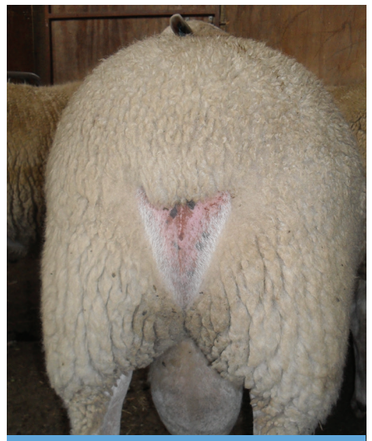
Snowline™ Rams background

Bare Pattern Index

We have been selecting for bare pattern index for the last approximately 15 years in all our Snowline Sheep.



Pattern Index 2



Pattern Index 3



Pattern Index 4

All sale rams this year have a minimum bare pattern of 2.
We had an outstanding result 96% were medium or high for carla.

We think this great carla result was from the last 30 years of culling for dags.
Last year Cheddar Valley Station achieved 150% lambing totally unshepherded, thats ewes to the ram. They also left 1500 lambs with tails on and entire. they would usually get 40% to the works of mum. **They got 90% of mum at 18.2kg.**



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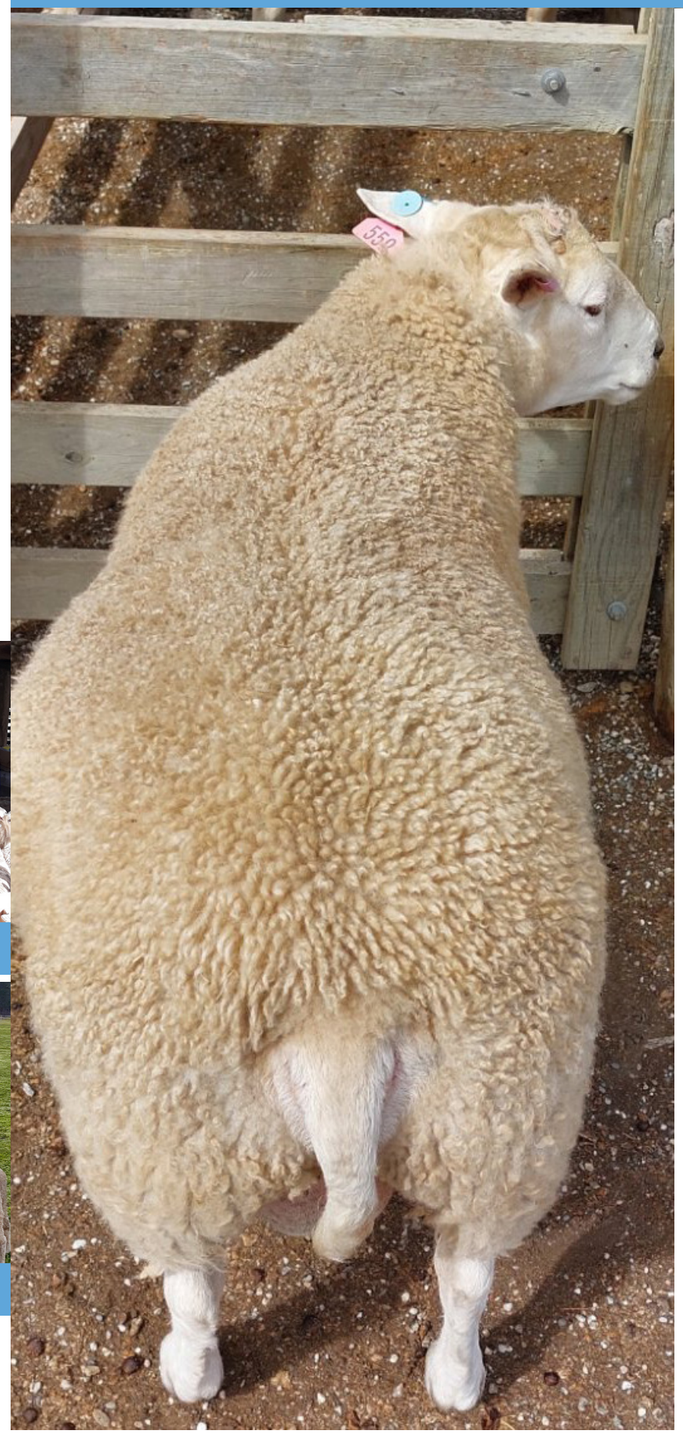
Why are many farmers at the moment thinking the only two options available are:



1 **Sticking with traditional wool breeding**

OR

2 **Going to shedding breeds and having NO wool.**

Why not seriously consider the **safe, middle ground option** of retaining wool and setting out on a proven breeding programme to **hugely reduce crutching and dagging and eventually tailing.**

While retaining mid micron 25-30 mc wool which always returns a premium above 31 + micron wool.

This is our new purchased ram.
Ex Tex ram 559/22 (**NZMW + M 3650**)
Who has an exceptional carcase and mid micron wool.

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Our client feedback

Talking to all of our clients at 2TH ram selling, the two biggest concerns that they had were:

(1) They want to stick with wool, but are **sick of dagging and crutching**. They are seeing a huge reduction in the number of lambs **needing dagged for the works**. All clients want us to continue baring the points and the back end to **reduce workload.**

All sale rams have to have a **minimum of 2 bare pattern index**. We are now starting to get quite a % of rams that have **very short wool on the tail** which is ideal for leaving tails on works lambs.

(2) Their other concern is that the looming drench resistance across many New Zealand farms, and what to do about it. **Our Snowline carla test results for all our sale rams proved 96% carrying medium to high carla, which is a great result. This is giving our clients confidence that we are seriously breeding and culling for increasing worm tolerance in our Snowline sheep.**

We are seeing a huge reduction in the number of lambs needing dagged for works.

There are now approximately 759,000 sheep in NZ carrying at least 50% Snowline genetics.

Our Snowline™ ram hogget proposal

For this Autumn mating 2024



We are fully aware of the financial stress most New Zealand sheep farmers are under at the present time. We are offering this **affordable option** for new clients to **try out our genetics without having to commit to a high capital input.**

This option is for both **ewes** or **ewe hogget mating.**

(A) The ram hoggets will have a **minimum 2 bare pattern index.**
(B) They are all sired by **high test carla rams.**
(C) They are all **multiples**.
(D) They have been bred **totally unshepherded** on "**Cheddar Valley Station**"and on "**Kinaston Run**".
(E) They will have been microned and are all **24 to 30** micron.
(F) They all carry the **cold tolerance survival gene.**
(1) We recommend 1 R/H per 100 ewes and 1 R/H per 70 ewe hoggets.
(2) The price is $350+ GST per ram hogget.
(3) However we provide 20% extra R/H at **no cost.**
(4) This equates to **$291 for each ram supplied.**

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