

Texels meating the demand

WITH a key focus on quality and performance, Chris and Tania Parker's Summit Park Texel stud at Hamilton in Victoria's western district is showing that there is on-going and increasing demand for Texels and

Texel sired lambs in the market place.

The Parker's are hitting their performance goals by recording accurate data and pedigree records. With a focus on traits of sound structure, low birth weight, high growth and muscling

and low worm egg counts, only the most sound breeding stock are used in the stud.

The results speak for themselves with the high quality lambs produced and recent show results achieved.

Summit Park uses AI and ET to gain optimum use of sires and incorporates a range of genetics from their own rams as well as other bloodlines. When combined with paddock mating, lambing is timed to a condensed period with

all lambs weighed and tagged at birth.

'We are breeding rams that will produce 24kg carcass weight lambs, but still have the right conformation to turn them off at 18kg. The Texel is well suited and can do a multiple of things, including using them as both terminal and maternal sires,' Chris said. 'Investing in a Texel ram won't break the budget, but it will increase your

bottom line.'

The stud has also invested in using the Total Genetic Resource Management (TGRM) program which monitors EBVs and matches the best rams with ewes for genetic outcome using sheep pedigrees and performance data. By using these multiple monitoring tools when breeding, a solid foundation for breeding is produced.

'We have a good even

group of progeny and less extreme differences. Performance and quality is the result,' Chris said.

Summit Park will hold their second annual Ram Sale with Cloven Hills on October 12 at the Casterton Showgrounds, with an Open Day on October 2.

'We are always open for inspection of our stock and invite people to come and look,' Chris said.



SUMMIT Park Texel Rams

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