



Clear Hills

Southdowns, Charollais and Poll Dorset Sheep Stud
Goorambat Victoria

This season has been a wetter one than we have had for many years! Here at Clear Hills, we have been working away trying not to get bogged! Our health program has been designed to deliver the fittest rams for production, all sheep have been vaccinated with 7 in 1 GlanEry and Gudair vaccine which has been part of our program since 2005. All rams have been vaccinated with a long acting moxidectin drench, to provide continuous protection from barbers pole worm and provide a broad spectrum parasite control. We have successfully passed our biannual brucellosis accreditation which we have been a part of since 1955.

Lambs have been hitting the ground in multiple this year! Lambing percentages are extremely high, as ewes were mated on green grass thus causing a super ovulation resulting in more multiple births. Within the Charollais flock it has been rare to find a single. We are working through tagging this drop of lambs which has been a challenge with the wet weather. Hopefully some sun will help streamline this process and assist with growth! Difficult conditions have not made ram preparation easy, as our Southdowns are later maturing rams we anticipate when you buy the ram it will only look better when you get him home and he continues to mature. Both the Charollais and Southdowns are good black footed rams who have stood up to wet conditions, highlighting the robust nature of the sheep. This year we are excited to be offering over 200 rams for sale, to our regular and new clients across the eastern seaboard.

SOUTHDOWNS

The Southdown breed has evolved over the years, adapting to the current market requirements to produce top quality lambs. These lambs present with high muscling carcasses, exceptional meat qualities and tenderness. Which is typical of the characteristics that are a part of Clear Hills Southdown genetics. Our breeding program has been modified to improve the profitability by designing a sheep that is easy to lamb, has a high twin rate and achieves excellent red meat yields. Southdowns were producing a smaller lamb, we have moved with the times and are now producing an 18-30kg lamb with ease, maintaining a higher quality carcass.

CHAROLLAIS

Charollais have been part of the Clear Hills Stud since 2011. We were attracted to this breed due to the highest possible meat yield of any breed. We have seen evidence of lambs killing out at 56% which is phenomenal. They have a fantastic survivability rate and a high twin rate which is so important to have live lambs on the ground that are easy to grow out. They are known for being one of the easiest lambing breeds, they have a low birth weight, very maternal and these rams are suitable to any ewe. When designing our breeding program, we are focused on a specific type that is suitable to Australian conditions, focusing on feet and adequate facial cover, including hair. We are developing a sheep that is built for easy management and low maintenance.

CLEAR HILLS LAMB

At Clear Hills our business has been expanding over the last 12 months we are using our Southdown rams over our commercial mob and have developed Clear Hills Lamb. Clear Hills Lamb, is a direct marketing lamb enterprise supplying the public with delicious and succulent lamb. Processed and packaged and delivered to your front door. Clear Hills Lamb is supplying direct to the consumer, providing marbled, tender, high sort after cuts of lamb. We are supplying in our local area and hoping to expand our delivery options in the near future.

Check us out online at www.clearhillslamb.com.au

We have always sold rams privately within our local area and this year we want to open up our marketing and are hosting an open day to showcase our products here in Benalla. Due to mud and the wet season, we will be hosting our open day at Benalla sale yards.

**Time to think about renewing some of your rams!
This year we are hosting two events see details below.**

BENALLA - Clear Hills Open Day

What	Open Day 60 of the best flock rams will be displayed and available for private sale.
Where	Benalla Sale Yards – Saleyards Rd Benalla
When	Friday 28th October 2022
Time	10-2pm



Lunch will be provided by Clear Hills Lamb, please RSVP for catering purposes to Emma (0419 351 067)

Contact Dale Boyd 0477 143 361
Nutrien Ag Solutions Benalla for more information or to purchase rams if you are unable to attend

Hamilton Flock Ram Sale

What	Flock Ram Auction hosted by Kerr and Co this will be interfaced with auctions plus. Offering 70 of the best Southdown Flock Rams.
Where	Hamilton Showgrounds
When	Friday 11th November 2022 viewing from 12, sale commences at 1:30pm Lunch will be provided by Clear Hills Lamb

If you are unable to attend the sale will be interfaced live with auctionsplus.

Contact For further details contact Kerr & Co John Uebergang 0438 335 201 Or Josh Pepper 0427 288 497.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and for your ongoing support we hope to see you and catch up in person at our above events.

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