



We sincerely hope that our annual letter finds you well. Unfortunately, its stating the obvious to say that we are in a hand to mouth scenario regarding rain. There does seem to be more optimism around in our area than last year and with a few mm last week and up to twenty forecast a few days out from writing this we have everything crossed.

\$10 per kg, amazing isn't it. In last years letter we were waxing lyrical as the price had just reached the mid \$8's. Whilst the reason for these prices is obvious it has been a godsend for anyone willing to put the effort into terminal lamb breeding, because even with the high cost of production clients are still turning a good profit.

This year's ram sale will be held on Friday September 6. 120 of our top rams will be on offer. They look tremendous and once again its been satisfying to get them through to this stage without any supplementary feeding. 'Easy finishing' is a term thrown around a bit in the breeding game. It is truly satisfying that our program, with the use of growth rates combined with good muscling from an early age and adequate fat cover, is working and we are seeing year on year this shine through.

For those of you that are users of figures you will notice a change in the catalogue with a new index being added. TCP has been introduced and will faze out the tried and tested C+ index after this year. Both are included in this year's catalogue to aid the transition. The reason for the change is to incorporate the eating quality and yield results that are a result of the genomic testing and incorporating them with what remains our major profit drivers, growth and eye muscle. We haven't included all these new individual figures into the catalogue as we think there is enough to look at already, but if IMF, Shear Force or Lean Meat Yield are of particular interest to you we can make them available on request.

We warmly invite you to this year's sale. As always even if you are not in need of a ram you are still more than welcome to come for lunch, a chat and a look at the rams. Take it as a mental health day and get yourself out for a Friday. The sale will again be managed by Butt LP, viewing from 11.30 and the sale to kick off at 1.30. We look forward to seeing you then and please feel free to contact us with any questions.

An electronic version of the catalogue is available on our web page, [www.rowallanpolldorsets.com.au](http://www.rowallanpolldorsets.com.au). You can keep up to date with us through the year on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/RowallanPollDorsets](https://www.facebook.com/RowallanPollDorsets).

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