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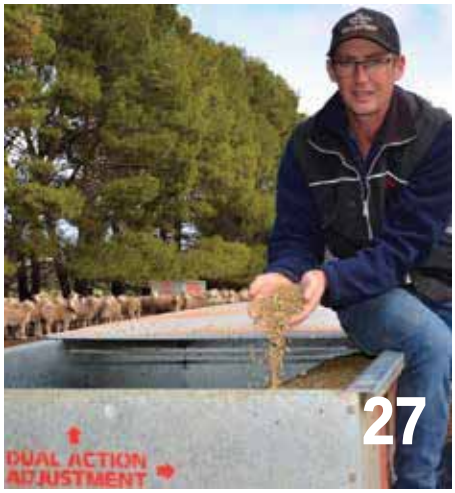

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from the president

This time last year I was commenting on our members battling through a tough season and wishing everyone good rains and a successful lambing season. Unfortunately, there are still large areas doing it tough and feeding is just becoming a daily ritual. We all are thinking of you and hope rain is on the way. While some areas are dry there has thankfully been reasonable rains across southern areas and lambing has been running smoothly.

Like we have seen in previous years, lamb and mutton prices have increased to reach record levels. As I write this report the White Suffolk breed has had fantastic results in the commercial sector, currently holding the national saleyards record for lamb. While it is great to see clients receiving the massive returns, I do question the relevance and probability in having lambs reaching levels over 32 kg dressed weight on our industry / processors.

From a Federal Council point of view 2019 has been a busy one so far, but one that has large significance for our members. We had a fantastic conference at Robe in February and now look to head to Grindelwald in Tasmania in early February 2020.

The big change we have seen is in our Secretary. Whilst we still have the services of Nikki Ward, we have parted company with Rural Services at the RA&HS of SA and now have our own independent Secretary. The efficiency and peace of mind that our work is going to be done on time and to a level we all require as members is very rewarding. The transfer of our historical records and the day to day records has been a huge job and I would like to thank Debbie Milne, Sue Piggott and Nikki for the work put into this.

Membership renewals and annual returns occurred from April through to June, and the 2019 Flock Book will be distributed to all members in August. The enforcement of mandatory Brucellosis Accreditation has seen a slight drop in members numbers, but regardless the Federal Council still believes that mandatory accreditation is a positive step for the breed and sheep industry.

The promotions and marketing team are in full swing again and after the positive feedback with the 2018 breed lift out, this year's edition is nearly completed for release in rural press papers on 25 July. We have new stories and information from the industry which will make some fantastic reading, but I do ask members that if they have any clients with great results or stories about our breed to please let us know so we can report on it.

Our Win A Ram competition opened on 1 July. Please encourage your commercial clients to enter the competition to be in the running to win a $1500 ram voucher to use towards the purchase of a White Suffolk ram from a member stud.

August will see our latest step into the modern world of advertising with a new digital marketing campaign being coordinated through Agricultural Media. The benefit of a digital campaign is the feedback and analytics we will receive in terms of reach / audience and engagement with our advertising. This is something we don't receive with print advertising, and it will be interesting to see how well it performs and whether a bigger focus on a digital campaign should be considered in years to come.

September will kick off our fourth year of WIN television advertising which is staggered out across the country to lead into ram selling season. While this doesn't get to all areas, we have seen large numbers of the "Win a Ram" entries and hits on the website linked to the television campaign. At this stage I feel this is our most effective form of promotion and best value for money.

With the show season and ram selling season fast approaching I would like to wish everyone all the best in your individual results but most importantly in promoting the White Suffolk breed.

Anthony Hurst
President

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secretary's report

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank all members and the Federal Council for allowing me to undertake the role as AWSA Secretary in my own right. I feel privileged to be able to continue working with what I consider the best breed society in the world, and I look forward to the extra time and flexibility I can dedicate to the Association.

I hit the ground running mid-April and it has been a whirlwind few months moving all the AWSA files from the RA&HS to my home office. It was a rather seamless process but a little time consuming at an already busy time. I sincerely appreciate your patience throughout it all.

At present I am working out of our little home office, however we are in the process of converting our garage into a larger office (lucky I know a good carpenter!) so I have a more functional workspace and storage area. We expect to complete the renovations before Christmas and I look forward to sharing some photos with you all once it is complete.

The AWSA has now converted its financials to Xero, an online accounting program, which will streamline bookkeeping duties. All invoices will be distributed to members via email direct from Xero, and regular statements will automatically be sent for those with outstanding invoices. A reminder that invoices have 30-day payment terms, please keep an eye on your emails and attention your accounts as soon as possible.

The Annual Return process went smoothly, with 92% of members completing their renewal online. Amazing! Each year this percentage increases and I am confident we can get this even closer to 100% next year. Thank you to all those who completed their registrations, transfers and annual returns promptly.

I have again had the privilege of working with Agricultural Media and the Promotions subcommittee on the 2019 White Suffolk lift out. Thank you to all members that assisted with contacts, story leads, photographs and advertising, and to BizBoost for their design assistance.

Best of luck to those exhibiting around the shows this year, and I wish all members a positive and rewarding sale season.

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Nikki Ward
Secretariat

new members

SINCE APRIL 2019

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

Flock	Name	Town	State	Stud Prefix
945	Dalby State High School	Dalby	QLD	Bunya
946	B & R Gumbleton	Cowra	NSW	Ashenvale

Federal Council Matters

Courtesy of Federal Council August 2019

Secretariat Handover

We have now completed the handover from the RA&HS of SA to Nikki Ward. Thank you to all members for their patience during this time.

During the handover we converted our financials to an online accounting program, Xero, which will bring several efficiencies to our bookkeeping and financial reporting. Members may notice a difference in the look of their invoices and statements and how they are distributed on email. Please make sure you check your emails regularly and attention accounts promptly.

A reminder that Nikki's office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Annual Returns

The Annual Return process ran smoothly with over 92% of members completing their Annual Return online.

There are some members that have completed the annual return online and not yet paid the membership subscription. Please ensure you arrange payment as soon as possible.

Brucellosis Accreditation

The enforcement of mandatory Brucellosis accreditation this year has seen a slight drop in membership numbers, which was always expected.

Thank you to all members that provided a copy of their certificate with their return.

If you have not sent in your certificate please do so immediately. The Secretary is in the process of checking all accreditation details and chasing up those members that have not yet provided a certificate.

Prospective Members

As the sale season approaches members are reminded to please forward on contact details of any prospective members or breeders that are interested in joining the Association. The Secretary can then forward information on becoming a member to them for consideration.

2020 Conference

Our Tasmanian members have been hard at work organising the 2020 National Conference which will be held at the Aspect Tamar Valley Resort in Grindelwald, Tasmania from 2nd to 4th February.

The Conference will be held slightly earlier in February to coincide with the Tasmanian Food and Wine Festival the weekend prior.

More information will be provided to members shortly.

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Promotions & Marketing

Courtesy of Peter Angus

August 2019

Print Advertising

We are in the final stages of designing our strip advertisements for 2019 so that they match the branding of our new website. By the time you read this you may have already seen the new design in rural papers. If you have any feedback on our strip advertising campaign please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to BizBoost for their assistance in creating the new adverts.

A number of editorial pieces are also in the pipeline for publication in prime lamb features, the Livestock Annual and show and sale preview editions of rural press in the next few months. If you have any great stories or contacts to contribute please contact myself or the Secretary.

Television Advertising

The 2019 TV Advertising campaign will commence in September and be screened over nine regions through to November. The advert will also have a refresh and feature new photos to keep in line with our new look and feel.

Digital Advertising

This year we are introducing a digital advertising campaign to our marketing schedule to make sure we are moving with the times and having a presence in the digital world.

An additional budget of $5,000 was set by Federal Council in May to put towards digital marketing. With the assistance of our state advertising liaisons, and Mark Scown from the Stock Journal, we have spent time researching and developing a campaign for 2019.

The digital campaign in Southern NSW, VIC, SA and WA will begin on 26th July – the day after the distribution of our promotional liftout to reinforce our message and brand online – and will run for a period of 4 weeks.

Tasmania's campaign will begin on 7th October, and Northern NSW will run from 17th January 2020.

The benefit of digital advertising is that it is instantly and easily measurable and can be targeted to a specific audience. The focus of our 2019 campaign will be advertising the "Win A Ram Competition" as we feel this is the biggest drawcard for commercial producers to click through to our website to find out more.

We are looking forward to seeing how well our digital campaign is received and the analytics will provide the ability to review our spend to ensure our promotions budget is being utilised in the best way possible.

White Suffolk Promotional Liftout - Agricultural Media

A second 28-page White Suffolk liftout will be distributed Australia wide on 25 July. It is likely that you will have seen the liftout by the time you receive this newsletter.

A huge thank you to all members who assisted with supplying contacts for our on-farm producer stories, advertising, and providing suggestions on story topics and ideas to make our second liftout a success.

The Secretary has surplus copies for members to use at field days, sales, shows or to give to local schools as an educational resource. If you would like any copies please contact the Secretary.

Win A Ram Competition

The 2019 "Win a Ram Competition" opened on 1 July and will run through to 14 October 2019. A $1500 ram voucher is again on offer and members are encouraged to promote this to their clients during the year.
Entry to the competition is via the website and only open to commercial producers (not White Suffolk members).

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1. Merton, BN & HF Stanford
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Kinellar, VJ Patterson

Ram under 1 year, born between 1 June - 31 July 2018
1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Merton, BN & HF Stanford
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

Ram under 1 year, born after 1 August 2018
1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Rocdell, B & S Picker
3. Premier, B.J & L.B Gilmore

Ram under 1 year, in wool
1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Borrehma, M Wall
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

Pair of Rams, under 1 year of age
1. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore

Ram, displaying 2 teeth and over, shorn
1. Merton, BN & HF Stanford

Production Class
1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Merton, BN & HF Stanford
3. Borrehma, M Wall

Ewe, under 1 year, born between 1 April - 31 May 2018
1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Merton, BN & HF Stanford
3. Merton, BN & HF Stanford

Ewe, under 1 year, born between 1 June - 31 July 2018
1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Merton, BN & HF Stanford

Champion Ewe,
Baringa

Ewe, under 1 year, born on or after 1 August 2018

1. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
2. Rocdell, B & S Picker
3. Borrehma, M Wall

Ewe, under 1 year, in wool

1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Baringa, I & D Gilmore
3. Borrehma, M Wall

Ewe, displaying 2 teeth and over, in wool

1. Merton, BN & HF Stanford

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Drought and the reduced supply will give the lamb industry a 'good' headache

SOURCE: Vernon Graham, FarmOnline - July 2019

The lamb industry is grappling with the "high quality" problem of juggling a drought-induced squeeze on supply with red hot demand in key export markets, says Meat & Livestock Australia managing director, Jason Strong.

And the problem won't vanish quickly even if the drought breaks in coming months because widespread rain will trigger flock rebuilding.

While the tough seasonal conditions were challenging for many producers, the upside was the sustained strong demand for lamb and sheepmeat.

Mr Strong said the current high prices weren't just being driven by a lack of supply but improved demand from consumers in major overseas markets.

He singled out the challenge posed by limited supply in best servicing growing lamb and sheepmeat markets in the US, China and the Middle East during the next 12 months.

"I think it's about making sure we support the highest end of those markets as well as we can," he said.

Another challenge was convincing people to keep buying lamb despite expensive retail prices.

Promotion was no longer about making consumers aware of lamb but convincing them the product still offered value around its convenience and ease-of-use compared with competitors like chicken.

"If you look at some of the feedback we have had from consumers in recent times, one of the standouts is the convenience of lamb and beef compared with chicken and pork," he said.

Mr Strong said the decline in Merino ewes, the backbone of the industry, was a concern but he hoped high wool prices in the past couple of years would bring renewed stability in their numbers.

Meat & Livestock Australia managing director, Jason Strong, says he is looking forward to speaking at next month's Lambition in Bendigo.

MLA was also paying close attention to radical animal activists and had noted a lull in their attacks on the sheep industry.

This provided the industry with an opportunity to get on the front foot to push the credentials and credibility of producers.

"There are plenty of opponents to animal production and we have to do everything we can to not only combat that but make sure we are proactive in putting out positive message about livestock production in Australia and sheepmeat and wool production are part of that," Mr Strong said.

One of his key ambitions for the MLA was to help the sheepmeat industry become even more sustainable from a financial, operational and environmental point of view.

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The present broader community discussion about sustainability and animal welfare gave the industry the chance to shape what it wanted to look like in the future.

Better sustainability outcomes would be driven by long-term financial viability and the MLA could aid that process by supporting the industry to access the best-value markets for its products.

Strong will be the guest speaker at this year's Lambition event in Bendigo on July 20.

He is looking forward to updating the Lambition audience on the latest MLA market and consumer research for lamb and sheepmeat.

Mr Strong said his speech will cover the expected impact that ongoing drought will have on flock and slaughter numbers in the second half of this year and into 2020, particularly without a major break in the weather in coming months.

He will also talk about consumer sentiment and the longevity and sustainability of growing demand for Australian lamb in key export markets like the US, China and the Middle East.

Mr Strong said he would also outline progress in some of the MLA's key investments in sheepmeat research including the DEXA technology in abattoirs for objectively measuring carcase quality and yield.

Events like Lambition were ideal for the MLA to "get the message out" about its involvement in the sheepmeat sector and its determination to support the industry "in any way we can", Mr Strong said.

He conceded beef had played a major part of his own career but his first qualification after leaving school had been as a wool classer. His life growing up on a mixed farm had also involved sheep.

At a young age he had been told there were two things you never told anybody once you had learned to do them - shearing a sheep and playing prop at rugby. He had ticked both those boxes!

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18-0122	FARRER-160068	.39	11.62	18.2	-.3	2.69	-42.98	4	-.39	3.17	222.6	151.99	153.57
18-0138	FARRER-160068	.4	13.16	19.67	-.18	2.31	-44.16	3.57	.03	1.7	226.52	159.1	155.9
18-0170	ELLA MATTA-150097	.55	12.36	19.22	.09	2.84	-55.84	3.96	.04	-.09	227.99	164.52	160.24
18-0173	ELLA MATTA-150097	.55	12.13	19.33	.12	2.38	-50.86	3.87	-.41	.7	222.52	154	155.14
18-0303	FELIX-150721	.26	10.71	17.11	-.18	3	-51.4	3.98	-.39	.49	219.8	155.12	155.9
18-0304	FELIX-151229	.33	10.19	17.66	.2	2.59	-50.51	2.37	-.22	-2.21	214.28	157.72	156.72
18-0306	FELIX-151229	.41	10.33	17.36	.53	2.83	-53.85	2.08	-.19	-2.71	214.86	157.86	156.33
18-0160	FARRER-160068	.39	12.64	18.92	-.17	2.49	-29.53	3.46	.18	1.01	224.64	160.72	157.07
18-0288	TRIGGER VALE-160830	.55	11.2	17.71	-.53	1.99	-34.47	3.54	-.2	1.61	212.91	150.98	151.13
18-0471	ELLA MATTA-170137	.36	10.59	17.1	-.41	2.17	5.06	3.11	.06	-2.45	210.86	156.9	157.52
18-0502	ELLA MATTA-170137	.3	12.38	18.47	-1.31	2.63	27.12	5.59	-.05	2.03	228.76	159.81	163.24
18-0569	ELLA MATTA-170153	.31	10.94	17.28	-.09	2.62	-19.08	3.26	.02	-.58	216.15	154.63	153.57
18-0566	WOOLUMBOOL-173980	.47	11.51	18.48	-.56	2.34	-46.16	3.99	.15	-.61	220.37	165.79	160.91
18-0567	WOOLUMBOOL-173980	.31	11.42	19.3	.31	3.46	-42.8	4.08	-.23	1.83	232.28	160.54	160.36
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Sheep CRC leaves a legacy of committed ag innovators

SOURCE: Sheep CRC - June 2019

Agricultural research and innovation in Australia will continue to be influenced by the Sheep CRC long after it closes its doors on 30 June 2019.

Over the life of the Sheep CRC a total of 81 postgraduate students completed their training and contributed to the CRC's research programs, with more than 92% of those subsequently retained in the broader agricultural industry, and 62% continuing to work specifically in the livestock industry.

As part of its final reporting activities the Sheep CRC has undertaken a postgraduate tracking exercise to review the impact of the training provided to these researchers and their subsequent career trajectory. The review revealed most now work as research scientists or in academic positions within Australia.

Sheep CRC chief executive James Rowe said the results of the tracking survey confirmed the value of industry-funded PhD programs in contributing skilled researchers to the agricultural workforce.

"The net present value of the CRC's research outcomes has been assessed as being more than $500M based on the current rates of adoption of the new technologies and the impact they will have on productivity over a 15-year period to 2029," Prof. Rowe said.

"The PhD students supported by the Sheep CRC have been crucial to this success and it's very satisfying to know that their skills will continue to contribute to the improvement of the agricultural industry well into the future."

The postgraduate training program was established by the Sheep CRC and former Beef CRC under the leadership of Dr Graham Gardner in an effort to meet shortfalls of researchers coming into the industry, by providing industry relevant research activities and annual professional development courses.

Dr Gardner was the driving force behind the success of the program, providing professional screening during student recruitment, and ensuring good support and mentoring of students through a structured program of professional development.

Dr Graham Gardner and Prof. James Rowe with postgraduate training program participant Claire Payne.

A 2004 survey of sheep industry needs for graduates by Taylor Nelson Sofres Plc estimated the demand for new postgraduates from the 100 industry organisations surveyed, to be 222 over the period 2004-2009.

The Sheep CRC's contribution to the training of 81 postgraduate students has been vital to meeting this demand, with the costs of stipends and the annual Postgraduate Conference – estimated at $7.12M – now proven to be one of the CRC's best investments.

"All student projects were closely aligned with CRC research programs and on this basis, the postgraduates contributed around 240 FTEs to our research initiatives," Prof. Rowe said. "Combining quality training and skills development with state-of-the-art research is a classic win-win scenario."

The CRC is now encouraging other industry bodies to step forward to include postgraduate training programs as part of their major research initiatives, featuring regular postgraduate conferences combined with professional development, to ensure a continued flow of industry-ready researchers into the future.

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Sire	LMY	IMF	SF	C+	LEQ
A160516	.3.63	-0.16	0.7	211	146.5

	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	Pfat
BD181873	0.53	11.0	16.7	1.7	-0.6
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EM150097	3.20	-0.09	-0.7	205	148.2

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BD122261	3.65	-0.40	1.0	204	141.3

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	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	Pfat
BD181546	0.25	10.7	17.5	2.0	-0.4
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	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	Pfat
BD182462	0.26	10.1	16.2	2.2	-0.2
Sire	LMY	IMF	SF	C+	LEQ
BD122261	3.42	-0.16	0.8	205	144.2

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BD182824	0.28	10.8	17.2	2.7	-0.2
Sire	LMY	IMF	SF	C+	LEQ
BD122261	3.97	-0.39	1.2	217	146.9

	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	Pfat
BD183069	0.35	11.2	18.0	2.8	0.1
Sire	LMY	IMF	SF	C+	LEQ
W173980	3.48	-0.04	-0.7	221	156.5

	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	Pfat
BD183104	0.55	11.8	17.6	2.0	-0.3
Sire	LMY	IMF	SF	C+	LEQ
BD179821	3.49	-0.29	1.8	213	143.2

	BWT	WWT	PWT	PEMD	Pfat
BD181075	0.45	10.4	16.4	1.5	-0.4
Sire	LMY	IMF	SF	C+	LEQ
BD122026	3.13	-0.53	2.4	200	133.7

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W173980	3.15	0.07	-1.3	222	157.8

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MSA Carcase Grading on the way for Sheepmeat

SOURCE: Meat & Livestock Australia - May 2019

The introduction of carcase grading to boost the predictive power of the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) sheepmeat program is in the pipeline, as researchers look to further enhance lamb's eating quality.

The MSA sheepmeat program has experienced a significant increase in the number of sheep processed through MSA pathways. In 2017–18, more than 6.1 million sheep were processed through 19 MSA licensed abattoirs, representing 26% of the national lamb slaughter.

However, Murdoch University's Professor Dave Pethick said there is significant scope to broaden the MSA sheepmeat program to further benefit all sections of the value chain, from producers through to consumers.

Professor Pethick was part of the initial MSA R&D Pathways team and heavily involved in establishing the MSA sheepmeat model. He remains a lead researcher in the area, and is now focusing on the establishment of a carcase grading system to measure lean meat yield and intramuscular fat.

Pathway to best practice

"Currently, MSA is a best practice pathways system for sheepmeat and in fact, much of the national lamb value chain follow MSA's proven best practice guidelines," Professor Pethick said.

"For sheep to be processed as MSA, you need a minimum carcase weight of 18kg and minimum fat score of 2.

Professor David Pethick and Dr Liselotte Pannier with lamb racks in the department of Veterinary and Life Sciences at Murdoch University. Photo: Nic Ellis.

"However, we know that one of the major drivers of eating quality in lamb is intramuscular fat, which is the equivalent of marbling in beef.

"If you could measure both lean meat yield and intramuscular fat at the abattoir, you could have additional predictive power in the MSA model."

Importance of carcase grading

Professor Pethick said an analysis of LAMBPLAN genetic trends data from 2000 to 2017 shows that as lean meat yield has increased, intramuscular fat and consumer eating quality scores have decreased.

"That's a clear sign that we need carcase grading. Lean meat yield is antagonistic to eating quality, but if we can measure them both, we can manage them and balance them," Professor Pethick said.

"Carcase grading for factors associated with eating quality is on the way, as is a new cuts-based MSA lamb grading system."

Professor Pethick said the grading system would enable lamb and sheepmeat to be graded and marketed as three, four- or five-star lamb.

"At the moment, all lamb is lamb, there's no differentiation. Having a grading system would provide new branding and marketing opportunities," Professor Pethick said.

Looking ahead

Professor Pethick said the technology for measuring lean meat yield is progressing rapidly.

"However, it is difficult to measure intramuscular fat at line speed in an abattoir. Manually grading by a human is not economically viable, so our research is focusing on getting a measure of intramuscular fat at line speed," Professor Pethick said.

"We're looking at a number of different technologies. One is by camera technology – we feel confident that it would work and hopefully will be available for abattoirs next year, but it would be taking measurements close to the boning room given the camera technology will be imaging a cut surface of a 'cold' carcase.

"Other options still in progress include using near infrared (NIR) technology and we have engaged a company from Japan who use the technology to measure fat content in tuna. That technology is coming to Australia for testing later this year."

Professor Pethick said while he's focused on getting the carcase grading system for sheepmeat working in abattoirs, he believed the introduction of a new formal yearling category for sheepmeat would further expand marketing options.

"It could be a category for people who want to sell a non-lamb product, but that would be radical in the sheep industry because lamb has such a strong name," Professor Pethick said.

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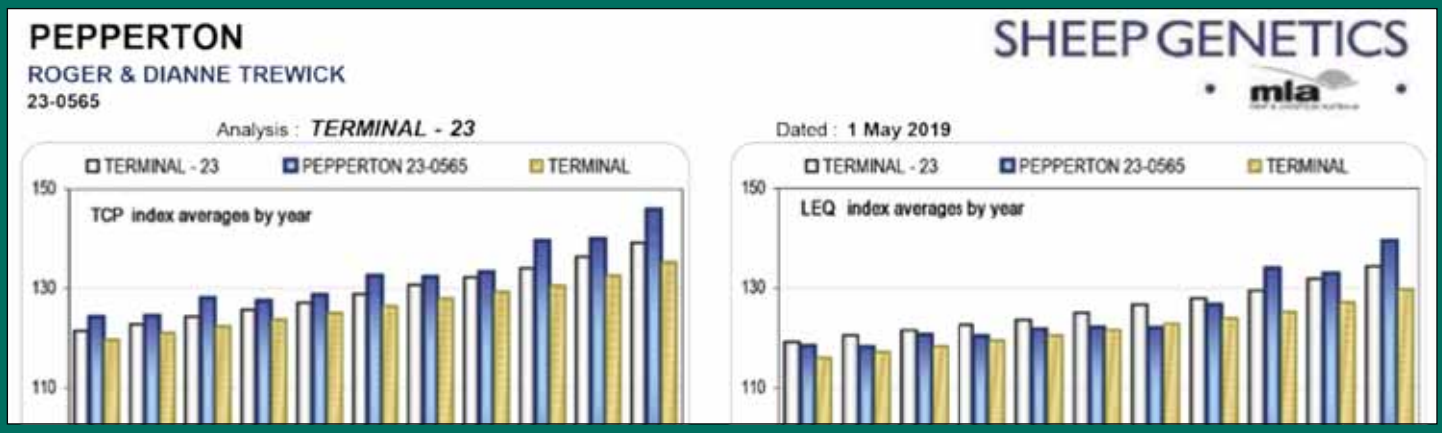

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Feedlot Lambs bring top gains in the saleyards

SOURCE: Vanessa Binks, Stock Journal - May 2019

Hill River graziers Brad Jaeschke and his father Neville are receiving top prices at saleyards after they set up an on-farm feedlot.

The decision to establish a feedlot on his Hill River farm is paying off for grazier Brad Jaeschke, who achieved a then-saleyard record price for his feedlot-finished lambs at the SA Livestock Exchange at Dublin in April.

Brad and his father Neville run a 2000-head self-replacing Leahcim-blood Merino ewe flock and operate a 1000-head on-farm feedlot.

Brad decided to begin feedlotting lambs to target the export lamb market and help manage feed availability risk during dry seasons.

This year also marked the first time he had sold feedlot lambs through a saleyard.

"I sold 120 crossbred lambs for $258 - they were about 35 kilograms carcaseweight, so I was very happy feedlotting was so successful," he said.

The record-breaking lambs were a part of a mob of 800 that were bought in November last year and entered the feedlot in mid to late January.

The Jaeschkes run about 900 Merino ewes that are joined to Merino rams and about 1300 surplus ewes that are joined to Twowynn White Suffolk rams to produce prime lambs.

But the flock has decreased by about 200 head this year, the first time since 2006, because of the dry conditions.

Brad said feedlot lambs gained about 300 grams a day per head.

"We are really targeting heavy weights. On average, most lambs reach about 25kg dressed weight or heavier," he said.

Brad said lambs were strategically selected to enter the feedlot, with the decision based on market price and seasonal conditions.

"It is mostly season dependent but all bought lambs are put through the feedlot for export, while our homebred trade lambs enter the feedlot if needed when the season is tough - like this year," he said.

The Jaeschkes' livestock operation is a part of a mixed farming enterprise and the two programs run "hand-in-hand" on country that spreads from Mintaro through to Andrews Silos.

Ewes are joined at the end of January for about six to eight weeks, to prompt a later lambing period in July.

"We have a late lambing period because it works in with seeding," Brad said.

"It also reduces hand-feeding of ewes and lambs because it complements legume stubble availability later in the year," he said.

Feedlot Lambs bring top gains in the saleyards cont.

SOURCE: Vanessa Binks, Stock Journal - May 2019

Brad said utilising paddock stubble after harvest was a crucial nutrition element because sheep were grazed on about 650 hectares of non-arable land prior to harvest.

After lambs are weaned on legume stubble in late November, they are sold direct to processors and through the saleyard at about 10 months old.

"Legume stubble really helps to build up protein to help increase growth rates but if needed, from there, lambs are put into the feedlot," Brad said.

New feed solution helps to save time

Increased hay and grain prices and dry conditions have prompted grazier Brad Jaeschke, Hill River, to source a combined nutrition pellet to feed his sheep.

Brad operates a 1000-head on-farm feedlot and said although feed pellets were costly, when compared with the "price hike of other feed sources", pellets were economical and offered more benefits.

"The pellets just made sense - we were wasting time by mixing feed during some of our busiest times in the cropping program," he said.

Brad said although he had only used the pellets for a short time, the results were positive.

"The pellets have the correct quantities of everything so we do not have to add hay or worry about grain poisoning," he said.

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Australia's new definition of lamb – what you need to know

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What's changing?

The definition of lamb is changing in Australia.

The current definition of lamb is 'A female, castrate or entire male that has 0 permanent incisor teeth'.

The new definition is 'an ovine animal that:

(a) is under 12 months of age; or

(b) does not have any permanent incisor teeth in wear.'

This means a lamb is able to cut one or both of its permanent central incisor teeth, as long as they are not in wear.

Why is the change occurring?

The current definition gives producers no warning light about when a lamb stops being a lamb – the moment a permanent incisor erupts, the lamb is downgraded to hogget.

Rather, the new definition gives producers greater certainty and a definitive signal to make moves to market their lambs. Producers will have generally less than a month from the time of eruption to when permanent incisors are in wear.

The new definition is also consistent with New Zealand's definition – Australia's biggest lamb competitor in export markets. The change serves to even the playing field between the two countries.

Who initiated the change?

The change to the definition was first announced by Sheep Producers Australia in March 2018, following extensive consultation with producers and other industry stakeholders.

The change has been endorsed by the Australian Meat Industry Language and Standards Committee. Current members of the committee include the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Australian Meat Industry Council, Sheep Producers Australia, Cattle Council of Australia, Australian Lot Feeders' Association and the Retail Council of Australia.

When will the change take place?

The new definition will apply from 1 July 2019, once it has been changed in Australian export legislation and then in the legislation of NSW and WA.

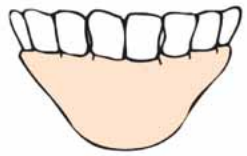
How do I apply the change?

The process for checking whether lambs comply with the new definition is via a visual inspection – the same process used to verify lambs against the current definition.

A permanent incisor is considered 'in wear' if:

- it touches the upper pad when the sheep's mouth is closed
- it is above the height of the lamb's milk teeth either side of the permanent incisors.

No permanent incisors



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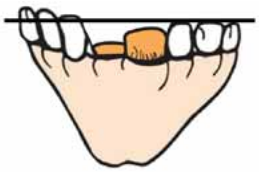

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Permanent incisor in wear

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How is eating quality affected under the new definition?

Eating quality has been at the centre of the decision about whether to change the current definition of lamb.

A more major change to the lamb definition (for example, where two fully erupted permanent incisor teeth are in wear) was not pursued by the industry because of the risk of consumers having an unsatisfactory eating experience.

In contrast, research has shown that lamb under the new definition was as acceptable to consumers as lamb under the current definition. Peer-reviewed research[1] (Wiese et al. 2005) found that a minor change to the definition of lamb – such as one or two permanent incisors having erupted but not being in wear – produced no discernible difference in eating quality compared with lambs with only milk teeth.

How will the new definition affect the variability of lamb quality?

It's true that lambs under the new definition can be slightly older than the case now. But under the new definition, the length of time a lamb is considered a lamb could be extended by less than a month[2].

If customers desire young lambs, they can request a category that already exists in the AUS-MEAT Language that accounts for lambs without permanent incisors – YOUNG LAMB (YL).

More information Visit www.sheepproducers.com.au/lamb-definition

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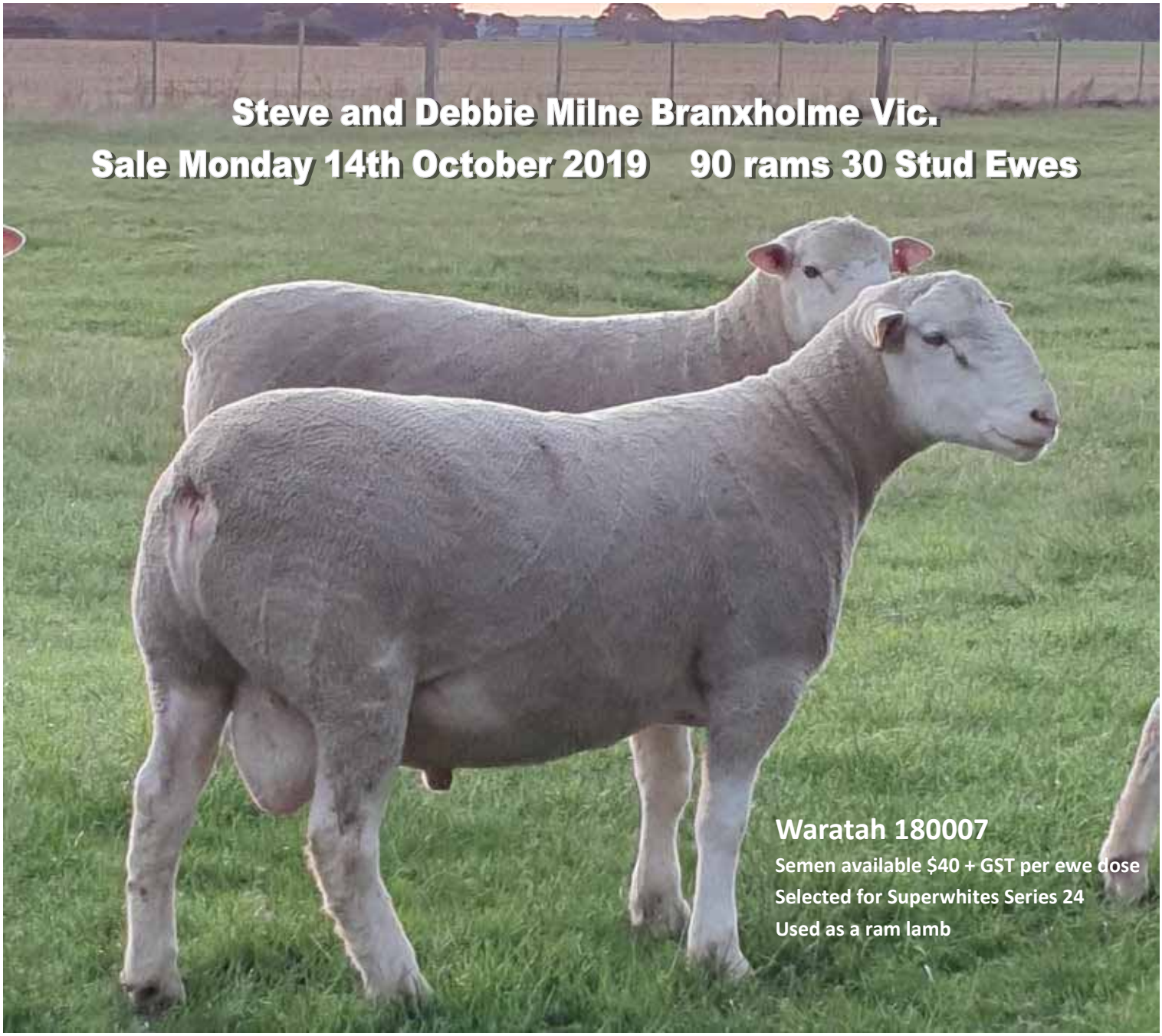

Select rams available this spring

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180007 Semen only	Waratah 170614	0.25	12.2	18.8	-0.4	3.2	-48	4.1	-0.4	0.4	3.0	232	161	163
180004	Waratah 170542	0.27	11.4	18.7	-0.3	2.2	-21	3.4	0.1	-0.9	2.7	218	156	154
180017	Waratah 160253	0.28	11.5	18.0	-0.4	3.1	-41	3.9	-0.6	1.9	2.9	226	149	153
180037	Felix 150721	-0.02	9.8	16.7	+0.4	4.0	-39	3.3	-0.5	-0.5	3.2	225	154	157
180048	Waratah 160288	0.28	11.3	17.1	+0.1	3.6	-55	4.3	-0.8	3.6	3.3	227	147	153
180165	Felix 150721	0.32	11.0	18.9	+0.0	3.5	-59	3.7	-0.4	-0.1	3.2	231	160	160
Terminal Average (2018 drop)		0.35	9.0	13.9	-0.5	1.7	-20	3.1	-0.5	3.1	1.9	191	129	135

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The 2019 Dubbo Prime Lamb Hoof and Hook Competition a Success

Source: OLIVIA CALVER, Western Magazine | Photos courtesy Dubbo Prime Lamb Hoof & Hook Competition

Despite the tough season there were 119 pens of trade, export and heavy export lambs entered in the Dubbo Prime Lamb Hoof and Hook competition, up from 112 last year.

It was Brian Lewis and Rosh Mercer, Glencoe, who had the highest combined score for their hoof and hook results, with 176.8 points awarded for their pen of White Suffolks.

Their closest competition was themselves, the couple also taking out the reserve highest combined score of 174.5 points for a second pen.

The results made them most successful exhibitor of the day.

Mr Lewis said they were over-the-moon with how they did in the competition.

The couple have breeding White Suffolks for the last eight years, after buying some rams in from Dugald and Bec McIndoe at Smithston Farms, Glencoe.

Although they have been entering the competition for years it was the first time attending the presentation at Dubbo.

They said the effort of entering the competition is always worth it.

"To get the feedback is incredible," Ms Mercer said.

Local Dubbo family, the Shanks won the hoof section of the competition, with a pen of their Poll Dorsets given the top score of 93.5 points, just 0.5 points ahead of the reserve champion hoof pen from Craig and Caroline Chad from Double C Pastoral with their White Suffolks.

"We're just happy to know that what we've been doing seems to be the right thing," Mr Shanks said.

In the hook section of the competition, the Jones family's Boxdale Dorpers were named grand champion with a score of 87.7.

The reserve champion hook pen went to Brad and Nathanial Honeysett, Gulgong with their pen of White Suffolks attracting a score of 83.6.

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High were named champion school entry with 170.7 points, St Johns College just behind them with 168.6 points.

Tracey Lamb and Edwina Toohey from the NSW DPI Extensive Livestock Team and Brett Stockings, Fletcher International Exports judged the hook section, while Tom Smith, Tallangatta Meats and Austin Finlayson, Fletcher International Exports judged the hoof.

Mr Jones thanked the committee that organised the event.

"I think as a sheep producer we're really lucky to have events like the hoof and hook and it's done really well every year," Mr Jones said.

TOP RESULTS FOR WHITE SUFFOLKS

GRAND CHAMPION PEN ON THE HOOF AND HOOK
B & R LEWIS, GLENCOE

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DOUBLE C PASTORAL, DUBBO

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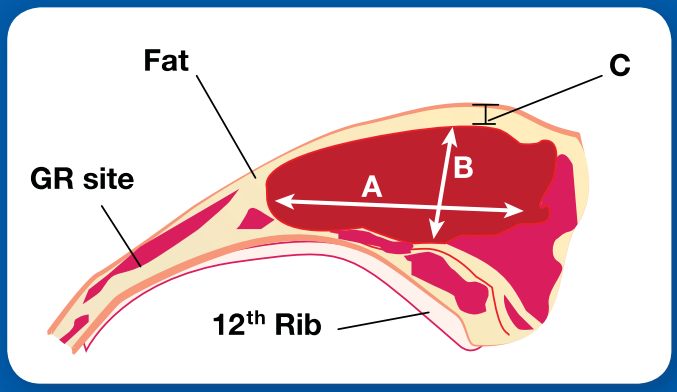

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Days 160404	0.20	17.0	-0.3	2.2	210	147.2
Days 160201	0.42	16.0	-0.3	1.8	201	147.1
Farrer 160067	0.45	19.8	-0.5	2.1	226	157.4
Felix 150721	0.04	16.7	-0.5	3.9	229	161.1

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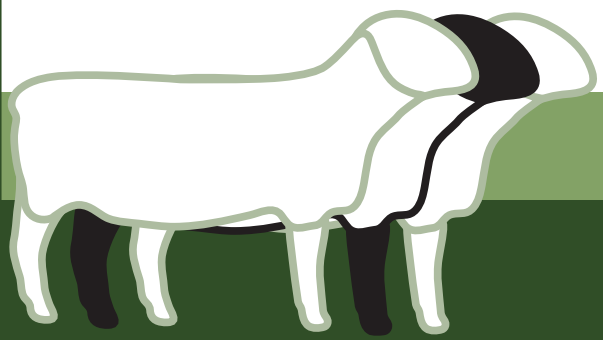

2018 DROP RAMS OF INTEREST

TAG	Birth Weight	Post Weaning Weight	Post Weaning Fat	Post Weaning Emd
180025	0.13	16.00	-0.46	3.37
180051	0.31	16.75	-0.63	2.82
180063	0.12	15.71	-0.06	3.52
180074	0.22	15.98	-0.43	2.63
180075	0.39	18.28	-0.80	2.39
180098	0.38	19.24	0.34	2.15
180155	0.14	17.42	0.09	2.75
180164	0.18	17.60	0.33	3.22
180169	0.41	18.65	0.35	2.38
180177	0.40	18.71	-0.68	1.73
180201	0.45	19.39	-0.30	1.80
180205	0.27	17.08	-0.21	2.84
180209	0.30	17.05	-0.57	2.49
180232	0.24	16.57	-0.33	3.22
180303	0.26	16.09	-0.54	2.88
180341	0.24	15.36	-0.05	3.49
180371	-0.17	14.80	1.10	3.86
180377	0.30	18.08	0.82	3.27
180413	-0.01	16.02	0.34	3.40
180424	0.25	16.37	-0.33	3.11
180427	0.36	19.08	-0.45	2.93
180429	0.10	16.62	-0.08	2.91
180430	0.39	19.43	-0.23	3.42

GEMINI

Prime Lamb Sires

CHAMPION RAM
- Timor

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM
Rene

NSW Sheep Show Results 2019

11 - 13 May 2019, DUBBO, NSW Judge: Chris Badcock, Fairbank Stud, TAS

CHAMPION RAM
TIMOR, J & V BARKER

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

CHAMPION EWE
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

SUPREME CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR
RENE, D, I & S MITCHELL

Ram, under 14 months, no more than 2 teeth, NOVICE
1. Swanbrook, D Snaith

Ram, under 14 months, no more than 2 teeth, OPEN
1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
3. Ashburnia, NL Williams

Ram, born between 1 June - 31 July 2018 NOVICE
1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

Ram, born between 1 June - 31 July 2018 OPEN
1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

Ram, born after 1 August 2018 NOVICE
1. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

Ram, born after 1 August 2018 OPEN
1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Ashburnia, NL Williams
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

CHAMPION EWE & SUPREME EXHIBIT
Rene

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE
Rene

Ram, born after 1 April, no more than 2 teeth, woolly, NOVICE
1. Yanco, Yanco Agricultural High School
2. Swanbrook, D Snaith

Ram, born after 1 April, no more than 2 teeth, woolly, OPEN
1. Timor, J & V Barker
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Kinellar, VJ Patterson

Pair of Rams, born after 1 April
1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Kinellar, VJ Patterson
3. Ashburnia, NL Williams

Ram, Objective Measurement Class
1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

Ewe, under 14 months, no more than 2 teeth, NOVICE
1. Swanbrook, D Snaith
2. Swanbrook, D Snaith

Ewe, under 14 months, no more than 2 teeth, OPEN
1. Merton, BN & HF Stanford
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Merton, BN & HF Stanford

Ewe, born between 1 June - 31 July 2018 NOVICE
1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
2. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School
3. Swanbrook, D Snaith

Ewe, born between 1 June - 31 July 2018 OPEN
1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

Ewe, born after 1 August 2018 NOVICE
1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

Ewe, born after 1 August 2018 OPEN
1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
3. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

NSW Sheep Show Results 2019 cont.

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BEST WHITE SUFFOLK HEAD
Rene

Ewe, born after 1 April, no more than 2 teeth, woolly, NOVICE

1. Swanbrook, D Snaith
2. Swanbrook, D Snaith
3. Yanco, Yanco Agricultural High School

Ewe, born after 1 April, no more than 2 teeth, woolly, OPEN

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Merton, BN & HF Stanford
3. Rocdell, B & S Picker

Pair of Ewes, born after 1 April

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Rocdell, B & S Picker
3. Merton, BN & HF Stanford

Ewe, over 1 1/2 years, shorn or woolly

1. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
2. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

Ewe, Objective Measurement Class

1. Rocdell, B & S Picker
2. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
3. Macarthur, Macarthur Anglican School

Keith McIntosh Memorial Shield, Sires Progeny Group

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Rocdell, B & S Picker
3. Farrer, Farrer Memorial Ag High School

Group 1 Ram & 2 Ewes, to be bred by exhibitor

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell
2. Rocdell, B & S Picker
3. Kinellar, VJ Patterson

Best White Suffolk Head, Ram or Ewe, any age

1. Rene, D, I & S Mitchell

Member News - Hawker Wedding

Damien Hawker (OMAD White Suffolk stud) married Nikki Ervin on 16th February 2019 at the Hawker Family farm.

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180077	Hillcroft Farms 130156	0.17	10.9	16.4	-0.4	3.5	-34	4.33	-0.32	1.0	158.5
180124	Felix 1512229	0.22	9.6	15.5	1.0	2.8	-47	0.93	0.37	-3.4	157.3
180164	Felix 150721	0.29	10.8	17.6	0.1	4.0	-48	3.78	-0.42	-1.1	160.5
180177	Felix 1512229	0.30	10.2	16.2	0.3	2.5	-74	1.58	0.41	-2.7	164.3
180178	Felix 1512229	0.36	11.6	18.4	0.0	2.3	-51	2.78	0.14	-2.1	165.1
180185	Felix 1512229	0.39	9.2	15.0	0.4	2.8	-45	1.07	0.35	-3.4	161.0
180222	Farrer 170211	0.29	10.2	15.9	-0.3	1.9	-46	3.80	-0.20	0.0	155.1
180228	Farrer 170093	0.42	11.4	17.4	0.0	2.9	-57	3.06	-0.34	1.2	152.9
180239	Farrer 170211	0.22	10.5	17.4	-0.1	2.8	-56	3.16	-0.14	0.1	155.4
180273	Farrer 170015	0.20	10.1	16.4	1.1	4.7	-27	3.12	-0.04	-0.7	160.2
Terminal Sire Average		0.32	8.7	13.4	-0.5	1.7	-15	2.93	-0.47	3.0	129.6

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Terminal Carcase Production (TCP) index

Replacement for Carcase Plus

Key points

- ☑ Carcase Plus will be retired in March 2020 and replaced with the Terminal Carcase Production index.
- ☑ The Terminal Carcase Production (TCP) index has the same breeding objective as Carcase Plus while also maintaining eating quality.

What is the new TCP index?

Indexes help producers select animals for use within a breeding program when there are a range of traits of economic or functional importance. This ensures that genetic gain in one trait is not made in isolation from other traits. Using indexes in ram purchasing decisions allow producers to make balanced genetic progress towards more profitable sheep.

The TCP index has been created to assist producers to achieve both gains in their major production traits, such as post-weaning weight and muscling, as well as ensuring consumer satisfaction from lamb is maintained through focusing on key eating quality traits such as shear force (tenderness) and intramuscular fat (marbling).

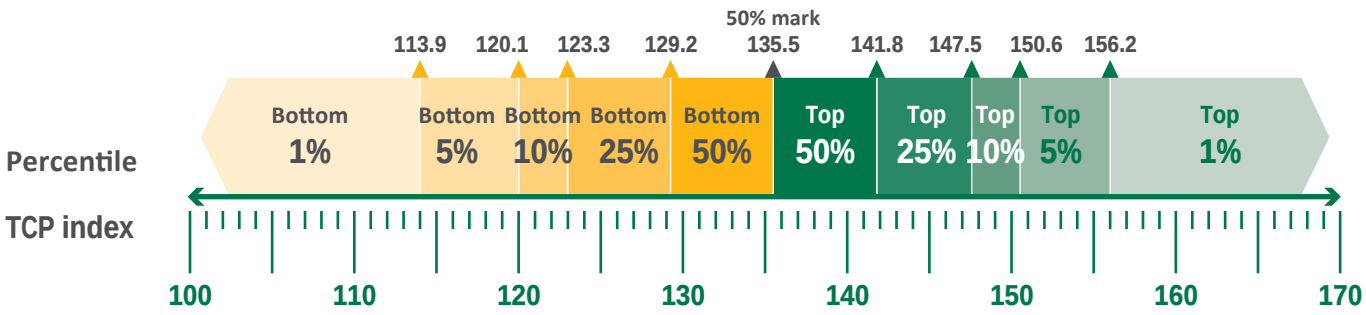
The TCP index is designed to suit a production system where:

- ☑ all progeny are terminal
- ☑ improving growth and muscle is of commercial benefit
- ☑ increasing lean meat yield has a positive financial impact
- ☑ a small degree of emphasis is included to maintain or improve eating quality.

Using the TCP index

The TCP index, unlike Carcase Plus, is on a scale that is aligned with other Sheep Genetics' indexes and is represented in economic terms with a unit increase in the index reflecting an additional dollar per ewe joined per year. To assist in comparing rams, Sheep Genetics recommends using a percentile band table as reference. The figure below, which is based on the percentile band table, highlights the TCP index value for significant percentiles for the 2018 drop animals.

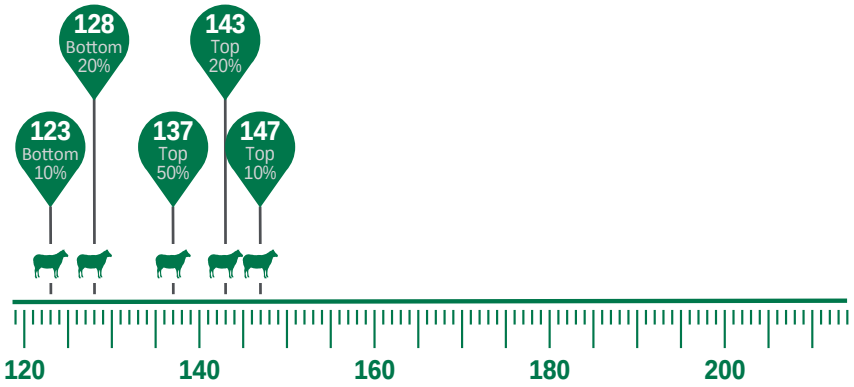
Percentile band range graphic for TCP index 2018 drop animals



Comparison of TCP and Carcase Plus index values for significant percentiles for 2018 drop animals

Terminal Carcase Production

Replacement for Carcase Plus



Carcase Plus

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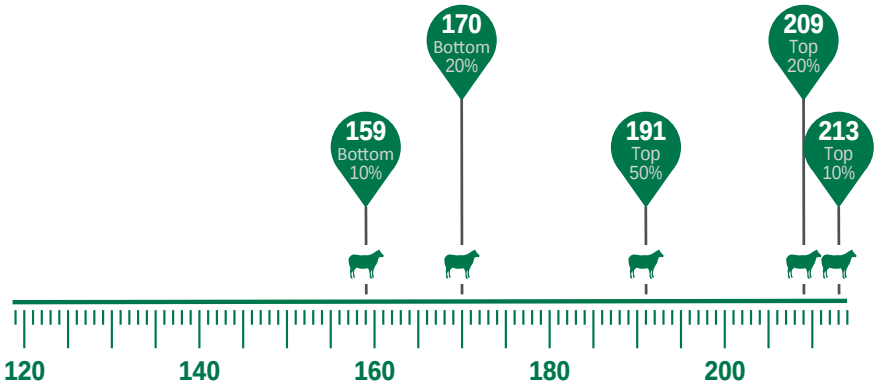

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180002 JIVET	Farrer 150096	0.4	11.0	17.5	-0.4	2.1	-37	-0.2	1.7	149	213
180080	Warburn 160048	0.5	13.0	21.0	-0.2	2.9	-8	-0.5	1.5	157	237
180097 ET	Ashmore 160433	0.4	12.6	20.7	-0.1	2.9	-20	-0.7	1.9	155	235
170986	Ashmore 170011	0.4	11.8	19.0	0.0	3.6	-12	-0.2	-2.6	165	235

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SA Sheep Expo hits Record Entries

SOURCE: Catherine Miller, The Stock Journal - April 2019

A record 140 young sheep enthusiasts from SA, Vic and NSW converged at the Adelaide Showground from the 15-17 April for the fourth annual SA Sheep Expo.

This year's education program had a strong technology component with lectures including virtual fencing, virtual reality and the use of eID.

Trent Oats, Sunbury, continued the tradition of Vic entrants winning the major prize - the award of excellence for the highest achiever in the senior age group.

It is also the fourth time the New Zealand study tour winner has been a University of Melbourne student.

Several new scholarships were awarded this year giving the lucky recipients valuable on-farm experience.

Ella Jones, Naracoorte, won the Merino SA scholarship, enabling her to have a week working at a SA Merino stud of her choice, while Codee Lieblich took out the Flinders Merino Learners Scholarship.

Expo chairman Brenton Lush said the Expo was a great success and was thrilled to have attracted an extra 50 participants this year.

"When the Expo was set up the sheep industry was very positive but the big question was who were the people that were going to take the industry forward," he said.

"We have an older workforce and it is much easier to sit on a tractor than drench sheep so the thought process was finding a way to encourage young people to stay in the sheep industry.

'In 10 to 20 years' time these are the people that will be running the industry, we are just helping to build a good foundation for them."

A new initiative was an off-site visit for the senior entrants to Michell Wool's Salisbury mill which Mr Lush said had been well-received.

The host of White Suffolk members assisting at the Expo.

Association supports Expo and young White Suffolk enthusiasts

The Australian White Suffolk Association was proud to sponsor the 2019 SA Sheep Expo.

Nine entrants in the Expo were from White Suffolk studs with all of them performing well in their age groups and handler classes.

It was also great to see several White Suffolk breeders assisting on Committee, as presenters and parent helpers and supporting our next generation of sheep producers.

Debbie Milne, Richmond Hill Agribusiness & Waratah Stud, teaching participants about electronic identification tags and how they are used in the sheep industry.

Anthony Hurst (left) and Mark Grossman addressing the participants on the attributes of the White Suffolk breed.

Congratulations to following who placed in handler classes and overall in the competition:

- Adelaide Wall (Borrehma stud) for placing 2nd overall in the Junior age group, and 1st in the Junior 4 Handler Class. Adelaide was also the youngest entrant at the 2019 Expo!
- Benjamin Frick (Gypsum Hill stud) for placing 3rd overall in the Junior age group, and 1st in the Junior 1 Handler Class
- Harrison Wall (Borrehma stud) for placing 1st in the Junior 5 Handler Class
- Lucy Cook (Castella stud) for placing 2nd in the Intermediate 1 Handler Class
- Stefan Grossman (Koonawarra stud) for placing 3rd in the Senior 1 Handler Class
- Lachlan Grossman (Koonawarra stud) for placing 2nd in the Senior 2 Handler Class
- Emily Mitchell (Gemini stud) for placing 3rd in the Senior 2 Handler Class

Young White Suffolk breeders at the Expo included (from L-R): Elsie Johnson, Amelia Shepherd, Harrison Wall, Lachlan Grossman, Adelaide Wall, Stefan Grossman, Benjamin Frick, Emily Mitchell and Lucy Cook.

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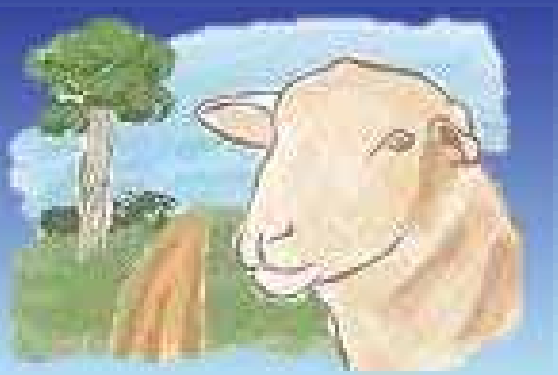

Yonga Downs

White Suffolk Stud

Gnowangerup, Western Australia

"Strive for Excellence"

3rd Annual On-property Ram Sale
5th September

YD 180703

Sired by: KOHAT 160291

WWT	PWT	PEMD	C+	TCP	EQ
12.1	19.6	3.7	237	153.1	141.3

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Harsh Autumn Impacts Numbers

Source: Catherine Miller, Stock Journal

Kybybolite stud and commercial breeder Brett Shepherd will start lamb marking next week, but is expecting fewer lambs this season with the tough autumn.

He predicts lambing percentages to be down 10 per cent to 15pc in both his stud and commercial flock.

"We've had green feed in April for the past couple of years, but this year was nearly an average mid-May break, so when they started lambing the paddocks were pretty bare," he said.

"We were still feeding a few mobs while they were lambing and there were a lot of twins where they left one behind."

He expects they will tag between 140-150pc lambs from their 1100 White Suffolk, Poll Dorset and Suffolk stud ewes and is hoping for 120pc marking rate in the Border Leicester-Merino commercial flock.

In the past decade, Brett and his wife Amanda have tripled their stud ewe numbers, buying two stud flocks and starting a Suffolk stud and are one of the largest sellers of British Breed rams in the SE.

They have also grown their commercial flock to about 2000 ewes, seeing a bright future for the sheep industry.

"It (lamb) is a very good product and it is wanted worldwide by consumers, but we are one of the only countries producing it," he said.

"In Australia, sheep numbers are as low as they have been for a lot of years and unfortunately with (low) lambing percentages you hear about in the bush, it is going to take a long time to build numbers up again."

Brett Shepherd and daughter Amelia tag newborn twin lambs in a mob of their White Suffolk ewes. The say the tight autumn has affected lambing rates.

Amelia Shepherd, Mullinger Park, was busy helping tag White Suffolk lambs.

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