

2026 Dohne Ram Breeders Workshop Program - Orange, NSW - 30 July

Presenters: Don Mills, Allan Casey, John Nadin, Peta Bradley, Brett Wilson, Jason Southwell.

- 8.00 **Welcome.** Introduction of presenters and participants – Name, location, role (AC). 15min
- 8.15 **The Dohne success story** – Brief Dohne history
Don Mills -Presentation - 8min + Questions from participants - 2min
- 8.25 **The Dohne Breed system**
AC - Presentation 8min + Questions 5min
JN – Tiered System to be introduced in the 2027 drop - 7min
- 8.45 **Practical demonstration of breed standards** – Why is type important?
JN - Presentation 15min + Questions 5min. Using a mature sire and “ram photo” poster
- 9.05 **The ADBA system – Requirements for Pedigree and Reproductive records**
PB - Presentation 20min + Questions 5min
- 9.30 **Tea break**
- 9.45 **Visual trait scoring practical** – Visual Sheep Scores booklets provided
AC – Presentation 5min. Evaluation of Breech Traits by participants + Questions 10min
- 10.00 **How to record and report performance to the Dohne database**
BW – Presentation 15min + Questions 5min
- 10.15 **The role of the Dohne database – Receiving and reporting**
BW - Presentation 20min + Questions 5min
- 10.45 **Ewe grading practical** – Grade 5 Dohne ewes
JN & JS – Outline 2min AC - Participants Grade 30min + JN Review and Questions 13min
- 11.30 **Evaluation** – Evaluation of morning presentations
AC – Outline 2min. Participants 13min + Review and Questions 15min
- 12.00 **Lunch**
- 12.50 **Yearling Ram grading and mate allocation practical** – Grade 6 Dohne rams
JN & JS – Outline 2min AC - Participants Grade 30min + JN Review and Questions 18min
- 1.40 **Dohne ASBV analysis – now and the future**
PB - Presentation 20min + Questions 5min
- 2.05 **ASBV and associated tools such as Percentile Band Tables**
PB - Presentation 15min + Questions 5min
- 2.25 **Evaluation** – Evaluation of afternoon presentations
AC – Outline 2min - Participants 8min + Review and Questions 10min
- 2.45 **Review.** Panel discussion and questions.Points not clearly understood or needing followup.
- 3.00 **Close Workshop.** DM - 1min