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**PERFORMANCE
TESTED RAMS**

I'm sure you've all heard or thought the saying "Could you get two winters back to back that are more different"? This time last year we were wondering if the roads would be open for sale day? Would the driveway be accessible and how would the rams hold up for the sale, would they still be bright and happy given the dampness that surrounded them? This year, until the early August change, we were wondering if it would be frosty right up till sale day and would we even have any green feed left. Thankfully that pessimism was quashed with 50mm of rain and the cycle seems to have been broken.

As with any year all are warmly welcome to our Annual Sale, which will be held this year on Thursday 7th September. 125 rams will be on offer and we are very proud of how they are looking. As always a wide range of sires are represented, meaning we can meet any Prime Lamb Enterprise requirements.

In the past the split between Autumn (17 months old) and Spring Drop (13 months old) rams offered up for sale has been roughly half/ half. It has been obvious however that for various reasons the younger drop rams are more sought after. For this reason, this year and most likely into the future the percentage of Spring drop rams offered in our sale will be much greater. We have only 22 Autumn drop rams up for offer and this year's line up, these were kept back from sale earlier in the year due to their great figures and conformation. They are great rams and will kick the day off to a great start.

We have decided to go down the DNA testing road this year. Unfortunately due to time constraints we were unable to get this done in time for the results to be included in this year's catalogue as the samples are sent to America for testing before results are sent back to Aus, added to our current figures and sent back on to us.

The main reason for doing this is to measure eating quality traits. The major two being IMF (marbling) and Sheer Force (tenderness). This information will be available from next year's sale catalogue. At this stage there is no commercial gain from knowing these traits or selecting sires based only on Eating Qualities, but it is something the Industry as a whole is placing more importance on it and will hopefully lead to keeping the quality of the lamb we grow and eat up, and premium prices as a result.

Thankfully for all of us the popularity of Lamb continues on. Fantastic prices at the start of the year have continued right through to see Winter contracts towards \$7/kg. Whilst the current price has softened it still remains at around \$6/kg and we still can't complain about that.

Viewings are welcome from 11:30 and the Sale will commence at 1:30. We look forward to catching up with you and hope you can join us for lunch before the sale.

Catalogues will be available shortly, if you haven't received one and would like to please get in touch. Alternatively an electronic version will be available on our website www.rowallanpolldorsets.com.au. You can also keep up with the happenings around the stud on our Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com/RowallanPollDorsets](https://www.facebook.com/RowallanPollDorsets).

You can also get in touch with Matt on 0429 060 378 or Amy on 0429 134 281 or either of our agents, Gerrard and Partners Young or Butt Livestock Yass.

Our Major Sponsor Ceva, the makers of Regulin are on board with us again this year. It is a product we use and recommend, the results we have at scanning really speak for themselves.

We hope to see you on the 7th.

Matt and Amy Reid