

# Tiarri wins WAMMCO competition



WAMMCO chairman Dawson Bradford (centre), congratulates Ross Taylor, Tiarri Prime Sann stud, Lake Grace, on winning the overall title for their heavyweight line of purebred Prime SANN lambs at the 2011-2012 WAMMCO State Prime Lamb Carcase awards last week. They are flanked by some of the competition's sponsors Reg Crabb, Milne Feeds, Elders Katanning agent Chris Elliott, Superior Livestock Services' Henry Strating, Advantage Feeders Katanning distributor Gary Baker, and WAMMCO supply development manager Rob Davidson.

## By CLARE KING

ENTRANTS in the 2011-2012 WAMMCO State Prime Lamb Carcase competition should be pretty chuffed to be part of such an innovative event with the competition continuing to gain momentum.

The competition is now well known as Australia's largest and most prestigious lamb carcase awards.

It is also one of the richest and with more than \$22,000 in cash and prizes to be won

this year, the event attracted 115 entries (from 69 members) from all over the State with 30,369 lambs going through the WAMMCO abattoir to be assessed under three different categories.

This year, the coveted title of first place in the overall heavyweight competition and \$4000 in prize money went to Ross and Pauline Taylor, Tiarri Prime SANN stud, Lake Grace, for a line of purebred Prime SANN lambs.

The trophy was regained by the Prime SANN breed this year after last year losing the title briefly to a Poll Dorset-Merino cross line.

There were 132 lambs in the Taylor's winning line of Prime SANN lambs and overall it averaged 25.9kg for carcase weight.

The line scored a total of 2965.49 points all up with the lambs recording 32.6 per cent for WAMMCO select lean meat yield and 2.43 for fat score as well as attracting 84.2pc for the percentage of

carcase's which attracted bonus points.

Continuing to sweep the awards, the Tiarri Prime SANN stud was also awarded first place in the 300-plus lamb consignment category with a line of 337 purebred Prime SANN lambs.

This line averaged 24.84kg and had an average fat score of 2.62.

WAMMCO chairman Dawson Bradford said he was

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It was the first time Brendon and Pauline Tyrrell, Swandale Investments, Esperance, had entered the WAMMCO State Prime Lamb Carcase competition and they walked away with second place in the 300-plus consignment of lambs category as well as being placed ninth overall.

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extremely pleased to see the competition was continuing

to grow in terms of the numbers of entries, which indicated the relevance for producers in comparing large

lines of commercially-raised prime lambs.

"I think it's great to see that while there are good incentives in being part of a competition that is both publicly and financially rewarding, producers are not losing sight of the fact that it

is all in the spirit of learning something and achieving as much as we can out of our product," he said.

"It was also pleasing to see the lines are continually improving in consistency and quality with the top placegetters from this year

## TOP 10 OVERALL

Place	Trading Name	Location	Breeding	Points
1	RW & PM Taylor	Lake Grace	SAMM x SAMM	2965
2	Bunkin Farming Ent	Dumblebung	SAMM x SAMM	2815
3	Capemont Farms	Katanning	(Poll Dorset & SAMM) x Merino	2730
4	Bunkin Farming Ent	Dumblebung	SAMM x SAMM	2709
5	Cullam SAMM	Jerramungup	SAMM x SAMM	2607
6	RW & PM Taylor	Lake Grace	SAMM x SAMM	2590
7	Capemont Farms	Katanning	SAMM x Merino	2551
8	GW & RE Fenwick	Wellstead	East Fiesian x SAMM	2540
9	Swandale Investments	Esperance	SAMM x SAMM	2514
10	TJ & K Ward	Dumblebung	White Suffolk x F1 SAMM	2512



Royston Prime SAMM stud principals Alan (left), and Sandy Forbes, Jerramungup and Tom Hooke, Sheep Genetics Australia.

easily beating the scores from last year's winners."

WAMMCO supply development manager Rob Davidson said the distribution of entrants from throughout the State was outstanding with entries coming in from Geraldton to Newdegate, Jerramungup to Ravensthorpe and Donnybrook through to Kojonup.

"The competition ran from August 2011 through to the beginning of March this year and to emphasise the commercial relevance of the competition, there was a minimum of 100 lambs per consignment," he said.

"One of the highlights this year was the range of different genetics entered with some of the rarer breeds such as Greeline, Afrino, Kelso, Kojak, East Friesian and even Ille de France, represented as well as the more traditional breeds."

Of the dams represented, 75pc were out of Merino and Prime SAMM-influenced ewes and 65pc of the lambs were either sired by Poll Dorset or Prime SAMM rams.

Across the competition, the various categories were highlighted by some excellent figures with the 300-plus consignment section seeing 18,851 lambs (which was a fair chunk out of the overall entries) with an average carcass weight sitting at 22.4kg with 2.9 as the average fat score.

In the trade weight category, there were a total of 6394 lambs from 18 consignments with their average carcass weight sitting at 20.3kg, with 2.4 fat score on average.

In summary, across the spread of lambs, the average carcass weight was 22.9kg with an average score of 3 for fat while the average carcass yield sat at 48.9pc.

There were 31pc of the 115 consignments which fell into the heavy category and they ranged from 24.1kg to 27kg.

The Prime SAMM breed continued its domination of the placings with the breed featuring heavily in the top 10

overall in the competition.

Terry and Dale Cronin, Bunkin Farming Enterprises, Dumbleyung, backed up their success in last year's competition by featuring heavily in the major placings across two categories this year.

They took out second place as well as fourth place in the overall heavyweight section as well as fourth in the trade weight with their Rockdale

Prime SAMM-sired lambs.

The second-placed line was an entry of 103 pure-bred Prime SAMM lambs which scored a total of 2815.39 points, with the lambs doing 25.3kg average carcass weight, 2.35 for fat and recording 32.3pc for WAMMCO Select lean meat yield.

The fourth-placed entry in the overall heavy section was a line of 111 purebred Prime

SAMM lambs which gained a total of 2709.78 points for a 24.6kg average carcass weight and 2.26 fat score.

The Cronin's fourth place entry in the trade weight section was a line of 106 purebred Prime SAMMs which averaged 20.14kg for carcass weight.

Last year's winners of the overall heavyweight title, the

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Congratulations to the top 5 placegetters in each category

### OVERALL

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Ross & Pauline Taylor, RW & PM Taylor, Lake Grace
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Terry & Dale Cronin, Bunkin Farming Enterprise, Dumbleyung
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Barry, Sheldon & Trent Kowald, Capemont Farms, Katanning
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Terry & Dale Cronin, Bunkin Farming Enterprise, Dumbleyung
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Rod & Simon Cullam, RD & LZ Cullam, Jerramungup

### TRADE WEIGHT

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Craig & Liz Heggaton, Evergreen Grazing Co, Kojonup
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Graham, Chris & Wayne Barrett, GH & CA Barrett, Jerramungup
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Wes & Megan Leo, WM & ML Leo, Ravensthorpe
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Terry & Dale Cronin, Bunkin Farming Enterprise, Dumbleyung
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Alan Orr, AJ Orr, Newdegate

### CONSIGNMENTS LARGER THAN 300 LAMBS

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Ross & Pauline Taylor, RW & PM Taylor, Lake Grace
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Brendon & Pauline Tyrrell, Swandale Investments Pty Ltd, Esperance
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Alan Orr, AJ Orr, Newdegate
- 4<sup>th</sup>** Justin Martin, PJ & AP Martin, Northam
- 5<sup>th</sup>** Phil & Corey Mincherton, M & E Mincherton & Co, Ballidu

Thanks also to the following sponsors:





WAMMCO chairman Dawson Bradford (left), with tradeweight section winner Craig Heggaton, Kojonup, third placegetter Wes Leo, Ravensthorpe and Graham Barrett, Jerramungup, who placed second.

## TOP 10 TRADE WEIGHT

Place	Trading Name	Location	Breeding	Points
1	Evergreen Grazing Co	Kojonup	(Poll Dorset & Kojak) x Composite	1622
2	GH & CA Barrett	Jerramungup	SAMM x SAMM	1585
3	WM & ML Leo	Ravensthorpe	Poll Dorset x (SAMM x White Suffolk)	1577
4	Bunkin Farming Ent	Dumbleyung	SAMM x SAMM	1522
5	AJ Orr	Newdegate	SAMM x SAMM	1511
6	PT & IM Jensen & Sons	Pingaring	SAMM x Merino	1449
7	Evergreen Grazing Co	Kojonup	(Poll Dorset & Kojak) x Composite	1444
8	Evergreen Grazing Co	Kojonup	(Poll Dorset & Kojak) x Composite	1427
9	TJ & K Ward	Dumbleyung	White Suffolk x F1 SAMM	1391
10	TJR & EG Gorter	Kojonup	Texel x Composite	1367

## TOP 10 300+ LAMBS

Place	Trading Name	Location	Breeding	Points
1	RW & PM Taylor	Lake Grace	SAMM x SAMM	2590
2	Swandale Investments	Esperance	SAMM x SAMM	2514
3	AJ Orr	Newdegate	SAMM x SAMM	2385
4	PJ & AP Martin	Northam	PD x Merino	2328
5	M & E Mincherton	Ballidu	SAMM x F1 SAMM	2151
6	JR & JM Browne	Eneabba	SAMM x Merino	2103
7	Dutarning Pty Ltd	Pingelly	(SAMM & Suffolk) x Merino	2053
8	Evergreen Grazing Co	Kojonup	(Poll Dorset & Kojak) x Composite	2034
9	Dutarning Pty Ltd	Pingelly	(SAMM & Suffolk) x Merino	1922
10	AH Hall & Co	Tenterden	Poll Dorset x Merino	1919

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Kowald family, Capemont Farms, Katanning, were also in the placings this year coming third in the overall heavyweight category with their line of 100 Poll Dorset-Prime SAMM-Merino crossbred lambs.

These lambs scored 2730.71 points with a carcass weight average of 26.8kg and fat score of 2.98.

Fifth place overall was again a line of 167 Prime SAMM lambs, this time from the Cullam family's Cullam Prime SAMM stud, Jerramungup.

These lambs scored a total of 2607.69 points and averaged 24.7kg for carcass weight and 2.55 for fat.

Craig and Liz Heggaton, Evergreen Farming Co, Kojonup, were placed in first position in the tradeweight section which saw 6394 lambs from 18 consignments fall into that category.

The Heggatons won the top spot with their line of 637 Poll Dorset-Kojak composite-bred lambs which scored 1622.27 points.

The lambs averaged 20.8 for carcass weight and scored 2.35 for fat.

In second place in the trade section was Cullam Prime SAMM clients Graham and Wes Barrett, Jerramungup, whose line of 461 purebred Prime SAMM lambs scored 1584.60 points.

The lambs performed well and averaged 21kg for carcass weight and scored 2.88 for fat.

Wes and Megan Leo, Ravensthorpe, entered the competition for the first time this year and took out third place with their line of 105 Poll Dorset-Prime SAMM-White Suffolk cross lambs.

These lambs scored 1576.97 points to average 20.97 for carcass weight and 2.38 for fat score.

Fifth position in the trade category went to Alan Orr, AJ Orr, Newdegate, with his line of 157 purebred Prime SAMM lambs which scored a total of 1510.51 points for an average

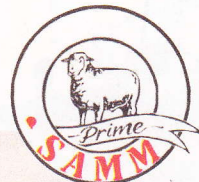
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WAMMCO supply development manager Rob Davidson reveals the results of the WAMMCO State Carcase Competition in Katanning last week.

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The WA Prime SAMM region congratulates all producers who finished in the top 10 in the WAMMCO State Prime Lamb Carcase Competition using Prime SAMM genetics.

### OVERALL – PRIME SAMMS FEATURE IN ALL TOP 10 PLACINGS

- RW & PM Taylor, Tiarri stud, Lake Grace - **1st & 6th**
- Bunkin Farming Ent, Dumbleyung - **2nd & 4th**
- Capemont Farms, Katanning - **3rd & 7th**
- Cullam SAMM, Jerramungup - **5th**
- GW & RE Fenwick, Wellstead - **8th**
- Swandale Investments, Esperance - **9th**
- TJ & K Ward, Dumbleyung - **10th**

### TRADE WEIGHT – PRIME SAMMS FEATURE IN 6 OUT THE TOP 10 PLACING

- GH & CA Barrett, Jerramungup - **2nd**
- WA & ML Leo, Ravensthorpe - **3rd**
- Bunkin Farming Ent, Dumbleyung - **4th**
- AJ Orr, Newdegate - **5th**
- PT & IM Jensen & Sons, Uralla stud, Pingaring - **6th**
- TJ & K Ward, Dumbleyung - **9th**

### CONSIGNMENTS LARGER THAN 300 LAMBS – PRIME SAMMS FEATURE IN 7 OUT THE TOP 10 PLACINGS

- RW & PM Taylor, Tiarri stud, Lake Grace - **1st**
- Swandale Investments, Esperance - **2nd**
- AJ Orr, Newdegate - **3rd**

- M & E Mincherton, Ballidu - **5th**
- JR & JM Browne, Eneabba - **6th**
- Dutarning Pty Ltd, Pingelly - **7th & 9th**



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Share farmers Richard Bessell-Browne (right), Woodanilling and Bob O'Toole, Katanning, were the lucky door prize winners of an Advantage Feeders sliding gate hay feeder. They are pictured with Advantage Feeders Katanning distributors Chrissie Day and Gary Baker.



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carcase weight of 20.47kg. The Orrs also picked up third place in the 300-plus lambs consignment category with a line of 335 purebred Prime SMMM lambs which averaged 26.45kg.

Second place in the 300-plus lambs consignment section was first time entrant Brendon Tyrrell, Swandale Investments Pty Ltd, Esperance.

The 100pc Prime SMMM-bred lambs came in an impressive line of 426 lambs and dressed out to an average of 25.28kg and fat score of 2.96.

Fourth and fifth places in the 300-plus lamb's section were taken out by Justin Martin, PJ & AP Martin, Northam, who placed fourth with their Poll Dorset-Merino lambs and Corey Mincherton, M & E Mincherton, Ballidu, who placed fifth with Prime SMMM-F1 Prime SMMM lambs.

Competition entrants Martin (left), and Felicity Hallett, Orrvale Grazing, Kojonup and Rockdale Prime SMMM stud co-principal Mark Edwards, Dumbelyung, discuss the results of the WAMMCO carcase competition over a cold refreshment.

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