

From the President



P.J. MATUS

July is a busy month for Texel breeders, some have started lambing while others are getting ready, our National Show and AGM at Bendigo happens. Lambing is a busy but exciting time, a time to see if those joining combinations deliver the results for which we plan. The difficult Autumn and now Winter that most are experiencing presents challenges for which we hopefully are prepared.

All members would have received the Texel Prime Lamb Review, a publication that will be very useful for individual breeders to help promote the undisputed carcass merits of the Texel. Additional copies can be downloaded from the ATSBAs web site.

Maria Wood and Karen Agnew have done a wonderful job putting such an excellent publication together and for sourcing sponsorship and advertising to cover its full cost. Wherever possible support those businesses that sponsor our Association.

Congratulations go to those members who participated in the RAS of Victoria Prime Lamb Carcass Competition.

The dominance of the Texel especially considering its comparatively lesser share of the terminal sire market is outstanding.

Also outstanding is that Texels were able to dominate **all** weight ranges from heavy trade to heavy export.

Some States have already run an advertising campaign in the Rural Press publications based on the success in this competition.

The Texel AGM will be held at the National Motor Inn Bendigo on Friday 21 July 2006, commencing at 6 pm.

Guest speaker, Geoff Duddy from the NSW Department of Primary Industries based at Yanco NSW, will speak at the dinner following the AGM.

Geoff has judged a number of lamb carcass competitions and is an expert on lamb lotfeeding and on the new breeds of sheep to Australia.

- PETER MATUS

Judging at Texel National Show, ASBA Bendigo, on Saturday, July 22.

Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be held in conjunction with the Texel National Show at the ASBA Show Bendigo at 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 21st July, 2006.

Venue is the Bendigo National Motor Inn, 186 High Street, Bendigo, Vic.

Members attending the AGM will assist hotel staff if they order their meal before the AGM convenes. This will streamline the interval between meals, dinner and after-dinner speaker.

A reminder that the Notice of Motion to be put to the AGM, Special Resolution 1, is that Rule 1 (b) be altered by adding the words "or in the Association" after the words "with a special interest in a registered Texel flock", in the first paragraph.

If approved at the AGM, Rule 1 (b) would read

Associate Membership

An Associate Member shall be any person with a special interest in a registered Texel flock or in the Association and shall have full voting rights but shall not be eligible to stand for election of Council.

There cannot be more than one Associate Member in respect of a registered flock.

If you wish to vote and cannot attend the AGM please fax your completed Proxy Form to Head Office.

It is suggested you appoint as your Proxy the "Chairman of the Meeting".

National Judge

Graeme Hibbard, Deepdene, Narrandera, NSW, was selected by Federal Council at its meeting on February 4 to judge Texels at the National Show at the ASBA Bendigo.

Judging is on Saturday, 22nd July 2006.

Helmsman Sale at Bendigo

The Helmsman Sale will be run again at the Texel National Show at the ASBA Bendigo, on July 22nd.

Vendors must nominate sale sheep within 15 minutes after judging ends to the Stewards, headed by Alan Jones, with the Helmsman Sale concluding one hour after judging.

Sale cards can be put over the pens from Friday morning to give prospective purchasers more time to consider selection.

The following article explains how a typical Helmsman Sale operates.

"Helmsman" Buying System

This buying system combines the best features of both the auction system and sale by private treaty.

People say that the "Helmsman" system is buyer friendly because it helps them get better value for money. The simultaneous auction method enables them to switch to the best valued animal at any time during the sale.

So the "Helmsman" system will give you a better chance of getting the animal of your choice at the price of your choice.

The Benefits

1. You have more time to consider lodging a bid. You can place genuine bids on any animal of your choice at any time during the sale period.
2. You have the opportunity to re-assess each lot during the sale period without any pressure to make an instant decision.
3. You take home the animal/s you want irrespective of lot order.
4. If you are considering purchasing a number of animals the "Helmsman" system will give you a better chance to average your purchase costs in order to meet your total budget.

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How the "Helmsman" System Works

- On arrival intending purchasers need to register at the bid table and receive a buyer number.
- All animals are displayed for inspection prior to, and during the sale.
- When the sale commences, all animals are on the market simultaneously. You may bid on any animal regardless of lot number, by filling in a bid card and handing it to the receptionist at the bid table, agent, or to a 'runner'.
- You may open bidding at the reserve price indicated for each animal in the catalogue and contest bids in multiples of no less than \$100.
- Bids are recorded, with the buyer's number, on a large board adjacent to the animals. You can bid on any number of animals at once, and see at a glance whether your bid still stands or has been over-bid.
- There is no pressure to commit yourself to another bid. If your 'first choice' animal goes beyond your limit you can still bid on any other animal in the sale.
- The sale will remain open for a minimum of fifteen minutes. A bid registered in the last two minutes will result in a two minute extension of selling time.

Any further bids trigger the same process until a full two minutes 'no bid' period concludes the sale.

- **A bid once submitted and recorded cannot be retracted.**

Prime Lamb Reviews

There have been requests from members for more copies of the Prime Lamb Review. Unfortunately due to the very limited budget we were able to print only a small run. The Review has been sent out to all those we thought would be useful as a breed promotion.

If members would like to use the Review for their own stud promotion we can arrange another print run at \$4 (plus GST) per copy.

Please advise Head Office if you would like more copies.

Computer Software Programs

Members often phone Head Office looking for suitable computer software programs suitable for sheep.

Lambplan of course has pedigree wizard software available.

Henry Fergusson uses cattle plus software which gives extended five generation pedigrees etc.

which he obtained from Practical Systems which can carry out a special override for sheep. (Phone: 02 – 6772 6672)

The \$700 Mouse Nest,

In addition to Te Rakau's \$3000 dog mentioned in the last December Newsletter, Maria and Robert Wood had the \$700 mouse.

A mouse nested in the electrical system of their washing machine in April and blew itself and the washing machine up beyond the point of no repair.

The world stopped over Easter and it was over ten days before a replacement machine was sent up from the city.

Maria said they couldn't put poison out because they had cats and dogs so have a dozen traps to keep setting up in their outside laundry and garage because in Autumn the cats can't keep the mouse numbers down.

The cats think this is wonderful and keep watch over the traps to eat the mice as they are caught. She has all the traps tied with long bits of string to handles and old golf clubs because otherwise you could not find the traps again with the cats taking their 'kill' away to eat.

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I told Maria that as an eight year old city kid, my grandmother used to pay me sixpence per mouse and I became an expert at setting a fine edge to the trap, waiting just outside the kitchen for the bang before darting in to reset.

The only problem was that if I wasn't around, my grandmother using rubber gloves, picked up both trap and mouse and put them into the bin.

Biological Farmers

Texel breeder, Helen Chambers, wrote with great excitement that the Federation of Biological Farmers will present the "Healthy Soils through Communication" Symposium 2006 in Seymour, Vic., in August.

This is a fantastic opportunity for farmers, land managers, educators and service providers. The Symposium will be a time for learning, networking, exchanging ideas and experiences in relation to our soils and sustainable farming.

The program includes a range of great speakers and field day options to provide food for thought; see and hear of projects, trials and experiences of how important soil is in the whole landscape and how we can improve and enhance this national

resource for the benefit of all.

For further information contact the Federation of Biological Farmers Inc, P.O. Box 63, Seymour, Vic. 3660.

Phone: (03) 5794 9279

Helen Chambers (Flock 142) can provide the registration form and program of events.

Myomax and iScan Testing

The whole testing regime is to become larger and more frequent and Ovita will in future handle it all themselves from NZ. Members may want to team up to make a block booking to get the cheaper rates. There should not be a problem as long as Ovita received all the strips as one consignment and were paid as one.

Tony Arthur of Ovita has advised:

1. The launch of MyoMAX[®] in NZ will be in the last week of July. It won't be possible to launch it in Australia in the media any earlier and I would suggest if something goes out via the media then it will happen in early August. I would be happy supplying material for you for this for the Association but I will be producing our own material for release throughout the media in Australia.

2. i-SCAN[®] testing – We will run from New Zealand. The kits will be sent directly to breeders. We can run both i-SCAN[®] and MyoMAX[®] off the same blood samples so no need to take two different blood samples – hence the combination test offer.

Mastitis

The following material was provided to Maria Wood, WA Region, by David Cameron, Agronomist, Elders, Moora WA. He is involved in ELMS (Elders Livestock Management Services) and sourced this information from the NZ Dairy industry.

Te Rakau stud has reduced mastitis to about 1-2% by following this regime while Karen Agnew has had very good results just by using Olsson's Grass Tetany block, (calcium/magnesium). There is a strong correlation between calcium/magnesium and zinc metabolism.

Zinc is instrumental in smooth muscle movement therefore critical in closing off the teat sphincter quickly, as well as helping fight infection.

Nutrition and its effect on the immune system play a huge role in the sheep's ability to fight infections.

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A whole host of hormonal changes, and the energy shortage that occurs around lambing (sub-clinical pregnancy toxemia) will result in the ewe being unable to mount an adequate immune response to infecting bacteria.

There are bacteria that live happily on the udder skin and in the teat, which will invade the udder when the ewe is placed under these hormonal and nutritional stresses. Twins will have huge energy demands from two months of pregnancy onwards.

To minimise this risk:

1. Minerals such as zinc and selenium, and Vitamin A, influence the immune system, and the ability of the sheep to fight bacterial infections.
 - Injections of Vitamin ADE pre joining, and with the pre lambing vaccination booster can be useful.
 - Ensure selenium levels are adequate (eg drench, bullet, injection)
 - Zinc can be supplied by dry licks or oral doses, especially with the prejoining ADE injection and pre lambing vaccinations. NZ

dairy industry research has shown that zinc has a major impact on mastitis resistance.

2. Ensure that bacteria from the environment do not cause a problem – do this by making sure the pre-lambing and lambing paddocks are dry and clean. This is the major reason for mastitis after lambing as it takes up to 30 minutes after sucking for the teat sphincter to close.
3. Provide good nutrition, so that there is no negative influence on the immune system of the sheep. This will enable them to fight bacterial infection.
4. Provide optimal energy (so that there is no clinical or sub-clinical pregnancy toxemia)
5. There is a genetic susceptibility to mastitis, so be prepared to cull.

SUPPLIERS

BioJohn in Belmont, Perth (08) 9277 6122 are the suppliers of the only form of zinc suitable for our purposes. BioPlex Zinc is made by Alltech Biotechnology for the dairy industry for mixing with licks or feed. With careful management it can be given orally as it is difficult

to get the animals to take licks in the winter.

For more information about zinc contact Michelle Drechsler at Alltech Phone: (03) 9791 2800 or Tony Mucciarone at BioJohn. BioJohn also supply Vit ADE for injection or orally and oral Vitamin E at reasonable prices.

Dr. Stuart Barber, Lecturer in Animal Production & Welfare, Department of Veterinary Science, University of Melbourne, has received PIRD funding to investigate mastitis and hopefully will have some information for breeders later this year.

Texels Top the List

CANTERBURY (NZ) farmer Ken Shipley has every reason to extol the virtues of the Texel after the breed scored the 'Food and Fibre' trifecta at the Canterbury A and P Show late last year.

As far as he was concerned, Ken believed the result was a 'first' for one particular breed at any show.

"It may have happened before, but I'm certainly unaware of a single breed taking all three placings.

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It certainly was a day to remember when one considers the competition was for all breeds including Romneys, Perendales, Corriedales and so on.”

For the record, the Border Leicesters took second, with the Romneys third.

Ken said he got involved with Texels right from the start. “I purchased three ewes when the breed was first released in New Zealand in 1991. Not only are Texels known for their dressing percentage, they are also very adaptable and can cross with any ewe.”

“This year the Alliance Group will be paying suppliers on yield grading. In other words clients will be paid on the meat percentage of the stock instead of the animals overall weight. The fact that Texels dress out at the top end of the scale is a bonus for those who run the breed on their properties,” Ken said. “They have an excellent meat to bone ratio”

Another factor in Texels favour according to the West Christchurch breeder is their ability to cope with all climatic conditions.

“Texels have great survivability. They are hardy types particularly well to Southland.” At the present time Ken runs 400 purebred Texels on his 80 hectare property and

following the recent show result is even more convinced the breed will continue to be to the fore for many years to come.

“They have all the qualities I have looked for in a breed. Texels have tremendous ability to pass on their features when crossed with any other ewe.”

“I’m sold on Texels and I’m sure many other farmers are too.

From the Otago Southland Farmer. Friday November 25, 2005

Wagin Woolorama

Four Western Australian Texel exhibitors were at the 2006 Wagin Woolorama under Judge Lewis Shepherd, Leween, Narrogin, W.A.

The Jimjan stud of J.R. & J.M. Glover, Boyup Brook, W.A., exhibited the supreme champion Texel with their champion ewe and won six classes as well as exhibiting champion ram and reserve champion ram.

Meltrac Enterprises, Mirovi, Narrogin, exhibited the reserve champion ewe while Tanya Hill, Tanalan, Esperance, won the progeny group of three sheep and the pair of rams under 1 year showing milk teeth.

Detailed awards were:

Ram under 1 year, showing milk teeth

Jimjan, 1; Tanalan, 2; Mirovi, 3.

Ram over 1 year

Jimjan, 1 & 2.

Pair of rams under 1 year showing milk teeth

Talanan, 1; Jimjan, 2; Mirovi, 3.

Ram under 1 year showing milk teeth to be judged objectively and subjectively

Jimjan, 1; Tanalan, 2; Morrongoing, 3.

Ewe under 1 year, showing milk teeth

Jimjan, 1; Mirovi, 2; Tanalan, 3.

Ewe over 1 year

Jimjan, 1 & 3; Morrongoing, 2.

Pair of ewes under 1 year showing milk teeth

Jimjan, 1; Tanalan, 2; Mirovi, 3.

Group of 1 ram and 2 ewes from previous milk teeth classes

Jimjan, 1; Tanalan, 2; Mirovi, 3.

Progeny group of 3 sheep any age or sex by the same sire from previous classes

Talanan, 1; Jimjan, 2; Mirovi, 3.

Champion ram

Jimjan

Reserve Champion Ram

Jimjan

Champion Ewe

Jimjan

Reserve Champion Ewe

Mirovi

Supreme Champion Texel

Jimjan with the champion ewe



Progeny Group- Wagin Woolorama



Champion ram held by Jim Glover- Wagin Woolorama



Ram under 1 year showing milk teeth- Wagin Woolorama



Ewes under 1 year showing milk teeth - Wagin Woolorama



Champion ewe and supreme Champion Texel with Jan Glover (left) and Judge Lewis Shepherd (right). - Wagin Woolorama

Sydney Royal Easter Show

Ram, showing milk teeth only, shorn, born after 1 June previous year

Woongarra, 1; Tattykeel, 2; Cranbrook, 3; Tara, 4; Kraywood, 5.

Ram, showing milk teeth only, in wool, born after 1 June previous year

Tattykeel, 1 and champion; Cranbrook, 2; Tara, 3 & 5; Kraywood, 4.

Ram, 1 to 2 years, in wool
Tattykeel, 1 and champion

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Pen of 2 ram lambs, shorn, born after 1 June previous year

Tattykeel, 1; Cranbrook, 2;

Grand champion ram

Tattykeel

Reserve grand champion ram

Tattykeel

Ewe, showing milk teeth only, shorn, born after 1 June previous year

Kraywood, 1; Woongarra, 2 and 6; Cranbrook, 3;

Tara, 4 and 5;

Ewe, showing milk teeth only, in wool, born after 1 June previous year

Tara, 1 and 4; Cranbrook, 2; Kraywood, 3.

Ewe, 1 to 2 years, shorn

Tattykeel, 1 and champion; Kraywood, 2 and reserve champion; Cranbrook, 3.

Ewe, 1 to 2 years, in wool

Kraywood, 1; Cranbrook, 2;

Pen of 2 ewe lambs, shorn, born after 1 June previous year

Cranbrook, 1; Kraywood, 2; Tattykeel, 3; Tara, 4.

Grand champion ewe

Tattykeel

Reserve grand champion ewe

Kraywood

Supreme Texel Exhibit

Tattykeel, with champion ram

The Peter Taylor Group – one ram and two ewes, showing milk teeth only.

Exhibited and bred by the owner and selected from exhibits in general classes
Woongarra, 1; Cranbrook, 2; Tara, 3.

Objective Measurement Class

Tara, 1; Cranbrook, 2; Woongarra, 3; Tattykeel, 4.

Most Successful Texel exhibitor

Tattykeel



Champion Texel ram at 2006 Sydney Royal Easter Show, exhibited by Tattykeel Pty. Ltd., Oberon, NSW, from the woolly ram class 1-2 years old. – (Photo – Wayne Jenkins)



Champion Texel ewe at 2006 Sydney Royal Easter Show, exhibited by Tattykeel Pty. Ltd., Oberon, NSW, from the shorn class 1-2 years old. – (Photo – Wayne Jenkins)

Cranbrook Supreme at Dubbo

We do not have any official results from the Dubbo Show in May however heard on the grapevine that Philip Balcombe, Cranbrook, Canowindra, NSW, exhibited his Texel ewe lamb aged nine months old which went on to be awarded the supreme meat sheep female.

The Dubbo Show is the second or third biggest meat sheep show with over 800 entries from all breeds so it was quite an honour for Philip.

Texel Breeders Conference



A very successful weekend was held from the 10th to the 12th June at Glenormiston College, for Texel Breeders. The conference was organised by the Texel Young Sire Group.

The weekend started after lunch on Saturday with an informative and differing approach to soil biology. David Thulborn from Soil Solutions Australia opened the minds of all by

suggesting alternatives to how we practice. We have to think about the bigger picture, with soils being made up of microbes and fungi's. David talked about how we need to feed the microbes and fungi's so they don't starve or die. This will improve the soils fertility and structure naturally.

That was the end of the warm confides of the conference room as we all piled into cars and followed Roger Trigg from Wrightsons Australia out to inspect some recently sown pastures on some nearby dairy properties.

These pastures demonstrated the effects of a cold dry May has had on the establishment of pastures.

Back to the warmth of the College and Sam Gill from Sheep Genetics Australia informed us about the new role and structure Sheep Genetics Australia will take. Sam showed how the Texel breed is well placed within the terminal sire industry for it's muscling and fat attributes, leading all other terminal sire breeds.



Roger Trigg discusses pasture establishment

Sam then presented the preliminary findings of the Sheep Genomics program, which has discovered the Myostatin gene. This gene is a unique gene found as a double copy in most Texels. This means that when a double copy Myostatin sire is crossed over a commercial ewe (not carrying any Myostatin genes) all of the progeny will receive one copy of the gene. This results in progeny being 20% leaner and having significantly more muscling, therefore a higher yielding carcass. There is further research into the possibilities of other genes within the Texel breed that affect leanness and muscling.

As breeders we have known, we have something unique for some time but have not always taken the opportunity to capitalise with marketing and promotion to get the commercial client to recognise our product. Lynton Arney a \$superborder member spoke about how a number of Border Leicester breeders formed a group, to first investigate the opportunities they as breeders had to market their rams in a more effective manner. The findings of this were to establish a marketing program that improved the image and acceptance of Border Leicesters. The group now markets a percentage of the top ranked animals on LAMBPLAN under the \$superborder banner.



***RAS Prime Lamb
Carcase Award
Winners***

A Western District lamb producer has won the major award in the 2005 Prime Lamb Carcase Competition, conducted by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RAS).

Colin Gellie from Derrinallum was awarded a first prize of \$4,000 with a winning consignment of 345 lambs, which had an average carcase weight of 22.9 kg and lean meat yield of 56.2%.

His entry received \$3.58 premium per carcase above the average 'over the hooks' quote. The lambs were the progeny of a Texel/East Friesian ram over Bond Corriedale/East Friesian ewes.

The 2005 RAS Prime Lamb Carcase Competition Award Winners were announced in conjunction with the RAS Prime Lamb Symposium at the Department of Primary Industries, Hamilton, on Friday, 7 April.

Theo Castricum, Director of Castricum Brothers Pty. Ltd., said it was an outstanding achievement by the winner to attain that percentage of lean meat yield from such carcase weight.

Second placegetter in the competition was Roger Mason of Woodstock (near Craigieburn), achieving \$3.52 premium per carcase,

with a consignment of 383 Texel X Texel/Merino cross lambs with an average carcase weight of 26 kg and lean meat yield of 55.4%.

Third place went to A.W. & D.G. Pevitt, of Warrong, in the Western District, achieving \$3.42 premium per carcase with a consignment of 307 Texel cross lambs with an average carcase weight of 26.1 kg and lean meat yield of 54.9%.

It was a successful day for the Texel breed, with the top three producers incorporating the breed into their flock.

The 2005 Competition attracted a total of 46 entries with close to 16,000 lambs processed.

Entries were received from Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania.

The RAS Prime Lamb Carcase Competition is on again in 2006 and for further information on the Competition, contact Simone Stuckey at the RAS on phone (03) 9914 2416.

The Competition is proudly sponsored by Castricum Brothers Pty. Ltd., Meat and Livestock Australia and Weekly Times.

Bon Appetit

Local Texel lamb producer and rural entrepreneur, Andy Roberts, hosted a

delegation of 20 French agricultural tourists at his Hillside property in May.

A combination of farmers and meat industry representatives from France visited Cootamundra after spending three days in Brisbane at the World Meat Conference.

Hillside is one of only two properties the group visited during their Australian sojourn.

Mr Roberts said the group was made up of the key figures of the French meat industry who form the French National Meat and Livestock Association.

"They said they'd like to come and have a look around so we served Texel lamb for lunch to show them what a great product we have here," Mr Roberts said.

The excitable guests were enthusiastic about their food, not to mention the local media attention. National Chairman of the French National Meat and Livestock Association, Emmanuel Coste said the group's members represented different branches of the economic sector.

"The association is composed of meat and livestock farmers, livestocksalers, slaughterers (abattoirs) and wholesalers," Mr Coste said.

Mr Roberts, like many other Australian producers, hopes the conference will lead to the increase of

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Australia's lamb exports to the European Union. Australian lamb industry leaders have been in negotiations recently with French and UK producers to boost Australia's share of the quota, which currently is limited to 18,500 tonnes each year. Mr Roberts compared this to New Zealand's quota, which is more than 12 times Australia's share of the market.

(Contributed by Elizabeth Rolfe, a Journalist with the Cootamundra Herald).



Andy Roberts (centre) serving Texel lamb to his French guests.

U.K. Genetics

Stan and Carole Dorman, W.A., imported Texel genetics from the U.K. along with Suffolk genetics because their donors were able to get through the very difficult Australian health protocol.

They have for sale three females and four males, all from the one mating, from an embryo collection, and were born in WA in August 2004.

The ATSBA will accept the transfers on these sheep on this occasion upon inspection and payment of double transfer fees.

Carole Dorman provided the following background on sire and dam:

SIRE - KIRTLE BANKER

Kirtle Banker was bred by Robin Hope, a well known, reputable and respected breeder of Texels within the U.K. Kirtle Banker was champion ram at Lanark 1st sale in 1995 and was purchased by the Muirensk flock breeders, Bruce and Colin Mair for 12,000 guineas. His dam was successive Royal Show champion in both 1993 and 1994. His progeny are sought after and two of his sons sold in 1996 for 4,800 guineas and 4,000 guineas with his first 11 sons averaging at 2,000 U.K. pounds.

DAM - HMK97095

'Nethermuir Blaze' sired by the 16,000 guineas Annan Yagorra who was champion at the societies premier sale at Lanark as well as the 1st prize at the Royal Highland and Royal English Shows. Yagorra's sire, Annan Won O Won, sold for 5,500 guineas in 1993. He was a major breeder siring many successful rams and females and living until 10 years of age.

He sired the Lanark champion in 2002 which sold for 27,000 guineas. HMK97095 bred a two tooth which sold privately in 2001 for 4,000 guineas. HMK97095's pedigree and that of her embryos includes nearly all the influential sires that were bred up to that time.

If you are interested contact Carole Dorman. Email address is dorman@agn.net.au



U.K. Genetics for sale



Victorian Texel Ram of the Year

Coprice is proud to sponsor the Victorian Texel Ram of the Year again in 2006.

The Victorian Texel Ram of the Year will be conducted over the following shows:

- ASBA Bendigo
- Hamilton Sheepvention
- Royal Melbourne
- Horsham A&P Show
- Geelong A&P Show

Only Victorian Region Studs Eligible

Accommodation Package

4 Tonne of Coprice Sheep Pellets

Points to be allocated as follows:

Entries	Points
1-2	1
3	2,1
4	3,2,1
5+	4,3,2,1

Both sheep in the pair's class collect points.

Champion Ram receives 2 points

Reserve Champion Ram receives 1 point

More than 10 Victorian rams in a class, an additional point will be awarded to the top 4 point scores

In a class of Victorian and Interstate rams (more than 10 rams) points will only be awarded if in the top 10.

All rams must be bred and owned by the Exhibitor