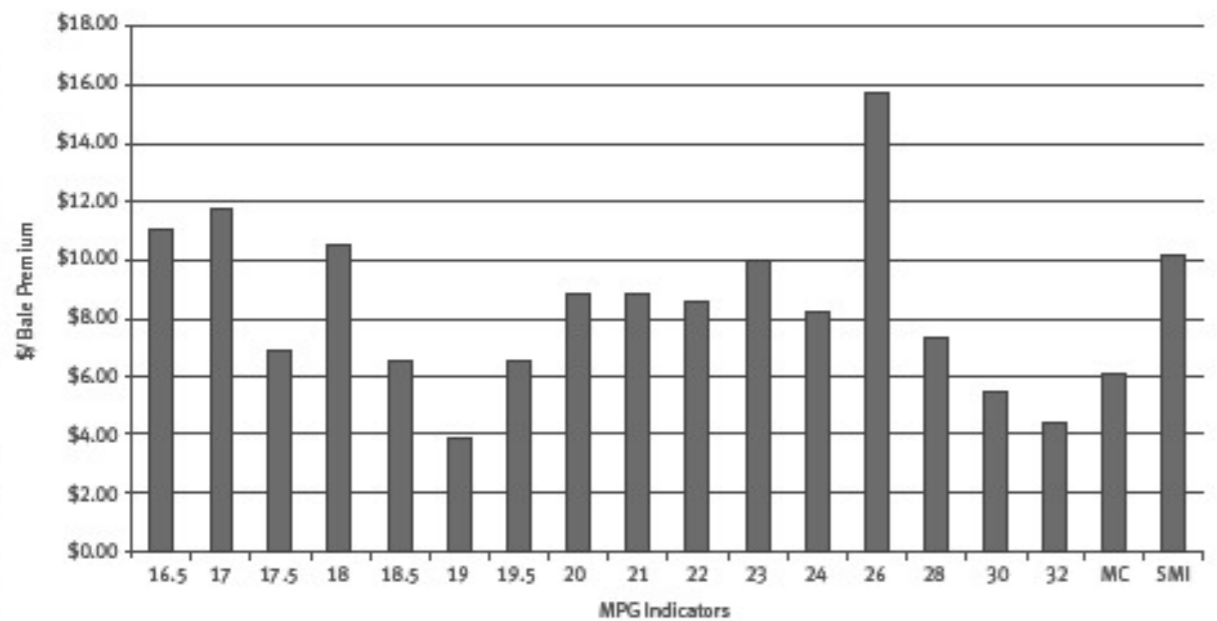


Balmoral Victoria Sire Evaluation Group

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Elders Southern sale day gives you more



■ MPG averages since January 2009 for days Elders sold on (last day of the week) compared to non-Elders sale days. The difference is calculated as c/kg clean and then converted into \$ per bale greasy based on 70% yield and 185kg a bale

The above chart highlights the average Thursday premium compared to earlier selling days in the same week, based on Southern MPG indicators from January – October 2009. The average clean premium has been converted to an estimated \$ per bale by using a 70% yield and an average bale weight of 185 kgs.

By reviewing the results for the past 9 months, it is easy to see the benefit in selling your wool on the last day of the week in Melbourne.

- Large Catalogues
- Wide selection of types
- Professional selling teams
- Showfloor and auction rooms are all under the one roof

As the national wool clip declines – it makes sense to ensure you sell on the best selling day in Melbourne.

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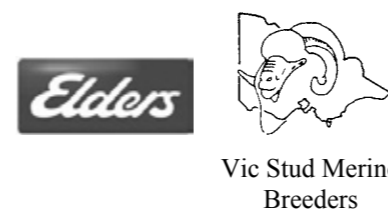
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Summary

- The 2009 progeny lambs have been tagged and assessed, results p 3.
- The 2008 progeny yearling weights & WEC samples collected, results below.
- New Host Property for 2010/11. Yiddinga - James Farran. More info p 2.
- Thanks to all who assisted on work days; Members of the committee, Elders representatives and ram owners.

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Riverina Wool Testers

2008 Drop Progeny

Yearling Body Weights taken on 22/9/09

WEC samples taken on 22/7/09

Please note that these figures are raw data only

Sire identity	Av. WEC – Nem. epg	Av. WEC Strong. epg	Av. BWT Kgs.
Avington 047	9	343	37.7
Bindawarra 1143/01	11	514	36.5
Centre Plus 107351	7	210	41.1
Connewarran B227	7	321	37.2
Cressbrook 06580	8	307	35.4
Currawong White 1267	6	260	35.7
Glendemar 051453	8	281	42.5
Gringegalgonia 051021	13	281	38.5
Kerrsville GL 5584	4	251	37.4
Koorngal 2521	6	155	36.4
Kurra-Wirra 3536	14	382	37.1
Mokanger 05 Y29	10	185	34.1
Pendarra Red 274	10	447	38.8
The Mountain Dam 02/NW113	11	313	36.0
Windarra 040236	10	336	36.5
Yalgoo 060188	5	150	34.9
Yiddinga Blk 80	8	292	36.5
Total group average	8 epg	292 epg	37.1 kgs

Our Chairman - Tom Silcock

There has been plenty happening recently with lambing, tagging and weighing. Thank you to all who helped adding to the comradeship as well as enabling to get the jobs done.

Interestingly, one ram joined for this year's lambing that was supposed to be a mulse free type, scored very poorly in comparison to other progeny groups. This highlights the importance of our trials in testing claims against reality.

We thank Jim Farran for putting his hand up to host our next round of trials and look forward to sharing in the ongoing learning experience.

We wish Tania and Simon the very best with their news of expecting another child. Tania is finishing up as our Secretary as a consequence at the end of the year. We thank her very much for the challenging job well done and we will now be working on finding a replacement over the coming months.



New Host Farm for 2010-11 Yiddinga Holdings Pty Ltd

The property of Yiddinga is 8 km south west of Edenhope on the Edenhope/Penola Rd it is 1900 hectares it was established in 1990, its principle is Andrew Farran with Jim Farran being the Manager. Shearing 24,000 sheep, running around 18,000 over the winter, the average micron of the adult sheep over the last 7 years is 18.5 with average greasy cut over the same period being 4.98 kg. Mating around 8000 ewes per year all to Merinos, till this year when 1300 were mated to White Suffolk.

Have been breeding own rams for quite a few years have used semen mostly from Kurra-Wirra and Stockton, with the odd ram from other sources, there has been no outside rams used for the past three years. We have been using a 15% micron premium index, maintain staple strength, maintain body weight, reproductive rate, with a 30% emphasis on full WEC in our selection.

We have a commitment to the growing wool, as such see the value that the sire evaluation program has to a wool growing business, so we are pleased to offer the Yiddinga property to the sire evaluation program in the coming year.

Jim Farran



Lamb Tagging the 09 drop at Mokanger
From left to right: Marion Gibbins, Sue Finnigan, Tom Silcock & Brendan Finnigan

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'Tuloona' Host property 2006—2007

Having being the host site for the Elders Victorian Sire Evaluation Group for both the 06 and 07 drops we can now sit back and look at the results. For us the trials revealed some interesting information about our sheep, both quantitative and qualitative. Coming from a relatively closed flock situation of a traditional saxon type fine wool the trial showed the growth advantages of an outcross. In the trial years (ages one and two) some sheep performed excellently for both body weight and wool characteristics, however as they matured in years three and four often their phenotypic outcome, from a wool growing perspective, showed marked variation. It's horses for courses, and with the growing emphasis on lamb and mutton, using different genetics to create plain bodied, dual purpose type sheep is the trend.



Michael Craig
"Tuloona"

We have enjoyed our time as the host site for the group and look forward to a continued relationship with helping out at working bees. The management of the Sire Evaluation is very professional and an enjoyable environment to work in. Lets just hope there is a future for wool, I keep saying the future will be brighter in five years, but I have been saying that now for six years.

'Mokanger' Host property 2008 - 2009



Shane Arnold
"Mokanger"

The season has continued along nicely at Mokanger and we are having one of our better seasons so far.

On 21/07/09 tagging of 2009 drop took place with 602 lambs being tagged from the 560 ewes scanned in lamb.

On 22/07/09 the 2008 crop progeny body weights were taken with the group average being 37kg. They were also

drenched and had Click applied. Quite a few of the 1 year olds had fleece rot or dermo so it will be interesting to see

which sires are performing best in regards to fleece rot.

Thanks to everyone who helped with tagging and weighing.

2009 Drop Progeny Tagging Results – Lambs Tagged 21 September 2009

Sire	Ewe Lambs Tagged			Female Total	Ram Lambs Tagged			Male Total	Grand Total
	Single	Twin	Triplet		Single	Twin	Triplet		
Connewarran 6042	11	13		24	20	15		35	59
Cressbrook 03784	10	18	1	29	8	16		24	53
GP 706	8	11		19	7	12		19	38
GP 716									
OLYMPIC	15	6	1	22	11	7		18	40
Grindon 50118	6	17		23	10	17		27	50
Kamora Park M10050	5	4		9	9	3		12	21
Kiaora big Red 58	13	18		31	12	16		28	59
Kurra Wirra 268	7	17		24	9	15		24	48
Mokanger Blue 8	11	17		28	11	15		26	54
Mokanger Blue 83	10	7		17	11	12		23	40
Pendarra Red 274	8	13		21	10	14		24	45
The Mt Dam 06NBE018	9	17	1	27	11	18	1	30	57
Windarra 040236	7	9		16	11	5		16	32
Withdrawn	3			3	1	2		3	6
Grand Total	123	167	3	293	141	167	1	309	602