

DECEMBER 2022

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL

I'm amazed at how quickly another year has raced towards the end, either the years are getting faster or I'm getting slower!

2022 has seen very good market product prices (lets' not mention wool) for lamb and mutton, difficult growing conditions with drought in the south, floods and heavy rain further north. The on farm inflation I mentioned coming in last years' letter is upon us and really is out of control.

Our wonderful government continues to throw everything at the Ag sector including the kitchen sink in order to make us 'BETTER' and world leaders. My personal opinion on the mass tree planting of our sheep and beef farmland is that it's utter madness, nothing about it makes sense for our economy, climate or NZ citizens in the future, the only thing it has going for it is that under the current mismanagement it makes a few people money! Talking of mismanagement as a past director of Beef & Lamb I really think our sector groups got the HWEN wrong. While I totally understand how difficult it is to negotiate with government and multiple groups you have a very weak position if you are not prepared to say NO! That makes the likely hood of a good deal near impossible, which is where we are at!



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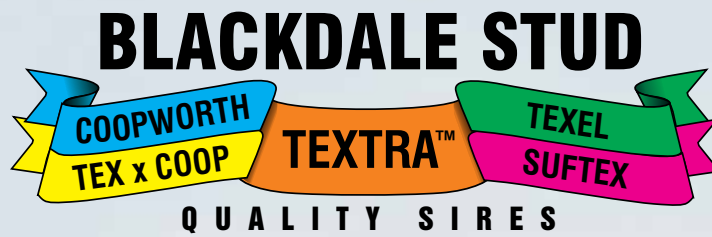
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RAM ORDERS FOR 2023

Please return your order form by 30 December 2022 using the enclosed reply paid envelope or emailing to blackdale70@gmail.com. Phone orders are welcome on 021 855 106 or try evenings on (03) 224 6106. Please indicate the number of rams required and the preferred price option. Also indicate any special requirements we could help you with.

We intend to start private selling for two tooth rams in late January/early February while ram hoggets will be offered in March after scanning.



ACCOUNT PAYMENT

As per 2022 just a reminder that to keep it fair for all that all accounts are now just payable 20th of the month. Clients with purchases of 10 years plus will be offered an automatic 5% off their purchases.

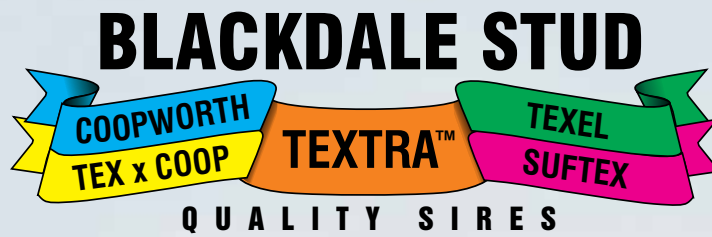
RAM FAIRS

The Southern Texel Breeders Ram Fair will be held at the Gore A&P Showgrounds on Tuesday 17th January 2023 with selling commencing at 1.30pm. Inspection is prior. We will be putting forward a top team of Blackdale bred genetics.

BRUCellosis ACCREDITATION

Blackdale remains brucellosis free following our annual blood tests.



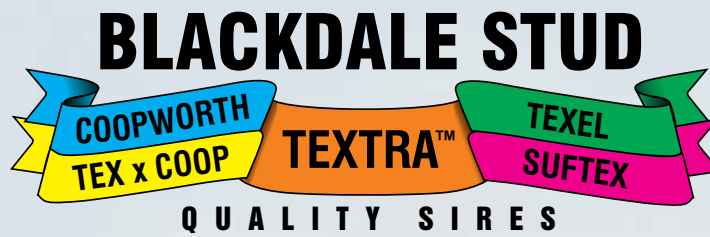


BALLANCE FARM AWARDS

Wendy and I were really stoked to have Blackdale win the Southland Ballance Environment Awards - Beef & Lamb Livestock Award and also the Massey University Innovation Award. Along with our Catchment Group the Pourakino Catchment Conservation Trust taking the NZ Landcare Trust Award. Kevin Hall was the Regional winner with a very intensive, high tech dairy system. Some of you might of read I'm a greenie by default, which you all are as farmers, stewards of your land and environment. More and more environmental planning, oversight and big brother stuff is on us. I have been at the front of this for some time and the need to front foot this is critical.

At Blackdale we have had several projects around the environment space and are currently doing another, we have to get common sense into some of the policy and also real science behind us. I know some farmers want all this stuff to go away, have been planting the roadsides and trying to hide - wrong. Blackdale is open and our practice is available for scrutiny. Along with you our valued client, we welcome several groups to visit every year, overseas guests, we have a German film crew here this December on environment issues, discussion groups, Lincoln student annual tour, Road Scholar groups, Fish and Game, Environment Southland, Ministers and MP's. It all takes time but if we don't talk to and show our on farm challenges then others set the tone of conversation around farming. For one of the groups I worked out how many measures of animals performance we do - answer over 30,000 which go into finding the best genetics we can.





TEXELS

Along with a lovely hot summer and autumn which was great at the Riverton beach "but" really shit at the growing grass and feeding stock we spent a small fortune on hay and baleage to make up for feed not grown. Blackdale was privileged, at the ram sale held in January 2022 by fetching the top price ram of the year for \$20,000. This was super special for Mum and Dad as it was the last crop of Texels they bred with Wendy and I taking over the Texel and Texel Suffolk flocks 2 years ago. Garth and Chris Shaw won a very hot battle with several Texel breeders all wanting the ram.

Currently I am the Southern Texel Breeders Club Chairperson and we hosted a great day at Blackdale last autumn with the methane trailer in action (thanks to Holly and son Daniel on the day), 3 science and vet speakers on short tail, clean bum selection, methane reduction, lamb presentation and carcasses. The Texel Club has just had a day out at Mark and Tania Shallards and it was great to see new breeders and some very good stock presented. I've recently come back from judging Texels at the Christchurch Show and really enjoyed the challenge of placing good stock.

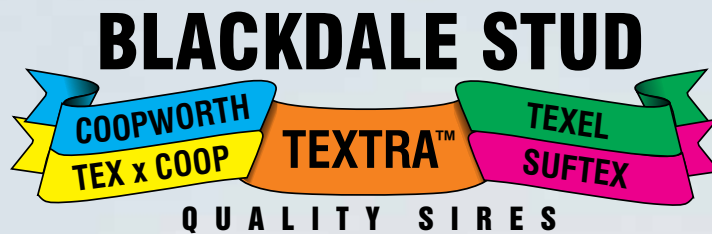


SCANNING AND SPRING TIME LAMBING 2022

On farm we had like many a reduced scanning due to drought and my own evaluation was 15-20% of ewes were sub-par body condition. The end result is 161% weaning to the ram although the hoggets did well and have made 95%. The lambs have had a good start, September was the best spring we have had in years, early October mid hogget lambing we had 3 days of rain, hail and cold wind but after that good growing conditions. I've got grass! We lambed 10 days later than normal hoping for feed in Spring, that seems to have paid off. So with lambing ewes September we have not tailed the first 3 weeks of flock lambs. I'm pretty stoked to have got away 10% of all works lambs in November at over 18kg average and an average age of 75 days old. Given where the companies are sending the schedule early lamb is good lamb.

We had a good team of Wendy, Holly and a German lass Aenna for 6 weeks. That got us through lambing, tailing and tagging some 3500 stud lambs.





RAMS

The rams are also looking like they wanna do something, after a tough start they are looking awesome. They were shorn 2 weeks later (mid November) as I was up at Christchurch show. I got to know our boys shearing all 500 and I had a few bruises on the old body. The good news is they will be sorted for this mating so no need to take home and shear. If you want some of these bruising beasts please email or return the order form and I hope to kick off selling about late January. Please do me a favour and check your current team out, make sure they are prepped and in good order. With current inputs on farm you only want to get the rams you need, if you can estimate your numbers required to within one or two that would be great. I don't want to sell rams that don't get used well and you don't want to invest any more in genetics than what you need.

FAMILY

Wendy is still with me! - but she has taken to going away abit. Starting in September she takes tours of Americans as a guide from Invercargill to Riverton (sometimes Blackdale too), round the coast to Te Anau, Milford Sound and Queenstown for about 4 days. In her spare time Wendy is Treasurer and Bar Manager for the Riverton Rugby Club, involved with the Riverton Community House, Floral Art Club and Chairperson of Thornbury Rural Women.

Jessica has been an Economics Consultant in central Wellington but is busting outta there in 2023 to go travel overseas.

Daniel is still working for the Gray family on Hakataramea Valley Station and enjoying it.

Olivia is at Bidfood Invercargill as Nightshift Supervisor but is hoping to move to days and get a life back. For a 20 year old work from 5pm through to 5 or 8am is a big ask on your social life.

Maggie has had an interesting year up at Rolleston College, they have an open learning school and it's a bit different from the 200 kids at Aparima to 1600 at Rolly. 2023 will see her back home and into the NCEA years at Aparima.



FLOCK EVALUATIONS

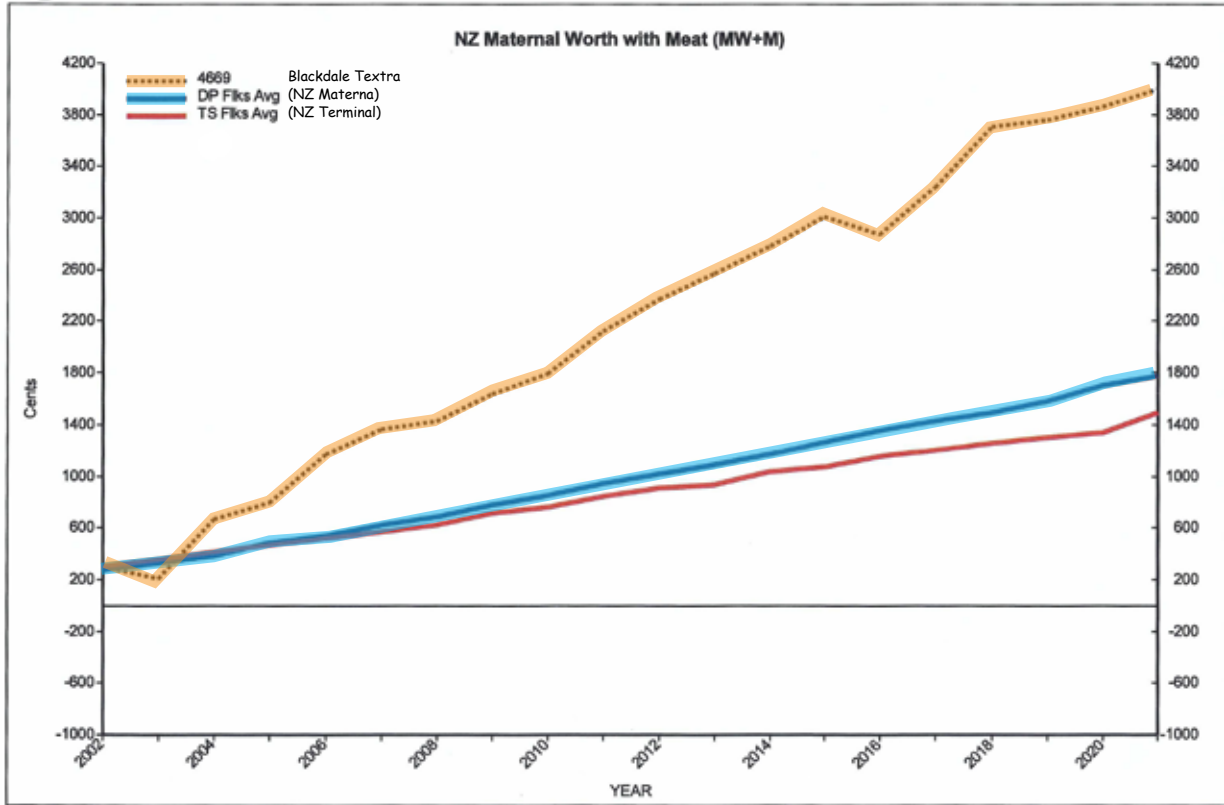
Our flocks continue to do well in National Evaluations and we hope they do well in your operation. Included in this are some of our genetic reports and how we stack up to industry performance.



Genetic Trends

for Flock 4669
 GE Analysis #39583 22/7/2022 Analysis Flocks: 1,2,7,8 + 1372 others

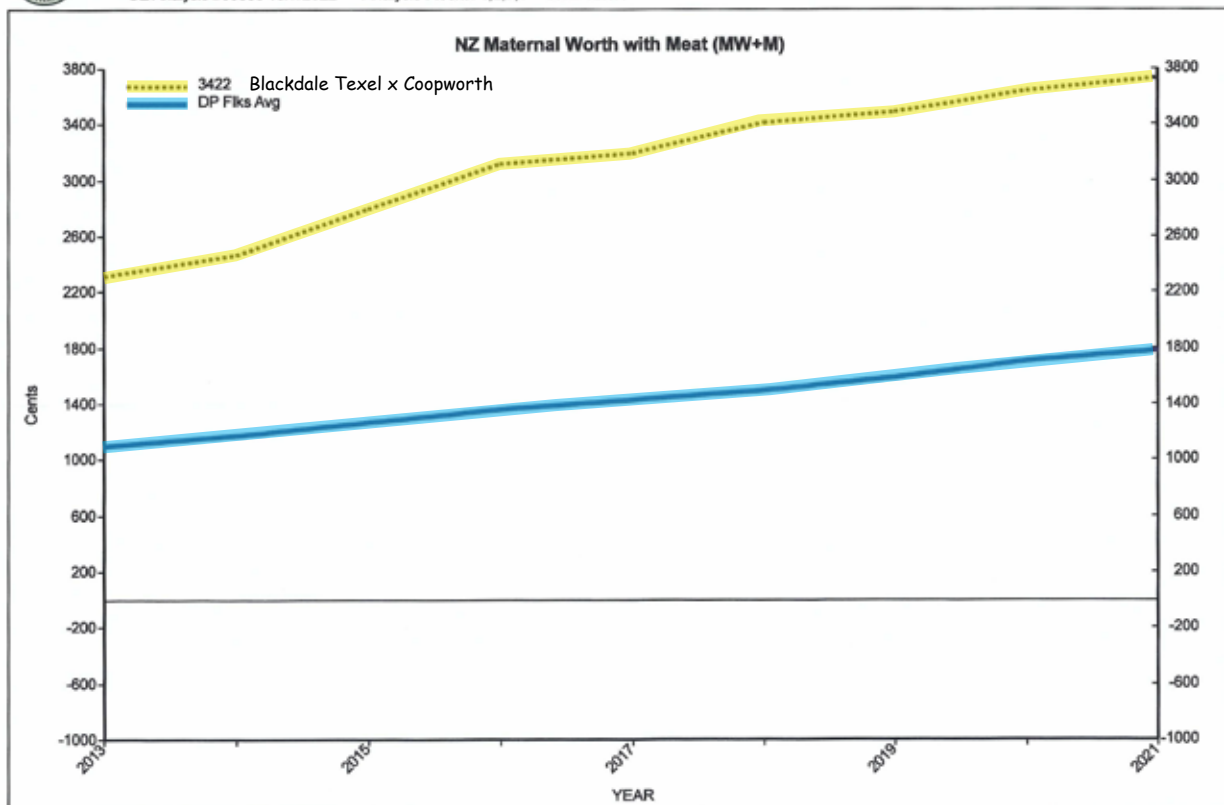
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Genetic Trends

for Flock 3422
 GE Analysis #39565 15/7/2022 Analysis Flocks: 1,2,7,8 + 1372 others

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NZGE NZ Maternal Worth with Meat



3 year Sire Summary

Report Flocks **Too many Flocks to list (79 report Flocks)**
 Flock Prefix **Multiple Flocks**
 Flock Owner
 Flock Sire/Dam Breeds
 Report Sorted By *** MW+M**

Number of Sires **200 / 1547**
 Date Report Run **8-Jun-2022 08:50**
 Report No. **2162009**
 Report Birth Period **2019 to 2021**

TOP NZ SIREs

Genetic Analysis No. **39485** Date Breeding Values Created **27-May-2022 19:00**
 Analysis Birth Period **1995 to 2022** Base Year **1995**
 Analysis Flocks **Too many Flocks to list (1370 Flocks in the analysis)**
 Goal Trait Groups **Bare Points; Body Condition Score; CarLA; Dag Score; Facial Eczema; Growth; Hgt Lambing; Meat Yield; Methane; Reproducti**
 Genetic Analysis Codes **Pregscan in Reproduction (if no NLB); Reproduction excludes LW8; Trait data excluded from GE; GBVs calculated**
 Data Exclusion Set **Permanent**



Explanation of Indexes

NZ Maternal Worth with Meat

SIL Dual Purpose Adult Size
 SIL Dual Purpose Capped Reproduction
 SIL Dual Purpose Lamb Growth
 SIL Dual Purpose Lamb Growth + Adult Size
 SIL Dual Purpose Meat Yield
 SIL Dual Purpose Survival
 SIL Dual Purpose Wool

(* MW+M) $\epsilon = (* DPA) + (* DPCR) + (* DPG) + (* DPM) + (* DPS) + (* DPW)$
 (* DPA) $\epsilon = -147 \times EWTgBV$
 (* DPCR) $\epsilon = \text{non-linear index}$
 (* DPG) $\epsilon = 122 \times WWTgBV + 140 \times WWTMgBV + 467 \times CWgBV$
 (DPG+A) $\epsilon = 122 \times WWTgBV + 140 \times WWTMgBV + 467 \times CWgBV - 147 \times EWTgBV$
 (* DPM) $\epsilon = 791 \times LNLYgBV + 555 \times HQLYgBV + 419 \times SHLYgBV + 467 \times CWYgBV$
 (* DPS) $\epsilon = 12274 \times SURgBV + 11136 \times SURMgBV$
 (* DPW) $\epsilon = 153 \times FW12gBV + 341 \times LFWgBV + 443 \times EFWgBV$

Explanation of Breeding Values

CWgBV = Carcass weight gBV
 EWTgBV = Ewe live weight gBV
 LFWgBV = Lamb fleece weight gBV
 SURgBV = Lamb survival gBV
 WWTMgBV = Weaning weight maternal gBV

CWYgBV = Carcass weight yield gBV
 FW12gBV = Fleece weight 12 gBV
 LNLYgBV = Loin lean yield gBV
 SURMgBV = Survival maternal gBV

EFWgBV = Ewe fleece weight gBV
 HQLYgBV = Hindquarter lean yield gBV
 SHLYgBV = Shoulder lean yield gBV
 WWTgBV = Weaning weight gBV

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Period **2019 to 2021**

SFIk	Sire	DFIk	Dam	Flock	Id	*MW+M	acc%	rank	*DPCR	acc%	*DPS	acc%	DPG+A	acc%	*DPW	acc%	*DPM	acc%	Genetic Vision
4669	565/16	4669	344/16	4669	511/19	5496	70	1	486	49	440	45	2698	86	278	63	1594	67	Composite
2672	44/12	719	137/12	3422	C596/15	5271	87	2	681	84	585	73	2451	98	198	71	1356	77	CoopTex
3422	C596/15	4669	C362/15	3422	1282/19	4984	75	3	286	51	321	52	2254	91	493	66	1630	73	CoopTex
4669	416/13	4669	683/16	4669	670/20	4928	70	4	571	55	254	50	2449	82	584	54	1070	70	Composite
4669	711/12	4669	324/10	4669	416/13	4927	94	5	684	97	486	89	2677	100	420	76	659	89	Composite
3422	C596/15	719	322/09	719	65/16	4859	88	6	578	88	316	73	2626	98	320	71	1019	76	Coopworth
4669	648/18	4669	688/16	4669	471/19	4851	70	7	320	42	7	43	2814	87	311	61	1398	71	Composite
4669	416/13	4669	243/16	4669	166/20	4844	71	8	467	55	206	52	2482	84	543	55	1146	70	Composite
2638	1140/19	2638	228/16	2638	1307/20	4787	71	9	663	40	618	41	1823	86	467	52	1215	88	Composite
4669	120/18	4669	598/16	4669	496/19	4782	75	10	275	44	487	52	2647	92	446	68	928	74	Composite
2672	44/12	719	147/13	3422	C362/15	4711	91	11	721	89	481	76	2224	98	-99	71	1385	90	CoopTex
4669	611/17	4669	327/15	4669	648/18	4698	75	12	510	62	-63	48	2611	91	195	66	1445	71	Composite
719	32/16	719	158/13	719	97/18	4647	71	13	632	56	487	43	1996	87	540	63	992	67	Coopworth
5000	396/16	4474	841/15	4474	78/20	4636	73	14	480	52	550	50	1967	87	149	46	1491	77	TEFRom
4669	696/12	4669	831/13	4669	565/16	4628	85	15	485	78	627	68	2248	98	91	71	1179	77	Composite
712	63/15	712	127/12	712	3/17	4524	76	16	698	64	792	50	1965	89	529	62	539	75	Coopworth
4669	416/13	4474	691/16	4474	6/18	4510	85	17	407	72	319	67	2910	95	116	74	759	88	TEFRom
2974	611/12	2974	335/12	2974	12520/13	4503	92	18	527	95	988	81	1426	99	279	66	1282	90	Texel
2638	1719/19	2638	235/18	2638	1327/20	4465	71	19	748	36	1233	39	1589	87	410	53	485	88	Composite
1138	537/15	1138	242/12	1138	312/17	4453	81	20	546	60	539	58	1638	92	273	68	1457	92	Composite
719	142/12	4474	150/17	4474	49/19	4451	79	21	370	54	803	64	2180	93	303	61	794	80	TEFRom
3422	C668/14	3422	C724/13	3422	C8/17	4423	84	22	-257	79	487	64	2566	97	188	71	1439	76	CoopTex
3411	134/16	4474	450/16	4474	1071/18	4390	74	23	759	50	1094	49	1915	90	-202	63	824	77	TEFRom
2638	1149/18	2638	201/17	2638	1351/19	4386	74	24	747	44	644	44	1909	89	439	64	648	87	Composite
2672	471/15	2672	528/15	2672	54/17	4377	82	25	419	67	224	65	1981	96	439	65	1314	76	Texel
2749	1974/16	4474	316/17	4474	100/19	4350	79	26	609	54	1214	62	1507	92	134	60	886	81	TEFRom
4851	578/16	4851	257/15	4851	52/18	4345	78	27	569	51	781	55	2142	94	122	70	731	76	Coopworth
4474	6/18	4474	1594/16	4474	628/20	4330	71	28	564	47	55	48	2629	87	161	45	921	75	TEFRom
4474	807/07	4669	1352/08	4669	711/12	4322	94	29	875	95	449	87	1901	99	573	74	525	90	Composite
712	3/17	712	304/15	712	36/19	4316	73	30	777	43	819	50	1967	90	434	61	319	75	Coopworth
4669	416/13	4669	431/12	4669	307/15	4314	81	31	444	71	447	60	2179	94	326	68	918	76	Composite
2638	1105/17	2638	538/14	2638	1362/20	4300	74	32	992	52	785	48	1466	88	204	54	853	87	Composite
2629	1317/18	2629	1903/16	2629	344/19	4294	73	33	840	46	536	46	1758	88	400	63	761	78	Romney
4669	862/14	4669	833/14	4669	120/18	4279	80	34	-176	73	421	56	2832	94	285	68	917	72	Composite
2638	1456/19	2638	480/18	2638	1464/20	4253	70	35	686	38	835	40	1757	86	269	53	707	87	Composite



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We always welcome communication with our clients so please get in touch if you'd like to have a chat. If you haven't already be sure to have a look at the Blackdale website and facebook page. Our facebook page continues to get more and more followers and likes. We try to keep this up to date and relevant to what we are doing. Any ideas of what you would like to see there let us know.

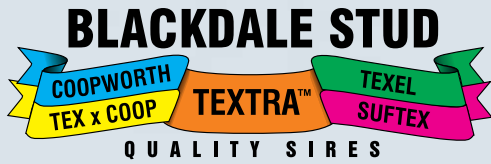
From everyone at Blackdale we wish our clients and their families a very safe and Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. All the very best for a settled and successful season and we look forward to seeing you in the coming months

Kind regards
Leon, Wendy, Peter and Marion

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RAM ORDER FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY 30 DECEMBER 2022

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

NZ Elite Sires (Top 5% in NZ) Maternal Breed \$1500

No of Rams required:.....

Texel.....

Texel x Coopworth

Textra

TEXEL ORDERS - No. of Rams required:

Price bracket requested (range \$600-\$1250):

TEXEL x COOPWORTH ORDERS

No. of Texel x Coopworth two tooth rams required:

Price bracket requested (range \$600-\$1250):

TEXTRA ORDERS - No. of Textra two tooth rams required:

Price bracket requested (range \$600-\$1250):

TEXEL X SUFFOLK ORDERS - No. of Texel x Suffolk two tooth rams required:

Price bracket requested (range \$600-\$1000):

RAM HOGGETS FOR MARCH PICK-UP

No. of Pure Texel Ram Hoggets required:.....

Price bracket requested (\$500-\$700):.....

No. of Texel x Coopworth Ram Hoggets required:.....

Price bracket requested (\$500-\$700):

No. of Textra Ram Hoggets required:

Price bracket requested (\$500-\$700):.....

No. of Texel x Suffolk Ram Hoggets required:

Price bracket requested (\$500-\$700):

TEASERS available \$300 each - required numbers

Comment/Special requirements _____