



John MacPherson with some of the F1 Prime SAMM lambs which averaged \$3.70/kg.

“They’re a tough breed,” he said.
“They have done well.”

John is obviously not alone in his views, and the proof is in the strong prices they have received, at around the 330c/kg mark last year and 370c/kg this year.

They had F1 Prime SAMM ewes that had been joined to a Poll Dorset, which lambed in September and were sold over the hooks within four and a half to five months.

“They yielded at about 46pc,” he said.

“These lambs weren’t hand fed either; they were just on barley stubble on their mothers.”

More recent results had also been encouraging, when at the beginning of July this year John and Cheryl sold 107 March-shorn lambs to the Australian Lamb Company, at an average carcass weight of 24.4kg to see \$3.70/kg.

The lambs had an average live weight of 48kg, with an impressive yield of 50pc.

The season so far was looking promising for John and Cheryl, with some good rains having generated green feed resulting in them slowing down the hand feeding of their stock.

John said if it rained during spring, they would be looking at a bumper season.

In the future, given the relatively strong wool market of late, John and Cheryl plan on sticking to the path they are on in terms of fine wool production and John said they may even sell some wethers and expand the ewe enterprise.

He said he would like to see Prime SAMM breeders concentrate a bit more on the wool side of things and breed towards a finer and whiter wool.

“You don’t get the premium like you do for Merino wool, but you get far more in the end,” he said.

“The Prime SAMMs are going to give me a better cash flow at the end of the day.”

Punari Prime SAMM

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Tuesday, October 16, 2007 Wednesday, July 18, 2007



Punari rams



Pure 2006 Punari ewe with twins



SAMM - Merino x ewes
2007 ET lambs

Attributes of the Punari SAMM

- Flexibility to change, to capitalise on the markets, be it meat or wool.
- A Self Replacing flock, a viable proposition for producers.
- Ewes have strong maternal traits, milking ability to rear multiples under tough conditions.
- Rams constitution of hardiness mixed with fertility, good muscling, fast growth rates are suitable for producers who value their wool clip.

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