

TOP 10 SPRING LAMBS

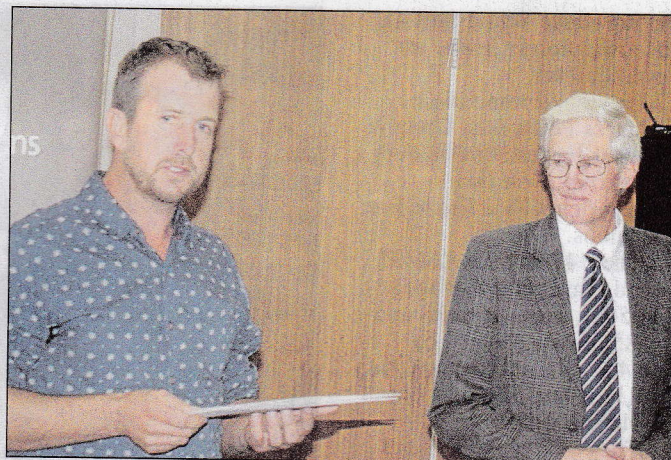
PLACE	TRADING NAME	LOCATION	BREEDING	POINTS
1	PT & IM Jensen & Sons	Pingaring	Prime SAMM x Merino	2585.33
2	Yleena Farm	Dowerin	Dorper x F1 Prime SAMM	2485.95
3	ME & LH O'Neill	Lake Grace	Prime SAMM x Merino	2400.85
4	Peniup Views	Jerramungup	Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	2355.07
5	WP & TM Garlick	Kondinin	Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	2261.17
6	SK & TR Angwin	Wagin	Poll Dorset x Merino	2254.61
7	PT & IM Jensen & Sons	Pingaring	Prime SAMM x Merino	2207.44
8	JS & EN Bagshaw	Boyup Brook	Poll Dorset x Merino	2187.51
9	FS & KM James	Hyden	Poll Dorset & Prime SAMM x F1 Prime SAMM	2186.28
10	AJ Orr	Newdegate	Poll Dorset & Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	2182.30

TOP 10 TRADE WEIGHT

PLACE	TRADING NAME	LOCATION	BREEDING	POINTS
1	GH & CA Barrett	Jerramungup	Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	2294.46
2	WP & TM Garlick	Kondinin	Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	1993.29
3	CD & VK Joyce	Kukerin	Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	1953.48
4	Evergreen Grazing	Kojonup	Poll Dorset x Prolific	1945.35
5	Evergreen Grazing	Kojonup	Poll Dorset x Prolific	1936.25
6	Evergreen Grazing	Kojonup	Poll Dorset x Prolific	1910.15
7	Fairlight Farm	Bow Bridge	Texel x Composite	1905.01
8	RJD & LA Carruthers	Lake Grace	Prime SAMM x Prime SAMM	1784.33
9	Denvale Grazing	Mt Barker	Dohne x Dohne	1758.57
10	RA, BDJ & IW Kelly	Mt Barker	White Suffolk x F1 Border Leicester	1745.86



□ Southern DiRT chairman Graydn Wilcox (left) joins Wendy and Peter Bessell-Browne, Woodanilling, for the announcement of WAMMCO's 2014/15 State Prime Lamb Carcase Competition winners.



□ Warren Garlick (left), WP & TM Garlick, Kondinin and WAMMCO chairman Dawson Bradford. The Garlick family finished in second place in the trade weight category and fifth place in the spring lambs category.

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average Viascan 2144 BP compared with last year's group of 35,714 lambs that averaged 22.74kg with a 3.02 FS and gained an average 1829 BP for Viascan lean meat yield.

WAMMCO's supply development officer Rob Davidson said there had been a significant shift in the choice of terminal sires and dams used by this year's contestants but it did not

necessarily reflect the trend in the broader prime lamb industry.

In past years the Poll Dorset had been the dominant sire but this year Prime SAMMs had overhauled them as the most popular breed among entrants with almost half the lambs by Prime SAMM sires.

Poll Dorsets accounted for about 25pc of the entries while White Suffolk and Suffolk were represented to

a lesser extent and lambs by other sires including Dorper, White Dorper, Texel, Dohne and UltraWhite lambs made up about 9pc of the entries.

The Prime SAMM also gained a bigger share of the maternal market with 42pc of the lambs coming from Prime SAMM blood ewes while the Merino ewe share declined slightly.

Prime SAMM and Merino along with Border Leicester and Prolific ewes dominated the maternal side with 88pc

of the lambs coming from these breeds.

Represented among the rest were Dorper, White Dorper, Dohne, Poll Dorset, Afrino, Corriedale, Kelso and their composites.

Entries came from as far afield as Walkaway in the north to Esperance in the south but overwhelmingly it was big Wheatbelt-bred lambs that took out the major prizes and Elders Kukerin agent Graeme Taylor was singled out for