

19th Australian Fleece Competition

AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW
BENDIGO, VICTORIA 19th - 21st JULY 2019



Total Prize Value Over **\$17,000**

Major Prize **\$2,000** Travel Voucher for Grand Champion Fleece

Closing date for fleece entry and delivery **Friday 7th June 2019**

Enter online at www.sheepshow.com

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COMPETITION OBJECTIVES

- To conduct a commercial fleece competition utilising current technology to assist both the objective and subjective measurement criteria.
- To conduct a fleece competition which provides educational outcomes to competitors, wool growers and the industry at large.
- To conduct a fleece competition encompassing all main wool types.

AUSTRALIAN FLEECE COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Stud Breeders are not permitted to enter commercial sections.
2. Entries in the commercial classes are to be shorn from sheep run under paddock conditions. Any fleeces from rugged or housed sheep or those showing evidence of non-commercial feeding practices will be entered into stud classes.
3. Fleeces exhibited by a school, tertiary institution, student or other person under 21 years of age are eligible for the 'Ag Colleges and Schools Awards' and can be entered in classes 32A and 33A.
4. Fleeces should be intact and conventionally skirted and rolled to current industry standards.
Any fleeces that are insufficiently skirted will have excess removed by stewards. Judges reserve the right to deduct points for colour & uniformity of length. Fleeces containing brands should not be submitted. Fleeces with brands will be penalised for colour.
5. Landmark Wool Staff shall act as collection points for fleeces. **Wooltrans Aust** will transport fleeces to and from the show at no charge to the exhibitor from depots within Australia, **providing they meet cut off dates.**
6. All fleeces will be weighed and tested for yield, fibre diameter, staple length and strength under the standard procedures of AWTA and based on IWTO regulations.
7. Fleeces will be allocated to their respective class according to test results.
8. Vegetable matter - A default value of 1.0% will be applied for all fleeces. For any fleece visually greater than 1.0% vm, the appraised value will be substituted for the default 1.0% value and the clean weight adjusted accordingly.
9. All benchmarks will be surveyed annually and adjusted in June each year.
10. Implied values will be based on AWEX wool types Eastern Market indicator averaged for the July 2018 to June 2019 selling season.
11. The Committee reserves the right to not issue Champion awards in any section subject to the overall judging criteria.
12. Each fleece must be accompanied by the fleece bag ticket, specifying the name of the exhibitor, phone contact, section entered, etc., **Additional fleece bag tickets are available from Landmark wool personnel** - contacts listed on the back of this brochure.
Entry forms can be obtained from the Australian Sheepbreeders Association, Landmark Wool Staff (In each State) or from the following websites: **www.landmark.com.au** or **www.sheepshow.com**
13. The judges' decision is final and no discussions will be entered into.
14. Fleeces will only be accepted from sheep which have been the bonafide property of the exhibitor for at **least 6 months prior to being shorn.**
15. Fleeces must be shorn from the current season; ie July 2018 - June 2019.
16. All fleeces must remain on display until the conclusion of the show in the fleece exhibition area.
Exhibitors will be able to collect fleeces on Sunday 21st July but NOT BEFORE 4pm.
17. Please note that all fleeces will be covered by insurance from property to show and return.
18. Winners of major fleece sections and State Champions will be kept for display purposes at a public viewing area - Victorian Wool Centre - Melbourne during the next 12 Months. (State Champions to be displayed in home State.)
19. Online entry is available on ASBA website: www.sheepshow.com
20. All fleeces from outside Australia will only be accepted if they comply with relevant regulations. Refer to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - Biosecurity for more information.
21. Exhibitor contact details may be provided to media or show sponsors as part of show promotion or structured sponsorship agreements.
22. Trophies for the Most Successful Stud Exhibitor and Most Successful Commercial Exhibitor will be awarded to the exhibitor with the greatest number of aggregate points in each breed section, providing each individual fleece scores a minimum of 75 points.
23. Exhibitors may donate additional fleeces or substitute fleeces if they wish to retain their exhibited fleece. Fleeces to be donated only and not included in the competition are to be clearly marked and labeled prior to delivery.
24. Entry fees are:
 - \$16.50 incl. GST per entry for ASBA members
 - \$22.00 incl. GST per entry for non-ASBA members
 - **No fee if fleece is donated to:**



KEY TO JUDGES COMMENTS AND POINTS DEDUCTED FOR

U	FRIB / PCS / BLS PRESENT
M	SCOURABLE COLOUR
V	SKIN PIECES
R	BRAND
L	CLUMPY SEED
F	SOFT COTT
A	DERMATITIS
N	WATER STAIN
H	PEN STAIN
S	DARK STAIN
K	MEDULATED FIBRE
Y	BLACK & COLOURED FIBRE
1	CHECK TEST PERFORMED - MICRON
2	CHECK TEST PERFORMED - YIELD
3	CHECK TEST PERFORMED - LENGTH
4	CHECK TEST PERFORMED - STRENGTH

ALLOCATION OF POINTS	MAX
CLEAN FLEECE WEIGHT	38
COMMERCIAL PROCESSING PERFORMANCE	38
COLOUR	6
EVENNESS	8
STYLE / CHARACTER / HANDLE	10
TOTAL POINTS	100

MERINO PERFORMANCE SECTION CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

These are stand alone classes and entries will not be eligible for the major Australian Fleece Competition awards

- Fleeces must be only from growers who shear their flock in 6-8 month cycles as a commercial practice.
- Date of current and previous shearing are to be stated by Exhibitor.
- Shearing intervals must be no less than 24 weeks and no more than 36 weeks.
- The committee or judges have the discretion to request wool test results of the flock from which the fleeces were selected.
- Fleece weights will be assessed against a percentage of the current AFC benchmarks based on weeks of growth.
- Processing performance will be assessed against the AFC benchmarks for hauteur, CV of hauteur, noil, position of break and mm growth per week.
- A visual appraisal will determine points awarded for colour, evenness, style, character and handle.
- If an exhibitor owns a registered stud all fleeces will be entered in stud classes.
- Ram fleeces will not be accepted in a performance section. Exhibitors, wool industry participants and the public are invited to provide written feedback and input into how to improve or grow this section and provide relevant information to the wool industry.

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MAJOR AWARDS

Grand Champion
Reserve Grand Champion
Champion Commercial
Reserve Champion Commercial
Most Successful Stud Exhibitor
Most Successful Commercial Exhibitor

Sponsored by Landmark & Gallagher
Sponsored by Elanco Animal Health
Sponsored by Virbac
Sponsored by Bayer Animal Health
Sponsored by AWTA
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Travel Voucher - \$2000
Cash - \$1000
Product - \$1000
Product - \$500
Trophy & Testing - \$250
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All prizes will be awarded on the basis of points for both objective and visual judging.

Total Prize Value Over \$17,000

SECTIONS & CLASSES

ALL FLEECES WILL BE FULLY TESTED (LENGTH AND STRENGTH INCLUDED)

NOTE: FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD, RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH CLASS. HIGHLY COMMENDED RIBBONS AWARDED TO FLEECES MEETING AGREED CRITERIA.

MERINO

CLASS 1 14.5 micron & Finer Commercial Merino Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Jackson of Geelong. Wool Services - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Modiano Australia. Cash - \$150

EXTRA ULTRA FINE 14.6 - 15.5 MICRON

CLASS 2 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 3 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 4 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim. Product - \$400
 Reserve sponsored by Zoetis. Product - \$150

ULTRA FINE 15.6 - 16.5 MICRON

CLASS 5 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 6 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 7 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Coopers Animal Health. Product - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Performance Feeds. Product - \$150

EXTRA SUPER FINE 16.6 - 17.5 MICRON

CLASS 8 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 9 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 10 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Genesis Industries. Product - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Feed Test. Testing - \$150

SUPER FINE 17.6 - 18.5 MICRON

CLASS 11 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 12 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 13 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Aussie Wool Quits. Product - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Allflex. Product - \$150

FINE 18.6 - 19.5 MICRON

CLASS 14 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 15 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 16 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Elanco Animal Health. Cash - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by AWTA. Testing - \$150

FINE MEDIUM 19.6 - 20.5 MICRON

CLASS 17 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 18 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 19 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Modiano Australia. Cash - \$300
 Reserve sponsored by Slideaway Feeders. Product - \$150

MEDIUM 20.6 - 22.0 MICRON

CLASS 20 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 21 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 22 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Australian Merino Direct. Cash - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Feed Test. Testing - \$150

STRONG 22.1 MICRON & STRONGER

CLASS 23 Merino Stud Ram
CLASS 24 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 25 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Heiniger. Product - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Allflex. Product - \$150

DOHNE

CLASS 26 Dohne Stud Ram
CLASS 27 Dohne Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 28 Dohne Commercial Ewe or Wether F3+
 Champion sponsored by Aust. Dohne Breeders Assoc. Cash - \$350
 Reserve sponsored by Aust. Dohne Breeders Assoc. Cash - \$150

POLWARTH

CLASS 29 Polwarth Stud Ram
CLASS 30 Polwarth Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 31 Polwarth Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Coopers Animal Health. Product - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Slideaway Feeders. Product - \$150

CORRIEDALE

CLASS 32 Corriedale Stud Ram
CLASS 32A Corriedale Stud Ram exhibited by youth*
CLASS 33 Corriedale Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 33A Corriedale Stud Ewe or Wether exhibited by youth*
CLASS 34 Corriedale Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Williams Wool. Cash - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Performance Feeds. Product - \$150

School Entries (Classes 32A & 33A)

Champion sponsored by Elanco Animal Health. Cash - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Victorian Corriedale Assoc. Cash - \$100

* Open to schools, tertiary institutions, students or other exhibitors under 21 years of age.

BRITISH BREEDS / OTHER BREEDS

CLASS 35 British Long Wool Ram
CLASS 36 British Long Wool Ewe
CLASS 37 Downs Wool
CLASS 38 Commercial Crossbred Fleece (29.5 micron & finer)
CLASS 39 Commercial Crossbred Fleece (29.6 micron & stronger)
 Champion sponsored by Gallagher. Product - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by Modiano Australia. Cash - \$150

MERINO PERFORMANCE 6-8MTH SHEARING

CLASS 101 Merino Stud Ewe or Wether
CLASS 102 Merino Commercial Ewe or Wether
 Champion sponsored by Modiano Australia. Cash - \$500
 Reserve sponsored by Zoetis. Product - \$300
 Most Valuable sponsored by AWI. Woolmark Product - \$200

COMMERCIAL FLEECE VALUE SECTION

(REFER CLAUSE 9) - WILL BE AWARDED IN SIX GROUPS

- Group 1 Most Valuable - from Classes 1, 3, 4, 6, 7
- Group 2 Most Valuable - from Classes 9, 10, 12, 13
- Group 3 Most Valuable - from Classes 15, 16, 18, 19, 27, 28
- Group 4 Most Valuable - from Classes 21, 22, 24, 25
- Group 5 Most Valuable - Non Merino <25.9 micron - from Classes 30, 31, 33, 33A, 34, 36, 38, 39
- Group 6 Most Valuable - Non Merino >26 micron - from Classes 30, 31, 33, 33A, 34, 36, 38, 39

Each Group sponsored by AWI

Woolmark Product -
 6 x \$200 each TOTAL VALUE \$1,200

SPECIAL AWARDS

HIGHEST SCORING FLEECE IN EACH STATE

Sponsored by Landmark - Value \$500 per State

- Champion Fleece N.S.W. - Landmark Wool Services
- Champion Fleece Queensland - Landmark Wool Services
- Champion Fleece South Australia - Landmark Product
- Champion Fleece Tasmania - Landmark Product
- Champion Fleece Victoria - Landmark Wool Services
- Champion Fleece Western Australia - Landmark Wool Services

FUTURE OF FARMING - AG COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS AWARDS

Awarded to highest points in Classes 1-39, Entered by Ag Colleges, schools, students or person under 21 years of age.

Champion sponsored by CGU Insurance. Cash - \$250
 Reserve sponsored by CGU Insurance. Cash - \$150

All prizes are to be claimed within 12 months of the competition and are not redeemable for cash.

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Modiano



Slideaway Feeders



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Victorian Corriedale Association



Williams Wool Export



Wooltrans Aust



Zoetis



Rotary Club of Bendigo

DELIVERY OF ALL FLEECES TO LANDMARK BROOKLYN, MELBOURNE VICTORIA NO LATER THAN

**Friday
7th June 2019**

Fleeces consigned to any other delivery points in Australia must be received by Friday 31st May 2019.

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Fleece Bags available on request