
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARK GROSSMAN

Welcome to the November edition of our AWSA newsletter.

With mixed seasonal conditions occurring across our nation, many regions are now suffering yet another cut off to spring. These seasonal conditions will also have a major effect on our commercial clients.

The spring showing circuit is now drawing to a finish , with the White Suffolk breed again performing well. These results also came across in major show-sales as well as many on-property sales.

Congratulations to all breeders that have exhibited and helped in the promotion of our breed during the year. From those who have won major ribbons, to those members that have simply prepared and displayed their stock, you have all played a vital role in the success and growth of the White Suffolk breed.

Shortly, nominations will be sought for positions on the Federal Council and I encourage anyone who is interested in serving on council to nominate. Voting for these positions will occur by postal ballot, which gives all members the opportunity to exercise your vote.

2015 will see the national conference held at Nuriootpa, in the Barossa Valley in South Australia. This will be the commencement of our 30th year celebrations. Many feature breed showings will be taking place around the nation during the year . The annual conference is a good time for fellowship and sharing knowledge and experiences. It is also a great opportunity to get up-to-date on breed and industry information, so I encourage all members to attend.

Finally, as your President and on behalf of Jane , Lachlan and Stefan we wish everyone a very happy enjoyable Christmas and all the best for the New Year in 2015.



Mark Grossman



FROM THE SECRETARY

NIKKI WARD

Well, I can't believe it has been almost 18 months since I headed off on maternity leave and Dan and I welcomed Harry into the world. So much has happened in that time and those who told me how quickly time flies when you become a parent – you were certainly right.

In January I returned to work for one day a week on a project for Rural Services. I had anticipated that I would return to work 2-3 days at that time but found myself enjoying the perks of motherhood just a little too much and became too attached to the smiles, giggles and cuddles I was receiving all day from Harry. Then Harry grew up and learnt the art of walking and tantrums and never sitting still... So, in August I increased to three days a week - Monday, Wednesday, Friday - with my main focus being the Secretary of the AWSA.

It is great to be back working with you all again. My absence has reaffirmed how much I enjoy working for such a forward-thinking breed and a breed that is close to my heart. And that definitely makes leaving this little face in the mornings a lot easier!

I have honestly been blown away by the breed's progression in the past 12 months, and I congratulate you all for the work you have done in promoting and breeding quality White Suffolks.



I want to take this opportunity to personally thank those that assisted in keeping the business of the Association running whilst I was on leave.



To Rob Martin & the Rural Services team for stepping in as Secretary and taking on the day-to-day enquiries, business and financial matters.

To Sue Piggott & the BizBoost team for dealing with Annual Return, membership and registration/transfer enquiries and providing additional support to Rural Services on Association matters.

I am so appreciative of the time you dedicated to picking up the pieces I left behind and for keeping everything running smoothly on top of your already hectic workloads.

And I also want to thank you, the members, firstly for all your thoughts and wishes on the birth of Harry, and secondly for your patience as I become accustomed to working life again and catch up on all the work waiting for my return.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful festive season with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the White Suffolk breed.

Nikki Ward

NEW MEMBERS SINCE AUGUST 2014

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

Flock	Name	Address	Town	State	Stud Prefix
845	Baker, D	PO Box 555	Camden	NSW	MacArthur
846	Campbell, B	913 Barney's Reef Road	Gulgong	NSW	Avoca
847	Ferguson, M & T	PO Box 120	Hopetoun	VIC	Mallee Park

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUD ON THE AWSA WEBSITE

SUE PIGGOTT, BIZBOOST

The Australian White Suffolk Association will be providing advertising space on their website for any stud breeder or corporate business that would like to promote themselves in the form of a banner advert.

Here is an example:



Please contact Sue or Caitlin at Bizboost - phone (08) 8572 4470 or email info@bizboost.com.au to find out more.

Advert size:

290px wide by 200px high

– saved as a 72dpi .jpg file

Cost: \$330 inc GST paid to the AWSA annually

Starting: January 15th 2015

Link: to your website or your breeders page on the AWSA website.

FEDERAL COUNCIL MATTERS

2014 Annual Return Report

This year saw some concerns over the lack of details submitted with 2014 Annual Returns and the flow-on effect this has had on the lack of data in the Flock Book.

Members are reminded of the following:

- Each year Annual Returns need to be completed in full.

Updates to Contact Details need to be marked on your form, or changed in WebManager.

Ewe numbers need to be listed on your form, including Appendix ewes. Your return cannot be processed without this information

All rams used in your flock need to be listed on the reverse of the form or ticked in your rams used, regardless if they were used last year or not

Any new rams used bred by your stud need to be registered and included with your annual return.

Any rams, semen or ewes purchased need to be transferred to you. All transfers that have been processed by 31st March will be listed on your Annual Return form. Should any ram/semen/ewe transfers not be listed on your Return it is your responsibility to chase these up with the stud you purchased from.

- Your Annual Return will not be accepted until payment of your membership subscription is received. This means that if we do not receive payment your stud details will not appear in the Flock Book even if your return has been completed.

- Any stud that pays their membership subscription but does not completed their Annual Return will only have their contact details printed in the Flock Book with the wording "Insufficient information supplied".

The Secretariat makes attempts to follow up all Annual Return inconsistencies and outstanding returns/payments with members as soon as possible.

FEDERAL COUNCIL MATTERS - CONT

AWSA celebrates 30 years in 2015

2015 marks the 30th Anniversary of the White Suffolk breed in Australia and to celebrate the milestone the Association has applied for Feature Breed status at a number of major shows throughout Australia.

The following major shows have accepted our request and members are encouraged to support the breed at these shows.

6 - 7 March	Wagin Woolarama (TBC)
26 March - 8 April	Sydney Royal Easter Show
15 - 17 May	Dubbo Show
17 - 19 July	Australian Sheep & Wool Show (Bendigo)
3 - 4 August	Hamilton Sheepvention
4 - 13 September	Royal Adelaide Show
19 - 29 September	Royal Melbourne Show
26 Sept - 3 Oct	Royal Perth Show
21 - 24 October	Royal Hobart Show
October (Date TBA)	Launceston
October (Date TBA)	Geelong

2015 National Conference – Nuriootpa, SA

The 30th Anniversary year will kick off with our National Conference to be held at the Nuriootpa Sports & Function Centre in Nuriootpa, SA.

The Conference will begin Sunday 15th February through to Wednesday 18th February.

Accommodation has been put on hold at the Barossa Tourist Park (see www.barossatouristpark.com.au) for Conference attendees. It is recommended that you book as soon as possible if you are planning on attending.

Further information, program and registration form is included in this newsletter or can be downloaded from the website.

Advanced Notice – 2016 National Conference

Members are advised that the 2016 National Conference will be held in Western Australia. More information will be provided once available to ensure you have enough time to plan your attendance at this event.

CASHFLOW PLUS WOOL VALUE AT BALLYHOOLEY

AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE
BY KIM WOODS

Early maturing White Suffolk cross store lambs out of commercial Dohne ewes create cash flow plus a wool cheque for NSW southern tablelands woolgrower Dan Carey.

Each December, Mr Carey, of Frogmore, NSW, holds an on-property sale where the Dohne cross and Merino progeny, and cast-for-age ewes are sold alongside each other.

Last December, White Suffolk cross wether lambs, out of the Dohne cross ewes averaged \$71 and the ewe portion \$61. "If I can run a Dohne ewe cutting 4.5kg of 19 micron wool and give me a sucker lamb without supplementary feeding then I'm well in front," Mr Carey said.

A flock of 500 Dohne F1 and F2 ewes are joined to rams from Kullingrah White Suffolk stud, Frogmore. "We like the White Suffolk for ease of lambing and management," Mr Carey said. He said the White Suffolk was a complementary cross for the Dohne's mix of wool and carcass. The Dohne cross ewes are marking 100 per cent lambs compared to the Merinos on 75 per cent.

When selecting White Suffolk sires, he looks for muscle, a well shaped loin and length on a moderate frame.

"The rams are going over big framed Dohne ewes so we don't want them too big, plus our environment doesn't allow us to finish the lambs as suckers," Mr Carey said.

Dan and his wife Vicki run a sheep and cattle grazing enterprise on the 2300ha property, Ballyhooley. The couple manages 400 stud Dohne ewes, averaging 19-19.5 micron and cutting 4.5kg, on behalf of a syndicate of nine NSW based shareholders called Dimension Dohnes.

The stud ewes are run alongside 1400 commercial Dohne cross ewes, averaging 18.5 micron and cutting on average 5kg, a 1500 ewe finewool Merino flock, 700 Merino wethers and a 600 cow Angus herd.

Dimension Dohnes are developing an internal strain called Dimension Plus focusing on increased crimp and fleeceweight without losing micron and body structure.

Ballyhooley carries 18,000 DSE, all managed by one labour unit.

The property has been refenced into smaller paddocks, with up to 30km of new fencing to increase management efficiency.

Pastures are based on lucerne, phalaris, ryegrass and summer active native grasses.

The winter stocking rate of 7.9 dse/ha is above the district average.

Mr Carey is an advocate of the Lifetime Ewe Management program which he undertook in April with the aim of increasing lamb survival. "Lifetime Ewe Management has made me more aware of body score and condition of ewes pre and post joining," he said.

"We lamb in July and I don't want the ewes to be losing bodyweight over summer before joining so graze them on summer active natives on the hills."



Dan Carey with Dohne-cross ewes and their White Suffolk lambs at Ballyhooley, Frogmore, NSW.

FERTILE RAMS HAVE A SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE GREATER THAN 32CM

ANDREW WHALE - BVBIO/BVSC
 VETERINARY CONSULTANT / SENIOR PARTNER, LIVESTOCK LOGIC

In the last 6-9 months we have been encouraging producers to get rams checked for soundness prior to joining time.

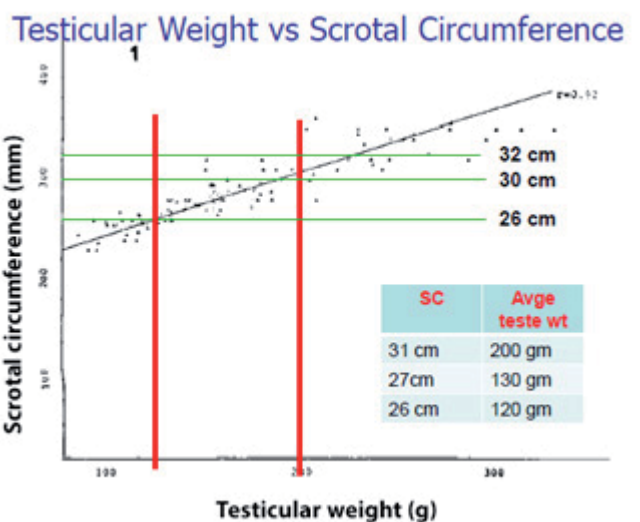
This is not an expensive exercise and recommended to be carried out annually by someone with experience with testicle palpation. We are typically finding 10% of rams are unsound for joining. Reasons are due to lameness, poor body condition, lesions on testicles and soft and small testicles. There has been a recent shift to more rams with smaller testicles and of these the majority have been purchased as ram lambs.

Recommended minimum testicle weight is 200 gram to produce adequate sperm numbers. Almost all rams with SC less than 30cm will have testicles that weigh less than 200gm. 45% of rams with a SC of 30-32 cm have testicles less than 200g while rams with a SC greater than 32 cm, almost all testicles are more than 200 gram. Therefore ensure that the rams you buy have scrotal circumference greater than 32cm, without testicles of this size there is a good chance they will not get the job done.

Further to the actual performance of the ram, there are favourable correlations of SC with age of puberty, ovulation rate, twinning rate and lifetime reproductive performance in female progeny.



To the right is a graph showing the relationship between SC and testicular weight.



AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW RESULTS 2014

18-20 JULY, BENDIGO

JUDGE: CRAIG MITCHELL, EXHIBITORS: 13, SHEEP ENTRIES: 126



GRAND CHAMPION RAM & SUPREME CHAMPION EXHIBIT
BOOLOOLA

1. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
2. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
3. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
4. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice



CHAMPION EWE -WINGAMIN

- Ram under 1.5 years, shorn, born in June
1. Booloola
 2. Omad
 3. Wingamin
 4. Deppeler

- Senior pair of rams U 1.5 years, born April/May/June
1. Induro
 2. Glenarbian
 3. Booloola

SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - BOOLOOLA
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN

- Ram under 1.5 years, shorn, born in July
1. Wingamin
 2. Induro
 3. Glenarbian

- Ram under 1.5 years, shorn, born in August
1. Wingamin
 2. Ashley Park
 3. Ashley Park

- Ram under 1.5 years in the wool
1. Booloola
 2. Omad
 3. Mertex

- Ram under 1.5 years, shorn, born in April
1. Wingamin
 2. Omad
 3. Induro

- Ram under 1.5 years, shorn, born in May
1. Wingamin
 2. Induro
 3. Wingamin
 4. Ashley Park

Junior pair of rams under 1.5 years, shorn, born after July 1st

1. Rene
2. Fairburn

Ram lamb born after 1st of April

1. Omad
2. Induro

JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN
GRAND CHAMPION RAM - BOOLOOLA

Novice Ewe

1. McCaughey (Yanco High School)
2. McCaughey (Yanco High School)
3. McCaughey (Yanco High School)
4. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

Ewe over 1.5 years, shorn, visibly in lamb or with lamb at foot

1. Elisabeth Murdoch College
2. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

Ewe under 1.5 years in the wool

1. Mertex
2. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

Ewe under 1.5 years, shorn, born April/May

1. Booloola
2. Rene
3. Induro

Pair of ewes under 1.5 years, shorn

1. Wingamin
2. Induro
3. Booloola

Ewe under 1.5 years, shorn, born June/July

1. Rene
2. Wingamin
3. Wingamin

Ewe under 1.5 years, shorn, born after 1st August

1. Wingamin
2. Rene
3. Elisabeth Murdoch College

Ewe Lamb born after 1st April

1. Omad

CHAMPION EWE - WINGAMIN
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE - BOOLOOLA

Group of 1 ram & 2 ewes under 1.5 years

1. Booloola
2. Wingamin
3. Rene
4. Glenarbian

Sire's Progeny Group.

1. Wingamin
2. Induro

SUPREME CHAMPION EXHIBIT - BOOLOOLA
MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR - WINGAMIN



JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM
- WINGAMIN

HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION RESULTS 2014

5-6 AUGUST, HAMILTON
 JUDGE: IAN GILMORE



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Class
 Any extra details
**GRAND CHAMPION RAM &
 SUPREME SHORTWOOL RAM - WINGAMIN**

**GRAND CHAMPION EWE &
 SUPREME SHORTWOOL EWE - WINGAMIN**

- Novice Ram 1. "Timor" Jason & Vicki Barker
 2. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
 3. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
 4. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
 5. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
 Highly Commended: "Warburn" A & M Dissegna

Pen of 2 Rams Apr - Jun drop

1. Induro
2. Waratah
3. Ashley Park
4. Glanarbian
5. Bundara Downs

Ram U 1 1/2 Born April

1. Bundara Downs
2. Induro
3. Glengarry
4. Wingamin
5. Omad

Ram U 1 1/2 Born May

1. Aroona Park
2. Ramsay Park
3. Bundara Downs
4. Wingamin
5. Ramsay Park

Ram U 1 1/2 Born June

1. Gemini
2. Days
3. Wingamin
4. Fairburn
5. Waratah

Ram U 1 1/2 Born July

1. Wingamin
2. Somerset
3. Ashley Park
4. Gemini
5. Days

Ram U 1 1/2 Born August

1. Ashley Park
2. Duencin
3. Wingamin

**SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - BUNDARA DOWNS
 RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - INDURO**

Pen of 2 Rams Jul- Sept drop

1. Waratah
2. Ramsay Park
3. Fairburn
4. Duendlin

Ram Lamb

1. Wingamin
2. Windy Hill
3. Omad
4. Induro

JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - ASHLEY PARK
GRAND CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN

Lamb Production Class

1. Ramsay Park
2. Bundara Downs
3. Gemini

Novice Ewe

1. Noremac
2. Noremac
3. Noremac

Ewe Over 1 1/2 in lamb or in milk

1. Wingamin
2. Windy Hill
3. Deppeler

Ewe 1 1/2 born Apr-May

1. Glenarbian
2. Wingamin
3. Windy Hill
4. Somerset
5. Mertex

Ewe 1 1/2 born Jun-Jul

1. Wingamin
2. Glenarbian
3. Mertex
4. Wingamin
5. Sunnydale

Ewe 1 1/2 born after Aug

1. Wingamin
2. Somerset

Pen of 2 Ewes

1. Glenarbian
2. Somerset
3. Induro

Ewe Lamb

1. Wingamin
2. Somerset
3. Omad

CHAMPION EWES - WINGAMIN
RESERVE CHAMPION EWES - GLENARBIAN

Sires Progeny Group:

1. Induro
2. Waratah
3. Wingamin
4. Bundara Downs
5. Fairburn

Group of 3 - 1 ram and 2 ewes

1. Glenarbian
2. Wingamin
3. Induro

SUPREME CHAMPION EXHIBIT - WINGAMIN



SUPREME CHAMPION SHORTWOOL GROUP
- GLENARBIAN

COMMERCIALY PROFITABLE AND TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIME LAMB PRODUCERS

AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE
BY KIM WOODS

One southern NSW prime lamb flock has to be not only commercially profitable but also play a role in educating the next generation of Australian sheep producers.

The flock at the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Primary Industries Centre, Wagga Wagga, turns off White Suffolk cross lambs at 25-26kg carcass weight, and comes under the intense gaze of hundreds of national and international agricultural students each year.

Although the primary aim of the Flockcare accredited sheep program is to be educational, it receives no government support and must be self-funding. It caters for all levels of study, from Certificate II, III and IV to the Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Agriculture.

The institute has a total of 265ha of grazing country in several blocks, set in a 550mm rainfall zone.

Head agricultural teacher Graeme Anderson said a flock of 300 Border Leicester-Merino ewes was used to mimic regional commercial operations.



Farm manager Geoff Broham checks the pasture quality for the ewes and lambs.

White Suffolk rams were chosen for their traits of easy lambing, quick maturity and market acceptability. The ewes are joined in the first week of December for eight weeks to terminal sires from Keith Edyvean, Pambria White Suffolk and Poll Dorset stud, Wagga Wagga. "Keith has been a great supporter of the institute and willing to have students on his property to learn new skills," Mr Anderson said.

The rams are selected on their liveweight, raw eye muscle scans, fat depth, body length and structural soundness.

Farm manager Geoff Bromham said the White Suffolks easy lambing trait meant the breed was ideal for use over maiden and older ewes. "We like to select rams with a moderate frame but with length and loin," Mr Bromham said.

All ewes are placed on a rising plane of nutrition pre-joining, with the maiden ewes supplemented with pellets to ensure they reach condition score three. They are run on either lucerne or phalaris and subclover pastures treated with conventional and biological fertilisers, and regularly soil tested. The ewes are pregnancy scanned and split into single or multiple bearing. "We use pregnancy scanning as a teaching exercise to make sure the ewes get the right amount of feed to suit their pregnancy status," Mr Anderson said.

"Pasture samples are taken monthly to test for protein and energy, and lambs weighed so feed supply can be matched with livestock nutritional requirements.

"Last year the lambs were gaining at more than 300 grams a day – we want to ensure they are ready for sale and receive no setbacks.

"We source high quality lucerne hay and make our own Arrowleaf clover hay – all hay coming onto the place is feed tested."

Ewes are electronically tagged while all rams and a portion of ewes are blood typed to determine parentage of the off-spring. The Pedigree Matchmaker



White Suffolk cross lambs have gained over 300 grams a day on the improved pastures at the Riverina Institute of TAFE.

system uses scanning technology to provide full pedigree information on lambs. "At sale time, we can trace back to the mother and sire to identify the better performers for educational purposes," Mr Anderson said.

"If a commercial flock is stocking at maximum levels, you don't want to be keeping animals that are under performing.

"From an educational perspective, we have to look at everything in a ruthless manner and consider a sheep to be literally a feed factory."

Last year, all ewes scanned at 134 per cent and marked 123 per cent lambs. Mr Anderson said a minimum target was 120 per cent lambs marked. "I have calculated it costs \$50 to get a lamb to market year in-year out," he said.

"One of the things I keep telling my students is not to beat themselves up over price movements. It is more important to achieve at least a four per cent return on investment. "With the district average stocking rate 12 DSE/ha and fixed costs of \$26 per lamb, a sale price over \$76 is a profit. "For producers, averaging \$120-\$130/head for lambs is pure cream. "Work out

your base selling price and don't be too upset if you miss the price fluctuations."

Mr Anderson encourages his students to examine forward contracts and how to use them to advantage He said a smart marketing strategy was about keeping repeat customers.

Some of the institute's lambs are processed at Juneek abattoir to enable students to study the supply chain. Students also follow the sale of lambs through the Wagga Wagga saleyards.

The 2012-drop White Suffolk cross lambs averaged \$105 in January, 2013 and the second draft average \$135 the following March.

The 2013-drop lambs sold for \$119-\$125, and topped at \$161 in January.

"The White Suffolk cross lambs mature quickly, there is no bias in the market place for them and our lambs are consistently close to the top of the market," Mr Anderson said.

"During the drought, we were supplementary feeding at a cost of \$25 to put \$50 worth of value on each lamb.

"We can always make money out of sheep – you can't turn the tap on a (dryland) crop if it doesn't rain."



First cross ewes and White Suffolk cross lambs are used for student studies at the Riverina Institute of TAFE.

USING EID FOR SHEEP MANAGEMENT & BREEDING

DEBBIE MILNE

A new training course is now available for sheep producers across Australia.

Sheep CRC have developed a 2 day training course that covers all aspects of using Electronic Identification with sheep. This includes, explaining EID equipment and its uses, developing a plan for your business, understanding data and management strategies to effectively use that data. In Victoria this course is delivered through "Go Tafe" and is an accredited course. In all other states the course is non accredited and delivered on behalf of the Sheep CRC.

More information on Sheep EID is available on the following website:
www.shepeid.com.au/



For details of accredited deliverers of the "Using EID for Sheep Management and Breeding" training course in your area, contact Debbie Milne on 03 55786327 or email sjdmilne@bigpond.com.

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW RESULTS 2014

7-14 SEPTEMBER, ADELAIDE

JUDGES: SCOTT MITCHELL & JULIE WIESNER



**SENIOR CHAMPION,
GRAND CHAMPION RAM &
SUPREME WHITE SUFFOLK EXHIBIT
- SUNNYBANKS**



**JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION - BARINGA**

RAM under 1.5 years. Born during the month of April, in the year prior to the Show

1. Windy Hill
2. Windy Hill
3. Wingamin
4. Bundara Downs
5. Somerset
6. Illoura

RAM under 1.5 years. Born during the month of May, in the year prior to the Show

1. Kurralea
2. Baringa Studs
3. Bundara Downs
4. Bundara Downs
5. Seriston
6. Ramsay Park

RAM under 1.5 years. Born during the month of June, in the year prior to the Show

1. Sunnybanks
2. Baringa Studs
3. Anden White Suffolk
4. Waratah Whites
5. Kurralea
6. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd

Pen of Two Rams, April - June drop.

1. Baringa Studs
2. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd
3. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd
4. Kurralea
5. Waratah
6. Seriston

**SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - SUNNYBANKS
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - KURRALEA**

RAM, under 1.5 years. Born during the month of July, in the year prior to the Show

1. Wingamin
2. Kurralea
3. Somerset
4. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd
5. Gemini White Suffolk Stud
6. Wheelandale

RAM, under 1.5 years. Born on or after 1 August, in the year prior to the Show.

1. Duenclin
2. Wingamin
3. Baringa Studs
4. Sunnybanks
5. Wheelandale
6. Baringa Studs

Pen of Two Rams, July - September drop.

1. Baringa Studs
2. Duenclin
3. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd
4. Waratah
5. Wheelandale

RAM LAMB. Dropped since 1 April, of the current year.

1. Ramsay Park
2. Redwood
3. Illoura

Ram Lamb, woolly. Dropped since 1 April, of the current year.

1. Wingamin
2. Windy Hill
3. Wingamin
4. Illoura
5. Ramsay Park

JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - WINGAMIN
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - BARINGA
GRAND CHAMPION RAM - SUNNYBANKS

Pen of Three Rams under 1.5 years.

1. Baringa Studs
2. Bundara Downs
3. Wingamin
4. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd
5. Somerset
6. Ramsay Park

Lamb Production Class - Trade

1. Waratah
2. Bundara Downs
3. Leahcim
4. Bundara Downs

Lamb Production Class - Export

1. Anden White Suffolk
2. Rilera
3. Waratah
4. Leahcim
5. Ramsay Park

Ram Lamb Performance Class.

1. Wingamin
2. Wingamin
3. Koonawarra
4. Illoura

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW RESULTS 2014 CONT

7-14 SEPTEMBER, ADELAIDE

JUDGES: SCOTT MITCHELL & JULIE WIESNER

EWE over 1.5 years with lamb at foot. Closely and evenly shorn, with standard combs, on or after 15 July, of the current year, untrimmed.

1. Wingamin
2. Windy Hill
3. Ramsay Park

EWE under 1.5 years. Born between 1 April and 31 May, in the year prior to the Show.

1. Glenarbian
2. Illoura
3. Wingamin
4. Koonawarra
5. Arrona Park

EWE under 1.5 years. Born between 1 June and 31 July, in the year prior to the Show.

1. Wingamin
2. Duenclin
3. Glenarbian
4. Wheetelande
5. Illoura

EWE under 1.5 years. Born after 1 August, in the year prior to the Show.

1. Wingamin
2. Wheetelande
3. Illoura
4. Wheetelande

Pen of Two Ewes under 1.5 years.

1. Glenarbian
2. Wingamin
3. Somerset
4. Koonawarra

EWE LAMB. Dropped since 1 April, current year.

1. Wingamin
2. Illoura
3. Illoura
4. Wingamin
5. Anna Villa

Ewe Lamb Performance Class.

1. Wingamin
2. Wingamin
3. Illoura

CHAMPION EWE - WINGAMIN
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE - GLENARBIAN

Breeders' Group

1. Wingamin
2. Glenarbian
3. Koonawarra

Sire's Progeny Group.

1. Bundara Downs
2. Wingamin
3. Days Whiteface Pty Ltd

SUPREME CHAMPION EXHIBIT - SUNNYBANKS

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR - WINGAMIN

WHITE SUFFOLK MAXIMISES MEAT EATING QUALITY

AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE
BY KIM WOODS

A focus on meat eating quality traits using innovative science ensures Glengarry White Suffolks produce a prime lamb product to satisfy the end consumer.

Stud principals John and Julie Wiesner, of Walla Walla, DNA test their stud ram lambs for the carcass traits of intra-muscular fat and shear force to improve juiciness and tenderness in the meat from their progeny.

The DNA testing also increases the accuracy of Lambplan Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) in individual sires for growth and carcass traits.

The Wiesners have been performance recording on Lambplan since 1987 to increase genetic gain.

“Artificial insemination is used each year to source superior genetics with a focus on lambing ease, high growth and well muscled sires to put more dollars into our client’s pockets,” Mrs Wiesner said.

“Rams are paddock reared to ensure they are naturally robust and will continue to thrive while working.”



John Wiesner has been temperament scoring stud White Suffolk ewes for 20 years

The couple run 300 stud White Suffolk ewes, 350 Merino-White Suffolk cross ewes and sell 150 flock rams a year into southern NSW and Victoria by private treaty.

The majority of clients are using White Suffolk rams over Merino and first-cross ewes, resulting in high lambing percentages and early maturity.

Mrs Wiesner said young White Suffolk-Merino cross ewes in their commercial flock were rearing their entire bodyweight at least to weaning. “Our commercial ewes marked 163 per cent lambs while the stud ewes marked 170 per cent,” she said.

The Wiesners have been maternal scoring ewes for temperament post-lambing for 20 years. “We have to tag and weigh stud lambs at birth so we don’t want the ewes leaving them unprotected,” Mrs Wiesner said. “If a ewe stays beside us while we are tagging the lamb, she is scored as VGE (very good ewe). If she is within 5m, she is scored GE (good ewe), but outside of that radius is a possible cull.

“We believe we now have a real maternal line in the breed.”



2013 drop stud rams at Glengarry White Suffolks have been DNA tested for meat eating quality traits

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW RESULTS 2014

21-23 SEPTEMBER, MELBOURNE

JUDGE: FINLAY MACDONALD

RAM under 1 1/2 years shorn untrimmed born between 1st April and 31st May, year prior to the Show.

1. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

RAM under 1 1/2 years shorn untrimmed born between 1st June and 31st July in the year prior to the Show.

1. Ashley Park
2. Ashley Park
3. Duencin
4. Spring Valley

RAM under 1 1/2 years shorn untrimmed born after 1st August in the year prior to the Show.

1. Ashley Park
2. Duencin
3. Merribrook
4. Spring Valley

Pen of 2 Rams under 1 1/2 years shorn untrimmed born between 1st April and 30th June in the year prior to the Show.

1. Ashley Park

Pen of 2 Rams under 1 1/2 shorn untrimmed born after 1st July in the year prior to the Show

1. Duencin
2. Merribrook
3. Spring Valley

LAMB PRODUCTION CLASS, TWO RAMS UNDER 1 1/2, SHORN.

1. Spring Valley
2. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK RAM - ASHLEY PARK
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM - DUENCLIN

EWE under 1 1/2 years shorn untrimmed born between 1st June and 31st July in the year prior to the Show.

1. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

EWE under 1 1/2 years shorn untrimmed born after 1st August in the year prior to the Show.

1. Duencin
2. McCaughey (Yanco High School)
3. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

PEN OF TWO EWES under 1 1/2 shorn untrimmed.

1. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE - DUENCLIN
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE -
MCCAUGHEY (YANCO HIGH SCHOOL)

BREEDERS GROUP OF 1 RAM AND 2 EWES under 1 1/2 years, animals to be drawn from Ordinary classes and to be bred by Exhibitor.

1. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

BREEDER'S GROUP- to consist of 3 sheep, any age, including lambs of any sex and any wool length

1. Ashley Park
2. Spring Valley
3. McCaughey (Yanco High School)

GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBIT - ASHLEY PARK

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR -
McCAUGHEY (YANCO HIGH SCHOOL)

ROYAL PERTH SHOW RESULTS 2014

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, PERTH

JUDGE: DAWSON BRADFORD - EXHIBITORS: 13, SHEEP ENTRIES: 170



GRAND CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK RAM
- BUNDARA DOWNS

RAM. Under 1½ years, Autumn born before 31 May, shorn.

1. Bundara Downs
2. Brimfield
3. Iveston
4. Brimfield

RAM. Under 1½ years, Winter born on or after 1 June, shorn.

1. Matilda Downs
2. Brimfield
3. Iveston
4. Iveston



GRAND CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE
- BUNDARA DOWNS

RAM. Under 1½ years, not to show more than two permanent teeth, shorn, and to be Objectively Measured.

1. Iveston
2. Brimfield
3. Brimfield

PAIR OF RAMS. Under 1½ years, not to show more than two permanent teeth, shorn.

1. Iveston
2. Brimfield
3. Matilda Downs



CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK LAMB
-IVESTON

RAM LAMB. Autumn born on or after 1 April and before 31 May in the year of competition, shorn.

1. Iveston
2. Ridge Top
3. Iveston
4. Stockdale

RAM LAMB. Winter born on or after 1 June in the year of competition, shorn.

1. Iveston
2. Stockdale
3. Valencia Downs



CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK GROUP OF
THREE RAMS - IVESTON

EWE. 2 years and over, shorn.

1. Kiara White Suffolks
2. Kiara White Suffolks
3. Brimfield

EWE. Under 1½ years, Autumn born before 31 May, shorn.

1. Bundara Downs
2. Kiara White Suffolks
3. Brimfield
4. Bundara Downs

EWE. Under 1½ years, Winter born on or after 1 June, shorn.

1. Kiara White Suffolks
2. Matilda Downs
3. Brimfield
4. Kohat

CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK RAM -
BUNDARA DOWNS
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM - IVESTON

ROYAL PERTH SHOW RESULTS 2014 CONT

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, PERTH

JUDGE: DAWSON BRADFORD - EXHIBITORS: 13, SHEEP ENTRIES: 170

PAIR OF EWES. Under 1½ years, not to show more than two permanent teeth, shorn.

1. Brimfield
2. Matilda Downs
3. Kiara White Suffolks
4. Sasimwa

EWE LAMB. Autumn born on or after 1 April and before 31 May in year of competition, shorn.

1. Stockdale
2. Stockdale
3. Iveston
4. Ashbourne White Suffolks

EWE LAMB. Winter born on or after 1 June in the year of competition, shorn.

1. Iveston
2. Stockdale
3. Kohat
4. Kohat

CHAMPION LAMB - IVESTON

GROUP OF A RAM AND TWO EWES. To be drawn from the previous under 1½ years, shorn Classes.

1. Bundara Downs
2. Matilda Downs
3. Brimfield

GROUP OF THREE WHITE SUFFOLK RAMS. To be drawn from the previous under 1½ years, shorn Classes, and bred by Exhibitor.

1. Iveston
2. Matilda Downs
3. Brimfield

PROGENY GROUP OF THREE. To be drawn from previous Classes, can be any sex or age by the same sire.

1. Bundara Downs
2. Matilda Downs
3. Ridge Top

CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE - BUNDARA DOWNS

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE -KIARA WHITE SUFFOLKS

SUPREME CHAMPION EXHIBIT - BUNDARA DOWNS

WHITE SUFFOLK GENETICS MAXIMISE CARCASS AND LAMBING EASE

AUSTRALIAN WHITE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE
BY KIM WOODS

Riverina sheep producers John and Julie Wiesner, Glengarry stud, Walla Walla, and Pat and Annette Schofield, Gaerloch stud, Narandera, have represented the Australian White Suffolk Association at the Henty Machinery Field Day in September for the past two decades.

“Our display has a commercial focus to highlight the commercial attributes of the breed,” Mrs Wiesner said.

“We like to take over 16-week-old first and second cross sucker lambs, plus Merino-White Suffolk cross ewes with their White Suffolk cross lambs to show sheep producers what can be achieved by joining White Suffolk rams to Border Leicester-Merino cross or Merino ewes.”

The live weights of the lambs will be displayed, along with July 2013 drop White Suffolk flock rams.

“When we first went to Henty 20 years ago, the majority of sheep producers were simply putting terminal rams with their cull Merino ewes but today they are looking at performance, growth rates, structure and carcass attributes,” Mrs Wiesner said.

“Having live lambs on the ground is a key profit driver and the White Suffolk is known for lambing ease.

“Producers want high growth and finishing rates in their prime lambs.”

The Wiesners sold first and second cross sucker lambs, weighing 50kg plus at 14 weeks of age, for \$143 (including skins) last year at Corowa.

The couple run 300 stud White Suffolk ewes, 350 Merino and first cross ewes and sell 150 flock rams a year into southern NSW by private treaty.

“The gross margins for prime lambs have certainly stacked up well compared to cropping in the sheep wheat zone over the past decade,” Mr Wiesner said. He crops 140ha of wheat, triticale, oats and canola on their 398ha property.

“We’ve had a lot of twins and triplets this year – most ewes are rearing their entire bodyweight at least to weaning,” Mrs Wiesner said. “Those young ewes with triplets are weaning up to 140kg. “Our commercial ewes marked 163 per cent lambs while the stud ewes marked 170 per cent.”

Commercial ewes are joined to lamb in April/May and supply the sucker market before the grain harvest.

Stud ewes lamb in June/July, with single and multiple bearing ewes running together.

This year, more than 10 per cent of the ewes bore triplets with even a set of quads.

They are protected from predators by Maremma guard dogs and alpacas.

Mrs Wiesner serves as a director on the Australian White Suffolk Association’s board and was the breed’s first female president.



“White Suffolks are now one of the biggest prime lamb breeds and are giving other terminal sires a good run for their money,” she said.

“The carcass attributes have really improved through the adoption of objective measurement and genomic testing for meat eating quality.

“Prime lambs are an important cash flow on mixed farms and demand will only grow from affluent economies wanting a protein source they enjoy consuming.”



A crossbred ewe with her White Suffolk cross twin lambs on a grazing cereal crop

BENDIGO ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW RESULTS 2014

13—15 SEPTEMBER, BENDIGO

JUDGE: ANTHONY HURST - EXHIBITORS: 35, SHEEP ENTRIES: 265

JUDGING the Bendigo show and sale was a very enjoyable job, the quality of the rams and ewes was outstanding with the sheep having muscle, do ability and structural correctness to meet the industry requirements.

As a breed we are looking for consistency in type and what was paraded before me at Bendigo I thought was very even, offering fantastic genetics for the stud and commercial industry. The White Suffolk breed should be very proud of the exhibitors and committee who are making this event very successful. I would like to thank the committee for their hospitality and their help during the show and sale.

CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK RAM

Anthony Hurst

Class

Any extra details

Novice Ewe - All entries to compete in the ordinary classes

1. "Timor" Jason & Vicki Barker
1. St Paul's College
2. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
2. Noremac
3. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice
3. St Paul's College

Highly Commended: "Warburn" A & M Dissegna

Ewe, over 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed with lamb at foot

1. Windy Hill
2. Deppeler Suffolks
3. Hayelle

Ewe, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in April the year prior to the Show

1. Booloola
2. Glengarry

Ewe, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in May the year prior to the Show

1. Ashbank
2. Warburn
3. Noremac

Ewe, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in June the year prior to the Show

1. Ashbank
2. Ashbank
3. Rene

Pair of Ewes, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in April, May, or June the year prior to the Show

1. Ashbank
2. Noremac
3. Wattle Park

CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE

SENIOR CHAMPION EWE - ASHBANK

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION EWE - ASHBANK

Ewe, under 1 1/2 years, shorn untrimmed, born in July the year prior to the Show

1. Warburn
2. Glengarry
3. Wattle Park

Ewe, under 1 1/2 years, shorn untrimmed, born in August the year prior to the Show

1. Rene
2. Rene
3. Wattle Park

Pair of Ewes, under 1 1/2 years, shorn untrimmed, born in July, August or September the year prior to the Show

1. St Paul's College
2. Somerset
3. Wattle Park

Ewe Lamb, in the wool, born after 1st April the year of the Show

1. Hayelle
2. Hayelle
3. Induro

Ewe Lamb, shorn, untrimmed, born after 1st April the year of the Show

1. Hayelle
2. Wanden
3. Induro

JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE - RENE

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE - WARBURN

GRAND CHAMPION EWE - RENE

Novice Ram All entries to compete in the ordinary classes

1. Noremac
2. Noremac
3. Noremac

Ram, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in April the year prior to the Show. Showing no more than 4 teeth

1. Windy Hill
2. Windy Hill
3. Induro

Ram, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in May the year prior to the Show.

1. Kurralea
2. Premier White Suffolks
3. Kurralea

Ram, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in June the year prior to the Show.

1. Kurralea
2. Baringa Studs
3. Sunnybanks



SUPREME CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK
- ASHLEY PARK



GRAND CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE -
RENE

BENDIGO ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW RESULTS 2014 CONT

13—15 SEPTEMBER, BENDIGO

JUDGE: ANTHONY HURST - EXHIBITORS: 35, SHEEP ENTRIES: 265

Pair of Rams, under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in April, May or June the year prior to the Show. Showing no more than 4 teeth

1. Kurralea
2. Ashley Park
3. Baringa Studs

SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - KURRALEA

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION RAM - BARINGA

Ram under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in July the year prior to the Show

1. Kurralea
2. Ashley Park
3. Ashbank

Ram under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in August the year prior to the Show

1. Ashley Park
2. Premier White Suffolks
3. Ashbank

Pair of Rams under 1 1/2 years, shorn, untrimmed born in July, August, September the year prior to the Show

1. Baringa Studs
2. Ashbank
3. Rene

Ram Lamb, in the wool born after 1st April the year of the Show

1. Warburn
2. Hayelle
3. Windy Hill

Ram Lamb, machine shorn within 21 days untrimmed, born after 1st April the year of the Show

1. Hayelle
2. Induro
3. Wanden

Stockscan Performance Class, Ram under 1 1/2 years, machine shorn within 21 days and not less than 14 days prior to judging

1. Sunnybanks
2. Penrise
3. Somerset

JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - ASHLEY PARK

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM - BARINGA

GRAND CHAMPION RAM - ASHLEY PARK

Breeders Group - 1 Ram & 2 Ewes to be drawn from ordinary classes

1. Ashbank
2. Rene
3. Booloola

Sires Progeny Group - comprising of 3 sheep either sex to be drawn from ordinary classes

1. Ashbank
2. Kurralea
3. Bundara Downs

Pen of 3 Rams - born April to September, to be drawn from ordinary classes

1. Baringa Studs
2. Ashbank
3. Kurralea

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR- ASHBANK
 SUPREME EXHIBIT - ASHLEY PARK

A dinner at the Bendigo RSL was enjoyed by 80 exhibitors and sponsors on Saturday evening followed by a sponsored BBQ lunch on Sunday and a successful Junior competition held with many keen participants.

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CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE
 SENIOR CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE
 - ASHBANK



2. "Kurralea" JE & KM Prentice



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3. "A & M Diss" logo



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BENDIGO ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW & SALE 2014

13—15 SEPTEMBER, BENDIGO



MONDAY SALE RESULTS

EWES - 22 OFFERED

16 SOLD TO \$2,200 AVERAGE \$1,092

RAMS - 45 OFFERED

17 SOLD TO \$5,000 AVERAGE \$3,470

Any extra details



YOUTH AT BENDIGO ELITE SHOW 2014

13—15 SEPTEMBER, BENDIGO
JUDGE: PETER BUTTON

The Bendigo Elite White Suffolk Show and Sale held their annual Junior Handler and Junior Judging Competition at this year's show, on Sunday following the Suffolk judging. Due to the large number of students participating in previous years the competitions were divided into two groups: under 14 years and 14 years and over.

Participating students came from St Paul's College Walla Walla NSW, Elisabeth Murdoch College, Langwarrin VIC as well as 'future stud managers' from Hayelle Stud, Wattle Park Stud, Somerset Stud and Aylesbury Farm Stud. Unfortunately Yanco Ag High School had to go home early due to sickness but will hopefully join in next year.

Thankyou to Kevin Moore (Penrise Stud, Tasmania) for his very informative talk, "How showing relates to the Prime Lamb industry", while scoring was taking place. Thankyou also to Peter Button (Ramsay Park Stud, South Australia) for judging, and to helpers Michelle Smart, Graeme Rowley and Shane Baker for helping run the Competition.

Junior Handler Competition- Students are judged on their attire, sheep handling ability and attention to the judge's directions. There were 24 competitors in this class and they all conducted themselves in a very professional manner, making it a very difficult decision.

Junior Handler UNDER 14 YEARS

1. Aliah McDonnell
2. Brad Cox
3. Ryan Ballentine

=4th Alistair McCrae

=4th Hugh Jamieson

=4th Georgia Herde

=4th Alice Whittlesea

Junior Handler 14 YEARS AND OVER

1. Sarah Nesbitt
2. Alex Jacobson
- =3rd Rhianna Jamieson
- =3rd Katelyn Donney
- =3rd Amelia Ghigglioli
4. Kara Fowler

Junior Judging- Students place 4 sheep in order of preference. This is then compared to the Senior Judge. Selected students are asked to explain why they have placed the sheep in their order.

Junior Judging

1. Rhianna Jamieson
2. Hamish McCrae
3. Kara Fowler
4. Carla Jolly

Highly Commended

Brad Cox

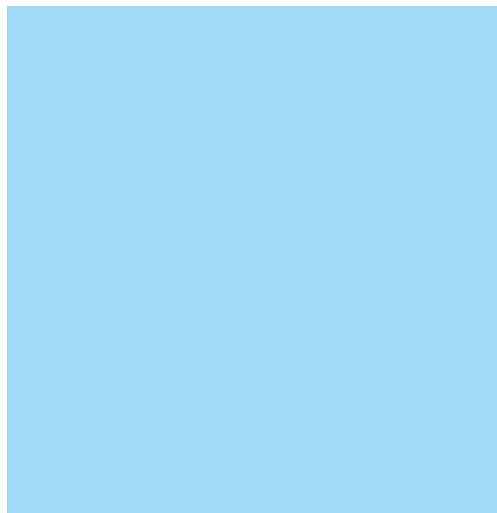
Congratulations to all the students- they were a credit to themselves and their schools.

YOUTH AT BENDIGO ELITE SHOW PHOTOS 2014

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JUDGE: PETER BUTTON



UNDER 14 YEARS JUNIOR HANDLER COMPETITION



14 YEARS & OVER JUNIOR HANDLER COMPETITION



JUNIOR JUDGING COMPETITION

