

Recent sales

Account: Chatsworth Hill

300 Cashmore Nudie / Cashmore Oaklea Maternal ewe lambs
SIL 157%
\$ 431 hd



Account: Bonnie Doon

185 Cashmore Nudie F3, F4 ewe lambs
SIL 169%
\$ 429 hd





RAM SALE

Wednesday 30th September 2026

1pm on AuctionsPlus



250 Cashmore Nudie Rams

Economic Progress 2025 was \$7.28 per ewe mated



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LambEx, Adelaide: 7 - 10th July 2026

We look forward to having a trade stand site in Adelaide to catch up and share a bit of knowledge. Drop in for a chat, love to see you there.

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Ewe Sales

Cashmore Nudies and clients will have surplus ewes/ewe lambs available in the annual sales early November and December 2026 via Auctions Plus.

We will have 250 Nudie rams offered at our ram sale Wednesday 30th September via Auctions Plus.

Breeding values available via Lambplan web site, Ram Select, Excel spread sheet and the paper format.

Inspection day will be Monday 28th September, on farm.

Enjoy your sheep breeding.

Regards,
John Keiller

Cashmore Nudies

July 2026 Newsletter



Hi all,

Please find some recent developments and an update on happenings with the Cashmore Nudie flock. We have been active in a number of areas with great changes in genetic improvement which will flow into your sheep and wallets as you continue to support us.

John R. Keiller

Regards,
John Keiller

Matings Autumn 2026

This year we have mated 2000 adult stud ewes and 1150 ewe lambs, plus a double ET program and continual grading involving Maternal DNA. About 500 Nudie rams / ram lambs covering many traits and bloodlines were available, with 50 selected as sires for the next generation to be born in August - October 2026. We continue to put upward pressure on the MCP+ Index while delivering good shedding characteristics.

EBV Shedding developments

This project investigated fleece shedding in sheep to support its inclusion in the Sheep Genetics evaluation system by addressing how to measure and select for the trait.

Shedding scores were collected across sheep of different ages, environments, and times within the shedding season. Analyses examined environmental effects, repeatability, genetic parameters, and genomic architecture, alongside evaluation of selection index and genomic prediction approaches to demonstrate how shedding should be collected and analysed as a trait.

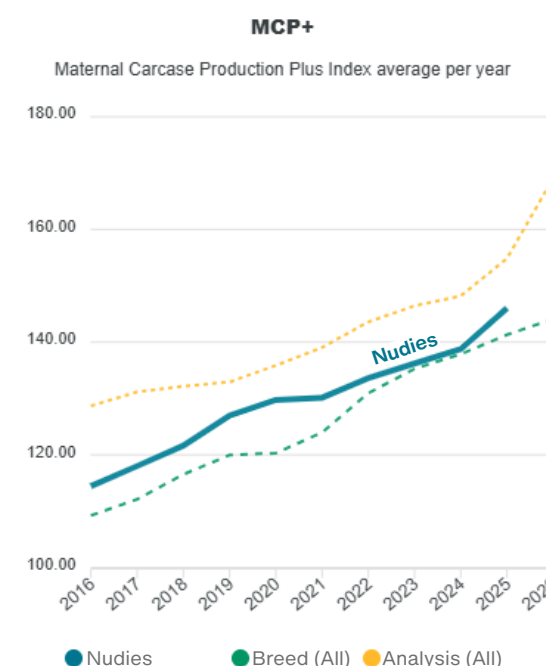
Shedding was shown to be easily and reliably scored and moderately to highly heritable (0.35-0.66), with higher estimates during peak and late shedding periods. Early-season records were less informative and genetically different from peak and late records.

Genetic correlations were high between yearling and adult shedding but lower with lambs, indicating lamb shedding should be treated as a separate trait. The trait was largely controlled by many genes, with some regions of moderate effect, and there was little benefit from more complex genetic models beyond a simple additive approach.

Selection index and genomic analyses showed that adult shedding records are sufficient for effective selection.

These results support the practical inclusion of shedding in national breeding programs, enabling selection for more productive and low-maintenance sheep.

We have now completed the 3 years of data collection and await the release of breeding values to industry.



John and Charlie in QLD

Recently we attended the Copley Pastoral, Curious Minds, Profitable Herds open day at Anduramba, QLD and saw a great line up of speakers cover topics across Northern cattle production. Ben Hays spoke on Genomics, Ian McLean on farm economics. Liz Ross on polled cattle Genetics. John presented on management of high fecundity sheep and genetic improvement in the sheep industry. Great contacts were made and genetic improvement is certainly gaining speed in Brahman cattle.

John and Charlie also attended the Australian Wagyu Association conference in Brisbane to see what the high eating quality end of the cattle industry was doing. A big crowd of 800 attendees and 50 trade stands with great presentations from local and international speakers. The industry is growing, with standout features being genetic improvement, feeding systems and application of advanced breeding technologies. Ovum pickup is gaining traction. We made some valuable contacts we will use in the future.



Fertility is shedding sheep ‘Achillies heel’! Have Nudies cracked that nut?

It’s pretty well known that shedding sheep need to have more lambs. Basically, our Maternals have had long, intensive selection histories involving 10 million animals across the past 75 years to make them the amazing animals they are today.

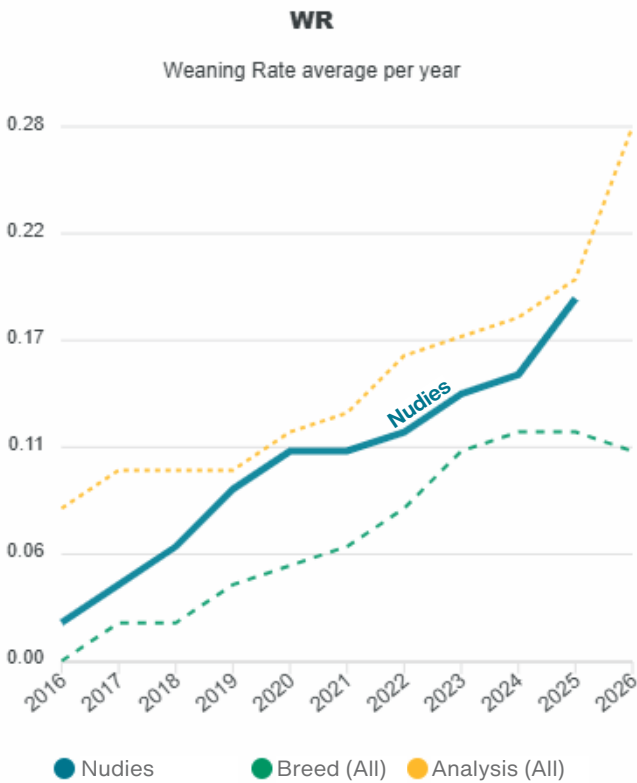
In the past 20 years shedding sheep have risen in number and breeders have started performance recording them. Growth, carcass and parasite resistance have been well addressed but high fertility still eludes many flocks, i.e. the ability to pregnancy test over 180%.

The dark blue line on the graph on the right shows that our fertility is lifting and for the 2025 drop lambs the average is 0.19.

A sort of the Sheep Genetics database shows that the best Nudies are now into the 0.40 range which puts them into the same bracket as the Maternal lines.

It looks like the Cashmore Nudies have gone the next step up with adult ewe mobs now scanning into the 180+ range.

Watch this spot, exciting times ahead.



Pregnancy Scanning

We eagerly await scanning each year when John Connell from Sheep Scan Australia comes and pregnancy scans our ewes for empty, single, twin, triplet, early or late and drafts the mobs 4 ways during the process. It’s a great way to amalgamate mobs and set them up during mid pregnancy on a targeted fodder/feed pathway. This allows us to focus attention to the twin and triplet bearing ewes, get them condition scored, separated out and aim for better survival of both ewe and lamb.

Sheep have base level genetic potential for reproduction and then are sensitive to condition score and weight changes which affect how they perform. Assuming a condition score is 15kg live weight on our 65kg adult weight ewes, the current consensus is that each condition score increase adds 18% fetus which is 1.2% fetus per every 1kg weight gain.

I had been hopeful that after two hard years with little pasture the ewes may add a few kilos in the late part of 2025. This occurred in the adults and the 1.5 yo had grown out well to be 65kg and CS 3.3 at joining. Ram activity was observed to be prompt and the results very pleasing.

Starting from the top a few points to note are the Nudies at 2.04%, I have never seen that before, Moles demoted 1.5 yo stud ewes at 1.94%, never seen that before. Maternal studs averaging 2.02 and the Nudie 1.79 which is moving up nicely. The difference between Maternal and Nudie is 23% which is about the gap evident for the last 10 years and the project I spend a large amount of mental energy on.

Nice to see only 3% empty and they promptly left Cashmore. Singles reduce into the high teens, Twins stay in the mid 60’s and triplets increase. 850 sets of trips will be a handful as always.

Mob	Description	Empty		Single		Twin		Trip		Total	embryo %
SOUTH OF RD	3,4,5 yo Nudie and some 4 yo F1	2	0.00	88	0.13	458	0.69	116	0.17	664	2.04
COFFEE MATERNALS	MA ex Maternal stud	7	0.01	101	0.16	450	0.71	72	0.11	630	1.93
NSW	MA ex Maternal stud	8	0.01	86	0.15	373	0.65	106	0.18	573	2.01
SELECTION	MA ex Maternal stud	4	0.01	45	0.13	231	0.68	62	0.18	342	2.03
MOLES	1.5 yo ex Maternal stud	12	0.02	80	0.15	366	0.69	70	0.13	528	1.94
ANTONY	ex stud Nudie MA & 1.5 yo	38	0.05	215	0.28	457	0.60	48	0.06	758	1.68
MILICH	back cross M x N 1.5 yo	7	0.04	45	0.25	116	0.65	10	0.06	178	1.72
TALL MILL	Nudie stud, lots of 1.5 yo	17	0.04	90	0.23	246	0.64	30	0.08	383	1.75
FIRST POTATOE MINT	Nudie stud, lots of 1.5 yo	21	0.05	101	0.25	246	0.61	36	0.09	404	1.74
WATSONS	Nudie stud, lots of 1.5 yo	16	0.04	69	0.17	280	0.68	49	0.12	414	1.87
SPUD SHED	Maternal stud, lots of 1.5 yo	12	0.03	51	0.12	284	0.64	96	0.22	443	2.05
LUPIN HILL	Maternal stud, lots of 1.5 yo	12	0.03	56	0.12	303	0.67	81	0.18	452	2.00
FUN RUN	Maternal stud, lots of 1.5 yo	5	0.01	57	0.14	273	0.67	73	0.18	408	2.01
TERMINALS	PD / WS adult and 1.5 yo	12	0.05	88	0.35	147	0.58	6	0.02	253	1.58
TOTAL		173	0.03	1172	0.18	4230	0.66	855	0.13	6430	1.90

The Millicent Flats

Sam Croser at Millicent has been increasing his Nudie flock and recently scanned Nudie ewe lambs at 90% in lamb. A great result.



Nudies are tough in dry times at Glenthompson

Russell and Fiona Mitchell farm at Glenthompson and have been converting from Maternals to Nudies for the past few years. They are excellent data collectors and have some interesting insights between the two sheep types.

2023, 2024 and 2025 have been very challenging with ewes in and out of containment and even Nudies lambing in. This year their Maternals have scanned 179% and the Nudies 153%.



Incorporation of Maternal Genes

We continue to put Maternal genes into the Nudies then remove the wool with the help of shedding BV’s from the new infused models. This year Jock found the below Maternal ram lamb 254206, born from a ewe lamb and 216 MCP+ Index and was keen to use him. It will be interesting to see what comes of it.



Classing ewes to maintain standards

On February 1st all Maternal, Nudie & Terminal stud ewes are classed through our shearing shed on structural confirmation. Key focal points are feet and leg angle, watching hoof length and deep weighted pasterns. Ewes with sloping shoulders, fine necks and dipping topline are classed out. As well as any black spots, heavily cotted fleeces or mastitis marked at shearing.

Maternal ewes come across very sound and uniform with only 3% downgraded, while Nudies are constantly improving in width through the pins and shortening claw length. This necessary classing process has been consistently upkept for over 20 years, moving the flock to today’s position as structurally sound and well adapted to Cashmore’s harsh conditions in Victoria’s south west.

Charlie Keiller