

# KIKITANGEO

## CATALOGUE ADDENDUM

This addendum to the catalogue is designed to assist potential buyers in their decision making at our forthcoming and final sale.

Firstly there are three corrections / changes (that we are aware of at this stage);

- (a) Unfortunately the contact details for PGG Wrightson, who are conducting the sale, have been deleted in error from the front page of the catalogue and are as follows;

Grant Palliser	027 5902 201
Cam Higgle	027 5018 182
Bernie McGahan	027 5902 210

- (b) Page 14 - Lot 20A – the ram number is **305-20**, and  
(c) there **will** be **one** pick allowed per pen for the ewes.

### Size

Over the years there has been a perception by buyers especially south of Auckland that our sheep are genetically predisposed to be smaller. Ram buyers did not realise that the lack of size is due to environmental conditions and genetics are not involved. Buyers have found that KIKI rams continue to grow in the second year and are equal in size to their southern counterparts at the 4tooth stage.

### Worm Resistance

There are no guidelines relating to worm resistance because no breeder or research establishment has been successful in achieving this goal. Many advisors, including Worm-wise presenters, have claimed that breeding for this trait would have a negative effect on productive traits and especially growth. This theory was that the energy required to achieve worm resistance would be diverted away from productive traits and therefore these would suffer. Sadly this notion was accepted as fact. There have been no trials to compare the productive traits of resistant sheep with their non-resistant counterparts or the longevity of either groups or the overall health. Now we have highly worm resistant sheep, trials are essential and would be a world first.

### Faming Media Articles

Since the NZ Farmer publication folded I lost the forum for articles I was pleased to contribute free of charge. The editor of CountryWide has indicated he would publish articles he considered would fit their style. Hopefully after the sale I will have time to make a contribution.

### More Information on sires that may be helpful

Many of my current sires go back to KIKI G323-09 who was a fine physical specimen that bred both ewes and rams that were well above average. His daughters appear in the catalogue as "K" ewes in the years 2011 – 2014. He was the sire of K815-12, one of the best sires ever for quality and performance. He was used extensively for two years when he died of Johnes disease. His daughters, the "G's" of 2014 – 2015 were outstanding and figure in the catalogue. Ten sons were tried in the stud, the best being G197-14 and G121-15.

## **Sires Of The Catalogued Sheep**

**KIKI G197-14** - a thick stocky sheep, very correct structurally. Sold earlier this year to long time stud breeder Richard Brown of Fielding. Richard has informed me he has 100 progeny and that he has no intention of drenching them. In my opinion drenching them would be a waste of time and drench. Currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in NZ in the latest NZGE TRAIT Leader Worm FEC.

**KIKI D316-16** - A son of G197-14 with far better NLB figures. Used as a ram lamb with both ram and ewe progeny being well above average. Later, when tested for F.E. at 0.60 he had a severe reaction of over 1500. The only one of many sons of G197-14 on three properties to have had such a reaction. I wondered if he had also had a field challenge when he mated with ewes in a separate paddock. Four sons were tested at 0.50, three were nil and slight, with one having a moderate reaction. He showed no clinical signs, was off colour for a week or two then recovered. I was very disappointed and sent him to Peter Moore of Nelson. He then went on to Andrew Mitchell of Southland where he bred exceptionally well. I decided to use him at home as sometimes it is wise to take one step back in one trait in order to take two steps forward in other traits. He is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in NZ for DPF. Was used by two stud breeders in Canterbury this year.

**KIKI H30-16** – By an outstanding Abbott sire 509-13. Although not an attractive sheep he has bred particularly well with good DPF figures, especially when mated with “D” strain ewes.

**KIKI D314-17** – By G197-14. Physically only an average sheep but used because of his background. He had by far the lowest FEC with his first sons averaging a DPF of just short of a thousand. Some of the best all round rams in the sale are by this sire. Unfortunately he was trapped in a fence with his harness which resulted in a wound which failed to heal and he had to be put down. Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in NZ for DPF – 1132 – about 150 ahead of the second ram.

**KIKI V839-19** – A son of D314-17 was sold to Murray Quinn - Northland.

Of the other younger sires in the catalogue it is too soon to evaluate them on performance.

We are hoping that there will be a video presentation on the website of the rams for sale. More information on our website later.

Finally remember all animals presented for sale, be they top, average or below average will reflect the average of our KIKI flock. Please note that there will be **no** selling of our stud sheep after the sale.

Good luck and thank you to all those who have supported Kikitangeo Stud in the past.

Gordon Levet