

WUNNAMURRA

POLL DORSET

"Wunnamurra Rams Breed Better Lambs"

ANNUAL RAM SALE

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER / 12 NOON AUCTION
Jerilderie / On Property Sale / 160 RAMS

Rams With:

- Length & Depth of Body
- Elite Lambplan ASBVs
- Clean Heads & Points
- Fast Growth
- Top Intra Muscular Fat

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Welcome to the 24th Wunnamurra Poll Dorset Ram Sale

The 2026 ram sale team reflects our breeding objectives; long, deep bodied rams with clean heads and points. Balanced ASBVs with a focus on low birthweight, fast growth and high intra-muscular fat. They are ideally suited for joining to Border Leicester–Merino cross ewes or large-framed Riverina Merino ewes, producing quick-maturing lambs for both the Trade and Export markets.

Catalogues with ASBV information will be **emailed out**, available on our website, and provided on sale day. If you do not receive email or have questions about Lambplan, please contact us.

All rams have been drenched with Zolvix Plus, Flexolt, and vaccinated with GlanEry 7-in-1 in September. Our flock is guaranteed free of Footrot and Lice, and we are certified Ovine Brucellosis Free. We have also been vaccinating against Ovine Johne's Disease with Gudair for more than 20 years. Wunnamurra is part of the **Riverina Sheep Biosecurity Area**.

On behalf of Andrew, Judy, Annabel, Eric and Alfred, we warmly invite you to inspect our rams on sale day from 9:00am onwards and thank you for your continued support. Outside agents are welcome with a 3% rebate.

The sale will be conducted in conjunction with Elders Jerilderie and Nutrien Finley, with lunch provided following the auction. Wunnamurra is located just 10km south of Jerilderie.

We are happy to deliver rams if required. We do ask that we are given plenty of notice before the auction.

Crossing your Ts with Ram Care

Now is the time to bring your ram team into the yards and assess their soundness prior to joining this year, as well as getting an idea of how many replacement rams you require. Time and effort is well spent caring for rams to ensure their longevity and are in best condition at joining. **Key practices include:**

- 6 in 1 or 5 in 1 vaccine, twice yearly February and August
- Internal parasite drench
- Apply fly treatment on heads to reduce poll strike
- Check teeth, toes and testicles (especially in aged rams)
- Shear at least 6-8 weeks prior to joining to minimise impact on semen quality
- Trim all feet to avoid lameness issues.

Check the condition of the rams. For the most part of the year rams only require maintenance feed to maintain weight and condition, often rams are fed too much for the bulk of the year and can get way too heavy. This can cause lameness and breakdowns. For approx. 8 weeks in the lead up to joining, increase the condition of rams to ensure they are fit and raring to go on day 1 of being with ewes. Also post joining they may need to be built up a bit as rams usually lose weight over the joining period.

Making the Most of EID Technology

With the introduction of mandatory EIDs, producers can collect individual animal data within their flocks. While this can be a valuable tool, it's important to remember that more data isn't always better — it needs to work for your operation. At Wunnamurra, we've been using electronic identification (EID) tags in our stud since 2015. This has allowed us to keep detailed records on every animal and make informed decisions about our breeding program.

A few tips we've learned over the past 10 years:

- Only collect the data that matters to you. If you don't plan to use it for decision making, don't waste your time recording it.
- If your current mob-based or visual systems (tags, discs, ear notches) work for you, there's no need to change.
- If you're new to EIDs, keep it simple — start with one or two measures and build from there.
- Buy the technology you need, not what you don't. A top-of-the-line auto-drafter isn't necessary if a more affordable system is better suited to your operation.

Examples of useful EID applications include:

- Recording lamb weight gains to identify growth patterns and target markets.
- Using EIDs at pregnancy scanning to make flock management or reproductive decisions.
- Fleece weighing or micron testing (particularly in Merino operations) to select animals for wool or prime lamb production.

Both Andrew and Annabel have years of hands-on experience with EID and data collection. Annabel also ran an off-farm business assisting studs and commercial producers with wool, pregnancy scanning and bodyweight recording. If you'd like advice on how EID technology can add value to your operation, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ram Sale History

Year	Rams Sold	Avg. Price	Top Price
2025	182 of 183	\$2042	\$3800
2024	178 of 178	\$1460	\$3100
2023	151 of 162	\$1307	\$2100
2022	191 of 191	\$1700	\$3400
2021	182 of 182	\$1809	\$3800
2020	174 of 174	\$1545	\$3100
2019	125 of 165	\$961	\$1900
2018	125 of 153	\$1041	\$1900

Family Update

Eric and Alfred have grown immensely since sale day. Eric is his dad's shadow whenever he can follow. He is full of information and opinions on what Dad should be doing. Alfred has developed into a cheeky, happy little boy. He loves digging in the dirt, chasing sheep, "helping" with his brother's Duplo construction and climbing every rail in the yards. They are looking forward to seeing everyone again at the sale.

