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Welcome to our 2023 Newsletter! Like most of you, we have had a great start to the year, we had plenty of rain in June which helped get our crops in and up out of the ground, as well as provide us with plenty of feed, this was a lovely problem for a change! It was nice to watch our April / May drop lambs be born without too much supplementary feeding or need for interference. It has however been a bit of a dry July, which I'm sure is welcome for some. Hopefully we all get some nice spring rain to help finish off the season.

We have had a big focus this year on defining and being very specific about our breeding objectives and our type of rams we produce. This has led us to look at our figures/data that we are already collecting, and have been for quite some time, data that we are not necessarily fully utilising. It also made us evaluate what we are not collecting that would be beneficial to help fine-tune our decisions around classing and breeding selections. We did a DNA flock profile which proved that our visual classing has been accurate as our results were in the top 5-10 percent for yearling clean fleece weight, post weaning and yearling weight. We are always striving to improve and if we can use more data to back up our visual selection we should be able to advance our flock to align a lot closer to our breeding objectives. It is our belief that good visual classing is reflected in genetic results, whilst staying true to correct structure and conformation. As we move forward with this, we are planning on hosting some information days for anyone who is interested in learning more.

In the current market the importance of selecting the correct rams has probably never been so important. Coming up to our On Property ram sale and private selection time, we are more than happy to discuss your options with you further to make sure you are selecting the best rams to benefit your needs and improve your own flocks. Our young rams are coming along very nicely and we are very excited to be able to offer our first drop from Masterbuilt 252, which have proven to have excellent structure and balance. We also have the grandsons of Collinville Imperial 351 with good carcass attributes and well defined, nourished wools.

Please be aware that this year we will not be offering our CFA ewes in our On Property Sale, they will still be available but by private negotiation, if you are interested in purchasing some ewes please let us know and we can discuss it further.

If there is anything we can help you with before our On Property Sale please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

*James & Fiona*



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