



# Meatmaster Ewe 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 small stock heard in S.A. 2015/17 and 2019**

All Meatmaster ewes run year round only on veldt with rock salt.

Ewes are selected for resistance against parasites, but for your safety were injected with a broad spectrum dose.

Ewes mated as stated in the catalogue.

All the ewes were inoculated for Pulpy kidney, Enzootic abortion & Pasteurella and as lambs for Bluetongue

All Green tag ewes (weaned lambs January) fed for a month before sale on the veld- rest sold just off the veld.

## Presentation

Ewes are sold in groups of five with odd exceptions. Groups are identified by the alphabetical letter after the lot Nu.

**N.B. If a buyer offers R7000 or more for a group he has the right to choose any of the individual lots. If less than R7000 he has to take the whole group or up the bid to R7000 to choose.**

**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 sheep with 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 :** Includes all related genes to ensure you of good fertility, lambs that survive and able to add value.

**LMI :** Logix merit ind. This is a single index combining all the genetic potential of a sheep to grow, reproduce, survive and generate maximum profit.

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

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