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CRESSBROOK MERINOS MYTH BUSTING INFORMATION DAY

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY 27TH NOV 2015

10:30am Cressbrook Woolshed

Do you ponder over these questions?

1. Does commercial wool growing currently stack up financially to alternative enterprises I could be running?
2. Should I be more focused on meat attributes or wool attributes in my breeding decisions?
3. Should I sell wethers as lambs or run them for 3-4 years?
4. Should I go broader or finer?

Sandy McEachern Director HolmesSackett will use 2014 Benchmarking Data to answer these questions and more...

Light lunch provided.

View future stud sires and 2016 sale team

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Rapid Fleece Weight Gains at Cressbrook

YEAR	YCFW	YFD	YWT	YWEC	RANK
2009 Sale Team	-3	-2	-1.2	-1	131
2015 Sale Team	5	-2.6	-1.2	-25	145
2016 Sale Team	11	-2.1	-1	-20	148

It can be seen from the table above that our focus on fleece weight gain in recent years is paying dividends with significant improvements made since 2009 with little change in micron. The preliminary 2016 Cressbrook Sale Team YCFW 11 places us ahead of the MerinoSelect average (YCFW 10) whilst our YFD -2.1 is far superior to MerinoSelects YFD -1.2 average.

2014 DROP YOUNG SIRES MULTIPLE TRAIT LEADERS

Careful pedigree selection has yielded some amazing results from the 2014 Cressbrook joining. The three 2014 drop sires shown in the table below will provide the focus of future joinings. These young sires combination of MerinoSelect trait leaders for both YCFW and YFD is unprecedented!

SIRE	YCFW	YFD	YWT	YWEC	FP+
Cressbrook 140005	22 (Top 10%)	-3.1 (Top 5%)	3.4	-22	160
Cressbrook 140019	28 (Top 5%)	-2.7 (Top 10%)	2.3	-15	163
Cressbrook 140005	17 (Top 15%)	-4 (Top 1%)	3.5	-14	160
MerinoSelect Ave	10	-1	3.4	-2	121

OTHER NEWS

ANFD Merino Wether Comparison 2012-2015. Six of the most prominent New England studs have been represented by commercial clients flocks in this trial that has recently been completed. Both Cressbrook blood teams finished the trial ranked ahead of their New England counterparts on a combined 3 year fleece/carcass value evaluation.

2014 New England Sire Evaluation. Cressbrook sire 110584 has continued out tradition of above average performance in AMSEA trials. The 2014 New England Sire Evaluation consists of 13 industry leading sires. Cressbrook 110584 was one of only 3 sires in the trial that achieved both high measured and high visual scores; ranking 2nd on the FP+ index and having the 3rd highest number of progeny classed into the Tops category along with the 2nd lowest number of progeny classed into the Culls category.

SALE DAY

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
2016

100 RAMS

1300 MIXED AGE SURPLUS
EWES

NEW ENGLAND MERINO FIELD DAYS

Come and visit us at the Cressbrook
woolshed Friday 15th Jan 2016.

On display will be 2016 sale rams, young
exciting sires and recent trial data.

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2016 Sale Team Ranks
Inside Top 10%
MerinoSelect FP+