



Kelvale News

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Winter 2016

Hope this finds you well and that you are keeping warm.

We have had a reasonable break to the season and the country has greened up nicely producing some feed. The lambs that have dropped are going along nicely with the ewes looking great. All stock have been removed of feedlots and are enjoying the freedom of paddocks.

We have continued our pasture renovation program with clay spreading over summer on sand hills out the back. Following incorporation of the clay and dividing the paddocks in to 10ha allotments we sow Saio Oats as a clean up crop. The following year we sow a Lucerne based pasture with Chickory to provide a balance. This year we have sown 120ha of pastures and over 100ha of Saio Oats.

This year we are celebrating the 50th year of the stud following the registration in 1966 by Graham and David. There have been plenty of changes over the years from the style of the wool, the type

of sheep, the ownership, the location of the stud among other significant industry events. We will have some old photos and memorabilia on display at the sale for everyone to look at and reminisce over. We take this opportunity to thank all clients who have remained loyal to us over the years through many changes.

We remind you that if you are on Facebook to follow us at Kelvale Poll Merinos as we will update everyone via this media about where we are and what we're doing.



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Kelvale Surplus Genetics

We quite often receive enquiries for breeding ewes at all times of the year from other breeders. In a lot of cases we pass information onto the breeders when we know of stock that is available from our clients, however we are not always aware of excess stock availability.

Due to this enquiry we are setting up an Auctionplus Kelvale blood sale in the first week of October this year. We would like to invite Kelvale clients with Kelvale blood ewes to enter this sale with their surplus stock. We can then advertise this sale as a place to purchase Kelvale genetics from a range of vendors.

The beauty of an Auctionplus sale is that the sheep don't leave your property until they are sold. Prices are nominated by the vendor and if the stock don't sell you have other options after this date.

The sheep can be sold through your nominated agent but they do need to be inspected, weighed and photographed by a certified Auctionplus inspector which your agent may already be.

We are keen to give this a go as it could become a powerful marketing tool for excess Kelvale blood stock. However, it will need support with quality lines to make it work well. We understand the timing many not suit everyone however we would ask you to consider the concept and welcome feedback.

We will have some excess stock for sale this year, but our numbers will be limited as we are hopefully in a restocking phase with more land and better seasons (hopefully).

2016 Lambing

Lambing has just finished here at Emu Flat. Tailing is yet to be done so we are unable to let you know about lambing percentages but we have had a good look at the lambs while we have been completing the mothering up process.

We have used some outside sires again through AI as well as our own young sires, all look to be breeding well. Kelvale 1081 is producing good boned lambs and there are plenty of them. As a single mate he had the opportunity to service 82 ewes, 76 were scanned in lamb and we mothered up 103 lambs. With three sets of surviving triplets and twenty nine sets of twins, the mothers have great instincts and are doing a great job of raising the lambs.

As always, we are looking forward to this next generation and those coming along.



Sale Rams

The sale rams are coming along really well this year. As we have had less ewes due to the seasons we have been having, the rams have had paddock feed for most of the year. They are all well grown and have only recently had grain feeders added to their paddocks to supplement their diet.

We are still pushing staple length but have no ASBV for this due to accuracy issues but will still display physical data to allow for comparisons. With the introduction of two outside sires by AI, our linkages have improved along with our accuracies and figures, we are gradually getting more ASBV's on our flock

Sires that have bred well are Karbullah 165 out of top wool ewes. He was selected for the great body shape and positive figures of muscle and fat.

Challara 2764 was also used with top wool ewes but his main attributes are wool weight and staple length.

Of our own rams Kelvale 200 was used with our top frame ewes creating well balanced progeny for their bodies and wool.

Kelvale 121 was used again to back up the AI program with top ewes and has great results.

Kelvale Sale Team

The data on the sale team will be available on the website a couple of weeks prior to the sale.

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A young sire that shone through was Kelvale 1272 over bottom wool ewes producing good sound bodies and lovely wools.

Like normal it is hard to find any really outstanding rams as we are producing a consistent standard, they all just as good as each other.

As you are aware we are making more rams available in the main part of the auction, now up to 140. We are attempting to lower the average per head and take a bit of the heat out of the sale. We will also put up to 60 rams in the mini auction which will hopefully allow for plenty of choice. Please don't disregard the mini auction rams, we are simply running out of pen room in the main auction. Make sure that you allow yourself plenty of time on sale day to look through the entire 200 rams before the auction starts.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on August 18.

Kelvale On Property Auction

At Emu Flat

675 Emu Flat Road, KEITH

Thursday August 18 at 1pm

Inspection from 10am

**140 Specially selected Rams
plus a mini auction of 60 rams**

Light luncheon provided.

New Acquisition

In June this year we purchased a neighbouring property of approximately 1,000 acres. We jumped on the opportunity to purchase Lucerne Valley. It is under 2kms from our south eastern boundary with direct dirt road access which only leads to this property.

Lucerne Valley has been well managed with clay spreading and has well established Lucerne based pastures. The country is a bit stronger than Emu Flat with not as many trees. We anticipate that we will be able to run all our young stock on this property, which will enable Emu Flat to be solely for breeding.

We have already sown some crops of Oats and Barley at Lucerne Valley which we envisage to do annually. This will reduce our reliance on sourcing grain each year to become more self sufficient.

Consistently high lucerne yields and good quality hay have been produced from the 90Ha of flood irrigation at Lucerne Valley. Stephen will not be able to manage more flood irrigation during the summer months, so with

the additional land will come a new fulltime workman. This will also allow Stephen more freedom to travel and visit clients on their properties and review how Kelvale genetics are progressing.

The water licence portion of the purchase is significantly more than our current holding. However due to the boundaries we are unable share the combined limit between the two properties. At some stage in the future this may become an option.

Lucerne Valley complements our current enterprises and will allow us to grow our stock numbers.



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