

SUTTOR MERINO STUD

MUDGEE SMALL FARM FIELD DAYS SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

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IN THE NEWS

Shelley and John Roydhouse's 'Suttor Merino Stud' has been used for the past several months to trial a new spray product which has the capacity to solve a major international problem in the wool growing industry.

A mulesing anaesthetic and antiseptic spray is about to be announced that has the blessing of both national and international animal welfare groups.

The spray has been developed in association with doctors who specialise in treating burns victims and contains an anaesthetic to dull the pain of mulesing and a antiseptic to aid the healing of the wound.

The development is the first positive news for months in the mulesing debate, an issue largely dominated by negative news and court battles for the Australian sheep industry.

Field trials have proven the spray heals wounds faster than current methods and the weight gain of animals in the week after mulesing suggests it also dramatically reduced stress associated with the controversial practise.

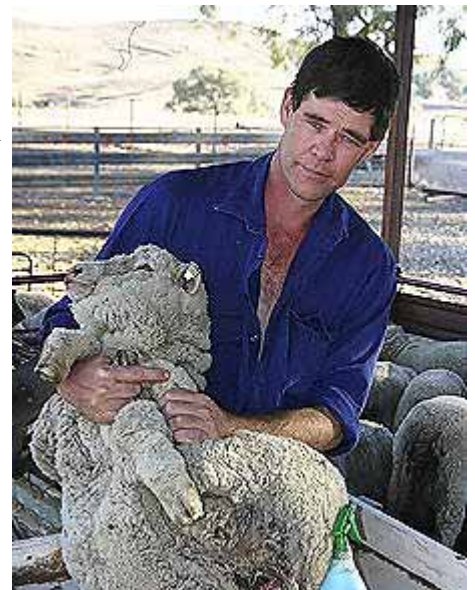
In a trial three weeks ago, Mr Roydhouse found 4-5 month old, 20-kilogram hoggets either maintained or increased their body-weight in the week after mulesing.

"It has outstanding results, the sheep have fully healed in a fortnight," he said.

"It is clear they are in less pain, the sheep treated with the spray just put their heads down and started grazing almost straight away," he said.

Trials involving lambs have also taken place with similar results when combined with the usual chemical flystrike protection at mulesing.

Although not removing the need to mules



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SUTTOR MERINO STUD AGAIN SUPPORTS CAREFLIGHT

A specially selected superfine merino ram will again be donated to the forthcoming Care Flight Charity Ball and Auction.

The auction will be conducted on Saturday 19th November and the Suttor Merino Stud Ram will be available on site at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days for inspection.

Details on how to support this auction will also be available at www.suttorstud.com or phone the organiser Mrs Sally Nagel on 63734225



VISIT US ON THE INTERNET

The Suttor Merino Stud maintains a comprehensive website with all the news from the stud updated on a regular basis.

Visit www.suttorstud.com for more information.



ON FARM MICRON TESTING

The Suttor Merino Stud last year undertook a major technological advance with the purchase of a hand held micron testing machine.

This new technology will be integral to the management of the stud, both for clip preparation and flock classing.

For ram clients, the ability to monitor fleece testing, on rams, on site on any particular day will be a real bonus.

Please feel free to contact the stud for more information on this exciting new technology.



ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

The Suttor Merino Stud will again conduct an on property ram sale utilising the helmsman system.



The stud will offer **40** specially selected rams all with full tests.

Saturday 19th November commencing at 11.00am

Full details and catalogues will be available at www.suttorstud.com

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The Suttor Merino Stud has achieved the highest fleece value at the recent shearing of wethers participating at the Australian National Field Days Wether Trial.

With a fleece valuation of 1,329 cents per kilo, 17.2 micron wool and cutting 4 kilos the stud is very encouraged by these initial results. Whilst these wethers are the youngest team, November 2003 drop, in the trial, another twelve months should deliver even more impressive results as the many and varied wool typed teams reach maturity.

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