

# Alma Merinos

Poll & Horned Genetics

Rams for Wool, Sheep and Meat Sales

## Spring 2019 Newsletter

For **Alma** clients and Western woolgrowers



### Spring 2019

#### 2019 Alma Sale Rams

The 2019 **Alma Merino Sale Rams** have grown up well this year after an excellent break in April with a good follow up rain in May. Despite no reasonable rain since then they are growing well on **saltbush and native pasture**.

A tough end to the 2018 season resulted in variable ewe condition during joining. This combined with extremely hot weather events during January led to below average conception rates. The ewes scanned in at 66%, however fortunately following the excellent rains in April we were able to mark over 100% of lambs from the scanned mobs.

Shearing has finished at **Alma** with **good quality, clean wool** coming off the board. All ewes are in forward condition, a real pleasure to the eye. We are looking forward to a productive joining this year.

The annual **Alma Sale Ram** day is on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, with Poll and Horned rams available, straight out of the paddock, ready to work.

**Alma Merinos** produce wool, lamb and mutton throughout the seasons. I hope that the coming year will be productive for all.

- **Graham Morphet** -

### Merinos that Survive and Thrive

**Alma** produces merinos suited to the Western Division which can survive the tough seasons and thrive when times are good.

Our ewes and rams got through this summer eating native bushes and clover burr from past seasons. They have produced long stapled, medium, clean wool and are in excellent condition to join and produce large framed, sturdy lambs.

## 2019 Sale Rams

***Poll and Horned Rams will be available***

**RAM GRADES**

**POLL: \$800**

**HORNED: \$750**

(GST Exclusive)

**Alma Sale Ram Day**

**Thursday 26 September**

**Please contact us at Alma to place your order.**

**"well-nourished wool on a big, plain bodied sheep."**

## Alma Diary 2019

- **Alma Sale Ram Preview**  
Woolgrowers are invited to preview the 2019 **Alma Sale Rams**. Please contact Peter or Will at Alma
- **Friday 20 September 2019**  
**Hay September Sheep Sale**  
Alma and Yamba Station will have 900 1yr and 1600 5yr ewes on offer
- **Thursday 26 September 2019**  
**Alma Sale Ram Day**  
Rams are in good condition and ready for joining.

## Preparing Rams for Joining

The past year has seen a lack of abundance of available green feed. Due to this we have been providing the 2019 sale rams with a limited ration of Fava beans through self-feeders located in the paddock.

It has been interesting to observe the ram's natural preference for paddock grown grasses and bush however the beans have provided the extra nutrients required for them to grow out whilst maintaining good condition, perfect for joining.

## Hay September Sheep Sale

With lamb and mutton prices at exceptional levels we are looking forward to the September sale. Alma and Yamba will have 900 1yr and 1600 5yr good quality ewes on offer. We hope the sale goes well for all involved.

## 2018 Alma Wool Clip Results

	Micron	v.m	Yield	Length	Comfort factor
1yr Ewes	19.8 – 20.7	2.8 – 4.1%	64 - 68%	95– 99mm	98.3 – 99%
Stud Ewes	20.2 – 22.9	2.8 – 4.0%	66.2 - 69.5%	103mm	95 - 99.2%
Whole Clip Average	20.9	3.6 %	66.8%	102mm	98.2%

The Alma clip is in the 20-22micron range, a true medium wool that is long stapled, crimpy and importantly has been typed AWEX ID of MF4B for the past 5 years, the highest type that can be produced on the Hay Plains. These wools are sought after by buyers due to their soft handling, nourished characteristics.

2018 saw an above average v.m. and yield, resulting from the large volume of clover burr left on the ground from previous seasons. This year at shearing we are seeing exceptionally clean wool, with no evidence of dirt penetrating the wool clip despite multiple dust storms experienced over the last 12 months.



Alma Sires consisting of Glenville Poll Merino, Collinsville Merino and Alma bred Merino and Poll Merino

Please [contact Peter, Will or Graham Morphett](#) to discuss your **Alma** ram requirements

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