

Ida Vale White Dorper & Dorper Stud

Flock No: 0003 & 0004

Owners: Stocksmart, Tamesha Gardner & Andrew Greenup

The Ida Vale Dorper and White Dorper stud foundations were established in 1996 and 1998 respectively by the late Bronte Gardner, a pioneer of the breed in Australia and the inaugural President and life member of the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia. Current stud principals Tamesha Gardner and fiancé Andrew Greenup have continued with Bronte's objectives and have established themselves in the Australian Dorper industry and are maintaining the genetic direction of their stud to ensure they have commercially, productive sheep that meet producer and processor requirements.

Both the Dorper and White Dorper studs are bred with a commercial focus, while maintaining breed standards. Tamesha and Andrew understand that the major profit drivers for a commercial Dorper enterprise is kg of lamb/hectare and this is driven by growth rates, carcass traits and reproductive rates. Hence these traits are selected to identify the elite animals in the stud with aid of Lambplan. The easycare attributes of the Dorper and White Dorper are also constantly being improved at Ida Vale with a focus on ease of lambing, early shedding and soundness of feet (No foot trimming has occurred on any animal at Ida Vale since 2006).

Ida Vale runs 1000 Fullblood White Dorper ewes and 1000 Fullblood Dorper ewes, all with pedigrees and Lambplan breeding values. Extensive AI & ET programs are conducted each year, but emphasis is placed on the ability of the ewes to breed and rear naturally. We sell 1500 – 2000 Dorper and White Dorper crossprime lambs each year, from a 3000 composite ewe (upgrade) flock to abattoirs or saleyards, hence we know the industry and how our genetics perform.

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Founded 1998 & 1996

Brucellosis Accred: WAOVAC278

Lambplan

OJD Status: as at April 2011, 4 points (can vaccinate consignment to be 5 points)

