

Do you have the Coopworth Advantage?

More and more lamb producers are discovering the benefits of breeding their traditional first cross ewes to Coopworth rams as the foundation of switching to a self replacing system.

It's no secret, the Coopworth self-replacing flock has many advantages over a flock that relies on the purchasing of replacement ewes to maintain numbers. The Coopworth is unique in its makeup of maternal traits for conception rates, mothering instincts and lamb survival, as well as growth traits producing fast growing lambs for domestic and export markets.

Self-replacing flocks produce their own future breeding ewes from investing in only a small number of rams, as opposed to a large number of ewes. This gives lamb producers the ability to purchase rams with measured genetic value as opposed to mobs of first cross ewes that do not carry any genetic performance records. In time the genetic merits of the ram flows through the flocks ewe base and significant gains are made to weaning percentages, lamb weight gain and kilograms of lamb produced per hectare.

Long time Coopworth lamb producer, Bill-Scott Young from Tasmania said "For me a self-replacing Coopworth flock means I do not have to buy expensive replacement ewes out of the saleyards which, from a disease point of view, is a risk in itself."

Coopworth Genetics Australia (CGA) invite commercial lamb producers to visit Coopworth breeders at Hamilton Sheepvention where you can learn about the advantages of the Coopworth self replacing system. The annual CGA multivendor ram sale will be held at the Hamilton showgrounds on Monday 29 October, where some of the best performance recorded rams in Australia will be on offer. Coopworth rams eligible for this sale must be in the top 20% of their index, are accredited Brucellosis free and vaccinated against Ovine Johne's Disease, so buyers are guaranteed to be getting the Coopworth advantage.

For further information see www.coopworth.org.au

