Yardstick
Merino Sire Evaluation Update
2025 Drop

This update offers a snapshot of the results collected so far on the 2025 Drop at the Yardstick trial, which is a collaboration of The Federation of Performance Sheep Breeders WA (Inc), local breeders, industry representatives and hosted by DPIRD, Katanning. These sheep will be showcased at a Field Day planned for October 2026, with a full report published after being further assessed, including full wool measurements and classing at the hogget stage.

Explanation of Traits and Stage Codes Reported

WT:	Body weight (kg)
CS:	Condition Score
WEC:	Worm Egg Count (%)

BRWR:	Breech Wrinkle	**BCOV:**	Breech Cover

M	Marking - 14 to 39 days (2 to 6 weeks)
W	Weaning - 40 to 149 days (6 weeks to 5 months)

Flock Breeding Values (FBVs) are also available in Sire Evaluation reports and are provided for the following traits. This includes records collected on all stages throughout the trial.

EBRWR:	Early Breech Wrinkle	**EBCOV:**	Early Breech Cover

The highest performing 3 (or more if equal) sires for each trait (trait leaders) are highlighted by shading.

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2025 Drop – Adjusted Sire Means

Weight and Condition Score

Breeders flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny	Adjusted Sire Means	
		WWT (kg)	CS Weaning
Anderson Poll, 220417	55	30.0	3.5
Benefield Poll, 200055 (Link Sire)	51	29.4	3.4
Billandri Poll, 230524	42	30.2	3.5
Boolading Blues Poll, 230438	55	29.4	3.4
Coromandel Poll, 240139	55	29.2	3.4
Darkan RBC Poll, 210335	46	29.8	3.5
Edale, 22Z121	54	30.0	3.5
Ejanding Poll, 215492 (Link Sire)	54	29.9	3.4
Glenerin, 230446	55	27.4	3.4
Hazeldean, 000440	50	27.8	3.4
Wattle Dale, 222094	57	30.6	3.5
Wiringa Park Poll, 241400	50	28.0	3.4
Progeny group average	**52**	**29.3** kg	**3.4**

Number of Progeny is at Weaning

Adjusted Sire Means are the average performance of all the progeny of a sire adjusted for the progeny's birth type, rear type, age of dam, management group and the number of progeny a sire has in the analysis. Adjustments improve the accuracy of the result and adjustments are based on the actual influence of these factors on the drop. No account is made for trait heritability and genetic correlations between traits. The overall progeny group mean is also reported.

2025 Drop – Adjusted Sire Means

Visual Traits

Breeders flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny	Breech Scores Marking BRWR	Breech Scores Marking BCOV
Anderson Poll, 220417	55	2.0	2.9
Benefield Poll, 200055 (Link Sire)	51	1.7	2.9
Billandri Poll, 230524	42	3.1	3.3
Boolading Blues Poll, 230438	55	3.0	3.2
Coromandel Poll, 240139	55	2.7	3.2
Darkan RBC Poll, 210335	46	2.5	3.1
Edale, 22Z121	54	3.3	3.2
Ejanding Poll, 215492 (Link Sire)	54	2.8	3.2
Glenerin, 230446	55	2.8	2.9
Hazeldean, 000440	50	2.9	3.5
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2025 Drop – Flock Breeding Values

Weight and WEC

Breeders flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny	Flock Breeding Values	
		WWT (kg)	WWEC (%)
Anderson Poll, 220417	55	1.8	-88.5
Benefield Poll, 200055 (Link Sire)	51	0.5	3.2
Billandri Poll, 230524	42	2.2	22.4
Boolading Blues Poll, 230438	55	-0.8	24.8
Coromandel Poll, 240139	55	0.1	-8.1
Darkan RBC Poll, 210335	46	2.0	-2.6
Edale, 22Z121	54	1.4	47.0
Ejanding Poll, 215492 (Link Sire)	54	0.8	25.7
Glenerin, 230446	55	-4.0	-8.5
Hazeldean, 000440	50	-2.1	39.7
Wattle Dale, 222094	57	2.1	30.3
Wiringa Park Poll, 241400	50	-3.1	8.3

Number of Progeny is at Weaning

FBVs are calculated from data recorded within-site and within-drop and express the expected genetic performance of a sire relative to another sire in the evaluation (when mated to the same standard of ewes). FBVs improve the accuracy of sire results because they account for the association between traits, the heritability of the trait, and non-genetic affects such as birth and rear type, sex (see adjustments listed earlier), and the number of progeny a sire has in the analysis. FBVs are calculated using all measured assessments up to the stage which is reported.

2025 Drop – Flock Breeding Values

Visual Traits

Breeders flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny	Flock Breeding Values	
		EBRWR	EBCOV
Anderson Poll, 220417	55	-1.32	-0.41
Benefield Poll, 200055 (Link Sire)	51	-1.73	-0.40
Billandri Poll, 230524	42	0.80	0.18
Boolading Blues Poll, 230438	55	0.55	0.03
Coromandel Poll, 240139	55	-0.06	0.08
Darkan RBC Poll, 210335	46	-0.36	-0.07
Edale, 22Z121	54	0.94	0.20
Ejanding Poll, 215492 (Link Sire)	54	0.04	0.04
Glenerin, 230446	55	0.20	-0.41
Hazeldean, 000440	50	0.16	0.52
Wattle Dale, 222094	57	1.15	0.19
Wiringa Park Poll, 241400	50	-0.04	0.13

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