

## Glen Devon continues to produce the goods

Once again the meat sheep ram selling season approaches and the Hart family's Glen Devon Poll Dorset stud sale is one of the important sales coming up. It will be held at their Two Wells property in SA on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 1pm SA time, with 100 top quality rams on offer.

To simplify Glen Devon Poll Dorset stud's breeding objectives, they are aiming to produce rams that will enable their commercial clients to breed lambs for most market weights. That flexibility is important as seasons and markets constantly fluctuate and producers need to constantly adjust their management and target markets to suit. Rams that only allow efficient production for one market weight range do not give lamb producers that ability to adapt their management and marketing.

Sires of this year's sale rams include Glen Devon 10/12, an Adelaide blue ribbon winner, having been used as a ram lamb. A son of the very successful Wyndamah 691, he is very balanced both physically and in his EBV figures. Glen Devon 310/11 is a very thick ram with excellent hindquarter conformation and has also bred very well. Leenala 181/09 has well balanced figures and has the runs on the board as a top producing ram within the stud. As part of a carefully managed plan to increase the Glen Devon muscling figures without affecting their other renowned traits, there are 4 very highly muscled sires in Hillcroft Farms 587/10 & 672/10, Valma 420/11 and Ulandi Park 54/11. Derrynock 143/10 is another successful ram in their sire bank. He has a higher birth weight EBV of 0.75, but such is his efficient body shape, the Harts have had no birthing troubles from him, and his progeny certainly grow rapidly!

In this year that is a celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> year since the foundation of Poll Dorsets, the Hart family look forward to presenting their 2014 sale rams and report that the quality is most certainly on par with other years. The season at Two Wells has been very good and with an early break the rams have had good quality paddock feed all year. While you can make up your own minds on their quality, the Hart family is proud to offer them and recommend your inspection at the least.

The recent Adelaide Royal feature breed showing gain highlighted Glen Devon's consistent quality and performance with many awards including 3 class wins in huge classes.



*This Glen Devon sire, GD 120010 was a blue ribbon winner at the Adelaide Royal as a rapidly growing ram lamb in 2012. He was used as a ram lamb and sired many good rams that will be in this year's sale offering. One of his sons, GD 130030 went on to emulate his feat by winning the ram lamb class at Adelaide last year showing the depth of consistent breeding in this line in particular.*