

The Perfect Sheep

We purchased a 3 acre property in Johanna (Otways region, Victoria) 4 years ago and inherited 6 Wiltipoll wethers which the previous owners had bought to assist with keeping the grass/vegetation down.

Sadly with their aging years, we are down to 3. They are fabulous and perfect for our property and requirements, so we are keen to buy another 6 wethers (young). I am not sure where our current 'boys' were bought from, so wonder if you are able to assist in giving the contact of any breeders around our area where we might be able to purchase.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Linda Richardson

Hi Linda, Thanks for your enquiry. Yes, Wiltipolls are a great breed aren't they! We all love them.

To source Wiltipoll breeders go to the Association website at www.wiltipoll.com and click on 'memberships' on the front page. This will take you to the members pages. Click on the state that you want at the top of the page and members names with their contact details in that state will come up.

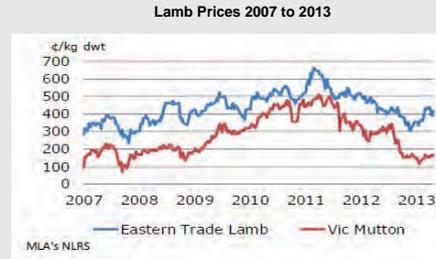
Regards
Annie Hughes

Hi Annie, Many thanks for your prompt reply and I have since looked at the members pages and note there are a few breeders in a reasonable distance from us. I will follow up with those direct.

Yes, we do love our 'boys' and indeed are a no hassle breed. I know there are other similar breeds, but these have been just perfect for us and much prefer the same again. I was reluctant at first -- as I said, they came with the property as 'house sheep' -- but couldn't imagine being without them

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now. Was sad to lose the first one, and sadly another 2 this year. You forget they're getting older, but what a great life they've had with us.

We are not farm people and the sheep are here purely for a practical reason (not breeding or for meat), they're such great characters and since I moved here permanently in November, they are good company and are almost like 'alert' sheep - not quite 'guard' sheep, but I always know when there is someone coming up the drive or working on the land next to us.

Again, thanks for your help.

Kind regards
Linda Richardson
Email Enquiry
Linda Richardson
April 2013

Tighter supply on a short trade week helped the lamb market to rebound significantly this week. The Eastern State Trade Lamb Indicator rallied 28c or 7% to 417c/kg cwt after hitting a 2-month low on the week before.

East coast mutton indicator was also up by 17c or 11% to 166c/kg cwt.

East coast lamb yardings fell 39% on last week which is a considerable drop even when considering only four trading days. Trade lambs in Victoria jumped 43c to 442c/kg cwt. That's a 28c or 6.7% premium over the Eastern State Trade Lamb Indicator (ESTLI).

The short-lived recovery of the wool market appears to have lost momentum last week. Prices eased considerably on the East coast and plunged in WA on Wednesday.

When looking at both the Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) and the Western Market Indicator's (WMI) performance this week, this discrepancy becomes very clear. While the national indicator fell 10c or 1%, the WMI dropped a significant 41c or 4% from previous week. At this stage, both indicators are sitting at one of the lowest levels since October last year, an 11% drop from early March.

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From the Editor



Welcome to the 15th edition of The Web.

This edition includes reports on activities, sales, shows and field days that have been attended by Wiltipoll Association members during the year.

Also included in this edition is information on animal health, current market trends as well as details of more information on running sheep profitably to help members with the management of their flocks.

Members are invited to be part of future newsletters by sending their opinions, sales and show results, or other newsworthy activities of interest to:

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A handful of the neighbours' Merinos managed to get through the boundary fence on Kars Station, Broken Hill into the Wiltipoll rams' paddock. The whole paddock was mustered into the homestead yards. The Merinos had missed their annual shearing.

They had picked up a huge amount of burr from the native pasture and their wool would have been heavily discounted in price as a result, whereas the Wiltipolls running in the same paddock were clean shed and free of burr. This photo taken by Pip Hughes illustrates the maintenance free attributes of the Wiltipoll breed.

Annie Hughes
Kars Station

Wiltipolls sell to \$6700

Despite a sparsity of bidders, quality Wiltipoll rams reached exceptional prices at the South Australian Performance Breeders Sale Mt Pleasant last Friday. Those who attended had to wait until one of the very last lots before they were confronted with a monster of a ram weighing well above 100 kgs from Matt Octoman's Calena Heights stud at Ungarra, Eyre Peninsula.

Competing against some solid underbidding from Patrick Hannan & Co, Cockaleechie, San Jolly and Ann Wallace, Wonoka stud, Kapunda paid \$6700 for the top price ram.

Ms Wallace said she admired the ram for his width across the shoulders. "He has good early growth, is structurally sound, clean-shedding and has good feet," she said. Mr Octoman said that when he was loading rams for the sale he was tempted to keep the star ram in the paddock -- such was his excellence.

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"I knew when he was just a lamb that he would be a great ram," he said. Rams offered by Wonoka also sold well, with four averaging \$2112.50, including the second top-price at \$4400 paid by Patrick Hannan & Co. The ram was by a The Palms stud, Palmer, ram and out of a Wonoka dam. He had a post-weaning weight of 56.5kg, post-weaning fat cover of 4 millimetres and post-weaning eye muscle depth of 35.6mm. Patrick Hannan & Co bought three rams at averaging \$2600.

Elders auctioneer Tom Penna said the bidding was "very selective", with good competition on the perceived top lots. "There was some very keen competition on the very top end of rams," he said. "Bidders were very selective on body weight and data figures – it was the



RAM WINNER: Top-price ram vendor Matt Octoman, Calena Heights, Ungarra, is flanked by buyers of the \$6700 ram, San Jolly and Ann Wallace, Wonoka stud, Kapunda.

rams with good eye muscle depth and fat cover that got good competition. "It just lacked buyer support on the bulk of the rams." The ewe sale struggled, but Chris Rundle's Jayvee Farm stud, Bute, sold three of its four lots to \$500 averaging \$433. The sale was conducted by Elders with Mr Penna auctioneer.

Rams		Ewes	
2012	2011	2012	2011
Offered 47	51	Offered	34
Sold 26	34	Sold 12	11
Top \$6700	\$3600	Top \$500	\$750
Av \$1192	\$1005	Av 275	\$451

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The Calena Heights ram was the top priced animal on the day realising \$6700. This is a record price for a Wiltipoll ram. He was sired by a Kars ram out of a Wonoka Wiltshire Horn ewe. His statistics are as follows.....

- The heaviest ram in the shed on sale day @ 110.5kg
- Weaning weight – Jan 2012 – 65kg
- Growth rate from birth to sale day (411 days) – 260g/d
- Structurally sound, full shedder
- Sale day scan results:
 - Weight – 110.5kg
 - Fat 10.5mm
 - Muscle (EMD) 44.3mm
- Ewes put to this ram were pregnancy scanned – April 26 : Calena Heights 007 joining rate – lambs expected: 172% to ewes joined and 191% to ewes pregnant

**San Jolly
Wonoka**

AWA President's Report AGM 2013

I would particularly like to acknowledge Scott Dolling and his wife Alwyn who are present at today's AGM. As you would be aware Scott is the Association's honorary genetic adviser and developed the breeding regulations for the Wiltipoll way back in the 1990's.

The past year has been one of significantly less controversy and angst than the previous several years, something that the Committee has been thankful for.

It has still been a year with its challenges though, particularly with what appears to have been a slowing down of demand in the agricultural sector for a range of commodities, including our Wiltipoll sheep. This was certainly reflected in the two Association sales held in the past 12 months – one in November in South Australia and one in NSW in January. In both cases the number of registered buyers was significantly down on previous years, and consequently the number of sheep sold was also down, along with prices. The one shining light was the Australian record price paid for a Wiltipoll ram of \$6,700 at the SA sale, a ram bred by Matt Octoman of Eyre Peninsula. Matt was only relatively new to breeding Wiltipolls and this was the first time he had entered sheep in the sale. After that result he must think this breeding game is a walk in the park.

Easy Care Sheep for Beginners

Small acre farmers particularly beginners, who would like to dabble in sheep and are thinking of which breed to invest in, should take a look at Wiltipolls.

A naturally polled (no horns) breed, it is easy care due to its wool-shedding and even temperament, and importantly is very fertile.

That's how Harry and Jill Powell, Munna Stud, between Coolah and Binnaway, in NSW's Central West, described their relatively large flock of stud and commercial Wiltipoll sheep they have been breeding for decades.

"Wiltipolls are a breed you don't have to touch by comparison to wool breeds," Mrs Powell said.

"Being a British Downs sheep, they shed their wool readily and are clean faced and clean on the points and tail, emphasising their easy care.

"I'd say ease of care because of the less work involved through no shearing and no fly problems just for starters."

Because these sheep have , what Mrs Powell described as

"a very short-haired, whippy tail", flies and dags were virtually non-existent.

"There are an increasing number of people these days who are no longer docking tails, she said.

"Tails don't cause flystrike threat and there is no real animal husbandry nature to take the tail off anyway."

Rita Hough, Grange Vale stud, Eumungerie, just north of Dubbo, in NSW's Central West, believes one of the biggest assets of a Wiltipoll ewe is its mothering ability.

"Their first lambing may produce a 'single', but their high fecundity will often result in twins and even triplets each year after," Ms Hough said.

"They are clean animals with no wool stain and ideal for sheep milk and cheese production, plus their meat is sweet and lean.

"I would say Wiltipolls are an ethical breed.

"You can run them like cattle -



Jill and Harry Powell with some of their fully shed ewes

with minimum handling so there's less stress for the owner and the sheep."

Mrs Powell agrees. She believes they have a wonderful temperament.

"They are very easy to quieten and even if they have not been handled before, keep them in an area where you can feed them and they'll be eating out of your hand within days."

She said ewes don't worry about humans, but definitely don't like dogs around them.

"They are very protective of their lambs, so they do suit a small acreage farm," she said.

Wiltipolls are browser/grazers and when dry don't need high nutrient feed.

Their doing ability is a great plus, according to Mrs Powell.

"We fed all lambs up to the end of February and gained a better seasonal break earlier than many areas and I just can't get over how quickly the lambs have gone from not looking too flash to looking great," she said.

Low nutrition pasture seems to suit them, she said. "Our empty ewes are up in the hills now."

Ms Hough said her lambing percentages were consistently 180%.

"They are an autumn joining sheep which will lamb in spring. "Its built into them to naturally

join at that time to lamb in spring during peak feed conditions," she said.

Tasmanian breeder Erica Bell said she "won Lotto" by discovering the Wiltipoll breed.

"They are such a lovely sheep and have a beautiful temperament and they are very intelligent and very willing," she said.

"I've found in handling these sheep, they are very responsive to gentle persuasion, so you don't need to make a big noise or push or shove them.

"You just gently encourage them to do what you want."

Ms Bell said with her small physique she wondered how she could handle ewes and rams within her Misima stud flock, operated by her and husband Bastian Seidal in the Huon Valley.

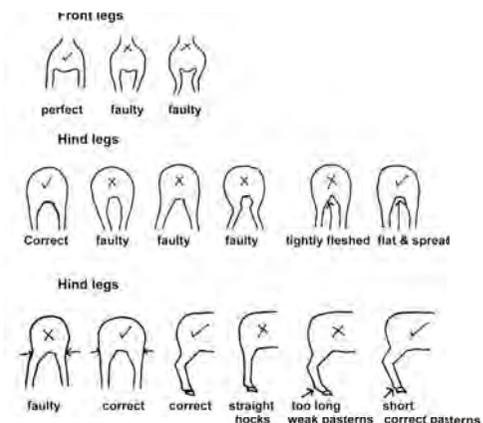
"Even the largest and heaviest ram, of which we have a few, amaze me at what good fellows they are to handle," she said.

"They are nearly twice my weight, but so obliging.

"For people who want to create and live the farming dream, even tree changers, Wiltipolls are for them."

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A Guide To Identifying Some Common Leg Conformation Faults In Sheep



Source: SAMM breed standards

Secure Your Farm With New Website

Farm Biosecurity – the program which provides Australian producers with information on protecting their properties from diseases, pests and weeds – has a brand new website.

The refreshed www.farmbiosecurity.com.au is a one-stop-shop for all information about on-farm biosecurity, including tips and tools such as videos, records and manuals.

And the first 200 visitors to the site to sign up for the monthly newsletter will receive a free Farm Biosecurity gate sign, which is an essential tool in any farm's biosecurity plan.

Farm Biosecurity was established in 2007 for all producers across Australia and is funded and managed jointly by Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia.

The program's executive manager at Animal Health Australia, Mr Duncan Rowland, said the site is an independent portal to credible and reliable information, drawing on both industry and government sources.

"Over the past several months, we've been busy pulling together a wealth of information

from our members and stakeholders about recent developments in on-farm biosecurity practices to add to our existing material," Mr Rowland said.

"As well as updated information, the new website provides easier navigation and access to a greater range of online resources, including important records and animal health declarations.

"We have tailored the information to the needs of individual producers, with dedicated industry pages and a unique personal farm profile builder."

Mr Brad Siebert, Program Manager for Biosecurity Planning & Implementation at Plant Health Australia, added that the new website is an easy to navigate information portal with a clean and attractive layout.

"We're confident plant producers will find the new website simple to use and that it reflects the biosecurity expertise of our members, which includes government and industry," Mr Siebert said.

"I would encourage all farmers to visit www.farmbiosecurity.com.au and review the extensive range of resources on offer."

Feedback, biosecurity tips, tools and ideas

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AWA President's Report AGM 2013 (cont)

I spent a lot of 2012 in the Northern Territory as a consultant undertaking feasibility studies and developing business plans for a number of cattle stations – if we think we've got it tough, spare a thought for the northern cattle producers who have suffered a massive reduction in demand from Indonesia following the live export suspension in 2010, resulting in many iconic properties and families going into receivership. I attended the NT Cattlemen's Association annual conference last month, and despite everything they have a positive outlook and believe things will turn around in 12 months or so.

In our sector some members are expressing their frustration to the Association about the lack of demand for our Wiltipolls, and are questioning the value of their membership of the Association. This is a not uncommon reaction when things get tough. I would like to remind members that it is not the Association's role to sell your sheep for you, and that when times get tough it just means that we all have to work a bit harder getting sales. This means getting out and about and displaying your sheep at field days and shows, advertising and talking up Wiltipolls at every opportunity. It is important to make sure that your sheep, whether registered or unregistered, are in the best condition possible and are presented as top class examples of our breed. The Association will support you wherever possible by providing Wiltipoll fact sheets to hand out (recently updated), newsletters and the use of state banners – all free.

Other benefits of membership are obvious – the ability to register (and pedigree record) your sheep in the Flock Book obviously adds value to those eligible animals, having your name and details in the Flock Book and on the web site (which allows potential buyers to search for breeders in their region), plus links to your web site if you have one, and the ability to advertise sale sheep on the Association web site are all ways the Association can support you. The Association also takes opportunities in the media to publicise the breed.

Although I mentioned we haven't had the controversy of previous years, there has been one issue that has caused the Committee some concern and that is that an alternative Wiltipoll Association has been incorporated in Victoria. We became aware that it appears this organisation intends to develop a breed standard of their own that could possibly be quite different to that of the Australian Wiltipoll Association Inc. This would be detrimental to the breed and misleading to the general public. The AWA has written to this organisation through our lawyers to request that they adopt the AWA's long-standing breeding requirements or alternatively, should they develop their own breed standards, adopt a name for their sheep other than 'Wiltipoll'. It is also concerning that the Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association (ASSBA) provided support to this other organisation and has accepted it as a Wiltipoll representative body without it having a breed standard – something that that appears to be in conflict with ASSBA's objectives. We have similarly written to ASSBA about this matter and will continue to monitor developments.

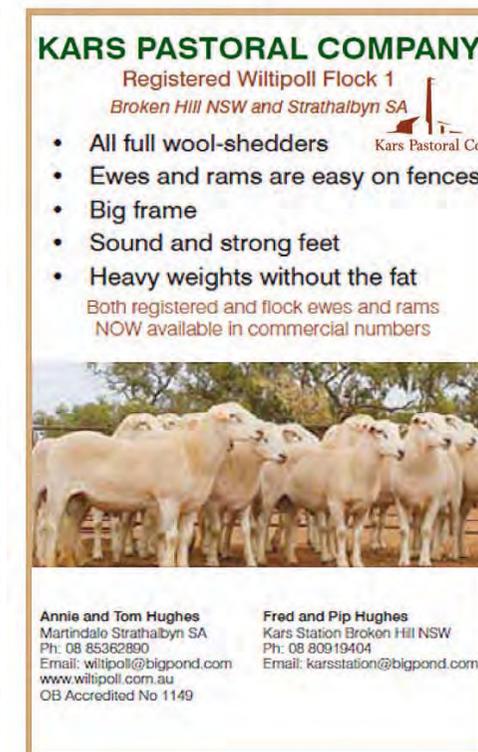
Overall I remain positive about the prospects for our breed, and believe that a lot of our issues may well be resolved with that one thing we're all waiting for - RAIN! Well, in the southern part of the continent anyway.

In closing I would like to thank the Committee for its work over the past year, along with Joel Small and Anna Jeffries from Member Services. Joel's development and implementation of the Premium Breed data base has been an exceptional effort and in my view we now have a comprehensive on-line tool that will (and is) making life a lot easier for most of us.

I welcome member's feedback about how we as an Association (and the Committee, whoever they may be shortly) can provide better services and information to the membership, and to this end we are contemplating surveying members in the near future to get their ideas and views.

I would also like to encourage any member here who wants to contribute further to stand for the Committee shortly.

Len Owen - President
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NSW/QLD sale report 2013

The NSW/QLD combined breeder's sale at Gulgong NSW on Jan 19, 2013.

Friday 18th January was equally one of the hottest days this summer and at Gulgong it was no exception with temperatures reported from 41°C to 43°C. So it was a great achievement that 15 Wiltipoll vendors arrived at Gulgong with 96 lots of sheep for sale.

While there were some great quality sheep for sale it was a very quiet market which may have been due to heat and/or sheep markets generally and land holders experiencing depleting feed supplies.

In saying that, the top ram bred by Peter and Judy Colless from Carthona, Wingham, sold for \$1700 and was only \$200 down on the top price last year. The Buyers were Bastian and Erica Seidel, Misima Stud, Tasmania.

The second top ram was sold by a new breeder to the sale this year, Coralie Moss of Ironbark Tamworth for \$1100. It was also purchased by Bastian and Erica present at the sale from Tasmania.



Peter and Judy Colless pictured with the top priced ram of the sale and buyers Erica Bell and Bastian Seidel.

Peter and Judy Colless have consistently topped the ram sale each year since the NSW/QLD Wiltipoll combined breeders sale has been running.

The average ram price this year was \$782.

The top ewe was sold by Robert Miller of Allambie, Dubbo for \$425 to Jon Peel and Daniele Newton of Oakey, Windeyer. Robert Miller also sold 2 more ewes for \$400 as did Gordon and Genevieve Starr of Eshcol, Dalton and Paul Brady of Gunhurst, ACT also sold a ewe for \$400. This year the ewes averaged \$378.

Buyers were from Tasmania and NSW and Diane Bak, an Australian Wiltipoll committee member from South Australia was on hand for support.

Michael Anderson the auctioneer and the Landmark crew have been supporting this sale now for 4 years and were helpful as always.

**Genevieve Starr
January 2013**



Grange Vale Supports Sales

Rita Hough has bred Wiltipolls at "Grange Vale", Eumungerie, for the past seven years after starting with Wiltshire Horn ewes 13 years ago at Parkes.

She discovered the breed when teaching at TAFE in Broken Hill.

Her Grange Vale stud has supported each of the past three Gulgong NSW-QLD Wiltipoll Breeders sales and will sell again at the fourth annual fixture on January 19th.

A couple of years ago her commercial ewes fetched \$400 each, while last year her commercial draft averaged \$300.

Ms Hough said restockers were keen to take up her wether lambs.

"One load of 196 wethers sold to an Echuca restocker who was going to finish them for the market" she said.

Ewes are joined in autumn and the flock boasts a consistent 180% lambing rate.

Her 400-plus ewe flock runs on the 365-hectare "Grange Vale", Eumungerie, just north of Dubbo, whilst she also leases a neighbouring 120 hectare.

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Things To Consider When Mating Yearling Ewes

To yearling mate or not? That is the question on many sheep producers' minds.

Many producers are looking for opportunities to improve their lambing percentages and mating yearling ewes is one option. However, there are many variables to consider before deciding whether yearling mating is a good fit for your business.

In some instances it may be better to improve your current sheep reproduction and management rather than moving to yearling mating.

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Lamb Specialist Peter Bailey said he was all for mating yearling ewes but producers should carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages:

Advantages:

- More progeny therefore more selection pressure at an earlier age.
- Decrease in generation interval therefore more genetic gain.
- More efficient use of feed in spring.
- More lambs per ewe increasing her lifetime performance.
- Hopefully more profit.

Disadvantages:

Variable or lower reproductive performance if management is not up to speed.

- Increased feed demand for yearling ewes during the first year (or need to adjust stocking rate).
- Ability to achieve target weight mating at eight to nine months of age.
- Ability to get the yearling ewes back up to a target mating weight at second mating otherwise a decreased lambing percentage in the second year.
- Lambs born to ewe hoggets are generally smaller and born about a month later than other ewe matings.
- Requirements for additional rams, with lower birth weight ASBV.
- Increased workload and more paddocks as there are more mobs to manage.

If you are achieving around 100% lambing in the two year and older mixed age ewes, Mr Bailey believes it may not be the best option to mate the yearling ewes.

"Often it is better to improve your ewe management and genetics first and achieve more than 120% lambing," he said.

"Using an example to demonstrate this, by increasing your mixed age ewe lambing from 100 to 130% there would potentially be 30 more lambs worth an estimated additional \$4,000 gross.

"If you were to mate the 25 yearling ewes in a self replacing flock of 100 ewes and achieve around the estimated industry average of 60% lambing, it would provide you with only an additional \$2,500 gross per 100 ewes.

"This is a difference of around \$1,500. Or to put another way, you would need to achieve at least 120% lambing in the yearling ewes to break even.

"This is without getting into all the detail of analysing changing ewe numbers, managing feed supply, the number of rams needed and any additional workload.

"The potential exists to increase lambing percentages in the prime lamb industry as both 130% in ewes and 120% in yearlings is being achieved."

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Win With Best Weaners

Fertility is an excellent goal to have for your sheep enterprise but it is important to follow up with good weaner management.

Weaning weight and growth post-weaning are important to ensure lambs reach a critical weight at the start of summer to maximise survival.

As a rule of thumb, weaners should weigh 23 kilograms by the start of summer.

If you have weaners that do not reach 23kg by the start of summer, they should be managed separately and fed a high-quality diet.

Weaners that are under nutritional stress are more prone to disease and worms.

Compensatory growth can occur but only if a weaner has suffered a short-term nutritional setback that has occurred in the first six months of life.

Long-term nutritional setbacks, particularly occurring after six months in weaners will impact on potential lifetime productivity.

Lambs should be weaned at 14 weeks after lambing starts and should weigh between 15 – 22kg.

If you have an extended joining period you may need to wean twice.

The rumen in a lamb is fully developed by eight to

ten weeks and by twelve weeks of age the ewe is providing around 5 to 10% of lambs nutritional requirements.

It is inefficient for a ewe to graze pasture to produce milk to feed a lamb if the lamb is old enough to be weaned.

A 45kg ewe and lamb unit has a dry sheep equivalent rating of 2.4 and requires around 14 megajoules. A dry 45kg ewe and weaner lamb has a DSE rating of 1.7 and requires around 12 megajoules.

A lamb can be weaned as early as eight weeks in a tough year.

To maximise survival of early weaned lambs, they should be a minimum of 15kgs and no less than 10kg.

They will need to be fed an 18% protein and 11 megajoule diet.

Lambs need to be fully vaccinated against pulpy kidney as it is one of the most threatening diseases for a weaner.

Weaners are at particular risk when they are to be fed high amounts of grain supplements, grazing on unharvested crops or have access to lush high quality paddock feed.

Weaners are highly susceptible to worm burdens because their immune systems are not fully developed and the stress of weaning can also increase their susceptibility to worms up to one year of age.

A weaning drench is important, particularly if the ewes have not been managed for worms well and lambed in a high worm burden paddock.

Weaners should be placed in a low worm risk paddock that has been prepared in advance.

Protein is crucial to a weaner's ability to cope with a worm burden.

Weaners who are carrying a worm burden and have inadequate protein are unlikely to reach target weights.

Protein is diverted away from growth and used to fight the worm infection by repairing the damaged intestines caused by worms.

Damage to the intestine will also reduce nutrient absorption in the weaner.

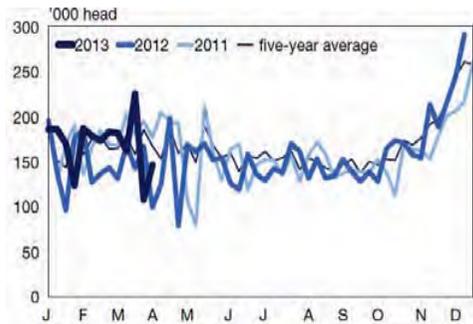
Improving nutrition can help overcome growth losses resulting from a worm burden but this will come at an additional feed cost.

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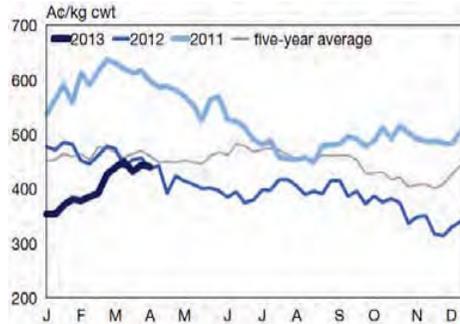
MLA Market Information - Market Highlights

An Asset at Eumungerie

National Livestock Reporting Service - Lamb Yardings



Australian Saleyard Heavy Lamb Prices 22kg+



MLA Market Information
March 2013

The drier than expected seasonal conditions have driven increased lamb to slaughter so far in 2013

Australian lamb supply

The Australian sheep industry has undergone dramatic changes over the past three years, driven by heavy rains and flooding in the eastern states in 2010 and 2011, breaking the decade of drought, followed by a return to dry conditions in late 2012.

As a result of the shifts in weather conditions, Australian lamb supply was particularly tight in 2011, pushing prices to all-time highs as markets competed for products, before falling to a four-year low in January 2013. The drier-than-expected seasonal conditions have driven more lamb to slaughter so far this year.

Australia's lamb yardings at MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRS) reported saleyards in 2012 declined 4% year-on-year, to 6.9 million head. The decrease was driven by falls in yardings of trade (18-22kg cwt) and export lambs (26kg+ cwt), as more lambs classified in these categories were sold direct to slaughter.

This trend has changed for supply of export lamb in the first three months of 2013, as poor pasture conditions in southern Australia drove more lamb to both saleyards and slaughter. Supply of export lambs at MLA's NLRS reported saleyards increased 22% year-on-year during this period, alongside a 25% and 5% increase in the numbers of light (under 18kg cwt) and heavy lambs (22-26kg cwt) yarded, respectively.

NLRS Lamb Yardings



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Overview

The availability of lamb for export by the main global producers expanded further early in 2013, particularly from the dominant players, Australia and New Zealand (NZ).

- Australian lamb exports are expected to increase 2% in 2013, to a record 193,000 tonnes swt, assisted by strong growth in shipments to the Middle East and China, followed by the US.
- The US will remain the largest single market for Australian lamb in 2013, with shipments forecast to lift 4% year-on-year, to 38,100 tonnes swt.
- NZ lamb exports are also anticipated to increase 3%, to 271,000 tonnes swt, with the main demand drivers also being China and the Middle East, alongside the improving EU markets.
- US domestic lamb supply should retreat in 2013, as the flock has declined to its lowest levels on record and high feed grain prices should temper lamb weights.

One of the "biggest assets" Wiltipoll sheep have is their mothering ability, according to breeder of 13 years, Rita Hough, Grange Vale Stud, Eumungerie, just north of Dubbo.

"Wiltipolls have a great maternal line", she said.

"Their first lambing may produce single lambs, but their high fecundity will often result in twins and even triplets each year after."

But to Ms Hough this breed of sheep is so much more.

"I say Wiltipolls are an ethical breed," she said.

"You can run them like cattle, with minimal handling, so there's less stress for the owner and the sheep."

Ms Hough said Wiltipolls ideal for organic production and also produce "beautiful" leather.

"Wiltipoll leather is soft, hardy and pliable," she said.

"They are clean animals with no wool stain and ideal for sheep milk, cheese production and sweet lean meat."

Ms Hough said ewes make excellent mothers of prime lambs when joined to terminal meat sires.

"They produce easy-care lambs resulting in fewer costs in management," she said.

"No shearing and minimal chemicals".

Ms Hough said when displaying sheep at the 2012 Australian National Field Days, she heard stories from clients about how their Wiltipoll/White Dorper lambs weighed 14% heavier than their pure White Dorper lambs.

Another client is an Orange district orchardist who runs his Wiltipoll flock under apple trees," Ms Hough said.

"They don't strip the bark off the trees as they are browser/grazers. "He said neighbours used them under their olive trees."

Ms Hough said the Wiltipoll breed was ideal for absentee farmers. "They suit people like me who have full or part-time jobs. "Obviously, you still have to do the husbandry things such as watch their nutrition, provide adequate shelter and make sure there is plenty of water available. But on a positive side, you don't have to shear them, nor crutch or mules."

Wiltipolls are a natural shedding sheep which took her interest some 15 years ago when teaching primary industries and natural resources at Broken Hill TAFE.

"I watched the breed develop with Annie Hughes on Kars Station, between Broken Hill and Menindee when shedding sheep were being introduced to Australia." She said.

"The Hughes' graded up to the Wiltipoll using Wiltshire Horn rams over a flock of 1,200 Merinos".

Ms Hough said she liked the breed because the sheep were not coloured and were affordable.

"They look similar to a White Suffolk, but they shed their short fleece annually".

Her flock started with 12 Wiltshire Horn ewes from Victoria and NSW.

"I couldn't get 'pollies' at that time so started with the horned shedding sheep", she said.

Bloodlines were later sourced from Queensland, South Australia, NSW and some trace back to Western Australian blood. "The flock of 400-plus breeding ewes is of well-mixed blood," she said.

While breeding up in the 2000s Ms Hough sold her lambs to the Sydney restaurant market.

"They liked our lambs as they were dressing out at 52 per cent and weighing 20 to 22 kilograms on the hook," she said.

Lambing percentages are consistently 180%.

Her ewes are joined in autumn for a spring lambing, as she said the breed were seasonal breeders which lambed in time for the peak feed in spring.

Ms Hough said because of their single/sole annual joining, Wiltipolls saved on extra management by allowing rams to run with the ewes all year round.

"You don't need to have separate paddocks for rams."

**The Land
January 2013**



Rita Hough pictured with some of her sheep in the process of shedding their fleeces.

Munna Wiltipoll Sale 2013

The Annual Munna Wiltipoll Sale was held on 2nd February 2013.

We were desperately dry until 26th January when we had 100mm rain and by sale day, just a week later, everything had sprung back to life and looked lovely and green.

The sale results were wonderful given the season and the fact that sheep and lamb prices have come back so much. There was a total clearance of all 185 sheep offered.

While the results were down on previous years for the ewes we were pleased to see them go to good homes and we were delighted with the ram sales. Sheep sold to Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

Top price ram was Carthona 603 for \$2900 sold to Darryl Wilcox Kia Ora Stud, Gympie, Queensland. Darryl purchased 2 rams for an average of \$2200. Second top price was \$2600 for Munna 111029 sold to Craig Wedlock, Sacul Investments Pty Ltd, Brighton, Victoria who purchased 6 rams for an average of \$1600. Carthona averaged \$1580 for 5 rams and Munna averaged \$1139.13 for 23 rams with a total of 28 rams averaging \$1217.86.

Top price for registered ewes was \$260 paid by Jenny Jones from Forbes for Lot 1, a pen of three ewes, and the proceeds of this pen was donated to Ronald McDonald House, Westmead and The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Top price for commercial ewes was \$160. All 69 registered ewes averaged \$171.59 and 91 commercial ewes averaged \$112.75.

Volume buyer was Henri van Baak, Winderaroo Queensland who purchased 24 registered ewes for an average of \$167.50 and 7 commercial ewes for an average of \$160 each and 2 rams for average of \$1800.

Thank you to all those who attended our sale and a special thank you to the purchasers who made it so successful. We were pleased to see so many repeat buyers and to also welcome lots of new buyers. We wish all purchasers lots of success with their new sheep.

We put a lot of work into our sheep and it is very rewarding to see so many people from all over Eastern Australia attend our sale and we do thank you all and look forward to presenting some more Wiltipoll sheep at our Sale next year on 1st February 2014.



Peter and Judy Colless's ram Carthona 603 sold to Darryl Wilcox, Kia Ora Stud, Gympie, Qld for \$2900



Munna 111029 Sold to Sacul Investments P/L, Brighton, Vic for \$2600



Munna commercial lambs sold 15th January 2013 Sale price \$100/hd, age: 6 months, av dressed weight: 25.5kg

National Sheep Event To Be Held In SA Next Year



The nation's leading lamb and sheep industry event – LambEx- will be held at the Adelaide Showground in July 2014.

South Australia was delighted to secure the biennial, industry run event, which aims to promote the Australian sheep industry to stakeholders and growers, providing new and relevant information not exposed at regional field days or industry seminars.

The first event of its kind was held in Perth in 2010 and the 2012 event was held in Bendigo. Sponsors already on board for 2014 include Meat and Livestock Australia, Australian Wool Innovation, T & R Pastoral and JBS Australia.

Allan Piggott, RA&HS Councillor and Chairman of the local LambEx organising committee, says; "We've also got support from the South Australian Advisory Group, who have agreed to underwrite the event, and strong support from the Royal Agricultural Society of SA".

The Society's Pastoral Committee was among those involved in securing the event – and RA&HS president Richard Fewster says it's quite a coup for SA. "It's also a great event for the venue to stage in 2014 as the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society will be celebrating its 175th anniversary".

About 500 delegates are expected to attend, Allan says. "There are probably two main things we're looking at with LambEx 2014, and that's to introduce our sheep producers to new, cutting-edge technology, such as genomics and improved sheep management systems, but also to showcase what's happening here in SA to the rest of the country and the world."

The event will begin with registrations on Wednesday night- July 9 – where there will be "a lot of static displays, providing an opportunity for companies involved with the sheep industry to display their work". Following will be two full

days on July 10 and 11. Details are being finalised but Allan says the event will likely mirror the last one held in Bendigo where highlights included a networking breakfast, guest speakers during the day, and a gala dinner.

"We're thinking we might also have an opportunity for delegates to do bus trips around the state on the Wednesday," Allan says. "We may run a bus up to the Mid North to see some exciting work happening up there, as well as to feed lots and meat processors not far from Adelaide."

For more information visit www.lambex.com.au

The Society
Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc.

Security Gate Check

This is a good strategy for paddock gates with a road frontage. Simply tie a piece of coloured string around the two gates so that the string is visible from the road. Cut the ends of the string as close to the knot as possible so that if the string is tampered with it cannot be retied.

When producers drive past the gates they will immediately become aware if someone has been in the paddock because the string will have been cut or removed. This is a cheap and easy way to monitor entry and exit points.

Animal Guides

There are protective livestock companion animals such as Maremma guardian dogs and Alpacas. These are protective of livestock to which they are bonded and work against foxes, other dogs and strangers. Implanted micro-chips, or rumen boluses with property

traceability, are other futuristic methods that may come into play after more research and economic analysis.

SA Stock Journal

Producers, industry back new OJD direction



Sheep producers and industry bodies are supporting the broad direction of the new Ovine Johne's Disease (OJD) National Management Plan.

WoolProducers Australia (WPA) and the Sheepmeat Council of Australia (SCA) sought feedback from producers and industry on a policy discussion paper released in late January.

WPA and SCA have reviewed and analysed the 60 submissions received from both individuals and representative bodies, and while there were a range of views presented, there was support for the general direction of the new plan.

"Historically, industry has held divergent views about OJD management. This is an ongoing challenge for us but there appears to be broad support for this new direction," WPA President Geoff Power said.

"A number of ideas and comments were provided on specific aspects of the plan, which WPA and SCA have considered carefully as we move to formalise the policy ahead of the 1 July 2013 start date."

Key features of the 2013-2018 National OJD Management Plan are:

- A management system that relies on a risk management approach and greater producer responsibility.
- Continuation of Sheep Health Statements (SHS) but the removal of the current ABC point scheme. The ABC Scheme was built around the existence of recognised prevalence areas which will no longer exist.
- Encouragement for producers to collectively develop their own Regional Biosecurity Plans (RBPs), due to the added effectiveness of a collective approach. The majority of submissions that discussed RBPs were looking for clarification as to how they will operate.
- Guidelines will be provided to assist groups of producers in preparing RBPs.
- No control or protected areas. Of the submissions which commented on this point, a majority favoured the dismantling of zones. While some submissions were in favour of zoning, this option is untenable due to the lack of a formal approval process for Regional Biosecurity Plans by State Governments.

SCA President Ian McColl said the areas where most feedback was received was the SHS and lack of recognition of vaccination, indicating that more detailed work was required in the area of risk assessment and the SHS.

"We have established a clear process to seek more detailed input from key stakeholders on tools used to assess the status of sheep and to finalise the SHS," Mr McColl said.

The process will report to WPA and SCA in mid April."

WPA and SCA have placed an increased emphasis on extension and communication activities to assist producers and industry to understand the new system.

The peak bodies have also confirmed that abattoir monitoring will continue as a means of providing individuals and regions with information on the prevalence of OJD.

While a number of submissions were critical of abattoir testing, it remains the most cost-effective means of identifying a broad range of diseases affecting the sheep industry.

A number of submissions supported further funding of OJD research and development work. The majority of suggestions put forward related to R&D already being conducted or under consideration.

These R&D activities will continue to be funded under the OJD Management Plan, with a greater emphasis placed on communicating these activities to industry.

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**Johne's Disease Program
Animal Health Australia
March 2013**

Shepherd's Pie With Sweet Potato Crust



Ingredients

1 kg lamb mince
1 tsp oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
1 medium white turnip, peeled and chopped
4 mushrooms, sliced
2 rashers bacon, finely chopped
400 g can peeled tomatoes
2 tbsp tomato paste
2 cups beef stock
Mashed sweet potato (1 large sweet potato)
30 g butter, softened
½ cup grated cheese

Method

Place lamb mince in a bowl and mix in a little oil. Heat a large frypan, ensure it is hot. Crumble in half of the mince. Brown the

mince, breaking up any lumps with a fork. Remove first batch, reheat pan and cook remaining mince and then remove.

Reheat the frypan, add the oil and onion, and cook until onion is soft. Add the celery, carrot, turnip, mushrooms and bacon. Cook stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender.

Return the mince to the pan, stir in the tomatoes, tomato paste and stock. Reduce heat, and simmer the lamb mixture for 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Combine the mashed sweet potato, butter and cheese. Spoon the lamb mixture into a shallow baking dish, or 4 individual ovenproof dishes. Spoon the mash over the lamb, spread it out, and rough the mash up a little with a fork. Cook uncovered for about 25 minutes or until thoroughly hot.

**PREPARATION TIME: 40 minutes
COOK TIME: 25 minutes
SERVES 4**

Butterflied Lamb With Pumpkin And Couscous Salad



70g (1/2 cup) slivered almonds, toasted
1 cup roughly chopped coriander

Turmeric dressing

1 tsp sweet paprika
1/2 tsp ground turmeric
1/2 tsp ground cumin
60ml (1/4 cup) lemon juice
80ml (1/3 cup) olive oil

Method

Step 1 - Place lamb in a large roasting pan. Combine paprika, cumin seeds, garlic and 1 tbs olive oil in a small bowl. Spoon paprika mixture over lamb and, using your hands, rub into lamb. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour to marinate.

Step 2 - Preheat a barbecue or char grill pan to high. Brush pumpkin and onion with remaining 1 tbs oil and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Cook for 3 minutes each side or until tender. Transfer to a large bowl.

Step 3 - Add lamb to barbecue and cook for 5 minutes each side. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook for a further 10 minutes for medium-rare or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a plate, cover with foil and rest for 15 minutes.

Step 4 - Meanwhile, cook couscous in a saucepan of boiling salted water for 8 minutes or until tender. Rinse under cold running water, then drain well. Add to pumpkin mixture with almonds and chopped coriander.

Step 5 - To make dressing, combine spices in a small frying pan over low heat. Cook, tossing for 1 minute or until fragrant. Remove from heat. Whisk in juice, then, whisking continuously, gradually add oil. Season, then drizzle over couscous mixture and toss gently to combine.

Step 6 - Thickly slice lamb. Spoon couscous mixture onto a large platter and top with lamb to serve.

Sheep Momentum Slowed

After a considerable recovery in sentiment in the lamb industry from 2010 to 2012, a prolonged dry spell across most of the country late in 2012 saw a return to lower sheep and lamb prices, and a wariness about stocking capabilities. This is expected to continue in 2013. As a result, the flock growth of the past two years is expected to slow.

The Australian sheep flock reached a 100-year low in 2010, after years of decline through the 1990s and 2000s due to low wool prices and drought.

With widespread rain in 2010 and 2011, sheep and lamb slaughter declined as producers looked to take advantage of improved growing conditions to finish stock to heavier weights and run more lambs on their land. Over this time, lamb and sheep prices reached record levels, with restocker demand pulling the industry higher.

In 2012, the weather turned, and restocker activity dissipated as pastures dried off and growth slowed. There was less pressure on processors to pay higher prices, which dropped to 2008 levels by the end of the year.

Sheep and lamb slaughter rates picked up to their highest levels in 3-4 years with producers across wide areas of the country looking to turn stock off at the same time, putting further downward pressure on the market. Fortunately, overseas markets, particularly the Middle East and China, bought larger volumes of product.

In 2013, with expected below-average rainfall for most sheep-producing regions, sheep and lamb slaughter rates are expected to increase again.

The lower prices of 2012 are likely to remain, which means overseas buyers will continue to become more important.

Unless growing conditions improve in the near future, the Australian lamb and sheep slaughter is expected to level out until global demand for the final product is strong enough to be the main price driver, rather than the supply reasons seen in 2011.

Robert Barker
MLA Sheepmeat Analyst
March 2013

AWA Using Exclusive Online Tools



As the flock returns have been coming in this year, we've seen a huge uptake in members opting to do returns online. PremiumBreed has been open to members for only 6 months and has already seen uptake by half of the total Australian Wiltipoll Association membership.

We had over 50 members provide feedback on the system, with some great experiences.

Some of the responses:

- Nice slick website, good work!
- I did not know how to add to the ewe list - Otherwise, user friendly as I use the internet for all correspondence.
- For someone who isn't a Computer expert, I found it easy to do. Thank you.
- Finally got the flock in and hopefully registered. Good system, only problems encountered were with Ewes previously sold that are not in system.
- Very user friendly. A lot of the work is done. Great job guys! Thanks.

Of the feedback provided, we also received many requests for new features and improvements:

- A user guide and help icons
- A back button for the flock return
- Import a pedigree spreadsheet
- Print pedigree certificates
- Record deaths in flock

For more information on sheep management visit the following websites:

- www.mla.com.au
- www.sheepconnectsa.com.au/sheep_management
- www.sheepconnectnsw.com.au/sheep_management

Sheep CRC launches new WormBoss website www.wormboss.com.au

WormBoss has been a favourite with sheep producers since it was launched in 2005 and now it is even better!

Sheep CRC, who developed WormBoss with support from Animal Health Alliance and AWI, has completed a major upgrade with new, improved and easy to use features. Visit WormBoss to use:

- [Regional Worm Control Programs](#)
- [Drench Decision Guides](#)
- [Drench Searches](#)

Sheep and their management

The Bred Well Fed Well workshops are continuing to be delivered outside the CRC. Meat & Livestock Australia and Australian Wool Innovation recently approved additional funding for two more years. Also, the Cereal-Sheep Zone edition of 'Sheep - the simple guide' has now been printed.

Please contact Janelle Holzberger on 02 6773 2927 if you would like a copy.

For more program news [click here](#).

Sheep CRC
Autumn Newsletter 2013

Wiltipoll Sheep For Tree Change / Lifestyle Blocks

On April 6th, Maria van Wegen of Bingara Wiltipoll Sheep stud, along with Kylie Pickles of Perone Wiltipoll Sheep Stud, exhibited their Wiltipoll sheep at the Ballarat Rural Lifestyle Expo. Last year Maria and Lorraine Wheeler (Alaraine) shared a site and have attended many other shows together throughout Victoria promoting this wonderful breed.



From Left: Maria van Wegen (Bingara) & Kylie Pickles (Perone) manning their stand at the Ballarat Rural Lifestyle Expo in April

The Expo was held to promote the "tree change" to Ballarat and surrounding areas but was also very valuable to those who already live the rural lifestyle on small acreage. The Expo was very well organised and offered plenty of opportunity for the very eager public to gain ideas for their properties. Some of the public had travelled well over 200kms to attend. There was plenty of homemade produce, equipment, animals plus many other items, along with several speakers on various topics from animal husbandry to growing your own food.

Maria and Kylie took their Wiltipoll sheep to display and promote as the ideal small acreage lawn mowers that could be bred to produce excellent meat for the freezer. Knowing where their meat comes from and how the sheep should be handled was appealing to many. Maria and Kylie were inundated with people asking about the sheep and hardly had a break all day, from handing out information and speaking to a lot of very interested public.

There was an abundance of information and ideas but also most importantly, was the DPI exhibit which had lots of information, including the rules and regulations for diseases, raising and selling of various livestock.

The Expo was a great opportunity to advertise the Wiltipoll breed along with promoting our studs. A lot of people have now heard of shedding sheep but are still unaware that there is more than one breed that shed its own wool. Most are very keen on the Wiltipoll sheep once they learn about their great qualities.

Eg. Low maintenance, fully shedding, great feet, easy on fences, just to name a few.

The following week, Maria was contacted by the Victorian ABC country hour and was interviewed about the Wiltipoll breed but is unsure when it would be aired on the radio. They also took photos of the Wiltipolls for their website. ABC Landline was also at the Expo filming and that story was aired a week later.

Marketing and promoting Wiltipolls can be quite cheap or free but most of all is quite enjoyable. Sheep shows are also a great way to raise awareness of this fantastic breed. So we all need to be proactive if we want this breed to be the name the public use when they hear of shedding sheep. Please all get involved in any shows or field days and help contribute to increasing the popularity of the breed.

I would like to thank Lorraine Wheeler for her great friendship and contribution to the Victorian Wiltipoll members and the association over the past 7 years. Lorraine attended several shows throughout Victoria, from Bendigo through to Hamilton and has been a regular at the Royal Geelong Show. Her dedication to promoting the breed along with the support she has given to new breeders has been fantastic and well received.

Lorraine and Alan have recently sold their property and hence all of their Wiltipoll Sheep and will soon move into their new house in Geelong. I would like to wish both Lorraine and Alan all the best for their future.

Maria van Wegen
BINGARA Wiltipoll Sheep Stud

Bingara
Wiltipoll Sheep Stud

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Upgrades of course take time, but these are all great ideas that we intend to include. Stay tuned for a development roadmap to be posted on the PremiumBreed website. We want to build a system that is flexible and meets the needs of the membership, as well as providing some great tools for collaboration and promoting the breed. Some of the planned future improvements are:

- An online forum for members to discuss and engage on important topics
- Online payment of fees
- Record and track non-Wiltipoll sheep
- Record performance data, such as weight gain.
- Regional benchmarking information for members.
- Statistical reporting.
- Tools for sub-committees (sale catalogues, automatic emails)

We have also been preparing PremiumBreed to provide many more services in the future. We appreciate all of the time members have invested into testing features and recommending upgrades. If you have any ideas for a feature to be included in PremiumBreed, please contact us at members@wiltipoll.com.

To keep up to date with developments and new features, follow PremiumBreed on twitter!

If you'd like to register for a free account at PremiumBreed, go to wiltipoll.premiumbreed.com.au/register.

Joel Small
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Members wanting to sell sheep can now advertise on-line! For \$50 per month I can design an advertisement, add photographs and make alterations on the Wiltipoll Association website. With over 100 visits per day this is an efficient way of getting your sale sheep noticed. Contact me on my email lizziehughes@bigpond.com
Lizzie Hughes Webmaster

2010 Registrations

ID	Sex	Age	Year	Name	Color	Buttons
#902	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	Blue	Add
#903	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	Orange	Add
#904	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	Orange	Add
#905	Ram	A1	2009	Apollo	Black	Add
#906	Ram	A1	2009	Apollo	Black	Add
#907	Ram	A1	2009	Apollo	Black	Add
#908	Ram	A1	2009	Apollo	Black	Add
#909	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#910	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#911	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#912	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#913	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#914	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#915	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add
#916	Ram	A1	2010	Apollo	White	Add

Register new sheep

The AWA would like to encourage everyone to log in to PremiumBreed and view the tools that are available to them as part of their Association membership.

Interesting wool facts for 2013 from The Australian Newspaper

- Wool is no longer a bulk commodity and is now a niche luxury fibre
- It only represents 1.7% of the global fibre market
- Demand for suits in the UK has fallen by 20% since 2007 (i.e. GFC)
- China buys 80% of Australia's wool
- Last financial year Australia's total exports to China fell by 22%

John Fowler, Senior Private Client Adviser
Macquarie Equities Limited

Members who deserve a pat on the back

More members than ever have been displaying their sheep at Field Days around the country over the past year. All members are encouraged to take up a stand at their local Field Days or Show and display their sheep. It is well worth it to promote the breed and stimulate sales.

New South Wales

- Rita Hough attended the Orange Field Day, Murrumbateman and the Bathurst Show with her sheep.
- Ian and Loris Hopwood displayed their sheep at the Windellema Field day near Goulburn in November and will be displaying also at the Riverina Field Days in May 2013.
- Peter and Judy Colless displayed their sheep at The Mudgee Field Days in July and Tocal Field Days in May 2013.

Western Australia

- Neroli and Brian Smith attended the Balingup Small Farm Field Day in WA and "talked Wilties all day to new and existing clients".

Victoria

- Maria van Wegen and Kylie Pickles exhibited their sheep at the Ballarat Rural Lifestyle Expo in April.
- Last year Maria & Lorraine Wheeler (Alaraine) shared a site there.

South Australia

- Tom and Annie Hughes displayed at the SE Field days at Lucindale SA in March.
- Sue Drogemuller and Andrew Rosensweig covered the Karoonda Farm Fair, SA in April.
- Wonoka and Kars together displayed sheep at the Broken Hill Ag Fair.
- The Association took up the stand at the Royal Adelaide Show in September, with sheep kindly supplied by Wonoka and a number of SA members shared manning the stand there.

If any member has exhibited sheep and has not been mentioned, my apologies. Please advise in future to be included in the list. The Association provides members with information to hand out at their Field Days free of charge. This consists of Fact Sheets and Newsletters. Just send in a request to.....

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Do You Know What Is Really Going On In Your Paddocks At Night?



Photo taken north of Glendambo SA after shooters had used the area for dumping offal.

Hamish Dickson
Livestock consultant
Productive Nutrition

2013 Victorian Events Calendar

Ballarat - Ballarat Sheep & Alpaca show

July Sun 27th www.ballaratshow.org.au

Hamilton - Hamilton Sheepvention

August Mon 5th & Tues 6th www.sheepvention.com.au

Geelong - Royal Geelong Show

October Thurs 17th to Sun 20th www.royalgeelongshow.org.au

2014 Events Calendar

Ballarat - VIC- Rural Lifestyle Expo

Early April (Date TBA) www.RuralLifestyleExpo.org.au



The Kars display of mature rams at the SE Field days Lucindale in March 2013



The Association stand in the Farm Expo of the Royal Adelaide Show in September 2012 displaying Wonoka stock

Wiltipolls Shine at Karoonda SA

The Karoonda Farm Fair was held on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April this year. Both days were filled with excitement as the Aussie sun shone down on the exhibitors.

Representing the Wiltipoll Association were local farmers Andrew & Marie Rosenzweig 'Rose Ridge Stud flock 45' and New Stud Breeder Benny and Beverley Zadow 'Trebor Park flock 419'. Our site was situated on the corner of Wynarka Street on the oval. It was a great spot and interest was high as curious visitors from all around the country side stopped and enquired about our very easy care sheep.



The Rosenzweig Rose Ridge ewes looking a treat on display with Benny and Beverley Zadow at the Karoonda Farm Fair

The tails were a fascination and talking point with many. We also were very privileged to have our Association President, Len Owen drop by and have a yarn along with a number of other fellow breeders that had come to the Fair. It was great passing on knowledge about our breed and listening to others during the day.

Marie Rosenzweig
Rose Ridge
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