

2020 Event cancelled
New date
JULY 2021

20th Australian Fleece Competition

AUSTRALIAN SHEEP & WOOL SHOW
BENDIGO, VICTORIA 16th - 18th JULY 2021



Grand Champions

2001	Merryville Stud	Boorowa NSW
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2003	Emoh Ruo Stud	Bundarra NSW
2004	Westvale Stud	Wollun NSW
2005	Rock Bank Stud	Victoria Valley VIC
2006	Glenbrook Stud	Armidale NSW
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2008	Auchen Dhu Merino	Walcha NSW
2009	Rock Bank Stud	Victoria Valley VIC
2010	Conrayn Merino Stud	Berridale NSW
2011	Yoorooga Merino	Tenterfield NSW
2012	Grassy Creek Merino Stud	Reids Flat NSW
2013	Wurook Merino Stud	Rokewood VIC
2014	Mt Challicum Merino Stud	Ararat VIC
2015	Trefusis Merino Stud	Ross TAS
2016	Rosemont	Crookwell NSW
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2019	Wattlebank Merino Stud	Guildford VIC

Total charity donations **\$177,878.16**



Major Prize **\$2,000** Travel Voucher for Grand Champion Fleece
Closing date for fleece entry and delivery **Friday 4th JUNE 2021**
Enter online at www.sheepshow.com

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

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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 2020 to June 2021 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. 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 during the last two seasons ie July 2019 - June 2021. This timeframe has been extended to allow for the 2020 competition being cancelled.**
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 18th 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

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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 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.

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