

RAMCO THE NINE FAMILIES

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RAMCO has semen (and progeny) available from rams of the following SAMM families. The sires are presented as they emerged over the development of the stud. With over 800 ewes to breed from these nine families we have achieved a diverse genetic mix capable of meeting outcross needs for studs with a narrow genetic background. The families are diverse in production traits for growth rate, fertility and wool quality. We have always specialized in conformation and structure, which are first class through the flock following years of heavy selection. The RAMCO stud is founded on pure South African bloodlines and has continued to source genetics from South Africa up until the on going embargo on the importation of livestock genetic material which is in place at present.

1. **The COLLET family** These foundation genetics were imported from South Africa as embryos.

Collett 92-2281
96-0256(FW)

Collett 90-0192

In the Falkiner Memorial Field Station breed comparison trial of 2001, FW's lambs had the fastest growing lambs of all sires of all breeds. FW was one of two foundation sires of the RAMCO stud. He was used extensively over the years in many ET programs and was known as the "go to" ram because of the consistent quality of his progeny. FW sons currently being used in ET/AI programs are 99-0004 & 99-0011

2. **The SIMKIN family**

Big Bob 99-0018 x Simkin 96-0237
Little Bob 05-1010 x Big Bob (165 kgs in show prep)
Victor 07-0012 x Little Bob

A sire line that is breeding on. Powerful hindquarters with exceptional bone and excellent wool.

3. **The De Wet (RDW) family**

01-0015 was imported as an embryo from South Africa of pure RDW blood. He was champion ram at Dubbo in 2003.

His sire son Slater 04-0357 bred the Supreme exhibit at the Royal Adelaide Prime Sams feature breed show in 2007 namely ewe 06-0540 Sugar.



Sugar 06-0540

4. The HVN family

Marnie 01-0024 HVN 97-0065
HVN 93-0200

Pure Marnie van Nierkerk blood. A sire of sires. Sold to the Tonnison stud Artunga at Hamilton, Vic. And subsequently purchased by the Bradshaw family at Springhurst NSW.

Marnie sired RAMCO 05-0152 who sired 07-0171 (Sally) the Supreme exhibit at Bendigo in 2008 and Dubbo in 2009 and 08-0343 (Scotty) a full brother to Sally. Scotty is retained at stud. Scotty rates excellently in progeny growth rates tests. In 2011 his progeny showed 42% of his lambs exceeding 40kgs at weaning (15 weeks)

5. The JVB x HVN / BOSS family

The Boss has been a sire of sires for RAMCO The result of an in-house ET program, the Boss was Grand Champion ram at Bendigo in 2008 and Dubbo in 2009 . The Boss sired the



Kid 08-0485 in 2008. The Kid is retained at stud. The Kid was 1st in his class at Bendigo in 2009 and sired Sunny 10-0041 Champion Ram and Supreme exhibit at Bendigo in 2011. Sonny is also retained at stud. The Boss also sired Little Boss 09-0071 who when group mated with the Kid in 2011 had 53% of lamb progeny exceed 40kgs at weaning (15 weeks)

The Kid 08-0485 JVB 98-0211
The Boss JVB 06-0012 HVN 94-0130

6. The JVB "1202" family

JVB 98-0211
JVB 06-1202 JVB 95-0238

1202 is also a sire of sires. He is an ET ram of pure JVB (South African) blood and a half brother to The Boss (see above) 1202 is the sire of the Wagin Supreme interbreed champion Rockdale 08-0004. 1202 is also the sire of RAMCO Henry 09-0468. Henry was champion junior ram at Bendigo in 2010. Henry was chosen by the Samm breeders at Bendigo Show to represent the breed in the AWEX breeds compendium. Henry went on to win Supreme Exhibit titles at NSW State Sheep Show – Dubbo 2011, Temora in 2010 and in Narrandera 2011. Henry and his half brother 09-0413 (Collingwood) are both twins and combined they produced 60 out of 138 lambs (44%) over 40 kgs at weaning. Collingwood has a double cross of JVB 98-0211 in his pedigree, both parents having been imported embryos. This ram has huge genetic potential.

7. The HVN x JVB “Mardi Gras” family

06-0031 Mardi Gras

HVN 98-0101

JVB 99-0183



Mardi Gras 05-0031



Mardi Gras Wool

Mardi Gras has faultless confirmation with a great topline, a high tail setting and excellent wool. He was used at Lawral Park stud in South Australia at his first joining and proved to be very successful especially over “Rockdale 101” ewes.

Through our internal 2009 ET program he has produced one of our top three reserve rams. He is a very sound and safe sire to use.

8. The RDW x Greyling family

De Wet 06-0583
09-0210 Long Cut
Greyling 97-0198



Long Cut 09 – 0210

De Wet 06-0583
09-0212 Muscles
Greyling 99-0023



Muscles 09 - 0212

This is a relatively new family being from our most recently imported embryos from South Africa. The De Wet sire used, De Wet 06-0583 is an extremely well muscled and imposing animal which sold for a record Sannam sire price in South Africa.

Muscles has a very high strike rate for producing heavy weaners (40.3% in excess of 40 kgs) His lambs are like their sire, being shorter in the body and leg but very muscled in the hindquarter with excellent conformation and wool type. They are exciting lambs.

Long Cut is a distinct and different type of ram, and excellent of that type. We selected him for that reason. With extra length of loin he is a big leggy ram and is breeding excellent females.

Both these rams have excellent wool. We chose the Greyling cross because of the stud's reputation in breeding the best wool in South Africa.

9. The RAMCO "Little Campbell" family

Little Campbell 08-0542 is by Lawral Park 06-6029(CB), who was Champion Ram at the



2007 Royal Adelaide feature breed show out of RAMCO 06-0540 (Sugar) who was Supreme Champion at the same Adelaide show.

Little Campbell is bred in the purple and was himself Grand Champion at the Royal Adelaide Show in 2009. His progeny are living up to the fathers pedigree. His sons topped our recent Katunga ram sale for both price and sire averages.

They are very showy sheep with excellent wool coverage and finish. Superbly structured they perform well for 200 day growth but won't be over big as adults.

Little Campbell will breed excellent show sheep.