



The Gree Hogget Lambing 2011



Animal Health

6 in 1 – Tailing and Weaning

Drench – November (Nematodirus), January, March, May

Minimal drenching – 3 or 4 drenches

Flexidine, Toxo and Campylobacter – March/April

Management

Shearing – Late March

Teasers – April for 17 days

Rams – ½ Wiltshires ½ Greeline ram lambs at 1:40 ratio

3rd May – 29th May (26 days)

Ram lambs harnessed. Marked hogget's drafted off after 12 days

Mating feeding – 4 paddock rotation (ab-lib feed). Hogget's mobbed up each day

Winter feeding – Daily shifts on young paddocks. Aim for hogget's to gain weight

Data

Numbers mated – 481 hogget's mated

Weight – 43kg going to the ram

Hogget's showing no oestrus – 16 not marked after 26 days (3.3%)

Scanning – 139% to hogget's mated

| Breed | Dry | Single | Twin | Triplet | Total | % to ram |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|------------|
| Wiltshire | 10 (14%) | 28 (38%) | 36 (49%) | | 74 | 135 |
| Greeline | 36 (10%) | 162 (43%) | 171 (45%) | 8 (2%) | 377 | 144 |
| Texel | 2 (7%) | 16 (53%) | 12 (40%) | | 30 | 133 |
| Total | 48 (10%) | 206 (43%) | 219 (46%) | 8 (1%) | 481 | 139 |

433 hogget's scanned inlamb @ 154%. 48 dries sold

Late Pregnancy Management

Winter management – All inlamb hogget's remain in one mob until a month out from lambing and then separated into multiples / singles

Feeding – Multiples ab-lib on young grass. Singles feed at maintenance for 3 weeks then ab-lib for last week of pregnancy. Ram crayon colours used as a management tool

6 in 1 and Extenders – Administered 2 weeks pre lamb

Lambing Management

Twins – Set stocked at 14 hogget's/ha with paddocks split in half. Provided plenty of shelter and quality pastures (young grass). Checked 2 to 3 times a day

Singles – Shedded off as required between 3 small breaks. Once lambled provide quality pastures (young grass). Checked 3 to 4 times a day

Hope for great lambing weather as we got for hogget lambing 2011!

Tailing Analysis

116 % lambs tailed to hogget's mated (558 lambs tailed / 481 hogget's mated)

84 % survival - lambs tailed to lambs expected (558 lambs tailed / 668 lambs scanned).

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Scanning % | 152 % | 127 % | 139 % |
| Lambing % | 112 % | 100 % | 116 % |
| Survival % | 74 % | 78 % | 84 % |

134 % thru pen – lambs tailed to hogget's present at tailing (558 lambs tailed / 415 hogget's at tailing)

86 % hogget's rearing lambs – hogget's thru tailing pen to hogget's mated (415 hogget's at tailing / 481 hogget's mated)

| Hogget's 2011 | Number | % |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Tailing Pen | 415 | 86 |
| Dry | 48 | 10 |
| Wet Dry including slips | 8 | 2 |
| Deaths | 5 | 1 |
| Unaccounted for | 5 | 1 |



The Gree Mixed Ages Ewes 2011



Management

Shearing – Late February. Ewes uddered again

Rams – Recorded ewes single sire mated 4th April. Commercial ewes mob mated 26th April. Terminal sire with harness out with ewes after one cycle (17days)

Winter feeding – Daily shifts supplemented with silage

Scanning – 194% to ewes mated

Late Pregnancy Management

Winter management – All ewes remain in one mob until 1st August when the triplet ewes are separated and preferentially feed. Mid-August early twins are separated, leaving late multiples and singles on daily shifts with silage if required

6 in 1 – Administered 2 weeks pre lamb. Ewes are never drenched.

Lambing Management

Triplets – Set stocked at 12 ewes/ha with paddocks split in half. Provided plenty of shelter and quality pastures

Twins – Set stocked at 14 ewes/ha. **Singles** – Rotationally grazed 20 ewes/ha

Tailing Analysis

168 % lambs tailed to ewes mated

87 % survival - lambs tailed to lambs expected

173 % thru pen – lambs tailed to ewes present at tailing

95 % ewes rearing lambs – ewes thru tailing pen to ewes mated

| Ewes 2011 | Number | % |
|-------------------------|--------|-----|
| Tailing Pen | 1555 | 95 |
| Dry | 38 | 2.3 |
| Wet Dry including slips | 22 | 1.3 |
| Deaths | 16 | 1 |
| Unaccounted for | 7 | 0.4 |

| Ewes Deaths 2011 | Number | % |
|---------------------------|--------|----|
| Cast | 5 | 31 |
| Blood Poisoning/Infection | 4 | 25 |
| Light Condition | 3 | 19 |
| Milk Fever | 2 | 13 |
| Intestines | 1 | 6 |
| Rotten Lambs | 1 | 6 |



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The Gree, Winton – Field Day Wednesday 16th November

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Sheep genetics--- Using SIL records to best advantage when selecting rams

Farm area: 271 hectares; Lease out 110 hectares; waste 10 hectares

Area for sheep: 151 hectares.

Sheep wintered 2011

Ewes 1663; includes Hayden’s 70 Texels

Ewe hoggets 433

Ram hoggets 114

Lambs killed 2010-11

Number : 2101

Average weight: 18.34kgs

Average price: \$120.07

Nett return from sheep:

Meat 88%

Wool 12%