



## Hannaton's 39th Annual On Property Ram Sale

# Monday 11th September '23

## Offering 190 Rams

### 130 Poll Merino & 60 White Suffolk Rams

Increased offering of non-mulesed rams.

All rams paddock run & measured.

Inspection 10:00 am

**White Suffolk Auction 12:00 pm**

**Poll Merino Auction 1:00pm**

*Poll Merino Sale interfaced online with Auctions Plus*

[www.hannaton.com.au](http://www.hannaton.com.au)

**Online catalogue including MerinoSelect ASBVs  
available from August 15th**

Johnes Vaccinated & Brucellosis Accredited

150 Private Selection Rams available after sale date by appointment.



5% rebate for outside agents in attendance

Also displaying  
rams at:

**2023 Victorian State  
Merino Field Day**

Friday 28th July

10:00am - 4:00pm

*Marnoo Cricket Ground*

**Hamilton  
Sheepvention**

Sunday 6th -

Monday 7th August

Outdoor Site OA 319

*Hamilton Showgrounds*

**Classings Classic  
Ram Sale**

Monday 4th September

*Murray Bridge Racecourse*

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## Hannaton 2023 Update

We have had another exciting and busy year on the farm, and we continue to refine and evolve our sheep and our management. We have been lucky enough to have a good start to the season here with a great lambing and all the stock and pastures are looking fantastic.

In both studs we have invested heavily in the best genetics available with ram purchases and AI programs in the last 12 months to drive our genetic gains and push us ever closer towards our breeding objectives.

We are also continuing to invest more time and money into our data collection through more visual scoring in the Poll Merino flock, and increased DNA testing in both studs. 2023 also marks 10 years of ASBV's in our Merino stud and a milestone that gives us great confidence in our data and pedigrees.

In exciting family news, we are expecting our third child in mid August. For this reason we won't be having an open day this year for people to preview sale rams and appreciate your understanding as we will have our hands full at home.

We are so excited about the sheep we are breeding in both studs and how well Hannaton genetics are performing in the industry. We remain focused on breeding the best performing commercial genetics we can with the data to back it all up. We continue to run and manage the stud under commercial conditions with all animals recorded on true paddock performance. Top performing commercial genetics is our passion and we look forward to catching up with you this year to discuss what Hannaton genetics can do for you.

**To stay up to date with all the latest news at Hannaton go to our website [www.hannaton.com.au](http://www.hannaton.com.au) or follow us on Facebook.**



## Poll Merino Core Breeding Objectives

**Increased Early Growth - PWT** - Selling lambs earlier and ability to join ewe lambs – Joining ewe lambs since 2020.

**Maintaining fleece weights and increasing staple length – YCFW & YSL** – A productive fleece on a plainer animal – 6 month shearing since 2018 – ceased mulesing in 2023.

**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.

**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.

## 2023 Poll Merino Ram Sale - Monday 11th September

We are very pleased with this year's offering of rams especially the first available sons of Hannaton 200155. After a very wet start to the year our rams are looking great and the wools have stood up exceptionally well to all the rain. All rams are completely paddock run and performance recorded in one management group to find the superior genetics that perform in real conditions. We believe strongly in our philosophy of what you see is what you get. While focussing heavily on our ASBV's we are also very conscious of providing quality skins, wools and structure to stand up to any environment. Selling rams from northern NSW station country to Victorian high rainfall zones, Hannaton genetics are showing their worth in a range of environments. This year also sees an increased offering of non-mulesed rams as we phase out mulesing in the stud. We also have a selection of August drop rams out of ewe lambs available at just 13 months of age. These young rams give our clients the opportunity to purchase the latest in Hannaton genetics for those targeting early fertility, growth and rapid genetic gain.

## 2022 Poll Merino Ram Sale Results

We thought it was one of the most even line ups of the rams we have ever presented with both visual appeal and measured performance, and it showed with the strong and even bidding from start to finish in the sale. In the main auction 92 of 100 sold to a top of \$6,250 and averaged \$2,744. The top price ram, lot number 6, went to long term Hannaton clients Gary and Angela Lock, Linda Vista, Mundulla SA to be used to breed rams for their own flock. An AI bred son of Leachim 173122 with a super stylish and soft wool and an outstanding set of ASBV's we retained semen to use in our own breeding program as well. With figures of +6.7 Pwt +8.9 Ywt +37 YCFW and -.9 YFD while having positive muscle and fat the balance of his data combined with his visual appeal he was a standout in the sale.

A further 12 rams were sold in the pens of five after the sale averaging \$1,660. While the bidding was strong throughout the sale we believe we offer fantastic value for commercial breeders with 49 rams selling between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on the day.

The strong on property sale was then followed up with another great year of private selection sales with 100 rams sold after the sale to Vic, SA and NSW.



## Non Mulesed in 2023

This year we have made the move to stop mulesing all stud lambs. We believe this will become an industry standard eventually so we have decided to be proactive. After the success in the last two years with a portion of the stud non mulesed, we have seen that with the right genetics we can easily transition without any extra management.



## Semen Sire - Hannaton 200155 progeny set to dominate 2023 sale

In our opinion he is the best sire ever bred at Hannaton. An AI son of Wallaloo Park 172070, and out of a special stud daughter of Hannaton 150093—he had the highest percentage of tops and lowest percentage of culls in the 2020 Balmoral Sire Evaluation Trial. 200155 packs a real genetic punch. He is as close to structurally perfect as any ram we have produced, and his progeny have the same great production and outlook. His visual appeal is backed up with high production genetics and a great combination of traits. Top 10% post weaning and yearling weight as well as yearling clean fleece weight while being -1.1 Yearling Fibre Diameter, negative for breech cover and wrinkle and top 20% for low dag score. We used him naturally and in our AI program for the 2022 drop lambing, and the quality and consistency of his progeny are a standout. We have retained 90 daughters in the stud, with only 17 culls, and his sons look set to dominate the offering at our On Property Sale. With over 300 progeny recorded in sheep genetics from 3 flocks his data is also highly accurate. Just for an added bonus he is also Genomic tested PP.



**Semen available \$60 a dose, minimum 100 doses.**

Pwt	Ywt	YEMD	YFat	YCFW	ACFW	YFD	YSL	EBWR	EBCOV	MP	DP
8.2	11.1	-0.3	-0.6	27.5	19.5	-1.1	11.3	-0.3	-0.4	170	162
			Top 20%		Top 10%		Top 5%				

## Largest ever Artificial Insemination program at Hannaton

On the 14th of December we spent the day in our shearing shed with the team from Brecon Breeders adding some of the most exciting genetics in the country to our program. 480 ewes joined to 4 outside sires from Mumblebone, Trigger Vale, Willera and Kiandra as well as Hannaton 211973, Lot number 6 from our 2022 on property sale. The data on our AI sires and all our Hannaton sires used in the natural mating is excellent with our best ever balance of traits for early growth, muscle and fat while maintaining our wool cuts just outside the top 20%, and still negative for micron. This combined with low breech cover and wrinkle makes for an excellent package. Look out 2024 ram sale!!

	PWT	YWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW	ACFW	YFD	YSL	EBCOV	EBWR
AI Sire average	6.9	9.2	1.7	0.9	23.3	16.4	-1.1	17.6	-0.5	-0.8

## More data collection gives more confidence in Hannaton Genetics

Every year we strive to deliver the best quality genetics backed up with real measured data. We collect the range of data we provide on all our paddock run rams to make sure our clients have confidence to select the right rams to meet their own personal breeding objectives and get the best outcomes on farm. Every lamb born at Hannaton is run in one management group, and measured from marking to yearling to identify the best performing genetics in commercial conditions.

The entire drop is measured for-

- Early Breech Cover
- Early Breech Wrinkle
- Weaning, Post Weaning & Yearling Weights
- Post weaning Eye Muscle & Fat Depth
- Fleece weight, staple length & micron
- Yearling Visual Wool Scores
- Yearling Feet, Structure and Dag Scoring

*Henry Hickson and James Lines from NextGen Agri hard at work ewe weaner classing in June—every ewe individually graded for feet and structure as well as wool scores before being weighed and classed*



## Classing Classic - Monday 4th September

We are very excited to be offering a pair of rams at the Classing Classic sale in Murray Bridge for the first time. A pair of Hannaton 200155 sons will be on offer with super wools, excellent frames and the data to back it all up. Both rams to be offered have real stud sire potential and will be on display at Victorian State Field Day in Marnoo and Hamilton Sheepvention. Sale day inspections starting at 10:00am and the auction at 1:30pm synchronised online with Auctions Plus, Monday 4th September





## 2022 White Suffolk Ram Sale Results

Our second annual white Suffolk auction had another strong result with a few new faces and many return buyers having great results with Hannaton rams. At the auction we sold 24 of 30 rams to a top of \$3,000 and an average of \$1,625 giving great commercial value to clients. The top price ram, lot number 8, sold to Tex Willersdorf and Jeanette Feder. A twin by Detpa Grove 180798 and out of an Anden ewe, with trait leading growth figures of +12.4 weaning weight and +18.6 post weaning weight. He was a standout in the sale. A further 10 rams were purchased from the grade rams on the day. The sale was followed up with strong demand for grade rams selling another 70 locally and into SA and NSW. We were delighted with the sale result and thank all of our clients for their support.



## White Suffolk Genomic DNA Testing

This year we have made the move to Genomic DNA test the entire White Suffolk 2023 drop lambs. This is a significant financial investment but it gives us 100% accurate parentage data as well as increased accuracy on our ASBV's including eating quality traits. This move allows us better management by splitting singles and twins and not lambing down in sire groups. It also means we compare genetics across all our sires lambing in the same conditions to help us better identify the top performers.

*Hannaton White Suffolk sire team.*



## White Suffolk Stud Sire in demand

### Ella Matta 21-0369 Purchased for \$9,000

In an exciting first for us semen from our latest White Suffolk sire purchase has been exported into New Zealand. As one of the highest indexing White Suffolk rams in Australia with a great balance of data, we were thrilled to add this ram to our breeding program. An Embryo Transfer lamb by industry leading sire Felix 191175 this ram ticks all the boxes to further boost our White Suffolk genetics. The combination of low birth weight and good growth rates along with industry leading muscle and positive fat makes him a perfect sire for our breeding objectives. With a great carcass and muscle you can really see, we have used this ram heavily in our 2023 drop joining and are looking forward to having progeny available next year.

Bwt	Wwt	Pwt	Pemd	Pfat	Pwec	LE_Dir	IMF	SF5	TCP	LEQ
0.2	10.3	16.9	3.8	0.8	-47.7	2.2	0.4	-2.6	164	171
Top 20%			Top 10%			Top 5%				



## 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.

Our focus remains on providing the best possible genetics to give our clients the best returns on their lambs.





The top sale rams pictured above will be on display at Hamilton Sheepvention site 319

## 2023 Ram Sale

This year's sale team are our most impressive ever with the first progeny available from Waratah and Ramsay Park sires purchased in 2021 combining great visual outlook and structure with leading data. We will also have an increased offering of August drop ram lambs. These rams born out of ewe lambs are combining all our latest genetics and look to be a standout for data. Our top 60 White Suffolk rams will be available at our 2023 sale by auction and graded price. Inspection from 10:00am and Auction at 12:00. Private selection rams available after sale day by appointment.

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