

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Fleece Competition

**AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW**  
BENDIGO, VICTORIA 14th - 16th JULY 2023



Major Prize **\$2,200** Travel Voucher for Grand Champion Fleece  
Closing date for fleece entry and delivery **Friday 2nd June 2023**  
Enter online at [www.sheepshow.com](http://www.sheepshow.com)

Total Prize Value Over **\$18,000**

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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. Nutrien 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 2022 to June 2023 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 Nutrien wool personnel** - contacts listed on the back of this brochure.  
Entry forms can be obtained from the Australian Sheepbreeders Association, Nutrien Wool Staff (In each State) or from the following websites:  
**www.nutrienagsolutions.com.au** or **www.sheepshow.com**
13. The judges' decision is final and no discussions will be entered into.
14. Any fleece that does not satisfy the competition conditions of entry will be disqualified at the judges discretion
15. 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.**
16. Fleeces must be shorn from the current season; ie July 2022 - June 2023
17. 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 16th July but NOT BEFORE 4pm.**
18. Please note that all fleeces will be covered by insurance from property to show and return.
19. 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.)
20. Online entry is available on ASBA website: [www.sheepshow.com](http://www.sheepshow.com)
21. 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.
22. Exhibitor contact details may be provided to media or show sponsors as part of show promotion or structured sponsorship agreements.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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

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

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

### 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 37 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.

# MAJOR AWARDS

Total Prize Value Over **\$18,000**

- GRAND CHAMPION**
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**
- CHAMPION COMMERCIAL**
- RESERVE CHAMPION COMMERCIAL**
- MOST SUCCESSFUL STUD EXHIBITOR**
- MOST SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIAL EXHIBITOR**

- Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions & Elanco Animal Health Travel Voucher - \$2,200*
- Sponsored by Gallagher & Boehringer Ingelheim - \$1,500*
- Sponsored by Virbac - \$1,000*
- Sponsored by Modiano Australia - \$500*
- Sponsored by AWTA Trophy & Testing - \$250*
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All prizes will be awarded on the basis of points for both objective and visual judging.  
All prizes are to be claimed within 12 months of the competition and are not redeemable for cash.

## 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 Coopers Animal Health. Product - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Zoetis. Product - \$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 Elanco Animal Health. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Performance Feeds. 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 Mac Bro. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by AWTA. Testing - \$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 Stockowners Shearing. Product - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Allflex. Product - \$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 Endeavour Wool Exports. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Zoetis. 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 Coopers Animal Health. Product - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Performance Feeds. Product - \$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 Genesis Industries. Product - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Feed Test. Testing - \$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 Elanco Animal Health. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Allflex. Product - \$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 Elanco Animal Health. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Endeavour Wool Exports. Cash - \$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 - \$300

**Reserve** sponsored by Aust. Dohne Breeders Assoc. Cash - \$200

### POLWARTH

**CLASS 29** Polwarth Stud Ram

**CLASS 30** Polwarth Stud Ewe or Wether

**CLASS 31** Polwarth Commercial Ewe or Wether

**Champion** sponsored by Mac Bro. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Zoetis. 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 Endeavour Wool Exports. Cash - \$150

### School Entries (Classes 32A & 33A)

**Champion** sponsored by Australian Merino Direct. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Feed Test. Testing \$150

\* 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 Elanco Animal Health. Cash - \$250

**Reserve** sponsored by Endeavour Wool Exports. 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 - \$600

**Reserve** sponsored by Endeavour Wool Exports. Cash - \$300

**Most Valuable** sponsored by AWI. Woolmark. Product - \$200

### COMMERCIAL FLEECE VALUE SECTION

(REFER CLAUSE 10) - 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 Nutrien - Value \$500 per State

Champion Fleece	N.S.W. - Nutrien Wool Services
Champion Fleece	Queensland - Nutrien Wool Services
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Champion Fleece	Tasmania - Nutrien Wool Services
Champion Fleece	Victoria - Nutrien Wool Services
Champion Fleece	Western Australia - Nutrien 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 Nutrien Insurance. Cash - \$250
- Reserve** sponsored by Nutrien Insurance. Cash - \$150

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## DELIVERY DEADLINE

### FRIDAY 2nd JUNE 2023

Brooklyn Wool Selling Centre  
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*Fleeces consigned to any  
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29th May 2023.*

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