



CELEBRATING OUR 40th Annual On Property Sale

We have had another exciting and very busy year on the farm and hope our 2024 newsletter finds you and your family well. Our sheep continue to evolve as we chase our stud breeding objectives and are looking forward to showing off the latest in our genetics this year.

The focus of our Poll Merino breeding objectives towards a balanced animal with increased genetic fat and muscle has really expressed itself with one of the toughest feed years locally in living memory. A perfect example is this years ewe weaners that were able to capitalise on the amazing summer feed we had with 300 mm of rain falling from November to January and then holding condition through a very tough Autumn and start to winter. The ewe lamb joining in March on the back of the summer flush was also a highlight with the ewes now classed into the stud scanning at 75% conception and 101% embryos. The combination of these top young genetics over our best sires is really speeding up our genetic gain and giving us and our clients access to their progeny 12 months earlier.

Our white Suffolk stud is also showing great genetic gain on the back of significant investment in top sires and making the move to complete Genomics DNA testing. The move to DNA testing the flock has given us 100% accurate parentage as well as increased our data accuracy on a range of ASBV traits.

All rams continue to be fully paddock run with no feet trimming. Our focus is breeding the best performing commercial genetics with the data to back it all up. Managing all our animals under commercial conditions means we are recording true paddock performance to improve our clients bottom line. Genetics is our passion and we look forward to catching up with you this year to discuss what Hannaton genetics can do for you.



Where to see us in 2024

**2
AUG**

VICTORIAN STATE MERINO FIELD DAY

10:00AM - 4:00PM

MARNOO CRICKET GROUND, VIC

**4-5
AUG**

HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION

OUTDOOR SITE OA 319

HAMILTON SHOWGROUNDS, VIC

**22
AUG**

HANNATON OPEN DAY

SALE RAM INSPECTION FROM 11:00AM

"Getting the most from your ASBV's" with
Mark Ferguson from NextGen Agri - 1:00PM

ON PROPERTY AT HANNATON

**2
SEPT**

CLASSING CLASSIC RAM SALE

MURRAY BRIDGE RACECOURSE, SA

**9
SEPT**

HANNATON'S 40TH ANNUAL ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Offering 190 Rams

120 Poll Merino & 70 White Suffolk Rams

All rams paddock run & measured
with no feet trimming

INSPECTIONS FROM 10:00AM

WHITE SUFFOLK SALE 12:00PM

POLL MERINO 1:00PM

ON PROPERTY AT HANNATON

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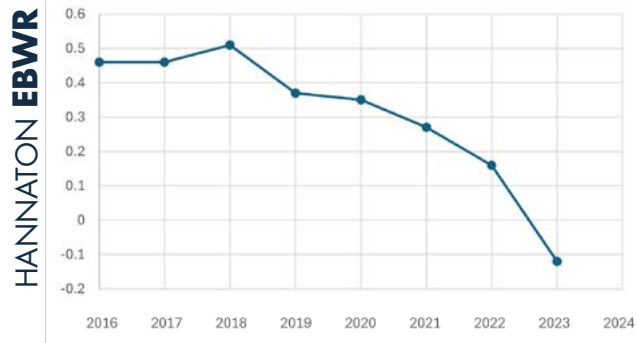
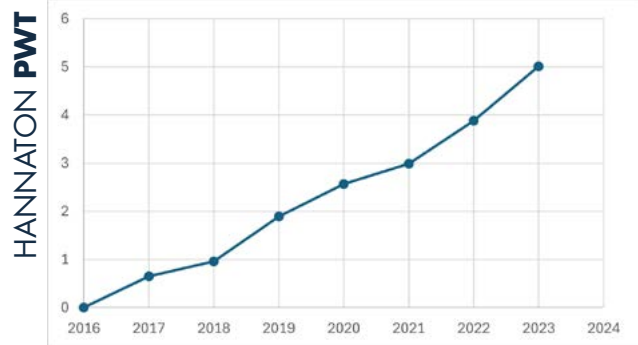
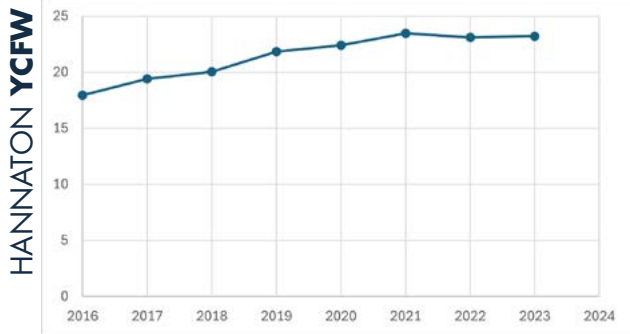
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POLL MERINO STUD *Breeding Objectives*

These breeding objectives are the key focus of the stud. Our Sheep Genetics trends since 2016 for each trait show it's not just a statement, it's backed by real data.

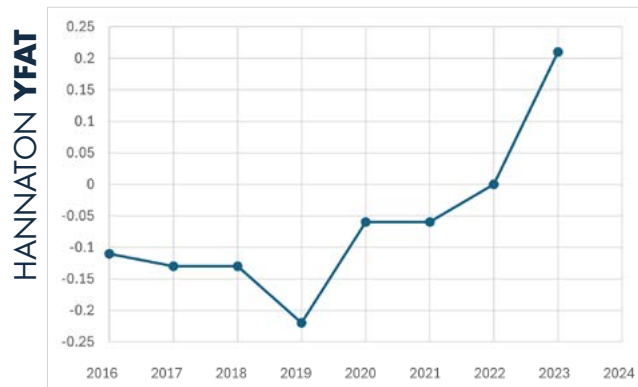
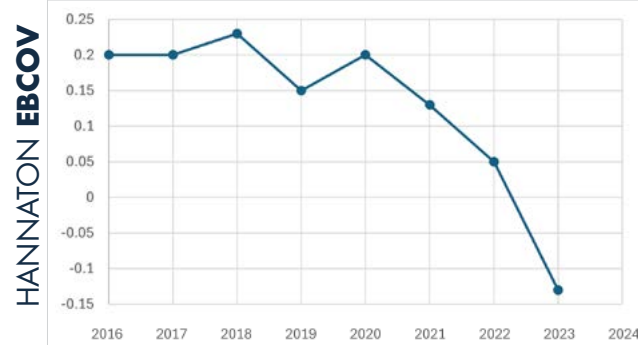
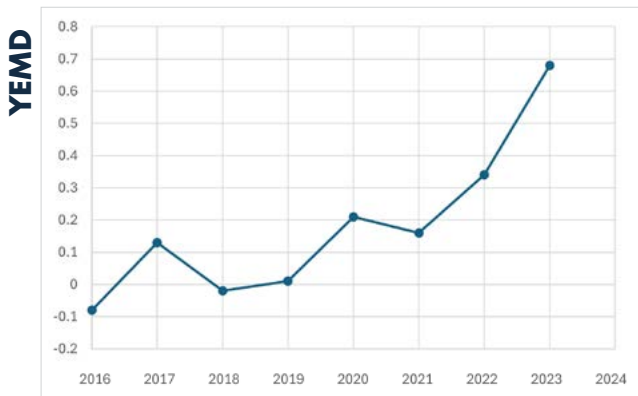
INCREASED EARLY GROWTH - PWT -
Selling lambs earlier and ability to join ewe lambs – Joining ewe lambs since 2020.

MAINTAINING FLEECE WEIGHTS AND REDUCING BREECH AND BODY WRINKLE - YCFW, YSL, EBCOV & EBWR -
A productive fleece on a plainer animal – 6 month shearing since 2018 – ceased mulesing in 2023.



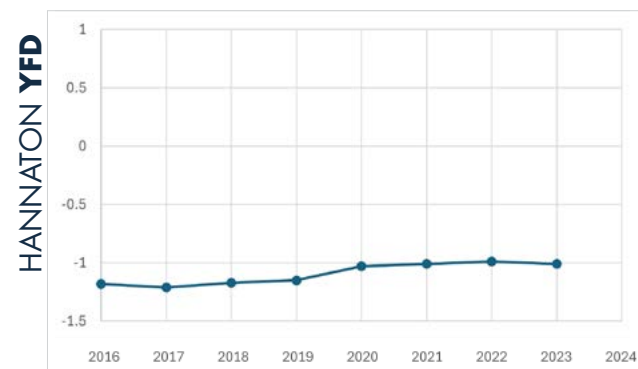
QUALITY WOOL & SKINS
To handle higher rainfall zones with less wool faults and less flystrike.

EXCELLENT STRUCTURE & FEET
Giving longevity to rams and reducing culling in young and old sheep for feet and structural faults.



BETTER CARCASS & DOING ABILITY - YEMD YFAT -
Improving the carcass of lamb and mutton and improving lamb survival and flock resilience.

MAINTAINING MICRON - YFD AFD -
Improving fleece value and wool profits - current adult ewe flock averages 19.5 micron with weaners <18 micron.



2023 POLL MERINO *Sale Result*



One of the most consistent lineup of rams we have offered and this was reflected in the bidding from start to finish in the sale.

On the day 82 rams sold at auction with an average of \$2,277. Top price was a 200155 son in lot 39 selling for \$7,000 and going to return buyers Warooka Pastoral who took home 10 rams on the day. Hannaton 200155 sons dominated the sale with 27 sons selling to an average of \$3,324. Many repeat buyers saw rams sell to SA, Vic and NSW on the day. While competition was strong for the top end of the sale there was also great value for commercial buyers with 46 rams selling for less than \$2,000 on sale day. We would like to thank our loyal client base for their ongoing support and welcome all past clients back to help celebrate our 40th annual on property sale this year.

FIRST SONS AVAILABLE FROM *Ella Matta 210170*

One of the most exciting sires we have ever used.

Purchased in 2022 for \$10,200 his first sons in the sale are set to be a standout. An ET bred son of Wallaloo Park 172032 he combines industry leading figures with fantastic phenotype. Breeding consistently at the top of our stud classing we have used him extensively in our 2024 joining both naturally and with AI. His great balance of data makes him one of the highest Sustainable Merino Index rams in Sheep Genetics.

Also entered in the 2023 Balmoral sire evaluation trial with his lambs at first inspection looking great.



| Pwt | Ywt | YEMD | YFat | YCFW | ACFW | YFD | EBWR | EBCOV | PWEC | SM Index |
|---------|------|---------|------|--------|------|------|------|-------|-------|----------|
| 9.3 | 11.5 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 30.6 | 27.9 | -0.7 | -1.2 | -65 | -36.2 | 171 |
| TOP 20% | | TOP 10% | | TOP 5% | | | | | | |

PUSHING GENETIC GAIN WITH NEW WHITE SUFFOLK SIRE

Ashmore 220053



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| Bwt | Wwt | Pwt | Pemd | Pfat | Pwec | CWT | LMY | TCP | LEQ |
|---------|------|---------|------|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0.4 | 12.2 | 19.0 | 3.8 | 0.1 | -42.8 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 164 | 165 |
| TOP 20% | | TOP 10% | | TOP 5% | | | | | |

LARGEST WHITE SUFFOLK OFFERING GETS *Strong Result*

After increasing our sale numbers we were once again delighted with the support and growing following for our White Suffolk Stud.

42 of 47 rams sold at auction to an average of \$1,433. Lot number 16 topping the sale at \$2,000 and selling to repeat buyers D & C Kuchel. The top priced ram was a Felix 191175 son out of a Waratah ewe purchased at their dispersal sale. Rams sold to SA, Vic and southern NSW. A further 35 private selection rams were purchased on the day between \$800 and \$1,000. We would like to thank all our clients for their ongoing support and hope the rams have all performed well.



AVERAGE \$1,433 TOP PRICE \$2,000



WHITE SUFFOLK STUD *Breeding Objectives*



HIGH GROWTH RATES

Selecting for high weaning and post weaning weights



HIGH CARCASS YIELD

Targeting high eye muscle depth and deep bodies



HIGH LAMBING PERCENTAGE

Low Birth Weights and higher fat cover to improve lamb survival



BARE HEADS AND POINTS

Producing easy care lambs and ideal rams to join to merino ewes



SOUND STRUCTURE AND CONSTITUTION

Giving longevity to rams and value for money for our clients

← Bordertown 43km

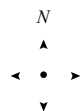
KANIVA

A8 Western Highway

Nhill 40km →

← (Adelaide)

(Melbourne) →



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