



# DOHNE

## Solutions

**Great news for Merino breeders.**

**Performance testing reveals truth.**

Some of the highest performing rams in South Australia will have sons available at Glen Holme this year.

Consistently during more than 20 years since Dohne Merinos began to make an impact in the Australian sheep industry, the message has been told that their three-way balance of fertility, growth rates and wool production is very profitable.

It has been a long journey with many challenges to see this pattern proven again and again by Glen Holme Dohne Sires.

Sire evaluations are carried out around Australia to gain highly credible, well linked performance information from independent testing from large numbers of ewes run together on one property.

We have had a steep learning curve in this space. It was our second entry that was included in the Merino Lifetime Productivity project (MLP). His daughters have proven to be way ahead of the pack in terms of weight of lambs weaned; year after year. So much so, largely due to this factor, that has elevated Glen Holme 141077 to sit within the top 1% of Sires ever tested in Australian Merino Sire Evaluation Association (AMSEA) sites. His current DP+ index is 203. (August 2021)

These daughters will have their own wool and lamb production measured until at least 5 years of age. Final results including survival will be released by 2024, once all 10 trial sites have concluded collecting data from the 132 sires used.

Another of our rams 162503 has, so far, out produced all other Merino or Poll merino rams in a group of 20. His current Merino Select DP+ Index is 173, therefore in the top 10%. Whilst two years' worth of measurements have been taken already, we are eagerly awaiting some weaning data from the ewes first lambing. These ewes were born in 2019.

Progeny from two more of our sires are currently on the ground near Hamilton in Victoria. The 2020 drop have some early measurements, with much more information being available by mid- 2022.

Judging by this ram's progeny back at home, they will be very impressive and particularly even in type. They have very sound conformation.

We also have two rams entered in a Dohne Sire evaluation with two well-known Poll Merino link sires in the NSW Riverina. Lambs were born in late June 2021 and marked in early July.

So, the next few years will yield much more data in both Merino Select and Dohne indexes. Three of the rams mentioned above have been used in at least one other Dohne stud.

All three rams have sons in this year's On-Property Auction catalogue at Glen Holme in September 2021. You can buy with confidence in their breeding ability.

Further reading

<https://www.glenholmedohnes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Dohne-Solutions-HORSEPOWER.pdf>