



# PETERS GENETICS

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## Out of the mouth of babes "Teamwork Granddad".

Recently Karen and I spent time with the North Island family as the parents finally went on their "honeymoon" for a week. Recovering from a right knee op, I wasn't a lot of use to Karen with the three ratbags, meaning Karen had four ratbags to control! After the older two hopped on the school bus, 4-year-old Rosie and I got on with the family chores. The first thing was to see how the new deer netting fence around the dog kennels was going to work to keep them in. Rosie climbs over the gate and tells me to wait outside so I don't get knocked over. She lets all the dogs out and by the time she'd finished, there was one dog remaining in the pen. She walks back to me muttering under her breathe "I told Dad it wouldn't work! Granddad, we've got to fix it". A four-meter-long strainer post was laying close by and she wanted to move it to block the hole. However, she could not move it and looked at me and said, "teamwork Granddad, teamwork". I put my crutch down and tried to take a little more than half the weight. "Come on Granddad we can do this, and the hole is covered."

**"The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side". Margaret Carty.**

On the farming scene, **every drip means quite a bit**, as I see it. Everyone is demanding more, and our costs are going up really quickly. The bottom line is we must produce more, and work more efficiently; so from us here at Peters Genetics, who want you to maintain costs, there will be no price rises so you farmers can capitalise on another good year to set things up when prices may fluctuate. My prediction of positive prices still gets the tick.

On the Peters family scene down south, our children now own their own farms and we are proud of them. While recovering from my knee op and being a weekend farmer, I have been scheming, so watch this space. Cheers, Trevor



*Rosie, enjoying farm life*

## Winning Formula

### 2018 Country Wide West Otago Two-tooth competition winners.

A tried and trusted formula of good genetics and feeding stock well has proven to be a winning one for Clayton and Jeannette – a good ewe which produces twins, has plenty of milk to feed the lambs and can recover well. That is, put the weight on again quickly. "Constitution is a big thing as the longer a ewe lasts the more it will produce for you."

Well done, Clayton and Jeannette – follow this link for The Country Wide June 2018, pg. 50 article:

[http://issuu.com/nzfarmlifemedia/docs/cw\\_-june\\_2018?e=30859997/61417514](http://issuu.com/nzfarmlifemedia/docs/cw_-june_2018?e=30859997/61417514)



Trevor on crutches



Clayton and Josh Peters

As I write this, we are fast approaching Spring in this neck of the woods; always a time that the farming community look forward to as it not only signals that Winter is on the way out but also the anticipation of a new season with all the hope that it brings. After what has generally been a kind Winter, if not a bit wet at times, the grass covers around the South Island seem to be ahead of schedule which is pleasing. Prices for most produce are at great levels, especially lamb & mutton, and it's great to see the sheep industry getting their turn at the top!

Beef is holding up as well and there is some fantastic money out there for forward store straight beef cattle - once again the Angus breed leading the way! On the beef topic, we had our first Winter bull sale on the 1st of June at Teviot Valley. We were rapt with the support from clients after changing from the Spring sale, almost achieving total clearance and a \$7,000 average was pleasing. Mention must go to Shane for the top job he did in getting the bulls in great order - quite a few months ahead of past timing. This was all done on grass and baleage/hay so naturally conditioned which is the way we operate at Peters Genetics. This is an important contribution to the longevity of our bulls and is borne out by comments from our clients as to the soundness and long life of most of the bulls.

On the sheep front, the ram hoggets were shorn last week and they have come out of the wool really well. Nice job done by the shearers. We have partnered with Abacus Bio this year with some exciting initiatives on stud ram and ewe selections. I believe this partnership will bear fruit in the near future. I'm about to tour around the South initially, then further North after that so hope to catch up with as many of you as possible. Please don't hesitate to ring me if you want a visit at any time (027 333 2421). Wishing everyone a warm & growthy Spring and positive prices in the coming season.

Kind regards, Brent Taylor (Rubber)



Rubber



### *Peters Genetics 2 Tooth Ewes*

"We are really happy with the direction the studs have taken over the years. The feedback we have received from you, our ram and bull buyers, has been very positive and given us confidence to move forward each year. That continues this year with us engaging AbacusBio, a genetics consultancy in Dunedin. AbacusBio have reviewed the stud operation and together we are developing a plan, looking at our longer-term breeding strategy. Farming is constantly changing, and we need to make sure that Peters Genetics is keeping up with that change in the interests of commercial farming.

Clayton and Morgan, in particular, are see an opportunity to harness all of the effort that we have invested over the years, but also consider ways to prepare the stud for the future of sheep farming. The Romneys are stand out performers for many of you, but we are working on how we use new technologies and breeding strategy to generate an even better genetic package. DNA technology is one area we are looking into. We are also looking at other studs that are aligned with our selection policies and swapping rams for a win:win. We are trialling some excellent rams from north island Romney breeders Mike Warren of Turanganui and Forbes Cameron of Ngaio Glen this year.

Using advice, technology and new genetics strategically, will help us deliver the rams and bulls that you are asking for. We are humbled by the trust that you place in us each year to present a line of new sires in such a way that all you have to do is turn up and choose the ones you like the look of, knowing that genetically they can do the business. We are also conscious, however, of the fact that some are asking for information such as NZ Maternal Worth Index figures from SIL. We are confident that this year's rams will again meet the needs of all our current customers, but we are also ensuring that we satisfy the demands of farming's future. Peters Genetics is committed to delivering serious commercial genetics that fits the requirements of farmers throughout New Zealand."

## Farming city boy's dream

Christchurch schoolboy Angus Grant farms his own flock of sheep on the city outskirts. Coming from a city upbringing hasn't stopped Angus Grant, 16, from beating other farm-based teens in a national farming competition. Together with Nick O'Connor, 15, the nephew of Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor, the pair, both year 11 pupils at St Bede's College in Christchurch, took top honours at the national finals of TeenAg, in Invercargill. TeenAg and AgriKidsNZ are run by NZ Young Farmers to attract students into the agri-food sector. Trevor and Peters Genetics have enjoyed following their progress and encouraging Angus with his farming passion.



Angus, TP and Nick.

## Morgan's Brief

Morgan and Megan still concentrating on breeding objectives. Every drop means quite a lot. Another Peters Genetics springing into the world. Good birth weight, etc... Scanning of all the ewes went really well. All looking rosy!



Megan, Morgan & Colton

## Market Trends

Record high lamb prices have been welcomed. Markets are starting to push back with some consumers looking for alternative proteins. However, prices appear robust with prices out to late December no lower than \$6.50 cpk. Droughts in UK and Europe are forcing product out early, but our peak lamb flows will not occur until after Christmas.

The trade war between China and USA creates uncertainty but market demand in China is seeing marginal increases.

The Middle East market continues to remain steady on low in-market inventories. Demand in USA markets continues but the market is now requiring Antibiotic Free (ABF) lamb. Overall another positive year ahead for our lamb coupled with a lower NZ \$ assisting better returns.

Murray Behrent, Alliance



Morgan & Clayton, Centurion players awarded blazers, Heriot Rugby Club.

## Clayton's Brief

Scanning still good with 10% less triplets over all, which suits us fine and 2% dry over everything which isn't too bad after such a dry summer. All set to go for the spring, looking great, touch wood. As a side line, as if I'm not busy enough, I'm enjoying being an assistant coach to the Otago U48kg rugby team. Cheers, Clayton

## Mt Brown ½ Breds

As spring has arrived again the farm is looking great, so will be enjoyable set stocking the ewes as I have plenty of feed.

Ewes scanned well this year doing 188% which is up about 10% on last year.

Ram hoggets have done well considering they went through one of the driest summers I have experienced, but then the rain came, and it hasn't looked back. Their eye muscles scanning was well up this year which I am very pleased with as this is where I have been trying to improve - awesome. This has also reflected in their six-month weight which averaged 50 kg.

Don has done Micron Testing which has gone up a little, but wool quality is great, talking to all the wool guys it is quite common for micron to be a little stronger in a warm winter like we have had so I guess it's not too bad. Micron averaged 24.8.

Next is shearing ram hoggets and ewe hoggets and lambing so looking forward to that. See you in the summer.

Stacey Anderson/Lowey



Enclosed is your ram order form, please fill in and return by 31 October, or submit online

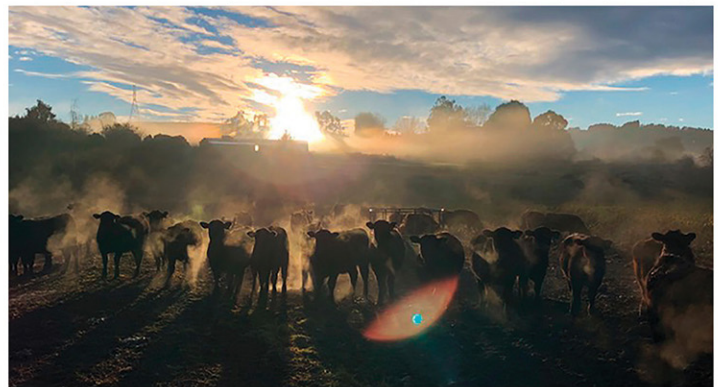


Shane Carter  
Stud Master



At Peters Angus  
Bull Sale 2018

Andy Thompson (The Muster) & Jane Allan (Angus NZ)



R1 Heifers steaming ahead. Pic: Jane Allan, NZ Angus

## Client Comments

- ✦ *Scanning fab-ewe-lous. Can we produce a ewe with four tits?*
- ✦ *A neighbour in Te Anau commented to our client on how good his Angus calves were and asked where he got his bulls from? The value of "word of mouth". Peters Angus of course.*
- ✦ *Quotes of "the best lambing ever" was music to our ears last ram selling season. That along with rising prices completely matches our mission statement to earn more dollars for you.*
- ✦ *Every drop means quite a lot, when it's from Peters Genetics.*

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