

# Waipuna Maternal

## Maximizing your grass into dollars



**Waipuna Maternal outperforms other sheep breeds on all classes of hill country**

**Waipuna Maternal is a productive, efficient, FE tolerant and resilient sheep, with proven results whether it's on tough hill country or excelling as a very high performer under easier farming conditions**

Waipuna Maternal ewes and rams are bred on the hard hills of Waipuna Farms by Donald and Liz in the Mangamahū Valley north of Whanganui



After weaning, Waipuna Maternal rams are run at Cheltenham by Norm and Dani, to undergo an extensive measurement programme and get ready for sale



### Expertise & Passion

In our passionate team we have over 60 years of experience in sheep breeding. Our experience ranges from farming sheep to client relationships and genetics – we are breeding for value

#### Ewe Efficiency

Waipuna Maternal is a bold and moderately sized ewe that can rear her own live weight in total weaning weight

#### Facial Eczema Tolerance

Industry leading FE tolerance programme – we test 80 ram hoggets from 16 sire lines annually and Waipuna Maternal is the most tolerant composite sheep in industry

#### Excellent Reproduction

Despite harsh mating conditions she maintains good pregnancy scanning results as proven in dry East Coast conditions

#### Milking Ability

Waipuna Maternal has a great ability to milk, ensuring good growth rates of her lambs until weaning and more lambs prime off mum

#### Hogget Fertility

Waipuna Maternal is early maturing sheep, which other breeds will never physiologically match. This will enable you to commercialize financial returns from ewe hoggets onwards

OUT STANDING

IN

ADDING VALUE



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## Full Flock DNA Recorded

- DNA parentage assignment
- Full Flock Genomics on 60K SNP

## Reproduction

- Pregnancy scanning from ewe hoggets onwards

## Lamb Survival

- Presence of lambs at docking and weaning
- Skin thickness

**Our Breeding Objective**  
To breed the most productive, resilient and efficient sheep in the industry

## Growth

- Live weight from weaning onwards
- Ewe adult live weight
- Eye muscle scanning

## Resilience

- Ewe body condition score
- Longevity
- Foot and leg structure score

## Health

- Facial eczema tolerance
- CARLA® for worm resilience

## Meat Quality

- IMF Progeny tests
- IMF score

## Easy-Care

- Dags
- Bare Breeches
- Bare Bellies

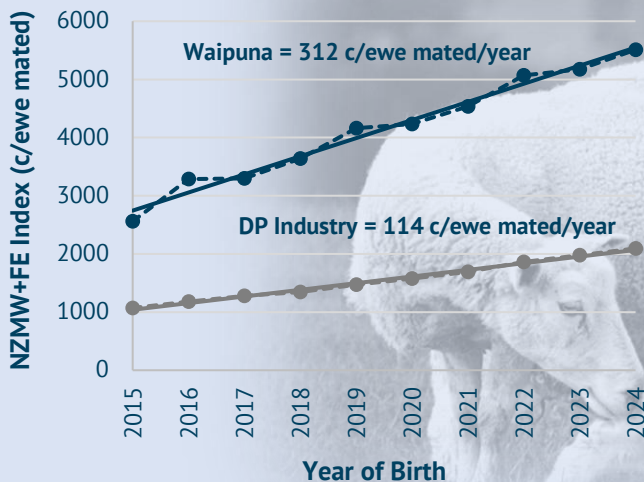
## Wool

- Fleece weight
- Fibre diameter
- Wool colour

## Green Traits

- Methane

## Genetic Gain for NZMW + FE Index \*\*



## 26% Greater Feed Conversion Efficiency

Our leading clients find that for every kg of meat produced, Waipuna Maternal consumes 26% less kg of DM compared to industry

## Sheep for the Future

By focusing on production efficiencies, resilience and low touch traits, we breed for "greener lamb production"

## SIL Flock 4591 - Check it out

Waipuna Maternal is flock 4591 on nProve. Look us up and see for yourself

## Waipuna Materna compared to Industry \*\*

As the genetic gains graph shows above, our Waipuna 2024-born rams have an average genetic merit of **3,416 cents greater** than the average industry ram per ewe mated.

This equates to a marginal value of **\$8,740** per Waipuna ram over the average industry ram, assuming the ram is used for 3 years and 140% lambing percentage.

**That is \$87,400 more over 1000 ewes mated!**

\*\* Values are based on NZGE run 42560 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## Index or Trait

Our average Waipuna Maternal is equivalent to the industry percentile band\*\*

NZMW Index	Top 10%
Lamb growth	Top 15%
Adult reproduction	Top 13%
Hogget reproduction	Top 7%
FE tolerance	Top 36%
CARLA®	Top 30%
Lamb Survival	Top 23%



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