2015 CENTRAL PROGENY TEST

Classing – top / flock / cull grades

- The progeny from the 2015 central progeny test (2015 drop) were visually classed as yearlings according to the following breeding objective:

  The aim is to produce an animal that optimises returns from wool and meat in non-traditional merino growing areas. More specifically, the goal is to select sheep of sound conformation with wool of sufficient quality and that can produce a valuable carcass. The ewes should be capable of rearing multiple lambs to good weaning weights.
- Importantly, these figures are averages of the raw data only (i.e. they have not been adjusted to take into account the effect of birth type and management); for instance, whether the progeny were singles or twins, or were the result of the natural mating or artificial insemination (AI) programme.
- The progeny from the two mating programmes were run on different properties until weaning, and were managed by different farmers, which had an effect on the growth rates of the two groups. We have indicated below each sire which mating programme the sire was used in and where a sire was used as a 'link sire' (i.e. in both the natural and AI matings).
- Differences in birth type and management are taken into account when generating estimated breeding values (EBVs). Therefore, EBVs provide a more objective comparison between sires than averages of raw data.
- Finally, it is important to remember that an individual sire entered in the central progeny test does not reflect an entire stud or ram breeder.

SIRE	TOP	FLOCK	CULL
FLOCK AVERAGE	**12%**	**58%**	**30%**
ARMIDALE 111900 Natural	41%	55%	4%
ARMIDALE 131528 Natural	14%	79%	7%
BENMORE 130029 AI	18%	59%	23%
BENMORE 130052 AI	25%	67%	8%
BLAIRICH 120671 AI back up ram	4%	63%	33%
CLEARDALE D00016 AI	0%	64%	36%
CLEARDALE S00536 AI	4%	67%	29%

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SIRE	TOP	FLOCK	CULL
EARNSCLEUGH 134006 Natural	44%	54%	2%
ESKHEAD 120158 Natural	23%	69%	8%
EUDUNDA 100902 *** Natural	0%	40%	60%
GLENMORE 090092 AI	15%	65%	20%
GLENMORE 090224 AI	4%	68%	28%
GLENOVIS 070242 *** Natural	0%	30%	70%
GLENTANNER 11TW31 AI	15%	74%	11%
GLENTANNER 12NR19 Natural	44%	44%	12%
GRAYS HILLS 120218 AI	18%	64%	18%
IDA VALLEY 13P039 * AI	11%	53%	36%
LONGFIELD 130281 * AI	14%	63%	23%
MALVERN DOWNS 090009 Natural	22%	78%	0%
MARYBURN 100073 Natural	23%	61%	16%
MARYBURN 130039 Natural	24%	60%	16%
MATAKANUI F00063 * AI	0%	42%	58%
MATAKANUI MIL044 * AI	0%	79%	21%

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MATANGI 110019 AI back up ram	0%	43%	57%
MATANGI 110105 AI back up ram	7%	40%	53%
MATARAE 099040 AI back up ram	10%	75%	15%
MATARAE 100271 AI	15%	54%	31%
MELROSE 130398 *** AI	4%	35%	61%
MELROSE 140094 * AI	10%	70%	20%
MERINOTECH 122295 AI	12%	80%	8%
MIDDLEHURST 130364 AI	6%	50%	44%
MIDDLEHURST 130203 AI	27%	68%	5%
MULLER D00062 AI	19%	44%	37%
MULLER D00082 Natural + AI (Link)	18%	46%	36%
NINE MILE 130005 AI	36%	50%	14%
NINE MILE 130047 AI	3%	80%	17%
NINE MILE 140881 AI	17%	75%	8%
NOKOMAI 110214 */** Natural	16%	62%	22%
NZM 110210 AI back up ram	17%	66%	17%

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NZM 110219 AI back up ram	11%	47%	42%
NZM 110292 AI back up ram	15%	54%	31%
NZM 110294 AI back up ram	10%	47%	43%
NZM 110349 AI back up ram	0%	48%	52%
NZM 110500 AI back up ram	0%	61%	39%
NZM 110647 AI back up ram	3%	45%	52%
ROSEVILLE PARK 090014 AI	7%	72%	21%
STRATHBLANE 130120 *** AI	0%	48%	52%
THE GUMS 132034 ** AI	0%	68%	32%
THE GUMS 132037 ** AI	11%	64%	25%

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