CROOKWELL A.P. & H SOCIETY

ANZ AGRIBUSINESS FLOCK EWE COMPETITION 2027

On behalf of the organising committee I invite you to enter the Merino Ewe Competition for 2027.

The dates for next year's on-farm judging are confirmed for **Monday 18th January** and concluding **Tuesday 19th January 2027,** with presentations to follow that evening at the Crookwell Services Club.
Hayden Cox from Bocoble Merino Stud Eumungerie NSW will be returning as judge for 2027. He will be joined by Paul Pittman from Glenburnie Merino Stud, Mt Agnes, Walcha. With the wool market seeing an improvement this year as well as much better seasonal conditions locally I expect your young ewes will be well worth entering the competition for 2027.

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

Entries Close 5th December 2026.

Kind Regards,

Shannon Arnall
Chief Steward
4h November 2026

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ENTRY FORM

TRADING NAME: _____

PROPERTY NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____**EMAIL**: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION - ALTITUDE: _____M **ANNUAL RAINFALL:** _____mm

2026 – Ewes joined to Merinos: _____ Merino Lambs Marked: _____Lambs Weaned: _____

2025 – Ewes joined to Merinos: _____ Merino Lambs Marked: _____Lambs Weaned: _____

2024 – Ewes joined to Merinos: _____ Merino Lambs Marked: _____Lambs Weaned: _____

Number 2025 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: 2026 _____ 2025 _____ 2024_____

F.D. of Hogget Line: 2026 _____ 2025 _____ 2024 _____

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

Signed _____ **Date** _____

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Return forms to; Michael Lowe 645 Binda Rd Crookwell NSW 2583 or Email - 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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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 electronic 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:

Wool quantity for type	*50 points*
Wool quality & character for type	*50 points*
Conformation, Structure, Size for type	*50 points*
Commercial Qualities	*25 points*
Culling percentage	*25 points*
Total	***200 points***

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 1st December 2026 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 2026 and four finalists from entries shorn between 1st September 2026 and 18th January 2027. 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 19th January 2027.

12. Five ewes from each of the eight finalists must be displayed at the Crookwell Show, where the placings will be announced on Sunday 7th February 2027 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.