



# Meatmaster Ram Information



We started Meatmaster breeding in 1994 utilizing our own excellent Damara and Dorper stud sheep of more than a 1000 ewes each. In 2000 all crossbreeding was stopped and only pure Meatmaster sheep bred. In 1994 we already started recording and performance testing making this the **OLDEST MEATMASTER STUD IN THE WORLD**. We do everything right to offer you the **best and most profitable Meatmasters available. Winner best smalstock herd in S.A. 2015 and 2019** Rams from birth run only on veld with rock salt as their only supplement. Sale rams fed for month on veld before sale All Rams used for own use were in amongst the ewes from November to mid January 2020 Rams are selected for resistance against parasites, but for your safety were injected with a broad spectrum dose All the rams were inoculated for Pulpy Kidney and with Rev1 and as lambs for Bluetongue. Rams also tested for Brucella ovis, Brucella Melitensis and other sexually transmitted disease. Rams are also tested for fertility.

**It is extremely important to select a Meatmaster to meet your need and will do well under your specific conditions.**

For cross breeding purposes or for better growth just buy rams with the highest **GR (growth index.)**

To improve maternal traits like more milk, higher fertility, more multiple births select for highest **Rep. index.**

For tough and difficult sheep farming conditions always select a sheep with **more body fat and less muscling.**

For average sheep farming conditions and Meatmaster breeding select for sheep with the best balance . **LMI index**

**At COLLETT FARMING** we don't believe in licks or feeding our sheep other than for six weeks before a sale if necessary.

**Feeding negatively affects our breeding values. We focus on improving sheep genetically, not deception by feeding,**

## **BLUP values and the Expected results**

BLUP values don't take into account only the animals own performance but also that of all ancestors and descendants, making it the most accurate genetic information available at present on which to do selection for all measured traits. Breeding values are given as a index 100 is the average, above 100 better, below 100 weaker.

## **EXPLANATION OF CATALOGUE INFORMATION :**

**Status:** Birth Status eg. Single, twin or triplet.

**Generation:** Appendix : A - B - C - SP. Indicating how pure-bred the animal is.

**Wean Dir. Ind:** It is the direct effect of genes for growth to age of weaning. Influenced also by functional efficiency and adaption to environment.

**Wean Mat. Ind:** It is the effect the ewe or mother's genes have on weaning weight by influencing mainly milk production and mothering instinct.

**Acc. %:** This value indicates the accuracy of the breeding values. The more usable information available the higher and more dependable the Acc becomes. Below 30% undependable - above 70% highly dependable.

**Post Wean Dir Ind :** It is the direct effect of growth genes influenced also by functional efficiency and adaption to environment for growth post weaning.

**Growth Ind :** Combination of all genes for growth. Also influenced by functional efficiency and adaption to environment.

**Rep Ind :** Ind. Includes all traits to best ensure you of good fertility, lambs that survive and able to grow well.

**LMI :**Logix merit inditches is a single index combining all the genetic potential of a sheep to grow, reproduce and generate income

**Dam lamb record : 1st:** Age to first lamb in months. - **ILP:** Interlambing period in days. - **TL:** Times lambd - **LB:** lambs born.

**LW:** Lambs weaned - **EPI:** Ewe production index. Compares the ewes production to all her contemporaries in the stud