



HANNATON MERINOS

Jonno & Edwina and Peter & Sally would like to invite you to attend

Hannaton's 33rd Annual On Property Ram Sale

Monday 11th September 2017

Offering 110 Poll Merino and Merino Rams

Inspection 11:00 am - Sale 1:00 pm

For catalogue & sale details visit our website

www.hannatonmerinos.com.au

Online catalogue including ASBVs available on the 30th of August

Johnes Disease Monitored Neg3 (MN3) - South Australian Entry Eligible

On display will be 240 surplus 2016 drop ewes that will be available for purchase on Auctions Plus on the 26th of September.



Private selection rams available any time after the sale day by appointment.



Selling Agents: Elders
5% rebate for outside agents

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What's New at Hannaton Merinos?

What an exciting time to be breeding Merino sheep! With wool, lamb and mutton markets booming its been an amazing 12 months for us and our clients in the Merino industry. We are producing the most productive sheep we ever have, and with new technologies are excited about pushing our genetic gains. With the strong demand for our rams, we are increasing the number available at our on property sale.

Hannaton Open Day 2017

With the roll out of compulsory electronic tags in Victoria we recently had an open day to showcase the possibilities and benefits of EID. We were able to discuss with our clients the type of data we are collecting and using in our stud selection. From measuring growth rates from weaning, post weaning and yearling along with eye muscle and fat depths, to recording fleece weights, fibre diameter and staple length. Throughout the day we were shearing our entire 2016 drop ewe weaners and collecting mid side samples and recording fleece weights. We also had Robert Wyld from Sapien Technology come to speak about his livestock data management programs and the possible benefits for commercial producers. After 5 years using EID tags we love them. The amount of data we can collect quickly and easily has helped us make better breeding and business decisions for the future.



Our First Ever Embryo Transfer Program

We were very excited to this year do our very first embryo transfer (ET) program in the stud. We have been using laproscopic artificial insemination (AI) since 1988 to give us access to the best performing rams around Australia and now we are taking the next step to speed up our genetic improvement. We identified 3 elite ewes who have been breeding our top progeny identified by Pedigree Matchmaker panels in the paddock. Lambs are electronically tagged early and the ewes and lambs recorded in the paddock by a panel reader. These recordings match lambs with ewes to electronically mother up progeny. We then DNA tested to guarantee the results to select these top breeding ewes. Through the use of ET we were able to flush 32 embryos from these top ewes and implant them in recipients to carry the lambs. We will be increasing our use of ET in the stud as we get more and more parentage information using the pedigree matchmaker units. This year's selected ewes will include the mother of new semen sire Hannaton "Matt" and the mothers of our top selling Sheepvention ram sale team. Being able to identify our top ewes and boost the number of progeny they can produce we hope will have a dramatic impact on the speed of our genetic gain. Thanks also to Margie Trowbridge and the team from Brecon Breeders for their excellent work on the ET.



Pictured: Margie Trowbridge from Brecon Breeders in Keith during our 2016 AI & ET Program.

Introducing Semen Sire: Hannaton "Matt" 16-0323

Sire: H-120046
Dam: H-130487

Micron	SD	CV	Comf F	Curv
17.4	2.6	14.9	99.8%	57

YWT	YCFW	YFD	YSL	MP Index
4.2	18.4	-1.4	10.5	145

His sire, Hannaton 12-0046 has been prolific at Hannaton and has so far had outstanding results in the 2016 drop Balmoral lifetime productivity trial as seen above.

His Dam, Hannaton 13-0487 is structurally perfect and is also the mother of Stud Reserve and Semen Sire H15-0093. Her first two progeny have been amazing and she will be used in our ET program in 2018.

Hannaton Matt will be available for inspection at the ram sale.

Semen available at \$40 a dose



Hannaton Client's Continued Success



FINE FLEECE: Dalgety wool manager Tony Kidman with team of two fleeces winner Micaela Lock, Mundulla, and sponsor Barry Carter, Tatiara Insurance Agencies.

We really value industry trials to benchmark our genetics and encourage our clients to do so as well. In 2016 and 2017 we have once again had great results.

Three Hannaton clients have again dominated the 2017 Mundulla Hogget competition. Winning best fleece, valued at \$143.56, team of two fleeces valued at \$236.31 and runner up in the team of 3 meat value at \$305.52.

This follows the success in 2016 where a Hannaton client took a clean sweep of all competitions on the day.

We have also had another long term client win Champion Wimmera Fleece at the 2016 Royal Melbourne Show.

Photo courtesy of the Border Chronicle

Great Result at Hamilton Sheepvention

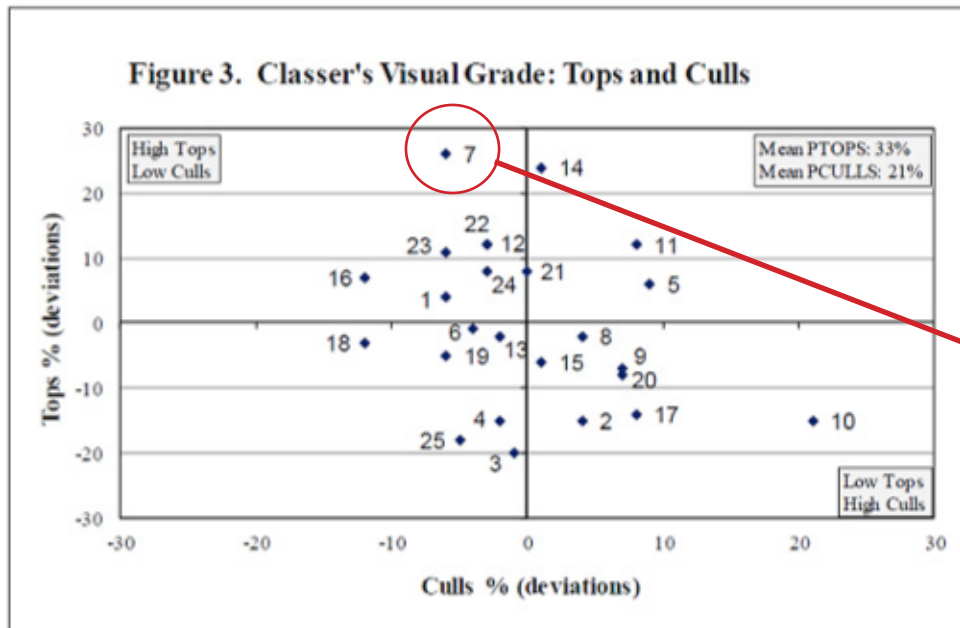
We have had our best ever sale this year at Sheepvention. We were delighted with how the rams looked and all the favourable comments and interest in them. We have retained semen to use in the stud from 2 of this years team, which gives us access to these top quality rams and also makes them available for our clients. We had a record top price for our stud at \$6,500 and an average of \$4,100 for the 5 rams sold. We would like to thank all our buyers and underbidders, both new and existing clients, and we cant wait to see the progeny from these rams next year.



2016 Drop Balmoral Lifetime Productivity Trial

Figure 3. Classer's Visual Grade - Tops by Cull

The graph describes performance for Classer's Visual Tops Grade on the side axis and Culls Grade on the bottom axis. Sires that have above average Tops and below average Culls are in the top left hand quarter.

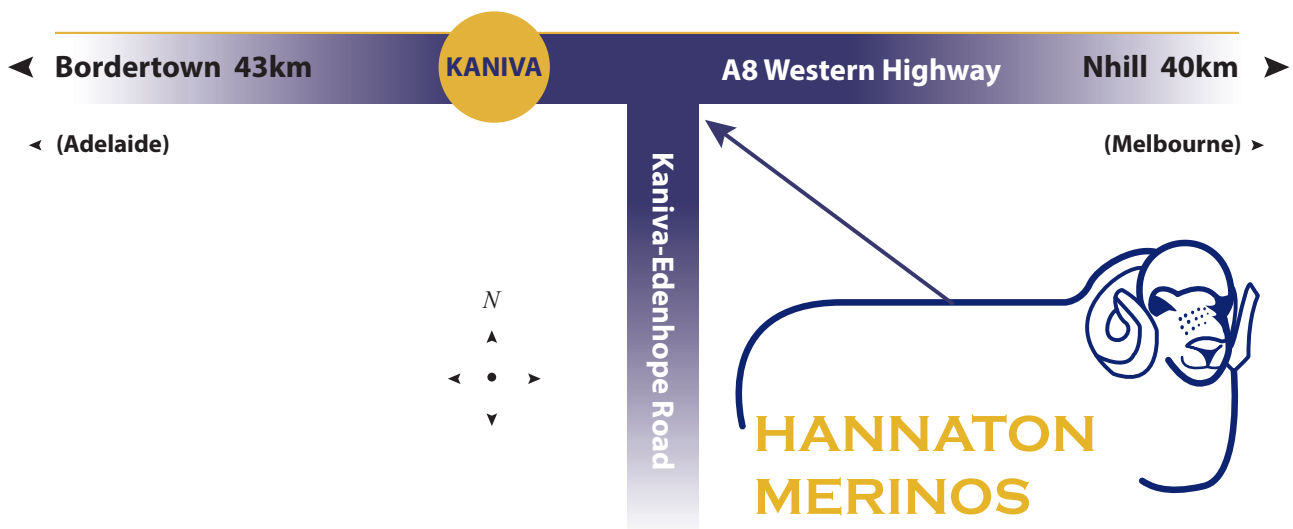


After his great success in our breeding program, Hannaton 12-0046 "Jet Star" was entered in 2016 Merino Lifetime Productivity Trial. This trial is using 25 rams, with industry link sires and the best genetics from SA, Vic, NSW, Tas and WA studs. For their first visual classing H12-0046 progeny had the highest percentage of tops at +26%, and the third lowest percentage of culls at -6%.

Hannaton 12-0046

2017 Drop Lambing Best Ever

Safe to say we are delighted with how 2017 lambing has gone. With early rains and then warm weather for lambing we have marked the most stud lambs ever. Our Poll Merinos have **averaged 119% lambs marked in July to number of ewes mated in December**, our best result ever! This includes maiden ewes which made up 30% of poll stud ewes mated this year. Some paddocks were just amazing to drive around with the number of multiples. Our best result was in this mob of 2013 drop ewes, with 58 ewes and marking 84 lambs (a result of 144%).



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