



# MALLEETECH

## POLL MERINO

### 2024 Newsletter

### Season

This has been our, and I'm sure most of yours, most challenging year on record with 4.5mm of rain from the start of February through to the end of May when, finally, on the last day of May, the late break finally came with 9.5mm. It's seasons like this when we are grateful to have the back-up parachute of fat genetics to rely on. Even with low feed in the paddocks and no grain feeding the ewes made it through lambing with only one ewe loss. Lambing was definitely tougher this year and our marking percentages reflect that but considering the conditions we are still happy with the result. All the lambs have been matched to their mothers, tailed and breech scored with weaning still to come.



### SA Sire Evaluation

The final report for the 2022 Drop South Australian Sire Evaluation is now complete and Malleetech 200119 came back with some excellent results all-round. He topped all of the indexes and performed very well in the body and wool categories. It is great to see what our genetics can do when matched against others in an even environment. Check out the full report on our website.

### Keith Field Day

We are excited to have rams on display at this year's Stud Merino Field Day in Keith on the 24th of July. Feel free to drop by, say hello and get an early look at some of this year's sale rams.

### Ram Sale

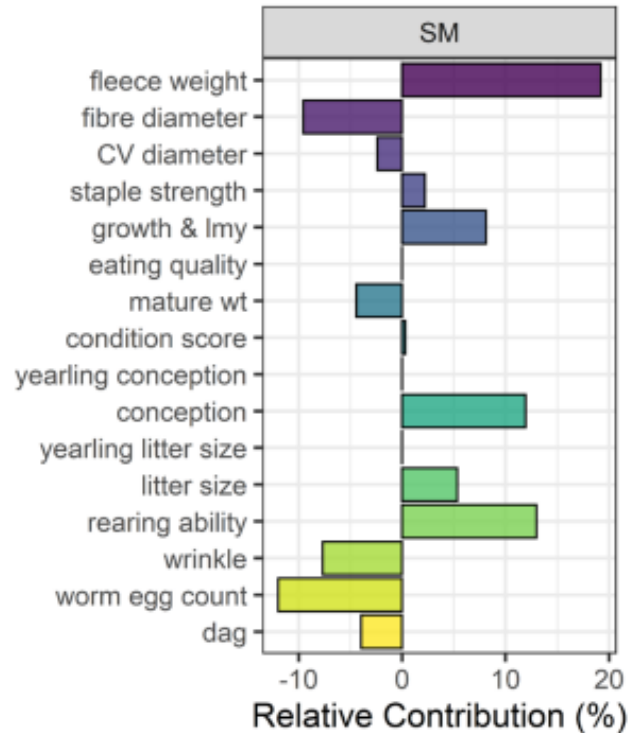
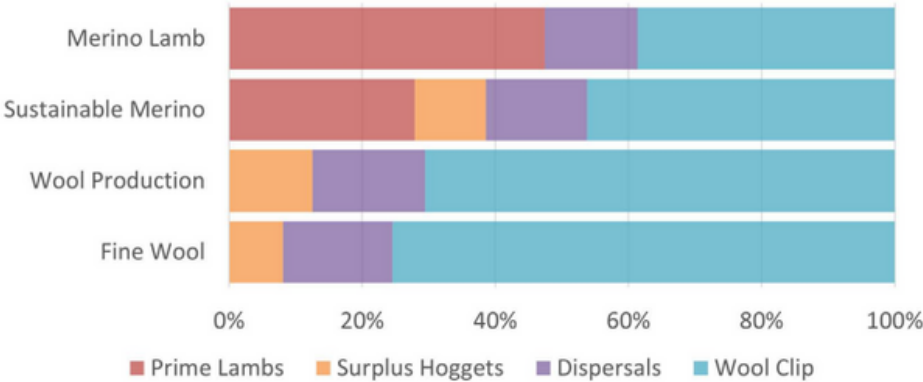
The Annual Malleetech Ram Sale is just around the corner on Wednesday the 21st of August on farm. Inspection will commence at 11am with the Helmsman Auction starting at 1pm with 60 Rams on offer. Free light luncheon available. If you are unable to make it on the day the auction will be simulcast on AuctionsPlus or contact us directly. We are excited to present this year's sale team which has some new genetics mixed through it from a GRASS Merinos sire who has performed well for us.

Malleetech	SM	YCFW	YWT	YEMD	YFAT	WR	EBWR
Top Values in Sale Team	164	36.8	15.95	2.84	1.28	0.38	-1.37
Sale Team Average	146	24	10.05	1.32	0.25	0.25	-0.36
Industry Average	135	17.5	6.84	0.73	0.16	0.12	-0.33
Pertentile Bands	Top 1%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 20%			

## Sustainable Merino Index

The old sheep genetics indexes are gone but the new ones are here. The Dual-Purpose plus index has now been replaced by the Sustainable Merino index. The traits included in both are very similar with the main differences being the added traits of Dag, Early Breech Wrinkle and Worm Egg count being added. This means that when you select rams based on this index they should in general be plainer, have less dag and be easier to care for, while still making ground in wool, body and reproduction traits. To make sure that the SM index is right for your production system check the chart below on the left, or to see how each trait is weighted in the SM index, see the chart on the right.

Relative economic contribution of traits in all MERINOSELECT indexes



## Elders Partnership

There will be some fresh new faces at the Ram Sale this year as we partner with Eli Koch and Elders who will facilitate the auction. We are enjoying working with Eli and his team as we prepare and select the rams for the ram sale.

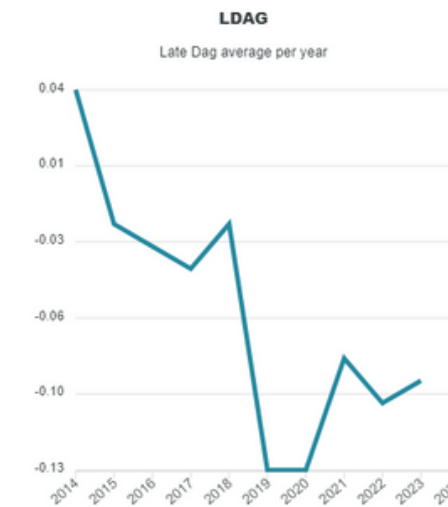
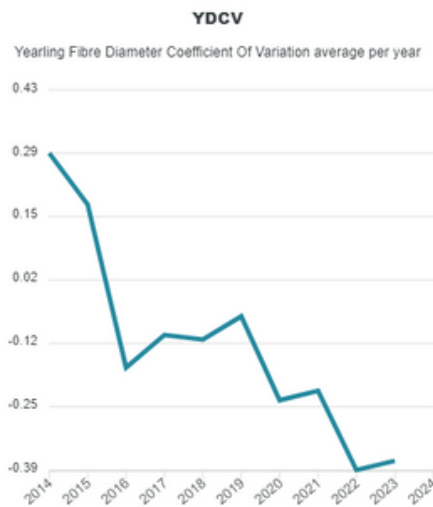
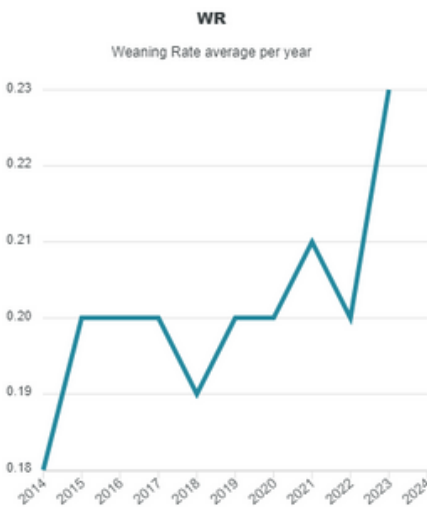
## Pregnancy Scanning

Harley has been busy pregnancy scanning around the the region this season, seeing a variety of sheep, breeds, setups and systems. We are now offering an exclusive offer to Malleetech Poll Merino clients for a 10% discount on any pregnancy scanning in the following year.



# Malleetech Genetic Trends

These genetic graphs chart where the Malleetech flock averages every year for each trait or index. These are useful for showing the growth and progress that we make each year through implementation of our breeding objectives and considering all the data at mating time to maximise our genetic gain while still selecting visually and structurally pleasing sheep.



David, Margaret and Harley look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 21st of August and assisting you in meeting and surpassing your breeding objectives.