



# Poll Dorsets for...

## Rapid growth rate, Superior fleshing, Muscular development

The Poll Dorset is a short wool, meat producing animal, and is by far the most popular of the terminal sire breeds for the production of prime lambs in Australia

Prime lambs are produced mainly from mating Poll Dorset rams to cross bred Merino and Merino purebred mothers.



The breed, developed in Australia from 1937 - 1954 by introducing the poll gene into Dorset Horn flocks from two other poll breeds and following a strict back-mating programme to achieve close to 100% of Dorset Horn blood. The characteristics of the breed such as rapid growth rate, superior fleshing and muscular development make them ideally suited for the meat trade.

Poll Dorset genes have also been a major contributor to the developing White Suffolk breed and almost all other prime lamb composite breeds in Australia.

## Great Market Appeal

The modern Poll Dorset offers -

- high growth rates
- excellent red meat yield
- ability to mate all year round
- ease of lambing
- quick set back recovery
- the capacity to overcome adverse seasonal conditions
- the ability to finish stock as a prime article
- and has great appeal in the market place

They are renowned for their superior taste and tenderness, which is inherent in Poll Dorset sired lamb.

Lambs sired by Poll Dorsets can satisfy the lightweight Middle Eastern Market at 12 to 15kg; the local market at 18 to 22kg; or the export market to the USA at 20 to 25kg or heavier.

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