



Callowie Poll Merinos

A Special Invitation

In life the reality is no-one owes anyone anything, but a multitude of choices are presented to all of us everyday.

You may be aware of the turmoil our family at Callowie went through following the detection of OJD in one sheep only on our property

early this decade. We had the choice to give up on our Callowie seedstock dreams, or pick up the pieces and start again - we chose the latter!

Being involved in the sheep and wool industry and producing highly productive Poll Merino rams with the genetic strength to improve the economic outcomes of clients is our passion. We believe we now have sheep of that quality.

We are in our third year since being officially out of quarantine following three previous clear tests. The top genetics we had were re-introduced through frozen semen into sourced clean breeding ewes from our original bloodlines.

We did not sit waiting during this period, but instead introduced full objective analysis with Merino Select for meat and wool traits. The EBVs verify our quality and the pleasing results are all on our website (www.callowie.com.au). Further, all our stock are approved vaccinates with Gudair.

Our independent widely respected classer, Paul Cousins from Cousins Merino Services has commented, *"Callowie have got right back to where they were and beyond. You will struggle to find a more even line for consistent frames and wools."*

We have been willing to expose ourselves to showing assessment with four major champions at the last Mundulla show. Then at the recent huge Bendigo ASBA Show we were delighted to win reserve champion performance fleece in competition for wools with 6-8 months growth. Our three fleeces at Bendigo averaged \$55.66 in value at 8 months. Our flock average fleece weight at 8 months was 5.5 kg with 88 mm staple length and 49 nkt staple strength.

We have undergone many challenges, made many changes and have our passion fully restored as we move forward. We are personally very pleased with our offering of our 50 Callowie Poll Merino rams on **Monday 28th August from 1pm.**

The average wool figures for the sale rams are 19.6 Mic, 3.1 SD, 16.1 CV and 99.3 CF.

However it is what you might think of them that matters most. Therefore we invite you to attend our inspection day on **10th August**, &/or our sale and assess them for yourself.

It is an open invitation with no expectations, but naturally we hope you'll like what you see and appreciate their value.

We also offer a full sheep classing service and breeding advice for clients.

Through life's journeys there are many lessons. We have learnt the things we regret most are the opportunities we didn't take. We'd love to see you there on either day.

Sincerely,

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