
- 2nd reserve pen of 3 lambs averaged 40.26 **kg** a head dressed (\$150.05 a head) @ \$2.70/kg.
- **Highest fleece value & heaviest wool cut: 6.5 kg.**
- **Best carcass value:** 43.6kg dressed, 50.7% yield.
- Lachlan Merinos lambs were **20%** heavier than the next closest competitor.
- 6 lambs **averaged 41.3 kg** a head dressed; **49.9 %** yield.
- **The above results demonstrate you can successfully combine excellent wool cut and carcass.**



Other Competitors Lachlan Merinos entry
3rd place: 20% lighter displaying extra body length

LACHLAN MERINOS ANNUAL RAM SALE:
16th September 2009 (HORNED & POLLS)
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