

Welcome to our 2015 news update

Change of Sale Date now
Wednesday 16th of September 2015

Why Buy Far Valley Dohnes

Far Valley Dohnes are a well-balanced and versatile breed producing stylish white apparel wool and fast growing prime lambs. Dohnes are a true dual-purpose meat and wool breed, which produce the biggest possible lamb at the youngest age, which can be sold as store, feeder or prime lamb. Far Valley Dohnes continually produce excellent fine/medium wools year after year. Another exciting aspect of the Far Valley Dohne stud is the proven results of producing excellent rams and ewes using the best genetics available through the latest breeding technology.

By purchasing Far Valley Dohnes you will be acquiring some of the best Dohne Genetics in the world

Tough selection practises

- Physical classing and selection
- Use of ASBV'S
- The use of all available tried and proven scientific tools and methods available in 2015

Dohnes are one of the toughest low maintenance breeds in the world.

Your opportunity to breed the best mum in the sheep industry.

The most comprehensive Sheep Database in the world, which compares us against the rest.

You will have the opportunity to become part of a specialised sheep farming system that has been developed and tested in the paddock under all types of conditions to support you in maximising profits from your sheep enterprise.

This is a proven system that you can trust unlike other programmes that have been developed by software agents in an air-conditioned office somewhere.

Today's Sheep farmer can use the same approach for sheep that he uses for wool and crops by looking at kilograms of meat sold and produced per hectare,

If you do this, you will come to understand why the Far Valley Dohne looks and breeds towards 70% Meat and 30% Wool. Do the sums and see where your sheep enterprise sits.

The Far Valley Guarantee

In the unlikely event that you have any problems with your purchase, we will address this immediately. After care/ advice, replacement, etc



Far Valley Commercial Lambs



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Far Valley Sale Day

14th Annual On Property Sale

Wednesday 16th September

Inspection from 10am

Rams penned from 10.30am

110 Rams Selected

Inspections available prior to Sale Day.

Please call me to make an appointment at your convenience.

Visit us on our Website for more information:-

www.farvalleydohne.com

Far Valley Dohne Stud is
Brucellosis Accredited and
Accredited OJD Vaccinate



Doing it with Dohnes

Business as usual at Far Valley

Welcome to our 2015 news update. This year we have moved our sale date forward to accommodate clients by working around upcoming busy times such as hay season and school holidays.

So far this year at Far Valley we have experienced an extremely dry year to date, some say the driest in over 110 years. Despite this tough season, the Commercial ewes have performed really well and have pumped their heart and soul into their lambs, still resulting in good lambing percentages that were just down slightly compared to last year. Dohnes have become increasingly well known for their 'never say die attitude' as well as their ability to forage and scavenge that ensures they know how to survive when a poor season hits. Far Valley Dohnes have proved that they are certainly tough enough to withstand anything the Australian environment has to throw at them.

The Meat Market outlook remains strong and it would appear that the strong prices for lamb and mutton will remain strong in the foreseeable future. From Air Freight lamb, through to the butcher reasonable prices are forecasted. Old ewes prices range from \$60 to \$90 so excellent there also.

Wool had a spike through late May and June, hopefully these prices will continue as the new selling season progresses.

The Far Valley Commercial ewes cut an average of 5.4kg/head, so a good outcome there. The microns of the wool was less than 19 Microns again, so a pleasing result all around. We achieved over \$7.50/kg sweep the floor, so quite happy with that, at the time.

Lambs

Last years lambs were once again sold to V & V Walsh, Airfreight and the balance sold as stores straight off mum to lot feeders. Averaging \$75 for the male portion of the drop.



Far Valley Young Rams

As the Dohne industry matures in Australia, it is pleasing to report that the Dohne infusion into our National Flock has exceeded 20%. This comes as no surprise to me, as the Dohne is a fantastic Dual Purpose animal. Tough when it needs to be, very fertile, grows very fast when conditions allow and easy to take care of. Proud to have on your farm. A fantastic tool to have on any farm.

The Far Valley Rams look great and the good wools and bodies are really coming through, there should be a very good selection available for prospective clients.

Once again will have a large number of older ewes for sale, so if anyone is interested, please don't hesitate to call me on 0429626012.

Save The Date!

Sale Day Wednesday 16th September, 110 Rams penned from 10:30am

Murray Drage

Far Valley Stud Adviser and Assessor

As you look thru your Dohne breeding program this year, remember the profit drivers in your flock, fertility, growth, low maintenance & wool. These all need to be in balance with your environment and farming system. All are slightly different and require different objectives in your selection. Know what they are and identify your aims.

Over the last several years the Far Valley flock has tried to improve staple length and nourishment for those with larger cropping areas and continued to improve the wool quality for those in much higher rainfall zones. These are strived for continuously without compromising on the easy doing, meaty, early growth animals that Far Valley are well known for. I highly recommend your inspection of the 2014 drop animals, as they are of the highest quality.

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Doing it with Dohnes

Far Valley Sires 2015

Mgmt No :: 116602 :: Dam 094626 :: Sire 088124



RT	YFDCV	WWT	PWWT	YWT	NLW
1	-0.659	4.838	4.897	5.942	0.128

YEMD	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	MWWT	<u>DOHNE</u>
0.113	0.354	-1.1	9.135	2.083	164.81

Mgmt No :: 105824 :: Dam 094626 :: Sire 088124



RT	YFDCV	WWT	PWWT	YWT	NLW
1	-0.649	4.838	4.897	5.942	0.128

YEMD	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	MWWT	<u>DOHNE</u>
1.13	0.44	-1.2	4.05	2.083	144.99

Mgmt No :: 140044 :: Dam 105561 :: Sire IH111924



RT	YFDCV	WWT	PWWT	YWT	NLW
1	14.4	4.4	5.15	6.59	0.043

YEMD	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	MWWT	<u>DOHNE</u>
0.35	0.28	-0.54	7.39	-0.538	138.24

Mgmt No :: 140106 :: Dam 094664 :: Sire 105719



RT	YFDCV	WWT	PWWT	YWT	NLW
1	17.1	4.74	6.48	8.18	0.045

YEMD	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	MWWT	<u>DOHNE</u>
1.26	0.25	0.56	2.84	0.576	149

Mgmt No :: 140224 :: Dam 105870 :: Sire 105824



RT	YFDCV	WWT	PWWT	YWT	NLW
1	14.7	3.48	3.77	5.45	-0.011

YEMD	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	MWWT	<u>DOHNE</u>
1.79	0.73	0.48	1.15	1.046	135.88

Mgmt No :: 140350:: Dam 116944 :: Sire 116602



RT	YFDCV	WWT	PWWT	YWT	NLW
1	16.9	4.38	5.51	7.71	0.104

YEMD	YFAT	YFD	YCFW	MWWT	<u>DOHNE</u>
0.86	0.73	-0.75	8.91	1.663	164.57

Doing it with Dohnes

Dohnes cannot be improved with any other Merino type

By Cameron McMaster

Whatever type or strain of Merino you run, even if you are a specialist wool grower, the number of head marketed per hectare per annum (turnoff) is the single most important factor that influences flock profitability and gross margin. If you have used Dohne rams for the past number of years you will have observed a quite dramatic improvement in reproduction and lamb survival and growth rate. This will have translated into better cash flow from lamb sales, higher profitability and very likely a reduction in fibre diameter and improved wool quality. The vigour, easy care features and ability of the Dohne to utilise less palatable pasture and stubble will have impressed you.

The Dohne is the only Merino that has been designed and selected for more than 70 years for the dual-purpose characteristics of prime lamb production and elite Merino wool in the 19-20 micron range in a self-replacing flock. The breeding objective has been designed to increase reproduction and lamb growth rate, maintain fleece weight and reduce fibre diameter. Improving muscle and fat depth are measured characteristics which form an integral part of the selection objective in order to improve carcass quality.

There is ample evidence today that high fleece weights impede reproduction and growth rate. Experience has shown that sheep with a slightly lower potential for wool production are more efficient in terms of meat production and have the added advantage of being plain-bodied, hardy, fit and easy care - traits that also help to reduce production costs.

The influence of lamb weight produced on total income is highly significant and is the reason why the meat component generates the largest proportion of total flock income. Because Dohne ewes are not overburdened with heavy fleeces they have a high meat production potential and can be stocked at higher rates, resulting in higher wool production per hectare – a winning formula for higher profitability.

Here is the formula to maximize the turnoff per hectare – with the added advantage of exponential improvement each year.

1. **Flock Composition** - Maximum number of ewes in relation to total flock - minimum 65 - 70%
2. **Lamb Growth Rate** - The faster the lambs grow, the earlier they can be marketed at better prices, freeing production resources for a higher relative number of breeding ewes. The early marketability of lambs is therefore the key to higher ewe numbers.
3. **Stocking Density** - Maximize turnoff per hectare by carrying the optimum number of ewes for a particular situation. To achieve this level of production ewes must be genetically adapted to these conditions – which relates to the crucial importance of the next aspect.
4. **Type of Sheep** - Ewes must be hardy, easy-care and efficient converters of even low quality feed. They must be non-selective grazers. They must have high reproduction rates, good maternal ability for high lamb survival and good milking ability for high lamb growth. An optimum relationship between wool production and body size is an essential attribute of the type of sheep capable of this level of production under hard commercial conditions. These are the essential attributes of the Dohne Merino.

Experience with this strategy has demonstrated that while meat production increases with more efficient sheep in a self-replacing flock, the wool production of the enterprise can be fully maintained and, because of more lambs/hoggets to shear before marketing, it can often be increased.

A new philosophy in terms of breeding goals and selection strategy for Merino Sheep is necessary to maximise profitability in the current and future market environments. To achieve these results use the best Dohne rams you can afford and pursue an effective selection strategy within your own flock to improve reproduction, growth rate and wool quality.



Far Valley Ewe Hoggets