

# CROOKWELL A.P. & H SOCIETY

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## ANZ AGRIBUSINESS FLOCK EWE COMPETITION 2026

On behalf of the organising committee I invite you to enter the Merino Ewe Competition for 2026.

The dates for next year's on-farm judging are confirmed for **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** and concluding **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, with presentations to follow that evening at the Crookwell Services Club. Nigel Brumpton from Mount Ascot Merinos Mitchell Queensland enjoyed his judging experience at the last competition and we welcome him back to the Southern Tablelands for 2026. Nigel will be joined by Haydon Cox from Bocoble Merino Stud Eumungerie NSW as our new judge for 2026/2027. We look forward to welcoming Haydon to judge the 2026 Competition.

The Commercial Merino Breeders Association continues to have input into AWI via the WICP panel. As an entrant you will become a member of that association and are welcome to provide input. Contact a committee member for further information.

Also a reminder to enter a fleece into the Flock Ewe section at the Crookwell Show.

Fleeces could be collected at Ewe Comp time if convenient for each entrant.

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.

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 memberships, entry fees and show tickets if you wish to do so. Direct Debit details are also on the entry form.

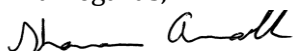
For access to all forms and other details visit <https://www.crookwellshow.com.au/flock-ewe-comp>

Entry for the 2026 Flock Ewe Competition is \$60.00. Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque, via the website as noted above or by Direct Debit

Please send completed entry forms to; Flock Ewe Competition C/- Michael Lowe 645 Binda Road Crookwell NSW 2583 or by email [mlowe645@gmail.com](mailto:mlowe645@gmail.com)

Entries Close 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Kind Regards,



Shannon Arnall

Chief Steward

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025



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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 &amp; 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>
<i><u>Culling percentage</u></i>	<i><u>25 points</u></i>
<b><i><u>Total</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>200 points</u></i></b>

6. Each exhibitor must complete an entry form. A fee of \$60.00 will be charged to assist in covering costs and memberships. 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and four finalists from entries shorn between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026. 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 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
12. Five ewes from each of the eight finalists must be displayed at the Crookwell Show, where the placings will be announced on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 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 2026 ENTRY FORM

TRADING NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY INFORMATION - ALTITUDE: \_\_\_\_\_ M ANNUAL RAINFALL: \_\_\_\_\_ mm

2025 – Ewes joined to Merinos: \_\_\_\_\_ Merino Lambs Marked: \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs Weaned: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 – Ewes joined to Merinos: \_\_\_\_\_ Merino Lambs Marked: \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs Weaned: \_\_\_\_\_

2023 – Ewes joined to Merinos: \_\_\_\_\_ Merino Lambs Marked: \_\_\_\_\_ Lambs Weaned: \_\_\_\_\_

Number 2024 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: 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

F.D. of Hogget Line: 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries Close 5th December 2025**

Return forms to; Michael Lowe 645 Binda Rd Crookwell NSW 2583 or Email - [mlowe645@gmail.com](mailto:mlowe645@gmail.com)

Payment \$60 per Entry to Crookwell A.P & H Society by Cash, Cheque, Show Website or D. Debit BSB 062530  
Acc 10025178 Use name and "ewe comp" in description.

**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?

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

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**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.? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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