



## 2025 NEWSLETTER

### **2025 Ram Sale**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**October 12.30pm**

**WST**

(On display from 10am)

**164 rams on offer**

**On-property &**



Full ASBVs &  
Genomic values

Lunch and refreshments  
provided

Find sale catalogues at

[www.andersonrams.com.au](http://www.andersonrams.com.au)

or on [MERINOSELECT](#)

**All rams are non-mulesed  
and  
paddock run**

Interstate ram transport  
easily arranged with Falls  
Transport. PH: Lockie Falls  
0429 82634

Property address for google  
maps is:

**839 Anderson Rd Boilup  
6394**

### Anderson Genetics - Fast Growth, More Options

Spring rains, stronger sheep meat prices and a steady lift in wool have brought welcome optimism to the sheep industry. With flock numbers down and live export ending, markets for Merino wethers are shifting - fast, early growth is becoming more valuable than ever.

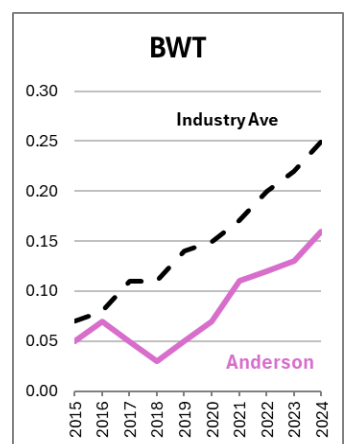
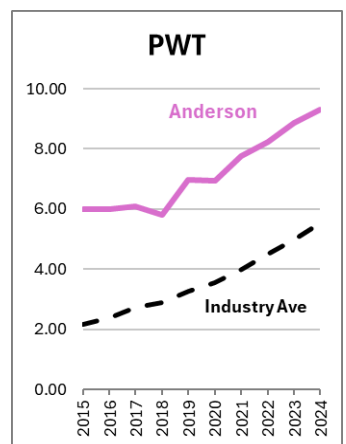
Take a top Anderson ram with a Post Weaning Weight (PWT) ASBV of 14 (top 1% in MERINOSELECT) versus an industry-average PWT of 6. Progeny from the Anderson sire would be around 4 kg heavier at weaning\* - an easy gain to value, and one that quickly multiplies across a lamb drop. Faster early growth means lambs finish earlier, ewe lambs reach mating weights sooner, and feed costs are saved.

*Between the 40 different bloodlines in the Australian Merino Production Trial, the top 10% of lambs (averaging 310g/day) gained weight twice as fast as the bottom 10% (averaging 140g/day), worth over \$100 a head in meat value alone.*

But balance matters. Chasing PWT alone risks higher birthweights (lamb dystocia), heavier adult weights (unhappy shearers, reduced stocking rate), broader micron, reduced fat and doing ability.

At Anderson, 20 years of recording has kept birthweights low while early growth accelerates and identifies "curve benders" - sheep that grow fast early without getting too heavy later in life.

*\*Progeny get half their genes from the sire and half from the dam.*



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Anderson Rams

## 2025 Sale Team

We are pleased to offer 164 rams for sale this year, again with many outstanding trait leaders among them.

|                    | PWT  | YWT  | YEMD | YFAT | YWEC  | YCFW | YFD  | YDCV | YSL  | YSS | WR   | EBWR | LDAG | CS   | IMF  | SM  | ML  | WP  |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| sale team average  | 9.9  | 12.5 | 2.4  | 1.2  | -48.3 | 23.0 | -0.3 | -2.1 | 13.0 | 4.0 | 0.4  | -0.5 | -0.3 | 0.4  | -0.1 | 159 | 144 | 172 |
| industry average   | 6.1  | 8.0  | 1.0  | 0.3  | -17.2 | 19.6 | -1.0 | -1.0 | 10.2 | 1.0 | 0.2  | -0.4 | -0.2 | 0.2  | -0.3 | 142 | 129 | 164 |
| top values in sale | 14.3 | 17.5 | 5.3  | 2.8  | -92   | 39.6 | -2.2 | -3.7 | 214  | 11  | 0.52 | -11  | -1   | 0.66 | 0.96 | 176 | 157 | 201 |

|        |        |         |         |                           |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| top 1% | top 5% | top 10% | top 20% | of values in Merinoselect |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------|

Flock rams will be available for private selection after the sale. For large enquiries please advise Lynley prior to the sale.

## Online Auction

This year, the online auction held in conjunction with the on-property sale will be run by StockLive.

If you intend to bid online, please register well ahead of the ram sale on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



We have added another antenna and Celfi to the ram sale shed to allow for more data and better connectivity and will have Starlink WIFI available too.

If you would like an agent or independent person present at the sale to bid on your behalf, that can easily be arranged. Contact Lynley Anderson [info@andersonrams.com.au](mailto:info@andersonrams.com.au) 0429 328 055, or Troy Hornby, Nutrien Livestock, Kojonup on 0438 311 163.

Sale ram photos and videos will be on StockLive about two weeks before the sale.

## Additional Sale Info

- **Semen Rights:** All rams are sold with 100% retained semen rights, unless previously negotiated with Anderson Rams.
- **Rebate Offer for Agents:** Outside agents who provide written notice 24 hours before the sale - and attend in person to purchase rams for clients - are eligible for a 2% rebate. Please direct your notifications to either:
  - Mitchell Crosby, Nutrien Livestock at 0438 918 992 or [mitchell.crosby@nutrien.com.au](mailto:mitchell.crosby@nutrien.com.au), or
  - Lynley Anderson on 0429 328 055 or [info@andersonrams.com.au](mailto:info@andersonrams.com.au)
- **Pre-Sale Inspection:** Interested in inspecting the sale team before the event? Simply contact Lynley for arrangements.

### Special Prize Draw!!

Thanks to the generous support from Shearwell, one lucky buyer in the shed who purchases 5 or more rams will win a Shearwell Blue Stick Reader (valued at \$1,170 incl. GST). The prize draw will take place at the end of the sale.

# Anderson Contributes to National Flystrike Genomics Project

About one quarter of flystrike cases are caused by factors that are effectively unknown and cannot be clearly attributed to dags, wrinkle, fleece rot or wounds.

Long before ceasing mulesing in 2017, Anderson was breeding for plainer sheep, reducing dags and wool faults, and culling struck animals. Today, we are pleased to contribute to Australia's national flystrike genomic reference population – a long-term AWI and AGBU initiative to breed Merinos with greater natural resistance.

By providing detailed records and DNA samples, Anderson receives early Project Breeding Values (PBVs) for flystrike susceptibility. These will evolve into Research Breeding Values and eventually ASBVs, giving all breeders reliable tools to select for resistance alongside production and wool traits.

## What our involvement means

- Helping to build a genomic reference population for flystrike resistance
- Access to early, genomically enhanced PBVs for within-flock selection
- Contributing to an industry-wide genetic solutions to flystrike
- Advancing animal welfare without compromising productivity and wool quality

By participating, Anderson is investing in the future of the Merino industry - breeding sheep that are more resilient, productive, and welfare-friendly.

***"We see this as an investment not just in our flock, but in the future of the Merino breed. Genetics is the most sustainable way to tackle flystrike, and we're proud to be part of the team making it happen."***

## Data Quality Score

All flocks in MERINOSELECT have a data quality score that reflects the quality of data submitted. It includes the number of traits collected, pedigree recording, birth circumstances, group linkages, accuracy and completeness of data.

No surprises to us, our attention to detail and commitment to accurate recording over the last 20 years has given us one of the highest data quality scores in MERINOSELECT and it means our buyers can rely on our Breeding Values!



## Mules Free – Attracting a Premium

The evidence is growing - wool premiums for non-mulesed, certified fleeces are not only genuine but on the rise. According to Mecardo analysis (2024–25), non-mulesed Merino fleece can secure premiums of 5–9% when paired with respected accreditation schemes such as the Responsible Wool Standard (RWS). Recent insights from Sheep Central further reveal that even in challenging times, RWS-certified, non-mulesed clips in the 19–20.5 µm range have been fetching fixed premiums of 150–250 cents per kg clean. This trend is clear: ethical, welfare-friendly wool is attracting a premium.

### Anderson Genetics Give a Competitive Edge

Anderson genetics delivers a package that positions clients for these premium markets:

- Non-mulesed ready: Proven plain-bodied and low-dag sheep
- Certification aligned: Breeding that meets the conformation and welfare standards required by leading sustainability schemes.
- Balanced performance: Flystrike resistance built into high-productivity genetics, ensuring clients don't trade off wool cut, quality, or carcase traits.
- Future-proof enterprise profitability as more markets demand verifiable, ethical, and sustainable wool.



***“We are proud to have been RWS accredited since 2022, a recognition that underlines our dedication to the highest standards in animal care and sustainable production. Anderson continues to innovate and lead the way in producing wool that not only meets but exceeds modern ethical standards”.***

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## Anderson Ewes in Demand

We regularly get enquiries from across Australia for Anderson blood ewes and lambs because producers know that Anderson genetics combine fertility, resilience, and profitability.

If you have any Anderson bloodline ewes to sell, let us know, and we will notify the buyers.

**... and wether lambs...** Riverina Livestock Agents at Wagga Wagga are chasing Anderson bloodline wether lambs –from any state- for feedlotting. Contact Angus McHatton 0417 725 753

[angus@riverinaagents.com.au](mailto:angus@riverinaagents.com.au)

***“If the article is right we will be hard to beat on price”*** Angus McHatton, Riverina Livestock Agents

## Genetics of Foot Health in Merinos

Many producers have experienced first-hand the distressing consequences of footrot on animal health and production as well as the time and expense involved in treatment, and mental anguish for the growers.

Some sheep succumb to footrot more than others, and Anderson Merinos is supporting research in this space.

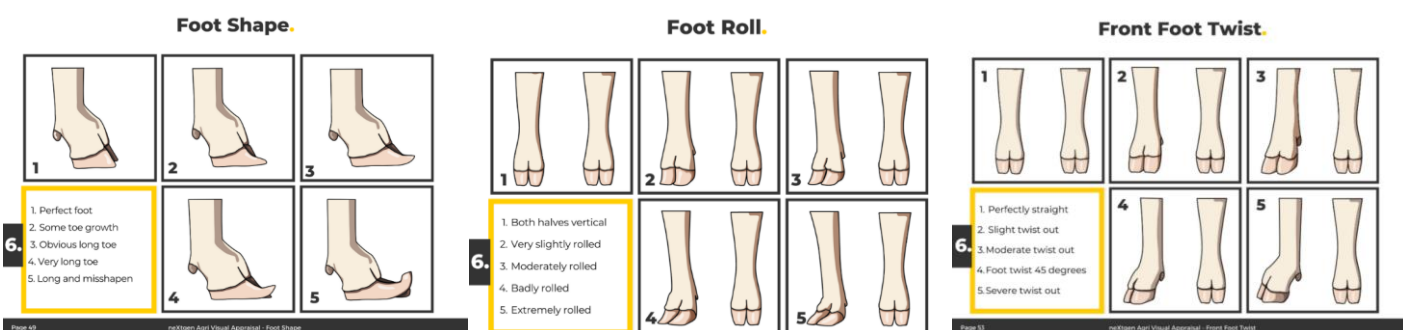
The 'Genetics of foot health in Merinos' project is investigating the genetic variation that exists in foot structure and common foot diseases, including ovine interdigital dermatitis ('scald'), footrot and foot abscess, in order to develop appropriate selection strategies to improve foot health and hence productivity. The project is funded by AWI, Animal Health Australia and collaborating Merino breeders, and is being conducted by Murdoch University and neXtgen Agri in collaboration with AGBU and SheepMetrix.



Anderson 160729 is entered in this trial as a link sire. He is one of the few sires in Australia to already have footrot breeding values, gained from his entry into the New Zealand CPT in 2019. He was sold to Mumblebone Merino in 2020 for \$30 000, used extensively and then on-sold to a grower in Western Victoria where he is still going strong.

After using him for the first time, the Victorian owner said:

*"I unfortunately had an outbreak of a nasty strain of footrot through the ewes and lambs. We scored them (for footrot) at marking and found that most of Anderson 160729s progeny had either got over it completely or didn't have it, while some other lambs had score 5 and 4 lesions in multiple feet. Now they are 7 months old, the 160729 progeny are growing well, while some of the others are quite stunted due to footrot. It is quite an exciting trait!"*



## Sire Evaluations

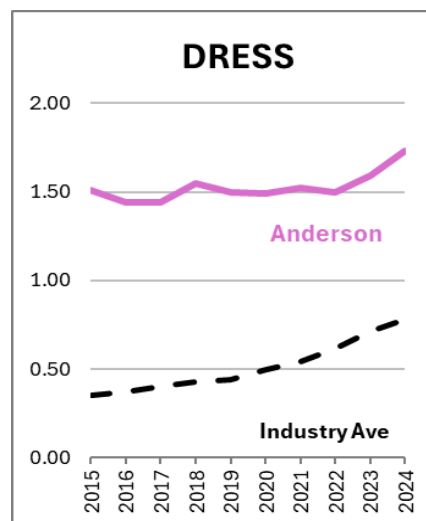
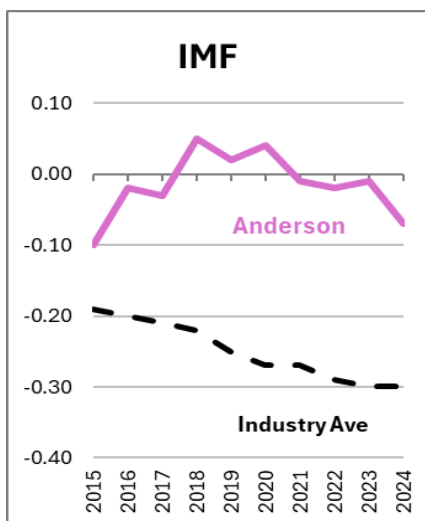
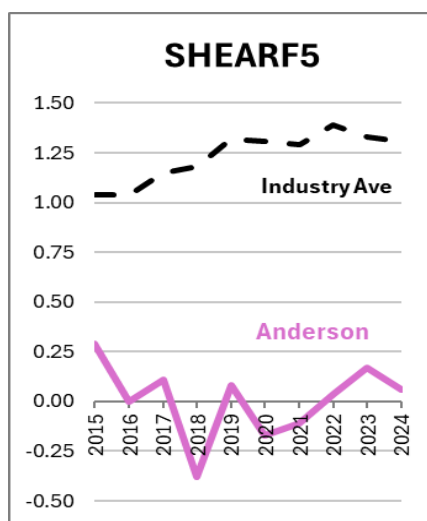
We benchmark our genetics regularly in the Resource Flock and Sire Evaluations around the country and internationally, ensuring we continue to deliver rams that can thrive in any environment.

You can follow the progress of these current sires on <https://merinosuperiorsires.com.au/>

## Eating Quality

Increasingly, the industry recognises the importance of meat-eating quality traits such as intramuscular fat (IMF) and tenderness (shear force), creating new opportunities for breeders who can balance these attributes alongside production of wool, meat and lambs. Dressing percentage and lean meat yield also remain key drivers of carcase value, but these must be lifted carefully so eating quality and resilience are not compromised.

At Anderson Poll Merino, our focus is on balanced genetics - sheep that deliver premium wool, high fertility and robust constitution, while also positioning clients to capture eating quality premiums in the meat market. It's about breeding Merinos that perform today and are ready for the opportunities of tomorrow.



## Dressing Percentage - a free bonus

Every extra percent in dressing percentage is pure bonus — more saleable kilos for the same lamb. Anderson Dressing Percentage is **a full 1% above** the Industry average.

### Choose Genetics to Suit your System

*"There has been some fascinating data come out of the Australian Merino Production Trial. I would say, the most critical thing is to have a really good appreciation of the capacity of your genetics to convert what you feed into saleable red meat. When you can fully measure the massive variation between teams, you quickly realise how important this becomes when looking to value add your lambs."*

*Craig Wilson, Craig Wilson and Associates*

Have a look at this outstanding young ram **ANDERSON 241077**. His unusual combination of excellent eating quality traits as well as a very high money-making dressing percentage, fast growth and meaty carcase is difficult to achieve. And he is a curve bender for weight!

| TAG     | POLL | WWT | PWT  | YWT  | AWT  | YEMD | YFAT | CS   | DRESS | IMF | SHRF5 |
|---------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| 24-1077 | PP   | 7.0 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 7.15 | 4.0  | 2.3  | 0.56 | 2.03  | 0.8 | -3.31 |

Then look at the rest of him. You can see he is a truly exceptional ram able to breed lambs to meet any market.

| TAG     | YWEC  | YFD  | YCFW | ACFW | YFDCV | YSL  | YSS | WR   | YSC  | EBWR  | LDAG  | ML  | SM  | WP  |
|---------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 24-1077 | -53.1 | -1.1 | 21.9 | 12.9 | -2.3  | 16.4 | 7.3 | 0.43 | 5.26 | -0.45 | -0.63 | 154 | 170 | 189 |

# Anderson Wool Tops the Fremantle Market

Wool from the whole drop of 2024 drop rams, including the upcoming sale rams, attracted strong competition.

*“Your lots sold very well today in what was an extremely strong market. You topped the Fremantle sale with your 17 micron line that had excellent top making specifications. The line sold at 1523c/kg which equates to 2130c/kg clean on a dry yield basis, therefore a solid premium above similar wool types. Congratulations.”*  
Steve Squire, AWN.

## Semen Sires

Anderson sires have now sired more than 41,000 progeny recorded in MERINOSELECT, highlighting our reach across the industry. Remarkably, only half of these sheep are Anderson-bred, with the remainder coming from other studs and flocks that have chosen Anderson genetics. This broad adoption reflects strong demand and confidence in Anderson bloodlines, with our sires shaping progress well beyond our own flock.

| ID     | SM  | ML  | WP  | PWT  | YWT  | YEMD | YFAT | YWEC | YFD  | YCFW | YDCV | YSL  | YSS | WR   | EBWR | LDAG | CS  | DRESS | IMF   | POLL |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| 200504 | 162 | 151 | 186 | 9.4  | 11.3 | 1.2  | 0.6  | -54  | -0.6 | 25.9 | -1.3 | 16.9 | 5.7 | 0.29 | -1.1 | 0.0  | 0.2 | 0.9   | 0.35  | PP   |
| 220417 | 149 | 136 | 152 | 12.9 | 16.1 | 3.5  | 1.4  | -59  | 0.1  | 19.6 | -2.9 | 15.3 | 4.8 | 0.25 | -0.8 | -0.4 | 0.7 | 2.7   | -0.34 | PP   |
| 221096 | 148 | 132 | 154 | 8.5  | 9.9  | 2.2  | 0.5  | -93  | -1.5 | 16.0 | -1.4 | 8.3  | 1.2 | 0.20 | 0.0  | -0.3 | 0.3 | 2.2   | 0.37  | PP   |
| 230471 | 173 | 151 | 189 | 12.2 | 14.2 | 3.1  | 1.1  | -55  | -0.7 | 29.7 | -1.8 | 13.2 | 3.3 | 0.47 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 2.4   | -0.42 | PP   |
| 230904 | 174 | 156 | 199 | 10.2 | 12.6 | 2.1  | 0.8  | -41  | -0.5 | 29.2 | -2.0 | 19.1 | 7.5 | 0.41 | -1.0 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8   | 0.00  | PP   |
| 231125 | 165 | 147 | 182 | 7.9  | 11.0 | 3.8  | 2.5  | -57  | 0.5  | 32.8 | -1.9 | 17.3 | 4.9 | 0.39 | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.5 | 1.9   | 0.30  | PP   |
| 231135 | 155 | 139 | 160 | 9.8  | 12.3 | 2.5  | 2.4  | -80  | 0.0  | 13.7 | -3.0 | 15.4 | 9.7 | 0.40 | -0.4 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 1.7   | 0.24  | PP   |

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|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| Top 1% | Top 5% | Top 10% | Top 20% | Of values in Merinoselect |
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And our exciting new 2024 drop semen sires:

| ID      | SM  | ML  | WP  | PWT  | YWT  | YEMD | YFAT | YWEC | YFD  | YCFW | YFDCV | YSL  | YSS | WR   | EBWR | LDAG | CS  | DRESS | IMF   | POLL |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| 24-0208 | 176 | 153 | 201 | 9.36 | 12.8 | 4.6  | 1.4  | -25  | 0.3  | 28.6 | -3.14 | 17.1 | 6.9 | 0.45 | -1.3 | -1.0 | 0.6 | 3.0   | -0.86 | PH   |
| 24-0889 | 168 | 150 | 197 | 10.1 | 13.4 | 2.0  | 1.1  | -51  | -0.5 | 38.6 | -1.5  | 15.3 | 3.9 | 0.33 | -0.4 | 0.1  | 0.4 | 1.7   | 0.06  | PP   |
| 24-1077 | 170 | 154 | 189 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 4.0  | 2.3  | -53  | -1.1 | 21.9 | -2.28 | 16.4 | 7.3 | 0.43 | -0.5 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 2.0   | 0.80  | PP   |
| 24-1338 | 176 | 154 | 188 | 9.87 | 10.7 | 3.3  | 2.2  | -80  | -1.2 | 21.4 | -2.83 | 11.8 | 2.9 | 0.48 | -0.8 | -0.7 | 0.4 | 2.9   | 0.30  | PP   |

Both young reserves and older semen sires will be on display on Ram Sale day. Contact Lynley if you would like to discuss which of our rams will best suit your breeding objectives.

## Get in Touch



Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss our breeding direction or your ram requirements. Or if you just want to talk all things sheep!

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# Genetic Trends

These genetic graphs chart where the Anderson flock sits compared to the average of all animals in MERINOSELECT. Strategic mating of our 1200 stud animals takes many days, incorporating visual traits, ASBV's, actual measurements and co-ancestry. These graphs show that the time invested rewards all our buyers with continually improved progeny, and the benefits available from annually upgrading your ram team.

