

# 200102 Selected as Link Sire in 2024



Forest Springs Poll, 200102 was selected to be used as a Link Sire in 2024 in the National Merino Sire Evaluation Trials, conducted by the Australian Merino Sire Evaluation Association, due to his excellent performance in both the South Australian and Balmoral trials in 2022.

Specifically Link Sires are selected for their above average performance in production traits such as fleece weight, fibre diameter and body weight, whilst also being plainer for breech wrinkle and body wrinkle.



In addition, the progeny of Link Sires are required to have received positive classing results from the independent classing program that all sire evaluation trials undertake. Forest Springs Poll, 200102 excelled in all aspects required of a Link Sire and has subsequently been joined in 2024 at the Yardstick (WA) trial and again at Balmoral. Link Sires allow the data from all sire evaluation sites to be combined as well as provide other breeders the opportunity to view the progeny of these leading sires in different environments.

**BEN SWAIN**  
AMSEA Executive Officer

**200102 is a Leader in 8 Traits including • YFD • YEMD • BDWR • YSD**

## 2024 Field Day Balmoral Breeders Merino Sire Evaluation Results

2022 Drop Results	Progeny No*	Hogget		Marking	Post Weaning	Yearling	Hogget												
		TOPS (%)	CULLS (%)				BRWR	BDWR	DAG	FLROT	COL	CHAR	LEGS	FACE					
Breeders flock, Sire number																			
Anderson Poll, 200519	44	0	-8	1.9	2.4	3.7	1.6	2.1	2.7	1.6	2.3								
Austral Park, 180015	38	-2	4	2.4	3.0	3.6	1.3	1.9	2.8	1.9	2.4								
Benefield Poll, 200055	37	17	-15	1.4	2.3	3.2	1.3	2.0	2.2	1.4	2.5								
Boxleigh Park, 181057	43	16	-15	1.4	2.0	3.4	1.2	2.1	2.5	1.9	2.5								
Centre Plus Poll, 707350 (Link Sire)	31	4	-2	1.9	2.3	3.1	1.4	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.3								
Connewarran, 017223	27	6	-5	3.0	3.3	3.2	1.1	1.6	2.9	1.8	3.0								
Deep Dene Poll, 180020	49	2	-9	2.0	2.6	3.4	1.4	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.9								
Forest Springs Poll, 200102	31	19	-15	1.9	2.4	3.1	1.3	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.5								
Glen Holme, 206139 (Dohne)	42	-11	14	1.4	2.2	3.3	1.8	2.4	2.6	1.6	2.2								
Hannaton Poll, 200155	46	-3	9	1.8	2.5	3.5	1.6	2.3	2.6	1.8	2.6								
Hazeldean, 002980	33	-10	20	2.5	3.2	3.8	1.9	2.4	2.6	1.6	2.8								
Karalta Poll, 180953	42	-8	-3	2.9	3.2	3.3	1.1	1.7	3.5	2.0	2.7								
Kurra-Wirra, 200572	25	-1	-7	2.1	2.3	2.7	1.2	1.8	2.4	2.0	3.0								
Merinotech WA Poll, 177269	32	2	-12	2.4	2.8	3.7	1.4	2.0	2.5	1.7	2.0								
Miramoonna, 140012 (Link Sire)	35	1	-8	2.1	2.3	3.7	1.4	2.0	2.8	1.8	2.7								
Mooralla Poll, 200087	46	2	-14	2.3	2.8	3.4	1.3	2.1	2.7	1.8	2.8								
Mumblebone, 200904	39	-5	10	1.4	2.4	3.5	1.7	2.4	2.6	1.9	2.4								
Roseville Park Poll, 173116	32	-10	16	2.2	3.0	3.9	1.6	2.1	2.7	2.2	2.4								
Stud Park South, 085227	28	-13	10	2.5	2.8	2.7	1.3	2.0	2.2	1.5	2.7								
Willandra Poll, 180447 (Link Sire)	27	-5	30	2.2	2.9	3.7	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.8								
Wongara Poll, 190017	33	-1	0	2.4	2.8	3.2	1.4	2.0	2.6	2.1	2.8								
<b>Progeny Group Average</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>								

\*Progeny No is at weaning  
Further assessment results after shearing for the 2022 drop will be available in the Site Report released via [merinosuperiorsires.com.au](http://merinosuperiorsires.com.au)

**Visual Trait Assessment**  
An independent classer grades all progeny as either Tops, Flocks or Culls based on their visual assessment of all traits relative to the Site's Breeding Objective. This classing reflects the approach that may be undertaken in a commercial flock and is presented as a deviation from the average score. Progeny are also scored, between 1 and 5, on a range of visual traits which are also reported as deviations from the average score. Scores are reported as adjusted sire means.

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## 2024 Sale and Display Diary

- Loddon Valley Field Day - March 1
- Australian Sheep and Wool Show - July 19,20,21
- Vic State Merino Field Day at Marnoo - August 2
- Hamilton Sheepvention - August 4 & 5
- Classings Classic Ram Sale - September 2

**Pre Sale Inspection Day – On Property**  
**Friday September 6th, 2024**

**Elders**  
Glendon Hancock  
0429 829 613

**11th Annual On-property Ram Sale**  
**Thursday September 12th, 2024**



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# 2023 Forest Springs Merino Stud Highlights

Despite the downturn in the lamb and mutton markets we had a very successful selling season selling a total of 153 rams and 400 doses of semen. Our 2023 On-property sale had a total clearance with 100 rams offered and an average of \$2097.

## Our Highlights

- On Property, top price of \$7000, average of \$ 2097, total clearance of 100 rams
- Top Price lot 8 to Penrose Merino Stud, Lort River WA for \$7500 (Pictured below left)
- Lot 3 Peter Cameron, Marnoo for \$4750
- Next best lot 1 to Clovernook Merino Stud, Armidale, NSW, for \$4500 at Classings Classic
- Lot 44 to Richmond Merino Stud, Quandialla NSW for \$11000 at Classings Classic (Pictured below right)
- Lot 41 to Gunallo Merino Stud, Pinnaroo for \$8000
- Lot 42 to O'Brien Poll Merino Stud, Wudinna, SA for \$ 7000
- Lot 45 to Scott Wright and Don Erwin, St.Arnaud for \$7000

These results and achievements are proving that always being innovative to produce top quality is really paying off for us and our clients. Thank you once again and welcome to Forest Springs Merino Stud.



## XYTOVET Flexible solutions to suit your needs.

As a wholly Australian-owned and operated business, the XytoVet team is comprised of locals with expertise in the manipulation and analysis of DNA, including a full range of genotyping services for breeding and bloodstock selection. This unique understanding of the Australian and New Zealand livestock industries means that we're best placed to build localised solutions to support your needs and the future performance of your livestock.

We prioritise our customers, and you can rely on us for quick turnaround times. We're not just a voice on the end of the phone, although you can trust us to always pick up. Our team will always go above and beyond to give you the highest level of customer service. We'll walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have along the way.

No matter how big or small your flock is, we can deliver flexible solutions to suit your needs. We want to provide you with accurate data and information to make the right breeding and bloodstock management decisions for your business.

### Genotyping Services - The Poll test

The Sheep genetics Horn/Poll test is based on research conducted by the Sheep CRC Ltd using the Information Nucleus Program. The different alleles (variants) of the Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) selected were found to correlate with the presence or absence horns/pollled phenotype in the animals of the Information Nucleus Flock. When using Horn/Poll genotype test information it is important to be aware that these SNP variations correlate with, and are not causative of, the horned or polled condition. This means that the differences in DNA that are identified in testing are not specifically responsible for the presence or absence of horns. Rather the differences identified in testing are suggestive of an increased likelihood of the presence or absence of horns. Consequently, whilst much better than no test at all, the test results may not be 100% accurate when compared with phenotype.

Sheep Genetics Australia asserts that a homozygous PP sire (two copies) will have a 3% chance of producing horned progeny. Regardless, sires with a homozygous PP genotype will produce significantly more offspring with polled status than sires with a heterozygous poll/horned (PH) genotype or sires with a homozygous horned/horned (HH) genotype.

# Results of the South Australian Evaluation Trial where Forest Springs Poll 200102 excelled

Sire Code	Breeder's flock, Sire name	Number of Progeny	AMSEA Index Values			
			Dual Purpose Plus	Merino Production Plus	Fibre Production Plus	Wool Production Plus
1	Baderloo Poll, 200106	37	99	85	86	89
2	Flairdale Poll, 190028	34	121	111	114	103
3	Forest Springs Poll, 200102	58	122	125	125	118
4	Kelvale Poll, 200114	64	90	81	78	93
5	Kiandra Poll, 200065	49	94	92	93	93
6	Lorelmo Poll, 170602	28	93	111	110	108
7	Malleetech Poll, 200119	61	128	130	125	122
8	Miramoonna, 140012 (Link Sire)	59	102	99	99	102
9	Mulloorie Poll, 160059 (Link Sire)	57	93	96	89	103
10	O'Brien Poll, 201166	43	105	94	95	92
11	Pepper Well Poll, 200145	68	93	103	109	97
12	Roemahkita Poll, 200058	34	73	92	94	96
13	The Yanko, 190310	61	101	113	110	113
14	Wallaloo Park Poll, 172223	55	112	94	90	101
15	Westwood Poll, 200215	48	99	96	101	91
16	Willandra Poll, 170018	45	75	78	82	80

Indexes are calculated using all available data from both ewes and wethers.

### The indexes reported are the DP+, MP+, FP+ and WP+.

The first 3 of these indexes are the same as MERINOSELECT indexes of that name but account for the fact that direct reproduction records are not currently collected as part of standard sire evaluation trials. The WP+ index is unique to AMSEA. Further information about Indexes is available earlier in this report and at [www.merinosuperiorsires.com.au/resources](http://www.merinosuperiorsires.com.au/resources).

The average value for all indexes is 100.

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