



2023 NEWSLETTER



WESTCOURT AG

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SALE DAY

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
WELLINGTON SHOWGROUNDS
INSPECTIONS – 10AM
SALE STARTS – 1PM
130 RAMS
FULL ASBV'S & PEDIGREES
ALSO ON AUCTIONSPLUS

PRE-SALE

INSPECTION DAY
WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST
@ 'WESTCOURT'

WELCOME

What a rollercoaster!

Recent years have been full of plenty of highs and lows in all aspects; rainfall, temperatures, social movements, prices – grain, meat, and wool.

In such a turbulent industry one thing hasn't changed.

Well-balanced dual purpose sheep continue to propel livestock businesses!

Welcome to our 2023 newsletter. We're excited to bring you up to speed with GullenGamble Poll Merinos.

Since purchasing the stud in its entirety in 2021, we have kept the foot on the accelerator to continue to produce highly profitable genetics for progressive sheep producers.

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A QUICK RECAP

Upon arrival at 'Westcourt' in July 2021, the GullenGamble Poll flock was faced with a challenging year. With no escape from rain and mud, the sheep did exceptionally well to withstand the conditions on heavier country. The wools stayed true to type and kept the weather out, ewes stayed in great condition and the lambs powered ahead.

The success of the 24th annual ram sale in 2022 under new owners Westcourt Ag Pty Ltd showed us that buyers were very happy with the continuation of the stud!



Top buyers Ian and Breda McColl, Rocky Glen Ag, with Max Hugh and Stewart Edwards, auctioneer Martin Simmons, Elders Dubbo.

We wasted no time finding suitable sires from existing GullenGamble progeny as well as injections from other studs, to further accelerate the breeding program with Mark's guidance.

Tuesday September 12th will see our first drop of rams on offer at Wellington Showgrounds.

The rams have all been paddock run; with weights, WEC's, carcase, fleece and visual data collected along the way.

We are very excited with the results of our "First cross"!



Richie Cartwright, Specialised Livestock Solutions, collecting individual WEC data

BATHURST SIRE EVALUATION

GullenGamble Poll ram 201764 has been entered in the '22 drop Bathurst sire evaluation. With results starting to come through, his progeny's performance has been true to his ASBV's of WWT 6.4 (top 5%) & PWT 8.9 (top 10%).

Combined with his negative breech wrinkle, -0.67, and low breech cover, 0.08, 201764 has proven himself a front runner in the evaluation. Visually, the lambs look great, punching out a long white staple, and have minimal dag considering the intense early worm burdens at the site.

We are now waiting on visual and shearing data to be released shortly and expect more solid results!

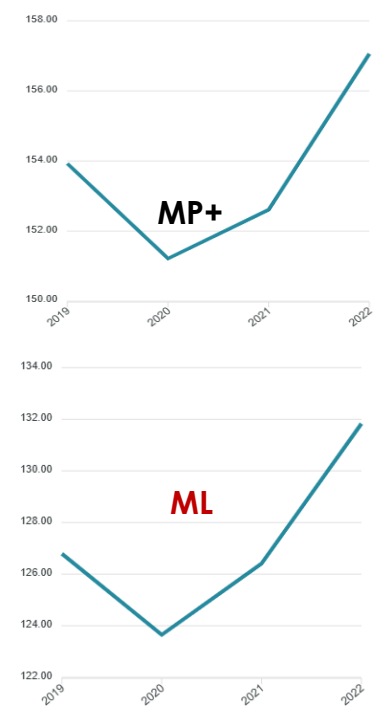
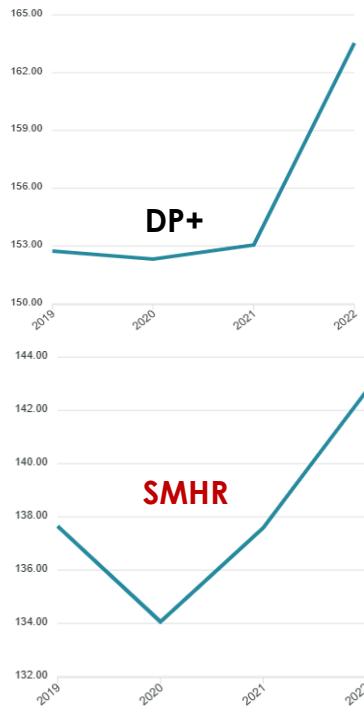
| Breeders flock, Sire number | Weight | | Breech Traits | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------|
| | WWT (kg) | PWT (kg) | BRWR | BCOV |
| Blink Bonnie, 180085 | -1.8 | -5.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| Bogo, 190391 | -0.7 | -0.6 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| Boxleigh Park, 181057 | -0.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.8 |
| Centre Plus Poll, 707350 (Link Sire) | 0.4 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| GullenGamble Poll, 201764 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| Gundibri Poll, 180095 | 0.1 | -0.5 | 2.2 | 3.9 |
| Hazeldean, 002980 | -1.0 | -1.5 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| Karalta Poll, 180917 | -4.2 | -5.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| One Oak Poll, R15050 (Link Sire) | -2.2 | -3.2 | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| Pooginook Poll, 200204 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 3.3 |
| Rocklyn, 190204 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| Roseville Park Poll, 200085 | -0.3 | -3.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| Stirling Dohne, 200036 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 2.3 | 2.9 |
| Trefusis, 170332 | 2.1 | -0.1 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| Average | - | - | 3.3 | 2.5 |



GENETIC TRENDS - INDEXES

We have seen some great improvements in genetic trends in our first year at the helm of the Gullen flock, utilising both visual selection, and extensive analysis through the Sheepgenetics MATESEL program.

By continuing to apply breeding pressure across all desired traits, we have maintained a balanced approach to try and prevent animals from lacking in any area.



NEW RESEARCH INDEXES

We are pleased with Sheepgenetics' release of new indexes! The Sustainable Merino- High Rainfall and Maternal plus Lamb indexes provide more balance in the ranking of sheep for modern production systems. While not a perfect match, these indexes are more closely aligned with the wholistic approach to our breeding objectives; particularly optimising adult ewe weight – improving production efficiency.

| Trait | Maternal + Lamb | Sustainable Merino | Sustainable Merino - HR | Wool Production | Fine Wool |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Clean fleece weight | ●● | ●●● | ●●● | ●●●● | ●●● |
| Fibre diameter | ● | ● | ● | ●● | ●●● |
| Lamb growth | ●●● | ●● | ●● | ● | ● |
| Carcase composition | ●● | ● | ● | | |
| Adult weight | -● | -● | -● | | |
| Worm egg count | | | ●● | | ● |
| Reproduction | ●●● | ●● | ●● | ● | ● |
| Breech wrinkle | ●● | ●● | ●● | ●● | ●● |
| Dag | | | ●● | | |
| Condition score | ●● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

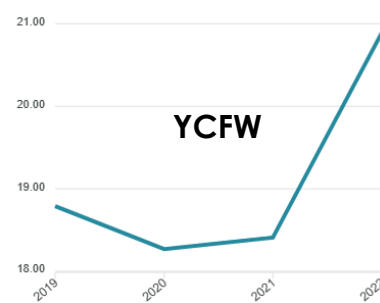
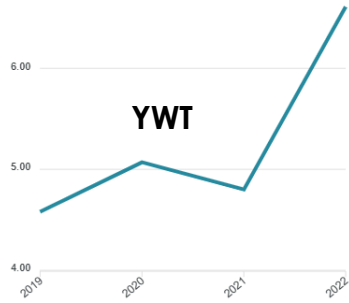
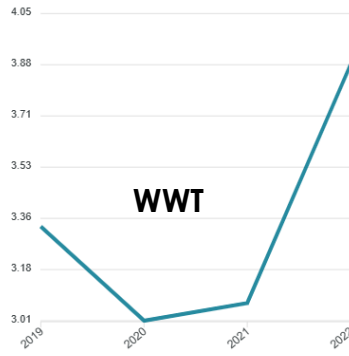
An in-depth explanation of the new research indexes can be found on the Sheepgenetics website!

GENETIC TRENDS - TRAITS

The drop averages for individual traits have improved significantly, with most traits recording gains of 10 – 20% on last years drop!

Key profit-driver traits for early growth, carcass weight and yield, clean fleece weight, staple length and weaning rate are tracking well across the drop!

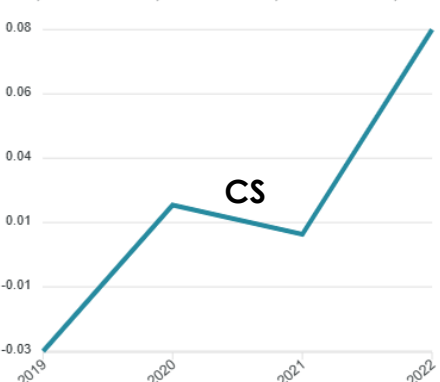
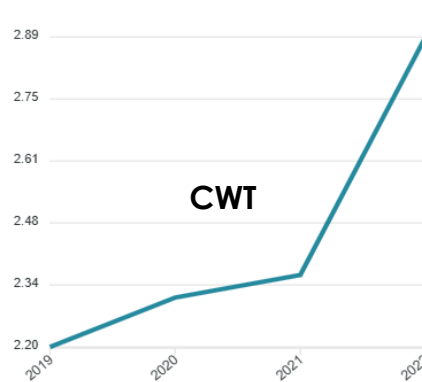
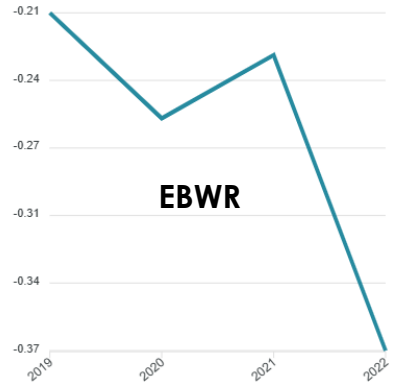
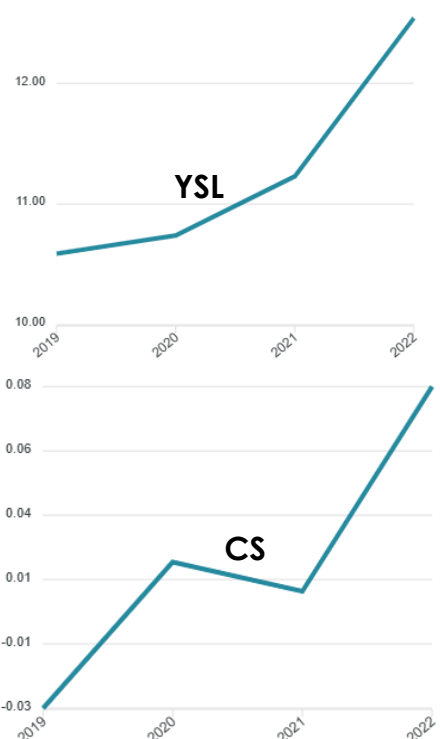
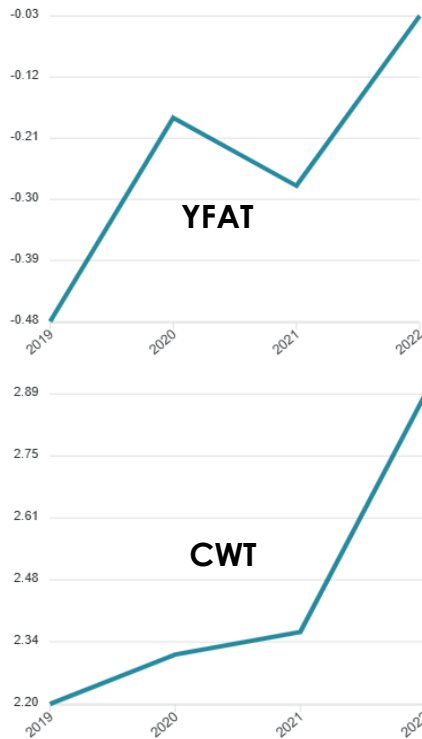
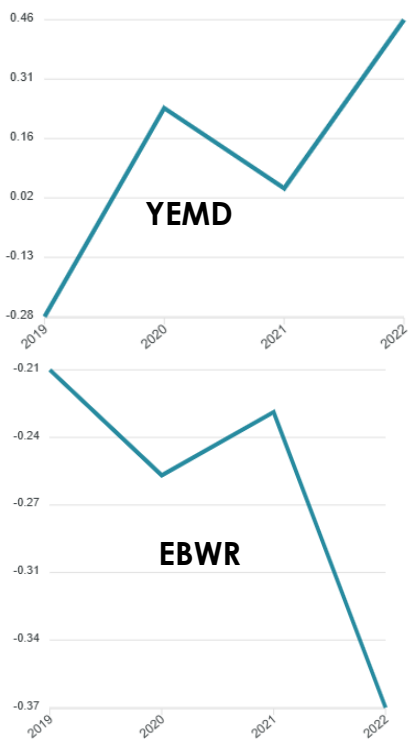
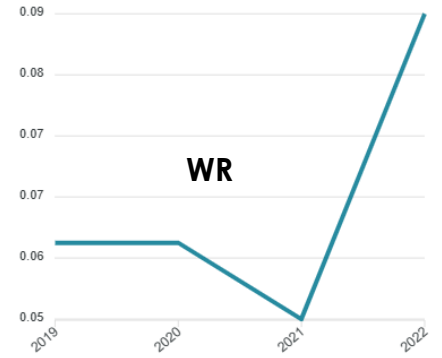
Eye muscle and fat are also on the rise – a tricky task without compromising wool cut!



BONUS TRAITS

We are also continuing to put pressure on other peace-of-mind traits to further develop easy care animals, that spend more time in the paddock making money, requiring less valuable time and money to keep healthy.

Emphasis has also been placed on maternal weaning weight and ewe condition score; so that ewes give lambs the best start possible, before returning to joining condition quickly for continued success.



If you would like to know more about ASBV's please give Max a call any time!



GULLENGAMBLE POLL | 2023

2023 SALE

This year we will again offer 130 top selected rams, with very high quality grade rams available from after the sale.

We are confident these rams will provide great value for money, with quality genetics to suit all budgets!

This year's line up is packed full of beefy carcasses on strong frames, with loads of free growing, bold, white, high yielding fleece that GullenGamble is renowned for.



SALE DAY – TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

@ Wellington showgrounds.

Rams have been lotted and the catalogue will be available shortly!

This year's sale will be interfaced with Auctionsplus for those who cannot attend on the day, with full genomic ASBV's and pedigree provided, as well as individual videos and wool photos.

Be sure to stop in for our **Pre-Sale Inspection Day – Wed 30th Aug.**



ENQUIRIES ALWAYS WELCOME

Please Call Max to discuss how GullenGamble Poll genetics can help you reach your goals!