



FLEECE COMPETITION



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Entry Fee: Free

Judging: Friday, 23 September 2022 from 9.30 am. Fleeces must be delivered to the Maydale Pavilion no later than 4 pm Thursday 22nd September, unless otherwise arranged.

Prizes: Championship prizewinners will be presented with a trophy. Place ribbons will be awarded for 1st & 2nd in all classes. Presentations of trophies at approximately 1.00pm.

All fleeces will be judged on the following points system.

Trueness to type	10 points
Uniformity of Length	10 points
Soundness	10 points
Handle	10 points
Colour or Bloom	10 points
Character & Style	10 points
Evenness	10 points
Clean Fleece Wt.	30 points
TOTAL	100 points

Points Scale: A fleece must not compete in more than one Class. All fleeces to be skirted to suit the trade. Fleeces which in the opinion of the judge are overgrown will be judged accordingly.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLEECES

- **Grand Champion Fleece of Show - The Tom Harmsworth Perpetual Trophy & Sash**
(This fleece is eligible to be entered as Horsham's exhibit in the Champion Wimmera Fleece Competition at Wimmera Agricultural Societies Association Group Final held in November 2022. A perpetual shield and champion ribbon is donated by Horsham Wool).
- **Fleece gaining the highest number of points in Group 2 - The Austin Eagle Perpetual Trophy & Sash**
- **Most Valuable Stud Ram Fleece bred by owner**
- **Most Valuable Stud Ewe Fleece bred by owner**
- **Most valuable Fleece from Group 2**
- **Weaner Fleece gaining highest points**
- **Fleece gaining highest points from Group 3**
- **Fleeces gaining highest points from Group 4 - The Bill McGrath Memorial Shield**
- **Aggregate Wool**

CONDITIONS:

- Fleeces competing in Group 1 & 2 are to be from Merino adult sheep over 2 years if entering as ram, ewe or wether, skirted and of 12 months maximum growth. If entering as weaner, fleeces are to be from Merino sheep under 2 years.
- In Group 4, each fleece (numbered A,B,C) will be judged according to the scale of points set out below, giving a maximum total of 100 points per fleece. The three fleeces will then be judged as a group for evenness with 30 possible points awarded for this section. The maximum possible score per group is 330 points.
- Fleeces competing in Group 4 must be specially entered and not selected from those competing in other classes.

- Any fleece which in the opinion of the judge has not been properly skirted will be judged accordingly.
- All fleeces will be micron tested.
- 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.

GROUP 1 FLEECE - STUD

All fleeces will be micron tested and then placed in their respective class.

To be entered as Ram or Ewe.

Skirted fleeces of wool shorn by blades or machine off stud sheep and bred by owner, not including Class 605.

Must have been run under normal paddock conditions.

Class 601 Superfine Ram Fleece 17.5 micron & finer

Class 602 Fine Ram Fleece 17.6 - 19 micron

Class 603 Medium Ram Fleece 19.1 - 21.5 micron

Class 604 Strong Ram Fleece 21.6 micron & stronger

Class 605 Purchased Stud Ram Fleece - *(Must be purchased from a registered Merino Stud)*

Class 606 Superfine Ewe Fleece 17.5 micron & finer

Class 607 Fine Ewe Fleece 17.6 - 19.0 micron

Class 608 Medium Ewe Fleece 19.1 - 21.5 micron

Class 609 Strong Ewe Fleece 21.6 micron & stronger

GROUP 2 FLEECE - COMMERCIAL

All fleeces will be micron tested and then placed in their respective class.

Skirted fleeces of wool shorn by blades or machine. Must have been run under normal paddock conditions.

Class 610 Superfine Weaner Fleece 17.5 micron & finer

Class 611 Fine Weaner Fleece 17.6 - 19 micron

Class 612 Medium Weaner Fleece 19.1 - 21 micron

Class 613 Strong Weaner Fleece 21.1 micron & stronger

Class 614 Superfine Ewe or Wether Fleece 17.5 micron & finer

Class 615 Fine Ewe or Wether Fleece 17.6 -19.0 micron

Class 616 Medium Ewe or Wether Fleece 19.1 - 21 micron

Class 617 Strong Ewe or Wether Fleece 21.1 micron & stronger

Class 618 Merino Lambs Wool 500g

Class 619 Ram Fleece Bred by owner - non stud

GROUP 4 FLEECE - SPECIAL

The winner will be presented the 'Bill McGrath Memorial Shield'.

Class 620 The best collection of three skirted Merino adult sheep over 2 years

GROUP 3 FLEECE - CROSSBRED

All fleeces will be micron tested and then placed in their respective class.

Skirted fleeces of wool shorn by blades or machine. Must have been run under normal paddock conditions. Fleeces are to be from adult sheep over 2 years of any cross.

Class 621 Ewe or Wether Fleece 27 micron and finer

Class 622 Ewe or Wether Fleece 27.1 -29 micron

Class 623 Ewe or Wether Fleece 29.1 micron and stronger