

# Glen Holme Dohnes

Profit from Wool, Meat, and Lambs



# **Key Features of Dohnes**

#### Lambs

High lambing percentage. Maiden ewes commonly raise twin lambs well without any assistance, and lamb survival to weaning is good, with high weaning weights.

#### Meat

Excellent carcass quality, high yields, good growth rates and they do not run to excess fat.

### Stylish, High Quality wool

Glen Holme Dohnes have earned a reputation for producing high quality, white, stylish wool. This wool quality is comparable with Merino sheep and the quantity produced per hectare can still be equivalent. As with all genetic traits, animals differ in their ability to express production traits.

#### Plain Bodies and Bare Breech traits

Plain bodies are positively linked to fertility and are appreciated by shearers. Bare breech traits have been selected and bred for, assist in flystrike management and reduce, even negate the need to mules at lamb marking time.

#### **Fertility**

Dohne rams and ewes are highly fertile from an early age

#### Non-seasonal breeders

Unlike some other breeds, the Dohne is a non-seasonal breeder, allowing you to join and lamb at a time chosen by you. This can give you access to different markets and pricing.

#### Self Replacing Ewe Flock

Ewe lambs, be it purebred or first cross (or subsequent crosses) can be classed into the flock, negating the need for expenditure on replacement ewes.

Excess ewe hoggets can be sold, generating further income in a premium market place. The commercial flock can now be ewe dominant rather than reliant on wethers for production of wool and meat, and as a bonus, while growing wool, the ewes can also produce lambs. These can be either self replacing ewes, excess ewes or wethers for sale. This boosts profit significantly.

#### **Hardiness**

The dohne breed has a robustness and a general do-ability that allows it to continue producing even in non-optimal conditions. This quality is passed on through the first and subsequent cross progeny and is not exclusive to purebred animals.

#### ASBV's

Australian Sheep Breeding Values are generated for all registered Dohne rams and ewes, to assist producers in understanding the expected genetic performance in a sheep's progeny for production traits. Purchasers can have confidence in the Dohnes because of this. ASBV's are available on the Sheep Genetics Australia website.



www.sheepgenetics.org.au



# **Dohnes**

Producing high quality lamb carcasses, stylish white wool, with good bodies, high fertility and hardiness

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an **all-round package** in a

single breed





#### Glen Holme Dohnes

Our aim is to breed a type of sheep that maximises profitability for our clients, as well as for our own commercial flock. We see this as a sheep that is highly fertile and has a balance of quick growth rate through to market weights, using minimal supplementary feed. They also have high quality bright wool. Sound structure of backs, shoulders, legs and feet is another high priority of ours, given that a self replacing ewe flock is one of the best features of the breed, and makes a huge impact on the profitability of a sheep enterprise.

Glen Holme Dohnes are selected for docility.

## Adaptation

Glen Holme Dohnes are performing well in all areas, including Pastoral areas, mixed cropping areas, Mallee areas right through to the wetter grazing areas of the South East of South Australia and into Western Victoria.



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