

# Strathview Genetics


## Maternal Rams

Composite

Coopworth

**Henty Field Days**  
**Block V Site1041**

**Ram sale 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2019**



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2019 lamb prices have been through the roof and it doesn't look like it will be slowing down anytime soon. Again this year we sold our entire drop of lambs over the hooks at export weights and later through the Wagga sale yards, with an average price of \$235. Not a bad average considering they were all twins or triplets. Highest price was \$290.

In recent years we have been selecting rams to reduce adult body weights to improve ewe efficiency. We have done this successfully lifting fertility, muscle and fat in our ewes, without sacrificing frame. We also have a number of sires that have been outstanding in growth for those targeting the export market. There have been surges in the export lamb market with healthy over the hook contracts. Those who have been growing lambs to export weights have been reaping the premium price benefits. We have an excellent selection of rams this year to target your markets. Whether it's to reduce adult weights in ewes or target the export lamb market.



Strathview ram 331 is in the top 1% for Scrotal Circumference and weaning weight. His genetics have been sent to Sheep Genetics for progeny and DNA testing upon their request. His progeny will be available at this year's ram sale.

*Congratulations to John Ellis who sold pure Strathview maternal lambs at Wagga Sale yards for \$349.20 each and almost broke the national highest price record.*

Strathview Condition scores are taken at the point of joining. My preference is to have sheep with a condition score of 3.4 at joining.

Year	Percentage of triplets	Scanning percentage	Condition score	Weaning %
2015	13%	196%	3.4-3.6	181%
2016	10%	192%	3.4	169%
2017	5%	172%	3	173%
2018	18%	198%	3.8	176%
2019	5%	176%	3	176%

The table above indicates condition score on Strathview ewes at joining largely effects scanning percentage. This graph can help producers budget for feeding leading into joining. Please note, single bearing ewes are sold as 'scanned in lamb' therefore, are not included in the above weaning percentage table.

#### Worm Egg Counts (WEC)

After experiencing another dry spring and hot summer this year, worm egg counts were too low to extract meaningful data. Therefore, they have not be included in the sale catalogue this year.



#### Jason Tromph with second year vet student conducting on property triplet trials

MLA are working on a series of trials accumulating data on flocks that are lambing down triplets. Although we feel most producers are doing a top job in managing twins and singles for greater lamb survival, there is ground to be made up in terms of lamb survival in triplets.

We ran a grain feeding trial this year. We averaged 208% with the best mob averaging 242% and recording only one ewe death out of 25 ewes. We will continue to work with MLA to get the best management practices to advise our clients.

#### Triplet trial results:

Paddock 1 - 21 live ewes (5 dead), 52 lambs = 200% high Feed On Offer (FOO)/low grain (this ration was changed to high grain because ewe deaths were high and the FOO in the paddock was not up to high FOO standards.

Paddock 2 - 26 live ewes, (2 dead), 58 lambs = 207% Low FOO/low grain

Paddock 3 - 23 live ewes, (3 dead), 47 lambs = 181% Low FOO/ high grain

Paddock 4 - 25 live ewes, (1 dead), 63 lambs = 242% High Feed on Offer (FOO)/ high grain

Please note, the condition scores of the ewes going into the trial averaged below condition score 3 highlighting the success of high FOO and high grain. High FOO and high grain would not be recommended for triplets who enter the lambing paddock with a high condition score.