

The ADWDA Appendix Flock Explained

Appendix Dorpers are bred by beginning with a foundation flock of stud ewes from some other sheep breed, for example Merinos which have been the most commonly used foundation flock ewe here in Australia, and joining them with a Registered Dorper ram. The progeny of this mating is an F1 (1/2 or 50 % Dorper) sheep. F1 ewes will be joined with a Registered Dorper ram to achieve F2 (3/4 or 75%) lambs. F2 ewes will be joined with a Registered Dorper ram to achieve F3 (7/8 or 87%) lambs. The mating of the F3 ewes and a Registered Dorper ram will result in progeny (15/16 or 93%) of either sex that can be Registered.

The same applies for breeding White Dorper sheep using the Appendix system.

The foundation ewes for the sheep in the photos below were stud Wiltshire Horn ewes.



F2 Dorper ewe with F3 Dorper lamb at foot.



4 year old Purebred Dorper ewe.