



MALLEETECH

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2025 NEWSLETTER



Season

What a season. The frosts, the dry and the dusty winds have made productivity especially hard this year. We destocked 10% of our breeding stock at the end of last year which helped to manage our feed supply. Decent July rainfall has turned the season around with a long sought after green pick shooting up now.



RAM SALE

The Malleetech Ram Sale is fast approaching. The sale will be held on farm on Tuesday the 19th of August. Inspection will commence at 11am with the Helmsman Auction starting at 1pm with 68 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 look forward to seeing you all there.

CONTAINMENT YARDS

In November of 2024 we decided that we would need to build a set of four containment yards in order to keep our sheep fed and and our paddocks (somewhat) covered. Thankfully we did, as they allowed us to manage our twin and single bearing ewes individually in a very tough summer and autumn.





SIRE EVALUATION TRIAL

The 2024 drop of the sire evaluation were presented in June with Malleetech-222357's progeny on display (his progeny will also be available for purchase at the Ram Sale). We selected this ram for our sire team as we were making our transition to a non-mulesed flock. He was in the top three for both breech wrinkle and cover and was also in the top two for growth, muscle and fat. One area where he struggled to live up to his early ASBV's was fleece weight which did fall away slightly with tested progeny. Overall though, he has performed well in the traits that we selected him for.

RAMS TO WATCH

This year we have seen some great styled wools presenting in our sale team. The rams are looking as well rounded and polished as we've seen them and the work we have put in to removing breech and body wrinkle is clearly on display. Lot numbers 1 and 2 are obvious standouts both visually and with strong breeding values, but the depth of this year's team will reward an inspection of every ram for sale against your unique breeding objectives.



DATA GATHERED

We are committed to gathering accurate and consistent raw data in order to produce rams that will perform as expected in your paddock. This year we have been hard at work collecting over 20 measurable data points on each ram in the sale as well as more visual traits to ensure that our structure maintains consistency. This history of data collection can be seen in Lot 1 of the sale which can trace its Heritage back to a sire that was born and had data collected at Malleetech in 2000.

PREGNANCY SCANNING

It was another busy year of pregnancy scanning for Harley. The dry season allowed him to become well accustomed to the dust and dirt of many different yards. If you are interested in pregnancy scanning your sheep in the following year he is offering a 10% discount for Malleetech Poll Merino clients.



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