

Chrome Sheep Studs

March 2011 Newsletter



Time is flying as it seems to do each year and the excitement and enthusiasm amongst lamb producers is great. There is certainly plenty of reward for effort at the present time. What an unusual season we have experienced this last 6 months or so, with seasonal conditions very helpful to summer active fodder crops, used for lamb finishing!!!

As part of our commitment to produce larger numbers of better quality sale rams we have undertaken two major Embryo Transfer programs earlier this year. Leading genetics including the New Zealand Coopworth Super sire, Cairnlea 742, have been used together with some tried and proven Chrome bred sires and our recent importation of Perendale sires, also from New Zealand.

Maternal Ewe Sale

Thank you to those of our clients who participated in the December 2010 Maternal Ewe Sale held in Hamilton. The Sale was a huge success and we congratulate long term Maternal clients Ali & Nicole Rentsch, Peshurst, for topping the ewe lamb part of the sale with magnificently presented ewe lambs selling for \$228

It's possible this sale may become an annual event and an opportunity to capture the market for maternal bred replacement ewes. As we see it, there is a huge opportunity in the next 2-5 years to capture a market share of Australia's national flock rebuild, by supplying good quality replacement ewes.

Clifton Hill Coopworths

In January this year we took delivery of the 2009 drop Clifton Hill stud Coopworth ewes. This completes our purchase of the entire Clifton Hill stud flock which we are very pleased to have acquired it. We wish John & Sue Marriott all the best and hope their interest in the breed they helped pioneer in Australia continues.

Lucindale Field Days Fri 18th & Sat 19th March

Please note on the enclosed flyer that we will be at Lucindale Field Days again this year. Our display will feature a sample of ram lambs and some commercial ewes. If you are at the Field Days please drop in and say G'day.

Here's hoping for another good year to be in lamb.

Regards,

Matt and Tanya Tonissen.

*** Brucellosis Acc. Free * OJD Vaccinated 5 ABC Points * Lambplan recorded**

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