



**1560/03 CPT 2006**



**1645/07 CPT 2010**

## **GREELINE WELCOMES THE NEXT GENERATION**

It's with my great pleasure I welcome you all to my first Spring Newsletter. Most of you will be aware that, after managing the Greeline Stud for Kerry Dunlop for the past six years, I was given a fantastic opportunity to purchase the Greeline stud from Kerry in April. I believe I have the passion required to ensure the Greeline stud continues to produce genetics equal to the best in New Zealand.

I would like to acknowledge Kerry's contribution to the sheep industry over the past forty years and more recently the development of the high performing Greeline composite. A group of friends, clients and fellow breeders celebrated Kerry's sheep breeding achievement's in late April. During the night we heard from Eoin Garden (long standing client of thirty plus years), Murray Rohloff (previous breeding partner), Robin Campbell and Peter Black (both fellow ram breeders). It was a fantastic night had by all and Kerry was certainly deserving of all the accolades during the evening

After a favourable winter and a kind September for many, October proved to be a constant battle against the weather. In particular those of you who lamb later, lamb hoggets and for everyone trying to get the lambs tailed, proved to be a real struggle. Despite coming off a summer drought and that the ewes were settling into a new property three weeks prior to mating, the Greeline ewes achieved 160% from a 190% scanning (84% survival). My short term goal is to achieve 170% from the ewes and 120% from the hoggets.

### **BENCHMARKING AND EVALUATION**

Greeline has been established for twelve years now and has been stabilised for the past six years. Through participation with the Central Progeny Test (CPT), progeny from Greeline 1560/03 (in 2006), 1645/07 (in 2010) and 349/10 (recently in 2012) have been evaluated. It is pleasing to note 1560/03 still ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> for Eye Muscle Area and 1645/07 4<sup>th</sup> for Growth and Meat. These results demonstrate that the Greeline produce genetics equal to the best in NZ.

For the 2012 mating I have used a number of different rams through swapping rams with other breeders and the use of Artificial Insemination (AI). This year I have used TEFROM's, Textra's, Suffolk, Coopworth and a number of Texel rams. Of these rams, 5 have been used in the 2012 CPT, which will provide strong links for the Greeline stud to the sheep industry.

## BREEDING GROUPS

I'm part of two breeding groups; Alpha Sheep Genetics and Southern Texel Breeders. This gives me opportunities to not only benchmark the Greeline against other flocks but to inject similar genetics into the Greeline, therefore increasing the genetic pool of the Greeline. The Alpha Sheep Genetics is a group of 16 breeders with 23 different flocks from predominately around Southland with similar breeding objectives. I'm the current Secretary of the Southern Texel Breeders and have been for the past two years. I believe the Texel breed (as a pure bred or as part of a composite) has a lot to offer the New Zealand sheep industry.

## TEXEL AND SUFFOLK TEXEL

I have been using AI for the past four matings, using both Terminal and Dual Purpose Texel rams. For the 2012 mating, due to demand from clients I have used a Suffolk ram (Y302/07) over some of my Texel ewes with the aim of making a dark faced Terminal sire (Suffolk Texel). This will give clients an exciting option of combining the Texels, high yielding carcass with the Suffolk's high growth rates to produce high yielding fast maturing lambs for export.



**Brenley 66/08**



**Waterton Y302/07**

**Brenley 66/08** – A Dual Purpose Texel Ram I used through AI in 2012 mating. This ram was chosen by the Southern Texel Breeders to represent the Texel breed for Dual Purpose in CPT for the 2012 mating. **Waterton Y302/07** - Ranked 2nd for the Terminal Sire Index, growth and meat yield in the NZ Suffolk analysis (May 2011). This ram was chosen by NZ Suffolk to represent the Suffolk breed for Terminal Sire in CPT for the 2012 mating.

It is pleasing to see the progress I have made with the Texels over the past four years, in particular the meat yield, with 90% of the cull Texel stud lambs qualifying for the yield payment. For those of you who supply Alliance you can compare your yield results with the cull Texel lambs from last season. For this coming season I will compare the Greeline, Texel/Coopworth, Texel and Suffolk/Texel for meat yield.

<b>Alliance Group Client Summary 2011-2012 Season. Hayden Peter Trust - Texel</b>		
	<b>2011-12 Qualifying %</b>	<b>Actual Yield %</b>
Leg 21.10% yield and over	97%	23.97%
Loin 13.50% yield and over	95%	15.78%
Shoulder 16.40% yield and over	96%	18.44%
Qualifying number of lambs with combined Leg, Loin, Shoulder all above threshold	<b>90%</b>	<b>Total Yield 58.19%</b>

## **ELECTRONIC (EID) TAGGING OF STUD LAMBS**

This year has been one of changes for the Greeline Stud and EID tagging of all Stud lambs is another exciting feature. EID will give increased accuracy, speed and ease of data transfer to SIL. There are definitely further opportunities to capture more data and this will evolve over time as we find ways to making our farming system more efficient. One thing I will be implementing in the coming season is a profile of ewe liveweight and body condition score



throughout the year.

**EID tags that I used for tagging lambs at birth during the 2012 lambing.**

## **TIME AND LOCATION OF RAM SELLING 2013**

I'm planning on selling the 2th Rams on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January; please note this in your diaries. The Greeline Stud is now located at Waimahaka and for a vast majority of the clients who travel via Mataura, driving to select your rams will be 20km closer than when the rams were based at The Gree (65km vs 43km from Mataura). Please refer to attached map for further details.

## **CLOSING SUMMARY**

One of the benefits of ram breeding is hearing the success stories of clients using Greeline rams, such as the Price's (refer to attached testimonial). I will do further profiles of clients over the next year and if you would like to be part of this please let me know. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year to discuss any breeding matters you may have.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support over the past six years and look forward to you all being part of the next exciting phase of my sheep breeding career.

Wishing you and all your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all at the new home of the Greeline, Waimahaka to pick your rams in January.

Kind Regards,

Hayden Peter

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## **Testimonial from Julian and Sharyn Price, Oamaru.**

We have a small intensive breeding and finishing farm running sheep and beef cows in dryland North Otago. On a small farm every lamb must survive and we expect ewes to wean their mating weight or more. We concentrated on lambing percentage (over 200% since 2006, based on John Galloway's Ferryby genetics) but when our drafter muttered darkly about the meat attributes of our ewes we decided to show him what could be done. The Greeline sounded ideal for a shot of muscling while holding lamb and milk output. Better feet, high lamb survival and continued good mothering were also important to us.

Our oldest Greeline crosses lambed for the third time in 2012 so we are starting to see the Greeline effects in our ewes. Last season over 91% of eligible lambs met Alliance Group's yield criteria; 40% of the works lambs went by Christmas (lambing from 30<sup>th</sup> August) at an average 18.3 kg.

We have lost nothing in fecundity and continue to scan around 3.4% per kg ewe mating weight. We were a bit concerned when the two tooth ewe scanned a record 249% (at 71 kg) but they tailed 23

0% (over ewes mated) and most have reared very well. Drafting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 highlighted some two tooth ewes raising more than 100 kg of triplets by 90 days and several lost their twin ram lambs to this first draft (at 36+ kg liveweight).



**A two tooth ewe with her 90 day old triplets that have grown in excess of 300grams/day (lambs total 100kg). ½ Greeline two tooth ewe and ¾ Greeline lambs.**

The Greeline crosses are quiet, easy to work with and excellent mothers. Feet have definitely improved and this year's very wet August showed the superiority of the hoggets and two tooth ewes compared with older non-Greeline ewes.

**Julian and Sharyn Price**  
***Creedmoor***  
**Oamaru**

I will endeavour to add further information to the website [greelinesheep.co.nz](http://greelinesheep.co.nz) as the Price's and their outstanding results achieved from the Greeline ewes make for very interesting reading. They have ewes in their flock that wean in excess of 170% of the ewes bodyweight and their hoggets lamb at over 130% to the ram.

**Please feel free to phone and ask them about their experiences with the Greeline; Julian 027 439 5960 and Sharyn 027 439 0055 or at home 03 439 5960.**

## **Greeline Has a Proud New Owner**

It gives me great pleasure to have passed on the Greeline genetics to Hayden Peter.

Hayden has already had six year's experience as stock manager working with the sheep at The Gree. For the last three years he has been selling rams to clients.

I have confidence that Hayden will continue to maintain the emphasis on breeding sheep that are structurally sound and are performance recorded. This combination gives ram buyers the opportunity to select rams which will breed the most profitable sheep possible.

Greeline is a pioneer flock for performance recording. We joined the first national flock recording scheme in 1968 which was run by the then Ministry of Agriculture. Details of the history of sheep breeding at The Gree can be found on the Greeline website [greelinesheep.co.nz](http://greelinesheep.co.nz)

It is an advantage to have new blood as Hayden will take up suitable new technologies as they become available to speed up genetic improvement. He is also part of the Alpha sheep group. This is consistent with The Gree's involvement with group breeding schemes over the years. Now more than ever a breed as much has less significance. It is the genetic package that matters and I'm sure that Hayden's clients will continue to enjoy genetics which are equal to the best in New Zealand.

I wish Hayden and his clients all the best for a profitable future.

**Kind Regards,  
Kerry Dunlop  
Quail Rise, Queenstown**



**I'm on behalf of all the Greeline clients, I wish Kerry and Kit all the best for the many happy years ahead in Quail Rise. I'm sure Kerry would welcome a visit from you, if you happen to be passing through.**

## RAM ORDER 2013

Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Tel; \_\_\_\_\_

Email; \_\_\_\_\_ Mob; \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Hayden,

I/We require

**2th Rams available early January 2013** \_\_\_\_\_ Greeline  
\_\_\_\_\_ ½ Texel ½ Coopworth

Ram lambs have been purchased for a number of years by clients who have expressed satisfaction. Provided they are removed from the ewes and are wintered in a separate mob, they will grow out to their full mature size. A very good selection is available in each category.

**Ram lambs available in early March 2013** \_\_\_\_\_ Greeline  
\_\_\_\_\_ ½ Texel ½ Coopworth  
\_\_\_\_\_ Texel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Suffolk Texel

I/we will expect a phone call from you to arrange a suitable date for selection

I/we will be unavailable for the following dates in \_\_\_\_\_ January  
\_\_\_\_\_ March

Yours Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate from which price category you wish to select: Note only Greeline and ½ Texel ½ Coopworth 2th Rams available at \$1100. Rams are priced according to their index ranking for production on SIL (Sheep Improvement Limited). Potential Stud Sires have been DNA tested for resistance to Footrot and the presence of MyoMAX for the past 9 years.

	<b>Greeline</b>	<b>½ Texel ½ Coop</b>	<b>Texel</b>	<b>Suffolk Texel</b>
<b>\$1100</b>			N/A	N/A
<b>\$850</b>				N/A
<b>\$650</b>				

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