



Hillcreston Park

33rd Annual On Property

**SUPERFINE
MERINO &
POLL MERINO
SALE**

28th October 2024

WELCOME

Friends, I would like to welcome you to Hillcreston Parks 33rd Ram Sale.

Sheep on the Tablelands of NSW have had a few tough years with continual rains, a blessing in one hand for a farmer, but sheep prefer the drier warmer conditions. In saying that the rams are in very good order for your inspection.

These seasons have really showed how our sheep can handle wet conditions, the wool is lovely bright and white with very good crimp definition. We have entered more 14 month old rams for your viewing which gives you another year of joining out of your selected rams.

The Rams this year are a great range of Ultrafine and Superfine Rams for your viewing. The last 12 months have really helped the sheep grow and do well, so the microns are at their highest level.

We have not mulesed for seven years now with very little change to animal husbandry practices.

Rams are a little plainer than 10 years ago but are larger in frame and are cutting far more wool, we have

increased our grown sheep wool cut by around 1 Kilo a head over the last 15 years while keeping the special superfine wool on the sheep. We have done this for profitability and to satisfy the European wool market. Animal husbandry and sustainability in our industry is very important for our future.

Wool buyers are finding it very difficult to find

enough 74's better type wools to buy in the market. Let's hope the future is ours. Remember we as Australians still grow the majority of the best wools in the world. It can't be supplied by anyone else except a small supply from NZ.

If you can't attend and would wish to look at a particular ram, we can take photos of the actual sheep and its wool and can email the photos to you. The future of the superfine wool industry is in our hands, let's keep growing this wonderful product.

We will have phone and internet coverage available.

Take care and keep healthy with luck it would be great to see you here.

Danny, Meg and family



HILLCRESTON PARK SUPERFINE HORN & POLL MERINO STUD

A/C Danny and Megan Picker
Flock No. 4584 Poll Flock No. RM 1161

33rd Annual Ram Sale

28 October 2024
Inspection from 10am
Auction commences 1pm

8 ½ months wool on rams on offer

Recent Achievements

- **Hillcreston Park produced Mainland record for paddock grown wool of 110,000c per kilo**
 - **Continually producing 1PP bales of Ultrafine Wool as fine as 11.1 Micron**
 - **Some of our 1PPs**
2006 9 1PP Bales | 2007 8 1PP Bales
2022 7 1PP Bales | 2023 6 1PP Bales
 - **Made Zegna Wool Trophy top 10 every year except one since Competition began. Highest place 2nd.**
- **Zegna Vellus Aurium Fleece Competition, top 5 since competition started. Highest place 2nd.**

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HILLCRESTON PARK MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUDS

Over the last 19 years we have been using selective breeding to give our sheep more frame and bone structure while still keeping our prized 1PP type wool that is soft and bright with a stylish crimp and long staple length.

We are selecting for a modern sheep, producing a bigger carcase and more wool whilst maintaining style, handle and brightness, a move that has been demanded by industry, markets and our clients.

In 2002, we undertook an AI program using a 15.6 micron Merryville Ram who sold for \$42,000. This successful outcross started the Stirling family that has consistently performed well and has proven to be a sale day favourite.

In 2010, Alfoxton President was used in our AI program, this outcross has worked brilliantly with sale rams testing as fine as 16 micron and weighing over 100KG.

In 2013, we purchased a \$5,000 son of Alfoxton Diplomat, who sold for \$46,000 from Conrayn Merino Stud.

In 2021, we purchased semen from David and Susan Rowbottom or Rowensville Victoria. The semen was 12.7 and 12.8 microns. These crosses are now giving us some finer microns.

CLASSING AND DELIVERY

As part of our dedication to our clients, Hillcreston Park offers a free classing and ram selection service and a delivery service within 200km.

Feel free to contact us anytime.

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■ David, Megan and Danny Picker
with 1PP bales of wool

INFORMATION

Hillcreston Park sells its rams under the condition that they retain all semen marketing rights.

Light Luncheon: Will be available by the Bigga School P & C.

Directions: From Crookwell take the main Bigga road for 60km Hillcreston Park is 2kms before Bigga on the left hand side.

Inspection: All stock can be inspected on Sale Day after 9.30am.

Delivery: If rams have to await transport, or if purchasers wish to have transport arranged, please advise the selling agents after the Sale, on your Buyer's Instruction Slip.

Airstrip: Are available both at Goulburn and Crookwell, please phone if required.

Accommodation: Please phone if required.

Health: All stock have been inspected by a Veterinary Surgeon and are all tested Brucellosis and Footrot FREE. Hillcreston Park are Johnnes MN3V.

Insurance: Cover can be affected immediately instructions are given.

Note on Rams: All rams have been paddock-reared, unhoued, and no use of hormones.

Tested by AWTa.

- Please bring this catalogue to the Sale -



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OUR HISTORY

Hillcreston Park situated in the valley of Bigga is one of few superfine horn & poll merino studs in Australia consistently producing wool clips averaging under 17.0 micron.

Hillcreston Park was established in 1992 with a 25% draft of Hillcreston Merino stud.

Hillcreston Merino Stud was founded in 1910 when the Picker brothers purchased Collaroy blood ewes from G.D. Hay, 'Goonoongla' Bigga, NSW. In 1925 Sam Picker acquired a portion of the flock from his father and from that year until 1954 only 'Merryville', rams were introduced.

Rams introduced since 1954 have been from 'Valleyfield' and 'Winton' with a uniform stud ram from Merryville being purchased in 1980. In 2002 Semen was purchased of a 15.6 micron Merryville ram which is our Stirling Sire line, Rams are now fourth generation. & in 2010 Semen used of Alfoxton President a 14 Micron Ram.

In 1963 Trevor Picker was taken into the partnership. Following the death of its Sam Picker in 1972 the stud was carried on by Trevor Picker and family.

Hillcreston Park has continued producing the same high standards that have been set in the history of Hillcreston. Our aim is to produce larger framed sheep with a long white staple, while still holding our traditional 1PP type wool. We believe with the current meat market trends a larger frame sheep is required while still holding our traditional type wool.

In July 1992 Hillcreston Park Poll Stud was registered, Flock No RM. 1161, after the purchase of Super Bute, a \$10,000 buy at Melbourne Sheep Show and Sale in 1989 from Mt Bute Poll Stud of Linton, Victoria. In December 1989, 20 stud ewes were purchased from Mt Bute and 30 stud ewes from Hillcreston to raise the stud ewes to 50. In 2009 a 15 Micron Stud Poll ram was purchased from Greenlands Stud & is breeding very well.

We have been breeding Ultrafine Poll Rams for over 30 years.

STUD REFERENCES

STIRLING

Ex Merryville Stud Ram
Hillcreston Park Stud Ewe

SNOWY

Star Snowy (Ex Merryville, NSW)
Hillcreston Park Stud Ewe

425 (SON)

425 (Ex Winton, Tasmania)
Hillcreston Park Stud Ewe

HUMMER

Sons of Rowensville, 12.8 Micron

SILKY

Sons of Rowensville, 12.7 Micron

COMMANDER

Grandson of President

DELEGATE

Sons of Conrayn Diplomat

GREEN

Sons of Greenlands Poll

GRANDIO POLL

Sons of Homebred 425 (Grange)



Superfine Stud Rams

Lots 1 - 4

Stud Poll Ram

Lots 5 - 6



Rams Tested by AWTA
Early September 2024
Age 24 Months

Lot 1

Tag No. 22-31 **SIRE** COMMANDER
 MIC 16.6 **SD** 2.9
 CV 17.3

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 2

Tag No. 22-69 **SIRE** HUMMER
 MIC 13.6 **SD** 1.9
 CV 13.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 3

Tag No. 22-011 **SIRE** SILKY
 MIC 16.5 **SD** 3.1
 CV 18.5

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 4

Tag No. 22-19 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 15.5 **SD** 2.1
 CV 13.5

..... Purchaser Price

DISCLAIMER

- 1. Vendor accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or variation of fleece measurements.
- 2. Hillcreston Park retains 100% of semen marketing rights unless otherwise organised.

Danny Picker

Lot 5

Tag No. 22-95 **SIRE** G POLL
 MIC 15.9 **SD** 2.3
 CV 14.7

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 6

Tag No. 22-83 **SIRE** 425 POLL
 MIC 16.1 **SD** 2.4
 CV 15.1

..... Purchaser Price

Specially Selected Rams

Lot 7 - 24

Lot 7

Tag No. 22-15 **SIRE** HUMMER
 MIC 17.0 **SD** 3.3
 CV 19.5

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 8

Tag No. 22-67 **SIRE** SILKY
 MIC 14.9 **SD** 2.2
 CV 14.6

Purchaser Price



Specialty Selected Rams

Lot 7 - 24

Specialty Selected Rams

Lot 7 - 24

Lot 9

Tag No. 22-001 **SIRE** SILKY
 MIC 15.7 **SD** 3.2
 CV 20.5

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 10

Tag No. 22-64 **SIRE** 425
 MIC 16.9 **SD** 2.3
 CV 13.8

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 11

Tag No. 22-008 **SIRE** SILKY
 MIC 16.3 **SD** 2.4
 CV 14.6

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 12

Tag No. 22-36 **SIRE** 425
 MIC 15.3 **SD** 2.5
 CV 16.2

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 13

Tag No. 22-46 **SIRE** DELEGATE
 MIC 14.5 **SD** 2.1
 CV 14.7

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 14

Tag No. 22-16 **SIRE** HUMMER
 MIC 13.7 **SD** 1.8
 CV 13.4

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 15

Tag No. 22-38 **SIRE** DELEGATE
 MIC 15.2 **SD** 1.9
 CV 12.7

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 16

Tag No. 22-62 **SIRE** SILKY
 MIC 15.8 **SD** 2.5
 CV 15.7

..... Purchaser Price



Specially Selected Rams

Lot 7 - 24

Specially Selected Rams

Lot 7 - 24

Lot 17

Tag No. 22-39 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 15.2 **SD** 2.4
 CV 14.7

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 18

Tag No. 22-44 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 16.4 **SD** 2.8
 CV 17.3

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 19

Tag No. 22-24 **SIRE** HUMMER
 MIC 14.1 **SD** 1.8
 CV 13.0

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 20

Tag No. 22-72 **SIRE** HUMMER
 MIC 16.3 **SD** 2.2
 CV 13.4

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 21

Tag No. 22-25 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 16.9 **SD** 2.2
 CV 12.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 22

Tag No. 22-45 **SIRE** 425
 MIC 17.2 **SD** 2.2
 CV 12.6

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 23

Tag No. 22-003 **SIRE** HUMMER
 MIC 13.1 **SD** 2.3
 CV 17.4

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 24

Tag No. 22-17 **SIRE** SILKY
 MIC 14.0 **SD** 2.3
 CV 16.4

..... Purchaser Price



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Stud Horn Rams • 13 Months

Lots 25 - 26

SS Horn Rams • 13 Months

Lots 27 - 34

Lot 25

Tag No. 23-001 **SIRE** COMMANDER
 MIC 16.4 **SD** 2.6
 CV 16.1

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 26

Tag No. 23-38 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 15.1 **SD** 2.1
 CV 14.2

..... Purchaser Price

SS Horn Rams • 13 Months

Lots 27 - 34

Lot 27

Tag No. 23-64 **SIRE** COMMANDER
 MIC 15.8 **SD** 2.4
 CV 15.4

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 28

Tag No. 23-65 **SIRE** STIRLING
 MIC 13.7 **SD** 2.6
 CV 18.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 29

Tag No. 23-47 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 15.0 **SD** 2.2
 CV 14.7

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 30

Tag No. 23-011 **SIRE** COMMANDER
 MIC 15.0 **SD** 2.4
 CV 16.0

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 31

Tag No. 23-27 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 13.4 **SD** 2.1
 CV 15.6

..... Purchaser Price



SS Horn Rams • 13 Months

Lots 27 - 34

SS Poll Rams • 13 Months

Lots 37 - 52

Lot 32

Tag No. 23-34 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 14.5 **SD** 2.4
 CV 16.8

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 33

Tag No. 23-21 **SIRE** SNOWY
 MIC 14.5 **SD** 2.1
 CV 14.3

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 34

Tag No. 23-19 **SIRE** COMMANDER
 MIC 13.7 **SD** 2.1
 CV 15.1

..... Purchaser Price

Stud Poll Rams • 13 Months

Lots 35 - 36

Lot 35

Tag No. 23-107 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 14.7 **SD** 2.3
 CV 16.1

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 36

Tag No. 23-82 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 16.0 **SD** 1.8
 CV 11.3

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 37

Tag No. 23-83 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 15.6 **SD** 2.2
 CV 13.8

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 38

Tag No. 23-91 **SIRE** G POLL
 MIC 15.3 **SD** 2.4
 CV 15.4

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 39

Tag No. 23-80 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 14.3 **SD** 1.8
 CV 12.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 40

Tag No. 23-86 **SIRE** G POLL
 MIC 14.4 **SD** 2.0
 CV 13.7

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 41

Tag No. 23-72 **SIRE** G POLL
 MIC 15.6 **SD** 2.3
 CV 14.4

..... Purchaser Price



SS Poll Rams • 13 Months
Lots 37 - 52

SS Poll Rams • 13 Months
Lots 37 - 52

Lot 42

Tag No. 23-70 SIRE GRANDIO
 MIC 15.7 SD 2.2
 CV 13.8

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 43

Tag No. 23-69 SIRE GRANDIO
 MIC 13.9 SD 1.9
 CV 13.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 44

Tag No. 23-96 SIRE GRANDIO
 MIC 14.1 SD 2.1
 CV 15.0

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 45

Tag No. 23-78 SIRE GRANDIO
 MIC 15.4 SD 2.0
 CV 13.0

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 46

Tag No. 23-79 SIRE GRANDIO
 MIC 14.6 SD 2.3
 CV 16.0

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 47

Tag No. 23-73 SIRE GRANDIO
 MIC 16.3 SD 2.4
 CV 14.5

..... Purchaser Price



SS Poll Rams • 13 Months

Lots 37 - 52

Lot 48

Tag No. 23-97 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 15.0 **SD** 2.5
 CV 16.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 49

Tag No. 23-90 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 16.5 **SD** 2.5
 CV 14.9

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 50

Tag No. 23-85 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 13.6 **SD** 2.0
 CV 14.6

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 51

Tag No. 23-92 **SIRE** G POLL
 MIC 15.6 **SD** 2.0
 CV 14.6

..... Purchaser Price

Lot 52

Tag No. 23-99 **SIRE** GRANDIO
 MIC 15.3 **SD** 1.8
 CV 11.8

..... Purchaser Price



■ Lot 52, a one year old ram, was purchased by Brendan and Kerry Cole for the top price of \$6,250. Pictured with the ram are: Rick Power, Mark Hedley, Kerry and Brendan Cole, Frank Wicks, Megan and Danny Picker



■ 71PP certificates.

BUYERS INSTRUCTION SLIP

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Agent

Signature.....



■ This ram was purchased by Lesley Prior of Tellenby Stud of the United Kingdom, for \$6,000. Pictured with the ram are: Danny and Megan Picker and Rick Power.



■ Stud poll ram purchased by Jim and Fay Pepper of Mumballview Stud, Western Australia. Pictured with the ram are: Jim and Fay Pepper, Megan Picker and Matthew Joseph.

