

# LACHLAN MERINOS

*"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"*

## FLOCK HISTORY

- For over 20 years, Lachlan Merinos have been selecting for an early maturing sheep, which we believe is vital for modern sheep breeders, in terms of the major financial gains that can be made by selling merino lambs in the fat lamb market. This principle also has benefits in maiden ewes, with improved conception rates.
- In **1994**, **ABC Landline** produced a story about Lachlan Merinos selling merino lambs into the Sydney restaurant market. Lachlan Merinos were pioneers in this area, decades before the merino industry were selecting for not only wool quality, but also for early maturity and meat.
- Selecting for deep crimping, heavy cutting and silky white wools at 13 months of age.
- Originally founded on Peppin bloodlines, with infusions of Mandalay (Roseville Park) Banavie, Wallaloo Park, Charinga and Lachlan Merinos, using AI for over 20 years, and ET in more recent years.
- **Flock average: 18.9-19.8 mic, 8.0-9.2 kg.**
- In **July 2004**, our merino lambs brought **\$128.00**, 6 wks off shears, making a new Midstate Saleyards record.
- In **2006**, we gained 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Merino Wether Challenge, beating 36 teams from 3 states including studs & commercial growers.

## DUBBO NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

- Lachlan Merinos group of 3 lambs received 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, defeating 36 teams from studs & commercial breeders from 3 states at the Dubbo National Sheep Show, August 2006.
- 1<sup>st</sup> champion pen of 3 lambs averaged **42.26 kg** a head dressed (\$153.54 a head) @ \$2.70/kg.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve pen of 3 lambs averaged **40.26 kg** a head dressed (\$150.05 a head) @ \$2.70/kg.
- Highest fleece value & heaviest wool cut: **6.5 kg**.
- Best carcass value: **43.6kg dressed**, 50.7% yield.
- Lachlan Merinos lambs were **20%** heavier than the next closest competitor.
- 6 lambs averaged **41.3 kg** a head dressed; **49.9 %** yield.
- The above results demonstrate you can successfully combine excellent wool cut and carcass.



**Other Competitors**  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: 20% lighter

**Lachlan Merinos entry**  
displaying extra body length

## LACHLAN MERINOS WOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



*Mitchell Rubie with Lachlan Merinos Champion Show Fleeces*

- **2003 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo;**  
1<sup>st</sup> med wool (9.1kg @18.3mic), **3rd** med wool 10.5kg @ 18.9 mic), **1st** strong wool (9.4kg @ 19.1 mic); all skirted ewes fleeces.
- **2004 Bendigo Sheep Show:** Three 3rds; medium wools testing 17.3 to 20.3 micron; 4<sup>th</sup> highest clean fleece weight of the show (Lachlan Merinos fleeces were paddock run, competing against shedded and coated fleeces).
- **2005 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the medium and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the strong sections
- **5 year adult flock average: 19.3 micron**

## **MUELSE FREE 2010 FAMILY**

At Lachlan Merinos, we have developed a completely separate family for muese free 2010. Adding to our new family and demonstrating our commitment to this issue, Lachlan Merinos purchased the number "one" ranked ewe at the Severn Park Merino Stud dispersal sale for P.W.W.T (post weaning weight). This ewe ("Big Mama") was a standout for physical size and early growth characteristics. (She is a full E.T sister to the sire "Thomas More", a top ten national ASBVs for growth and muscle). Big Mama also has outstanding fertility (being paddock joined and had 4 big, live lambs), and an amazing temperament. Her wool is rich, long and soft.

Lachlan Merinos will use Big Mama and others in our Embryo Transfer program we have selected for the 2010 family. The first of the progeny of Big Mama, LM 08.30 ("OX") is an exciting sire for the ongoing development of this new family. OX is a gentle giant, and naturally born quad, who is one of a kind, displaying extreme virtues including; early maturity, size, brilliant temperament, balance, bone, fertility; with white, free growing wool, and bare breech score 2.

**LACHLAN MERINOS ANNUAL RAM SALE:**

**15<sup>h</sup> September 2010 (HORNED & POLLS)**

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