

# Rockdale rocks in carcass competition

ROCKDALE stud has dominated WAMMCO International's state carcass competition in recent times and this year made it three out of the last four years the Edwards family has won the prized award.

The stud's line of 104 Prime SAMM ewe and wether lambs scored the top of 2714 points to be placed ahead of 17,249 lambs from 76 entries originating from WA's northern, eastern and southern agricultural areas.

Rockdale's winning line presented an average carcass weight of 25.22kg, a 2.25 fat score, a WAMMCO Select lean meat yield of 32.11pc and 81.7pc of the carcasses received bonus points for their total of 2714.

Equally pleasing for the stud was second overall placegetter Jon Ward,

Dumbleyung, who is a client of the stud.

Rockdale had another successful showing at the 2010 Wagin Woolorama where the stud exhibited the champion interbreed group of one ram and two ewes and the champion Prime SAMM ram of the show.

The champion ram Rockdale 09-0007, who was part of the interbreed winning group will lead the stud's Prime SAMM team at the sale this year.

A feature of the line-up will be the new South African genetics on offer, which includes 09-0007.

Rockdale will hold its fifth annual on-property ram sale at Dumbleyung on Wednesday, September 15, where 120 Prime SAMM rams and 40 White Suffolk rams will be offered.

Inspections are from 10am and the sale will begin at 1pm.

Sale catalogues and ASBVs can be emailed or faxed prior to the sale upon request.

The ASBVs for this year's sale rams are well above the breed average for both the Prime SAMM and White Suffolk breeds.

The muscling ASBVs in the Prime SAMMs is nearly double the breed average.

Equally impressive is the Prime SAMMs raw data taken on August 25.

The team averages 102kg and 43 EMD and has wool averages of 22.2 microns and 97.8pc CF.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided at the sale.

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□ Rockdale 09-0007, who was champion Prime SAMM ram at this year's Wagin Woolorama, will lead the Rockdale Prime SAMM team at the Rockdale on-property ram sale on Wednesday, September 15. With the ram at Woolorama earlier this year were judge Philip Russell (left) and Rockdale co-principal Mark Edwards.