

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Hello All,

Seems ages since we made contact with you. I am afraid 2017 has not been the best year for us personally but as for the property and Stud it has been excellent.

After coming out of a very wet winter and spring in 2016 the stock started to do their best which resulted in good ram sales. We did not need to feed at all during the winter of 2017 and the wool clip was most pleasing. Our clip was once again classed by Andrew and later sold at auction with some 70 bales in the Reda contract. The adult sheep cut over \$70 per head. The 2yr olds cut well and produced good length even though they were late shorn in 2016 due to the wet weather. We have recently shorn the hoggets and Scott classed this clip. Owing to a good season and more oats to graze on they cut good heavy fleeces resembling 2tooth wool instead of hoggets. Not sold yet.

The spring of 2017 was late due to repeated frosts and dry weather however with rain starting to fall in October and continuing until late October the grass is shooting away and the country looks beautiful.

The rams for next years sales have done particularly well and are showing the increased body weight we have been striving for without losing their spinner's superfine wool quality. A full catalogue of sale rams will be available on the Web Site before Christmas.

We have had a hiccup with our Web Site due to the death of a family member but with a new IT man we are about to get a new face lift with some fresh news and photos. We hope you will enjoy the new look and we apologize for not having updated long before this.

This is only the end of October but knowing how time flies it will be Christmas before we know it. Our best wishes to you all and we hope that we can catch up early in the New Year.

Regards Leo, Judy, Scott & Brad.

P.S. early December. As we are adding more to our Web page thought we could update the last two months.

What is the wool market doing?? Just hope that everyone gets a bite of the cherry for as sure as "God made little apples" this market cannot keep going up, but then we have been saying that for months now. Just having the opportunity to put out more fertilizer, update machinery etc,etc gives us all a warm feeling inside (and a smile on the face of our bank managers) Prices for surplus sheep have never been higher. The best of luck to you all as you sell surplus flock numbers over the next few months.

Christmas is upon us now and it looks as though it will be a green one as we are still getting storms and showers.

Hope to see you all at the New England Field Days on 12th and 13th January where we can personally wish you a very happy 2018.