

CROOKWELL A.P. & H SOCIETY

ANZ AGRIBUSINESS FLOCK EWE COMPETITION 2024

On behalf of the organising committee I invite you to enter the Merino Ewe Competition for 2024.

The dates for next year's on-farm judging are confirmed for **Monday 22nd January** and concluding **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**, with presentations to follow that evening at the Crookwell Services Club.

David Motley will be returning for 2024 after his first year this year, we are looking to organize David to bring one of his Kelpies along for a demo and discussion on working dogs. David will be joined by Jayne Lette from Conrayn Merino Stud, Berridale. I look forward to welcoming Jayne to judge the 2024 Competition.

In what has been another challenging year for young merino sheep, some of you may feel hesitant to enter however I would encourage you to do so and join in the discussion about what has or has not worked for you in the last 12 months because ultimately the competition is about more than the placings. Its strength is the learning and collaborative discussion that benefits all of us.

Attached with this letter are the Conditions of Entry and an Entry Form. Please ensure that you have read and understood the Conditions of Entry and that your form is filled out in full to give the judges a complete picture of your operation.

On the reverse of the Entry Form there are some questions that we ask each entrant to answer. This information will be passed onto the judges for their own use prior to the on-farm visits. The information on the reverse side will not be appearing in the books.

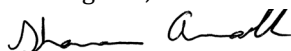
Presentations will be held at the Crookwell Services Club on the evening of Tuesday 23rd January, at the conclusion of judging. Please return the slip below to indicate the number of persons attending; further details regarding cost etc. will follow as details are finalised.

The A.P & H Society has recently updated the Show Website and the Ewe Competition has a dedicated section within it. The website now has online payments available for entry fees and show tickets if you wish to do so. For access to all forms and other details visit <https://www.crookwellshow.com.au/flock-ewe-comp>

Entry for the 2024 Flock Ewe Competition is \$50.00 (Cheque payable to Crookwell A.P & H Society).

Please send completed entry forms to; Flock Ewe Competition C/- Michael Lowe 645 Binda Road Crookwell NSW 2583
Entries Close 30th November 2023.

Kind Regards,



Shannon Arnall
Chief Steward
5th November 2023

I/We will be attending the dinner and presentations following on-farm judging on Tuesday Evening 23rd January 2024

No. attending Name/s.....

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The competition is open to any person, partnership or company; provided the sheep exhibited have been bred on the property of that person, partnership or company and the property is in the Crookwell region. For boundary clarification please contact the Chief Steward.
2. The sheep exhibited must have been running on the property of the entrant for the full twelve months and must carry the registered earmark of the entrant.
3. Sheep entered in the competition must not carry more than twelve months wool. Rugging and/or pampering of sheep included in the entry is not allowed. If, in the opinion of the judges and/or committee other non-commercial practices have been carried out, they may disqualify that entrant from participation in that year's competition. The judge and/or committee's decision will be final.
4. To compete, all "classed in" maiden merino ewes of the same drop and showing the applicable NLIS coloured tag for the respective year must be available for judging. **A minimum of 50 ewes are required to compete.**

5. Teams will be judged on the following scale:

<i>Wool quantity for type</i>	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Wool quality & character for type</i>	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Conformation, Structure, Size for type</i>	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Commercial Qualities</i>	<i>25 points</i>
<u><i>Culling percentage</i></u>	<u><i>25 points</i></u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>200 points</u>

6. Each exhibitor must complete an entry form. A fee of \$50.00 will be charged to assist in covering costs, and payment must accompany the entry form.
7. On the day of judging all maiden ewes must be presented as one mob in a yard for judging with access to a drenching race. The judges will instruct when to fill the race for further inspection.

8. In addition, entrants will be required to display their top five ewes in a separate pen on judging day. This gives each entrant an opportunity to present the direction of their breeding operation and to give the judges an idea of where the breeder wants to be in their enterprise in the future.
9. Exhibitors shearing after 1st December 2023 are entitled to present 10% (to a max of 50 head) of their maiden ewes in full wool for judging. Apart from the exhibitors top five these should be a random selection.
10. Eight finalists will be announced *in no particular order* at the presentation evening. Four finalists will be from entries shorn before 1st September 2023 and four finalists from entries shorn between 1st September 2023 and 22nd January 2024. First to Fourth placings will be awarded in each category at the Crookwell Show with the highest scoring flock being awarded the Champion Prize.
11. All entrants (or a representative) are required to attend the presentation evening at the Crookwell Services Club on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.
12. Five ewes from each of the eight finalists must be displayed at the Crookwell Show, where the placings will be announced on Sunday 11th February 2024 at 1.00pm. Display is from 9.30am to 3.30pm. A National Vendor Declaration and National Sheep Health Statement must be provided prior to displaying ewes at the show.
13. Any person, partnership or company, who is a registered stud of the N.S.W Stud Merino Breeders Association or who has bred and then sold or traded merino rams to another merino enterprise within the last five years, will be ineligible to enter the competition.
14. If joining is in progress the exhibitor may leave the rams in if they desire.
15. Exhibitors will be required to provide some basic information, as per Entry Form details, regarding the sheep and property operation on the day of inspection.
16. Standard culling percentage of approximately 30% is deemed acceptable in the commercial sheep industry. Extremes above or below may incur penalties where the judges see fit.
17. All decisions and judgments made by the committee will be final.



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ANZ AGRIBUSINESS FLOCK EWE COMPETITION 2024 ENTRY FORM

TRADING NAME: _____

PROPERTY NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION - ALTITUDE: _____ M ANNUAL RAINFALL: _____ mm

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHEEP SHORN - LAST 12 MONTHS _____
(Include Merinos, Crossbreds and Lambs)

2023 – Ewes joined to Merinos: _____ Merino Lambs Marked: _____ Lambs Weaned: _____

2022 – Ewes joined to Merinos: _____ Merino Lambs Marked: _____ Lambs Weaned: _____

2021 – Ewes joined to Merinos: _____ Merino Lambs Marked: _____ Lambs Weaned: _____

Number 2022 drop of Maiden ewes for inspection: _____

% Classed out: _____ Classed by: _____

Lambing Date: _____ Shearing Date: _____

Bloodline of Ewes: _____

Ram source for the last 5 years: _____

F.D. of Fleece Line: 2023 _____ 2022 _____ 2021 _____

F.D. of Hogget Line: 2023 _____ 2022 _____ 2021 _____

I have completed the entry form in full and agree to the Conditions of Entry,

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Entries Close 30th November 2023

Completed forms with \$50 entry fee to;

Flock Ewe Competition C/- Michael Lowe

645 Binda Rd Crookwell NSW 2583

Please Turn Over...

Property Name: _____

Please answer the following questions. This information will be passed onto the judges only in order to give them as much information as possible prior to the on-farm visits.

Question 1. Please describe any seasonal and/or animal health challenges that you have faced with this drop of ewes?

Question 2. Please detail the supplementary feeding regime, if any, that these ewes have had since weaning?

Question 3. Please give details of your joining programme i.e. traditional or A.I., proportion of A.I. if used, length of joining etc.? _____

Question 4. Do you pregnancy scan your ewes? If so, what were the conception rates and twinning percentages? _____

Question 5. How would you describe your breeding goal/objective with your flock?

Question 6. Do you have any other comments or observations that we may find useful?
