

Australian Corriedale Association Inc.



WORLD CONFERENCE 2003 - URUGUAY



Federal President's Report

Greetings to Corriedale breeders here in Australia and around the globe and to those people who understand the true value of the Corriedale sheep to their business.

At the last world conference Australia and Uruguay combined to promote the idea of having our Corriedale world conferences every three years instead of five, thankfully delegates from other nations agreed and we now find ourselves winging our way to Montevideo this September.

A key reason for the more frequent meetings was to ensure greater communication between breeders on a global scale and also to ensure the marketing of the Corriedale and its products was performed with



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greater insight and direction. How timely this conference is and the guest speakers attending Uruguay reinforce the continued opportunities for Corriedale production and profitability.

The versatility of the Corriedale ensures we are in the perfect position to maximise our marketing opportunities. Globally sheep numbers are down, largely because the world loves eating lamb and sheep meat and demand is outstripping production. The fashion cycle has recently supported heavier weaves and knits and whilst this is a transient thing the continued growth of medium and broad micron wool in the interior textile sector gives the market for the wool we produce greater substance. Live exports remain a strong industry and skin values have increased with a swing towards a greater use of leather in fashion and retailers looking for 'other' products from organic goods...yes the lambs wool pelt slipper is marching boldly towards European department stores.

This world conference provides us with several opportunities to improve the Corriedale's profile globally, it is imperative that we build the Corriedale 'brand' whether it be for wool or meat and ultimately with the building of this brand we need to implement supply chains to maximise our returns and build a greater demand for seedstock.

By differentiating Corriedale wool through quality assurance we have the potential to be better recognised and to build on the advanced processing characteristics our wool possesses. This can also lay a platform for supply-managed programmes. Hence Australia will be promoting a Corriedale Quality Assurance programme for all producing countries.

In Australia some of the opportunities are more obvious; our sheep flock is now down to 106 million, of this only 50 million are ewes (compared to 75 million in the early nineties). The need for productive sheep weaning at over 110% has never been greater. Our breed can deliver this, it is time to make our Merino-centric market more accountable and question their productivity and their real returns, particularly in regards to prime lamb production.

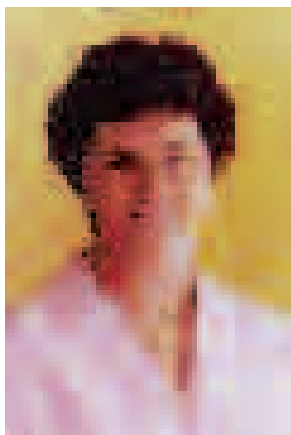
Additionally an opportunity exists within our breed to broaden the gene pool and to capitalise on the progeny testing undertaken in Uruguay and the performance recording undertaken in Australia and New Zealand. For Australia the fact that we have maintained a truly versatile Corriedale and not forsaken wool quality whilst developing improved carcasses demands that we should increase genetic sales to other nations. To ensure advancement of our breed and access to the most productive genetics, Australia will be proposing an international sire reference scheme be implemented. Circumstance, geography and poor communication has led to a polarisation of gene pools in most countries, we need to open this up. I accept that health requirements will impact on this programme to some extent but it must be explored.

I wish all attendees to the conference a tremendous time of fellowship and challenging discussions. To our Australian members I wish you continued success, maintenance of sheep, lamb and wool prices and a growing demand for rams.

Yours in Versatility,

Craig Turner

Victorian President's Report



Many Victorian members enjoyed the highlight of the year at "Coola" Station S.A. The launching of Andrew Nicolson's book "A Sheep for all Seasons" a truly memorable occasion.

The A.S.B.A. Show in Bendigo was again extremely successful. We made the most of the sunshine and took the judging outside. This showed off our sheep to perfection, and caught the passing crowd. The sheep were of a very high standard and a credit to exhibitors.

I thought the older ram classes were of excellent quality and a very even line up.

Corriedales have won the long wool interbreed championship for the past four years. A wonderful effort.

This standard should take the breed forward into the future.

With recent good rains I hope we will all enjoy a better season than the

past two years and see dams full of water.

Prices have never been better for all our commodities, lambs, ewes and wool. Ewes are at a premium and we all wish we had more to sell.

Breeders can look to the future with optimism for our versatile sheep.

The challenge is to encourage young breeders when there are so many other options out there like trees, cereal crops, wines etc.

The world conference will be a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and take the breed forward.

Shirley Foster
Victorian A.C.A Branch President





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INVITATION

Delegates to the 2003 Corriedale Congress in Uruguay are wished success and invited to make inquiry

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New South Wales President's Report

For nearly two years now the rural scene in NSW has been dominated by the worst drought in at least 100 years, probably longer. With records indicating rainfall deficits in the order of 35-50% and early indications that the coming spring may be another light one, stock numbers are at an all-time low. The Tablelands region, which is the heavily stocked area of the state, has indicated a reduction of up to 50% of sheep numbers since the drought began. This has obviously made it hard to sell restocker sheep of any type, and Corriedale sales have been proportionately affected. The drought has seen abattoirs, tanneries, and other sheep processing businesses closed or severely constrained across the state. The affects of this severe

reduction in economic activity are only just beginning to be felt, both in NSW, and nationally.

NSW Corriedale breeders have fared reasonably well under this pressure. The Corriedale ewe's ability to survive, and even prosper, under significant duress has been confirmed on many properties. Lambing percentages, wool cuts and growth rates that have been achieved by Corriedale breeders over the past twelve months are the envy of others. The continued reliance on objective measurement by major breeders in the state may be one reason for this.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is the main exhibition for the breed in the State and the Association has applied for feature breed status for

the show of 2004. The Association continues to actively support the schools that have started Corriedale studs and will continue to do so. The number of Schools involved with our breed has been static for sometime, but we have had new enquiries that will hopefully evolve into studs of the future.

The NSW Branch wishes the organisers of the 12th World Corriedale Conference and Reunion every success for the coming event. I know I will miss the opportunity to see many good friends and sincerely regret being unable to attend.

Charlie Prell
Chairman
ACA NSW Branch



Tasmanian President's Report

The past year has been one that Tasmanian Corriedale breeders can generally look back on with a good deal of satisfaction. In a more than usually fluctuating market, prices for Corriedale-type wool have met with consistently keen demand at prices which compare favourably with those received for finer types.

Lamb prices are at an all time high here as they are over most of Australia and, equally importantly for Corriedale breeders, demand for surplus ewes and mutton has combined to make the Corriedale an extremely attractive proposition for sheep breeders.



Seasonal conditions are the best for many years. A mild autumn with consistent rainfall has enabled our breeding ewes to be in ideal condition for lambing.

All of this optimism is reflected in an upward trend amongst the studs. Our newest breeder, Patrick Taylor, showed sheep of his own breeding at Campbell Town very satisfactorily and Richard Higgins has re-registered his Staunton stud. Demand for Corriedale rams continues to increase and our Field Day and Ram Sale in November was well supported.

Ian MacKinnon demonstrated his faith in the Corriedale by purchasing John Savage's ASBA Reserve Senior Champion Ram for \$10,000 which, I believe, is the highest price paid by an Australian breeder.

Campbell Town Show featured the best exhibition of Corriedales for many years. John Savage is to be

congratulated for his enterprise in bringing over a team from Victoria and deservedly took out most of the major awards. We are grateful to both Darryl MacDonald, the judge and Thomas Burbury, the steward, for a job well done.

Quamby Plains and Streamshalh both won their share of awards at the A.S.B.A Show. Streamshalh won the Champion Corriedale Fleece at the Australian Fleece Competition for the second year in succession, this time with a ewe fleece.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my wife Judith in particular and Corriedale breeders in general for the support they have given me in the production of my book "A Sheep for All Seasons - A History of the Australian Corriedale".

Andrew Nicolson
Chairman
ACA Tasmanian Branch

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South Australian President's Report

Best wishes to all Corriedale breeders and producers in Australia and beyond.

The livestock industry in Australia has been under enormous pressure over the past year and in some areas several years, having experienced the worst drought for 100 years with only small pockets of the country being immune.

This has resulted in the sheep population being greatly reduced in South Australia and nationally.

The Corriedale's ability to bounce back after hardship, its self-replacing qualities and its dual purpose characteristics make it a very good product.

The Corriedale has proven itself in the production of heavy export lamb, with Corriedale and Corriedale cross lambs making \$136 (\$US90) per head at auction in Mt. Gambier in March. Also 24 micron Corriedale lambs wool made 832c/kg (550 USc/kg) on farm in November 2002. All of these lambs were bred in the south east of South Australia

We have seen record prices for corriedale wool and lambs, and terrific demand for Corriedale ewes.

In South Australia, agricultural economists are highlighting the financial benefits of prime lamb/medium to broad wool production, as a tool to increase the gross margin in crop growing enterprises. The Corriedale fits this criteria admirably.

Many of the best graziers are taking advantage of the Corriedales' ability to wean twin lambs that can be sold into the premium end of the lamb market, or held as breeding stock.

Another South Australian achievement came at the Australian Wool Fashion Awards held in New South Wales when a young designer from Adelaide won the daywear/race wear category with her two piece felted Corriedale wool suit, described as a classic ensemble with a jaunty cut.

It was quoted that the wool awards judge was "enraptured by the 40s inspired garment". Corriedales are having an impact on all facets of the industry.

The south east branch of the South Australian Corriedale Association was host to a major event in March 2003 when the book, A Sheep For All Seasons, was launched in the historic Coola Woolshed near Mt Gambier, home of one of the first established Corriedale flocks .

We are indeed indebted to the author of this book Mr Andrew Nicolson and to his wife Judith who gave him every support, for giving us this most interesting and comprehensive history of the Australian Corriedale.

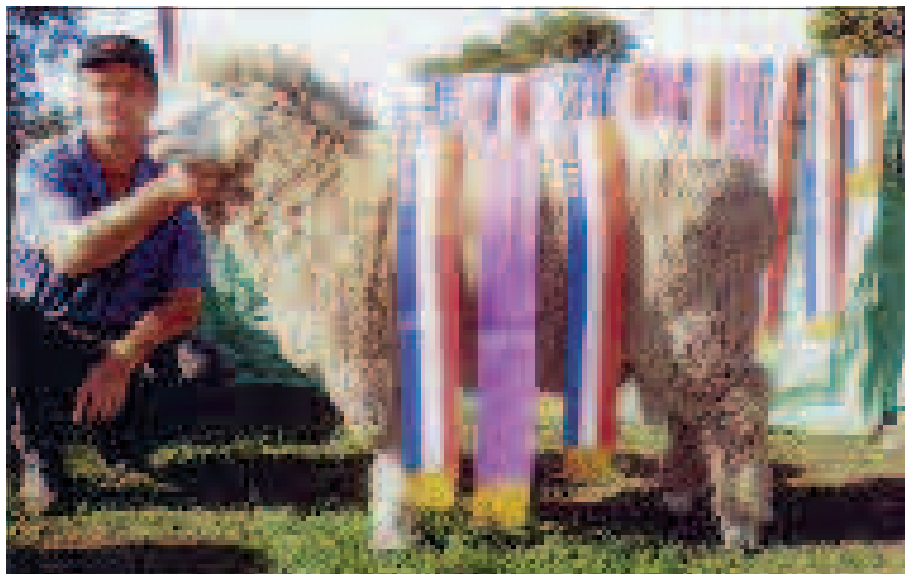
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Grand Champion Fleece 98-005

Wagin Woolorama 2002
Grand Champion Fleece 98-005

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Reserve Champion Ram 98-005
Champion Ram 01-038
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Grand Champion 2002-01
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2002-01

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We look towards producing breed qualities to place Corriedales above modern day breeds increasingly trying to corner our traditional markets. Developing rapid growth, large lean carcasses, coupled with quality spinning heavy cutting fleece production with the ability to grow well in our 890mm rainfall area, we believe will see Corriedale shine through as the true profitable breed. To be better than terminal sires means having to out-grow them in the show rings, paddocks and dinner plates.

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West Australian President's Report

Greetings from Western Australia.

Corriedale breeders in WA are proud of the quality of our sheep and their ability to produce quality and quantity of meat and wool. With two successive years or below average rainfall, the ability of Corriedales to produce, no matter what the conditions, has been well recognised.

With record high prices for lamb and sheep meat, and the return to wool prices comparable to the Merino, our Corriedales are clearly demonstrating "maximum dollars per hectare" is not just a catchy slogan.

The two major shows in WA are the Wagin Woolorama in March and the Perth Royal Show at the end of September. Keen participation by most studs contributes to the challenge to continue to produce the best animals. Access to superior genes through artificial insemination and WA's Johne's-free status allows free interchange between studs.

Since the last World Corriedale Congress, two new studs have been registered in our state, both able to contribute to the growing supremacy of the Western Australian Corriedale and recognition of the ability to increase profitability of sheep farming.

With the relative decline of Merino wool prices and the increase of Corriedale wool prices, many farmers are using Corriedale rams over their Merino ewes to breed more economic flocks for producing meat – both lambs and export sheep.

We are living in times of opportunity. We have the breed of sheep able to reward those who avail themselves of the Corriedale's ability to produce meat and wool best with less effort and expense than other breeds or crossbreeds.

When you come to Australia, we invite you to include WA studs on your itinerary or contact the following breeders to discuss ram or semen requirements:

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Western Australian Corriedale breeders wish all reading this article wealth and friendship. When you breed Corriedales, you breed friendships.

Arthur Pederick
President 2003/2003
ACA WA Branch

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The time, effort, and research that has gone into this fine publication is considerable, and to have this history recorded in book form is a most valuable asset

On behalf of the South Australian Corriedale breeders I wish all producers a good season with excellent ram and ewe sales, for the production of quality lambs and wool, and to those attending the World Conference in Uruguay, have a happy, and safe journey, lots of wonderful fellowship, with the future of the Corriedale being the beneficiary.

Mrs Jan L.Hunt





Australian Sheepbreeders' Association (ASBA) Show 2003 results included Junior Champion Ram, Junior Champion Ewe, Reserve Junior Champion Ewe and the Ken Smith Memorial Trophy - Sires Progeny Group.



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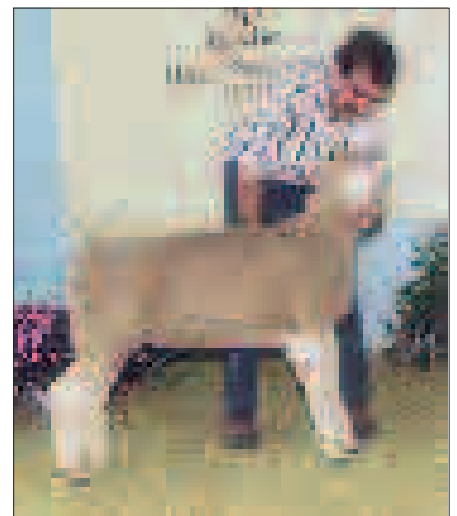


Liberton Fleeces Won Grand Champion Fleeces at Ohio International State Fair and North American International Livestock Exposition 2002

See our Web Site for information on:

- History of the Stud
- Aims of the Stud
- Grazing Conditions
- Show Success

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Geof Ruppert, 'Ruppert Corriedales' with Best Fleeced Fall Ewe Lamb at the Maryland Show USA 2003. *Sire Liberton 3K-23*

Sheepmeat Outlook

Lamb prices rise in 2002

Continued strong domestic and overseas demand for lamb and falling global and Australian lamb supplies drove lamb prices up a further 25%, to record levels, in 2002. Hence, lamb incomes rose further, to attractive levels relative to wool and most other enterprises.

Domestic demand for lamb was remarkably strong, maintaining usage despite a sharp jump in retail prices. Demand also rose in the US, Asian markets and the Middle East.

Spurred by attractive returns and excellent prospects, sheep producers have been shifting resources from fine wool into prime lamb production over the past two years. However, this has been negated by a run of poor seasons in prime lamb regions. The poor 2001/02 breeding season caused lamb slaughter to fall a further 4.4% in 2002, bringing the decline since the 2000 record to over 1.3 million lambs, or 7%.

The severe 2002 drought also caused problems in feeding lambs to the heavier weights required for supermarkets and some export destinations, particularly the US. This, together with strong domestic market demand, caused lamb exports to fall 8% in 2002, to be 10% below the record in 2000.

The 2002 drought has prolonged the sharp sheep flock liquidation for at least another year, continuing the unsustainably high sheep turnoff and lowering lambing percentages. This followed signs in early 2002 that sheep producers were holding back extra sheep in response to jumps in returns to both prime lambs and wool.

Sheep prices rose to record levels in mid 2002, driven by a fall in turnoff and strong Middle East demand. However, the re-emergence of competition for mutton and live sheep in the Middle East and the drought's impact on sheep turnoff and restocker interest caused a sharp retreat in the second half of the year. Overall, sheep prices rose 11-14% in 2002, to post annual records for both wethers and ewes.

Both sheep slaughter and live sheep exports fell by 6% in 2002, despite the late surge in sheep turnoff due to the drought. Mutton exports also fell 6%, despite continued strong demand from the US, North Asia and Europe.

Bright prospects for lamb

With demand for lamb continuing to grow steadily, particularly in Australia, North America and North Asia, and with lamb supplies in decline, lamb prices are likely to increase further in the short term. However, producer incomes will again be harmed by lower productivity and lambs marked in 2003, due to the drought.

With fewer lambs carried over from 2002 and an expected smaller lamb drop in 2003 (due to the poor 2002/03 breeding season) Australian lamb slaughter is forecast to fall a further 5%, or 800,000 head, in 2003 to 16.2 million, 12% below the peak in 2000. However, the move into prime lambs should finally show from spring 2004, with strong growth in slaughter numbers and production (to record levels) over the medium term.

Lower supplies (and higher prices) are, therefore, forecast to cause some short-term decline in domestic usage and

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Fairburn Corriedales

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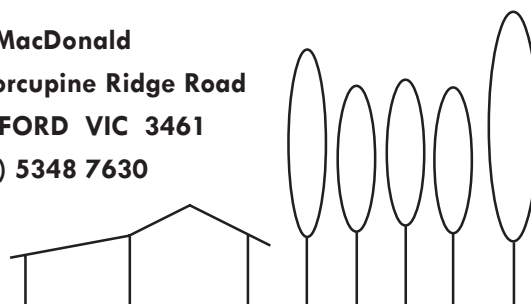
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lamb exports, despite strong demand. However, Australia is likely to be the only supplier capable of satisfying the growing global demand for lamb over the medium term, with strong growth expected in lamb exports, particularly to the US and North Asia.

Rapid growth in Australian lamb supplies from spring 2004 should see lamb prices ease, though returns to growers are expected to remain favourable over the projection period.

Sheep supplies to fall sharply

The drought of 2002/03 is likely to have lasting impacts on Australian

sheep and mutton supplies. Sheep turnoff is expected to fall sharply (around 15%) once rains arrive and then further over the following 2-3 years, in order to allow the flock to slowly rebuild.

This fall in sheep availability and increased grazier demand is expected to cause Australian sheep prices to rise again in 2003.

Generally rising global demand for red meats and falling sheepmeat (and protein) supplies are likely to restrain any fall in sheep and mutton prices over the projection period. Also, restocker interest in ewes and wethers from local wool producers is expected to strengthen further, as the wool price recovery consolidates over the medium term.

With supplies falling, both mutton and live sheep exports are expected to steadily decline over the projection period, and domestic usage of mutton is projected to remain low.

On current projections, Australian sheep and mutton supplies, and hence exports, are unlikely to begin a recovery until after 2005.

Timothy McRae
Market Analyst
Meat and Livestock Australia
North Sydney, Australia



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Trial Shows Corriedales Made the Most Money

If you are interested in making money, then it's hard to go past a well-run Corriedale ewe flock joined to either a Corriedale or a terminal sire.

This is the conclusion Shirley Foster, President of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Corriedale Association and a delegate to the Federal Council, came to after looking over the results of two trials conducted in the Casterton area in Western Victoria.

The trials, which were run over four years, involved on farm comparisons as part of the Paired Paddock Program, delivered by the Rural Industry Skills Training Centre at Hamilton, Victoria.

On each property in the trial, there were two paddocks, one run under the farm's normal management program and a second with a different, hopefully more productive and profitable program. In most cases, the improved management involved spreading more, or a different type of fertiliser, and increasing the stocking rate to make use of the extra pasture growth.

Most of the enterprises run on the paddocks in the Casterton area produced prime lambs, but there were two wool enterprises and one producing beef weaners.

Shirley said that she could not think of a more realistic and useful way to make comparisons between a range of enterprises.

"It's the sort of comparison that certainly makes you sit up and take notice, and think hard and long about what you are doing."

RESULTS

The achievements on the paddocks were measured in several ways, but in the end, the main focus was on

the money made – the most common measuring stick used to evaluate businesses.

"The most profitable paddocks in the trials produced prime lambs," Shirley said.

She added that the lambs were produced either from a Corriedale, Merino or first cross ewe joined to a terminal or Corriedale sire. The Corriedale ewes joined to either sire made the most money.

"In fact I was amazed at how much money the Corriedale ewes run on high quality, productive pastures along with good management, made. The best gross margin in 1998 and 1999 was around \$500 per hectare while in 2000 it was around \$850/ha and in 2001 it topped \$900/ha.

"Seeing these results has challenged us at home to take a good hard look at how we manage our business. It looks like we can lift our profits substantially by combining our Corriedale ewe-based enterprise with more productive pastures. We're excited at the possibilities that have opened up to us following the trials.

"We have been told for a long time that the two keys to making good money from prime lambs are stocking rate and lambing

percentage. These trials certainly reinforced this. The best stocking rates run in the Casterton area were 20-25 dry sheep equivalents per hectare, well above what was expected given the annual rainfall."

One thing that really showed up consistently in the trials was the consistent and excellent lambing percentages of Corriedales. It was very common to achieve a figure of 110-115 per cent, just below the widely talked about benchmark target of 125 per cent.

"Most prime lamb producers in the Casterton district who use first cross ewes struggle to consistently achieve this target benchmark."

Shirley said that similar trials were run in other parts of south-west Victoria.

"When the Casterton results are compared to those in other areas, they come out very well. On one or two occasions, there is a more profitable enterprise than prime lambs, and on one or two occasions, a prime lamb enterprise based on a Coopworth or first cross ewe is more profitable than ones based on Corriedale ewes, but for overall consistency, the Corriedale ewe flock was by far the best."



Two on-farm trials in the Western District of Victoria showed that Corriedale ewes run on high quality, productive pastures along with good management made from \$500 to \$850 per hectare between 1998 to 2001.

Marketing Prime Lambs

To maximise market returns you must:

- Know the weight and fat score of your lambs as these are the major price determinants
- Accurately target your market, eg trade or heavy weight lambs

To achieve these goals you must:

- Weigh and fat score on farm. This teaches you how to select lambs to best suit the chosen market
- Use the same curfew times at each weighing
- Be aware that fat depth has a big effect on dressing percentage. Use the following instructions to assess fat score.

Fat score 1 (very lean)	GR up to 5mm
Fat score 2	GR over 5mm & up to 10mm
Fat score 3	GR over 10mm & up to 15mm
Fat score 4	GR over 15mm & up to 20mm
Fat score 5	GR over 20mm

Fat scoring is a simple technique that can be easily learnt. Using the tip of the fingers, work through the wool to feel

the amount of fat and tissue cover on the GR site (see illustration). The animal should be in a relaxed state and only slight pressure is applied to the site. If done correctly, no bruising will result.

The "feel" for each fat score on the GR site is:

Fat Score 1. Individual ribs can be felt very easily. It is impossible to feel any tissue over the ribs.

Fat Score 2. Individual ribs can be easily felt but some tissue is present.

Fat Score 3. Individual ribs can still be felt but it is possible to feel the tissue.

Fat Score 4. It is just possible to feel the ribs and fluid movement at the tissue.

Fat Score 5. Ribs are barely felt and tissue movement is very fluid.

Where possible, follow your lambs through the purchasing abattoirs to obtain a better idea of what you are producing and how accurate your measurements are.

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Study your kill sheets and keep them on file for future reference. Use this information to fine-tune your live animal assessments

On farm live weight scales are essential for the selection of lambs to accurately meet specific grids

With the above skills you can accurately choose the market and method of selling to maximise your returns, for example, selling two, three and four score lambs over the hooks but selling five score lambs in the yards where fat penalties don't seem to apply.

Calculation of dressing percentage

Carcase Weight (kg)

$$\text{Liveweight (kg)} \times 100 / 1 = \text{Dressing percentage}$$

Example:

$$\begin{array}{l} 20\text{kg} \times 100 = 44.4 \% \text{ Dressing percentage} \\ 45\text{kg} \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Liveweight (kg)} \times \text{dressing percentage} = \text{carcase weight (kg)}$$

Example:

$$\begin{array}{l} 45\text{kg} \times 44.4 = 20\text{kg} \text{ carcase weight} \\ 100 \end{array}$$

Factors affecting dressing percentage

1/ Fat Score:

Leaner lambs have lower dressing percentages

Fat Score:	1	2	3	4	5
Dressing percentage:	41	43	45	47	49

Note: These are guides only for second cross lambs with 5cm fleece and three hours off feed.

2/ Time off feed before weighing:

Time off feed Add to dressing percentage

0-3 hours	0
4-5 hours	+0.5%
6-8 hours	+1.0%
9-12 hours	+2-3%
13-24 hours	+3.5-4.5%

3/ Unweaned or weaned:

Young lambs (suckers) will dress 1.0 to 2.0 % higher than weaned lambs of the same weight and fat score.

4/ Skin weight:

8cm (3") skin just too wet to shear holds 0.2-0.5kg water. Thoroughly saturated, it will hold 1.5-2.0kg water.

5/ Sex of lamb:

Ewe lambs dress 0.5 to 1.0 % better than wethers

6/ Carcase trim/non standard trim:

Retaining kidneys and kidney knobs adds up to 2.0 estimated dressing percentage compared to "export trim".

7/ Seasonal feed variation:

Seasonal feed conditions can cause a plus or minus variation in dressing percentage of up to 3.0 %.

Lambs on lush pasture will have higher dressing percentages than lambs on dry feed because of the fast gut fill loss. Lambs on high roughage diets in dry times can have slow release of gut fill and as such, lower dressing percentages.

8/ Assessing and holding for sale:

Dressing percentage can be altered by changing the type of feed lambs have between assessment and slaughter. Rain and severe cold can reduce dressing percentage up to 3.0%, caused by reduced intake.

Advantages of selling over the hooks

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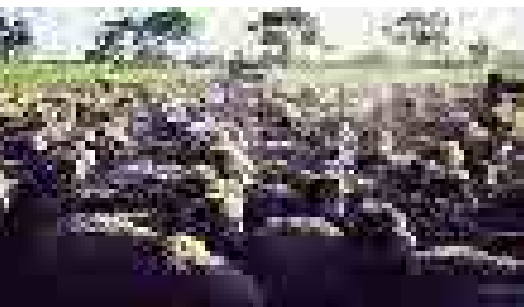
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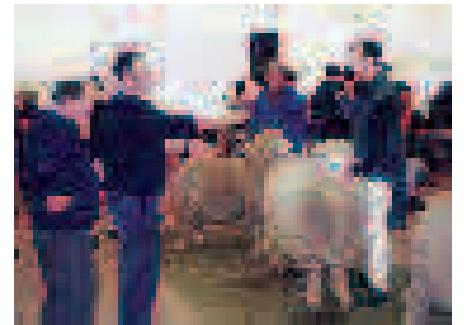


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Left: Wye 78/00 - Reserve Champion Corriedale Ram, Adelaide Royal Show 2001.
Champion at Mt Gambier Show 2002.
Champion March Shorn Ram Corriedale Feature, Hamilton Sheepvention 2003.
Semen available.

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Prime lamb producers in South West Victoria have banded together to form Southern Agricultural Producers Co-operative Ltd (SAPCo) to market their products.

Chairman, Corriedale breeder Wayne Munro, Branxholme, said "We spend about 18 months planning for and producing each lamb then lose control of it when it comes to the important stage of marketing. This is about producers taking more control of marketing their product"

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Corriedale Judging Results

2003 Australian Sheep and Wool Show - Bendigo

Twelve Corriedale exhibitors from four States entered sheep for the 2003 ASBA Show on July 19 under Judges, Mr. Peter Baker who judged rams while Mr. Richard Archer judged the ewes. Mr. Arthur Pederick judged the National Pairs.

Major awards were:

Junior Champion Ram – under 1 ½ years old: J.G. Venters & Co. - (Liberton)

Reserve Junior Champion Ram – under 1 ½ years old: A.H. & M.J. & B.J. Lush - (Corriedale Hills)

Senior Champion Ram – over 1 ½ years old: G. & S. & R. Foster - (Haven Park)

Reserve Senior Champion Ram – over 1 ½ years old: J.M. Savage - (Gambier View)

Grand Champion Ram: G. & S. & R. Foster - (Haven Park)

Junior Champion Ewe – under 1 ½ years old: J.G. Venters & Co. - (Liberton)

Reserve Junior Champion Ewe – under 1 ½ years old: J.G. Venters & Co. - (Liberton)

Senior Champion Ewe – under 1 ½ years old: J.M. Savage - (Gambier View)

Reserve Senior Champion Ewe – over 1 ½ years old: E.M. Baker - (Loddon Park)

Grand Champion Ewe: J.M. Savage - (Gambier View)

Haven Park Trophy for Best Turned Out Stud: J. G. Venters & Co. (Liberton)

The Roy Baker Trophy awarded to the Champion Shorn Sheep: J.M. Savage - (Gambier View)

Wettenhall Perpetual Trophy awarded to the Supreme

Champion Corriedale: G. & S. & R. Foster - (Haven Park) with their Grand Champion Ram.

J.F. Guthrie Perpetual Cup – Most successful exhibitor in the open Corriedale Classes: J. M. Savage - (Gambier View)

The Goxhill Perpetual Trophy – Most successful exhibitor in the Corriedale Shorn Classes: J. M. Savage - (Gambier View)

Maluka Trophy: J.M. Savage - (Gambier View)

Harold F. Prell Trophy: G. & S. & R. Foster - (Haven Park)

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Margeret, Adrian & Brenton Lush with their Champion Ewe & Reserve Champion Ewe at the Adelaide Show

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World Conference Reflections

The 2000 World Conference in America was so exciting for us. It was the first time we had attended a World Conference other than the Australian 1990 World Conference and that had been a magnificent experience, with 'Jethro' our ram winning the 1990 Production Class. Jethro won the 'Judy Hill' trophy for the first section, (in the wool) 'Coora' trophy for his Fleece and Fourth in the 'Koonongal' trophy, (shorn animal). Production classes should be of particular interest to the commercial producer, as the judge had the added assistance of a number of objective measurements, including micron, yield, fibre distribution, AWC wool type, body length, body depth, fat depth and many other technical features. These measurements were recorded on computer for exhibitors and on lookers to see while judging was in progress. It was thrilling to have a winner at this conference. One of the keynote speakers depicted the huge American rams trimmed for elegance, very big and covering much ground in stature.

Ten show years passed with added successes and the opportunity came to attend the 2000 World Conference in the U.S.A. We eagerly accepted. We stood beside their very tall and stately Corriedales, entered the big barns, discussed the different feed programs, attended their shows and watched the auctions. All so interesting and quite different to the way we show sheep in Australia.

The 2000 Corriedale Conference gave us many happy memories to reflect upon, not only travelling with other Australian Corriedale breeders but reaching out and meeting folk from the stud breeders in the United States and other visiting world wide delegates. We became friendly with Audrey and Gary Ricketts who visited Australia in the spring in 2001. They were able to join in, meet Victorian Corriedale Stud Breeders

and share the Victorian Corriedale 2001 Family Day held at 'Springdale' Stonehaven. The Conference Tour in the United States visited Ellen and Dick Luce at their home 'The Clearing'. Ellen has also visited us at our home in Australia.

We became very friendly with Geof and Barb Ruppert, children Carrie and Sam and Geof's mum and dad, Anne and Bill Ruppert. They run a most successful Corriedale stud and we began to exchange breeding ideas and they were most interested in our 'Liberton' Corriedales.

The Ruppert family (www.breedersworld.com/sheep/ruppert) were looking to put high density, soft, well crimped wool on their Corriedales and much discussion took place after we left the States on the pros and cons of Corriedale breeding either in Australia or the States.

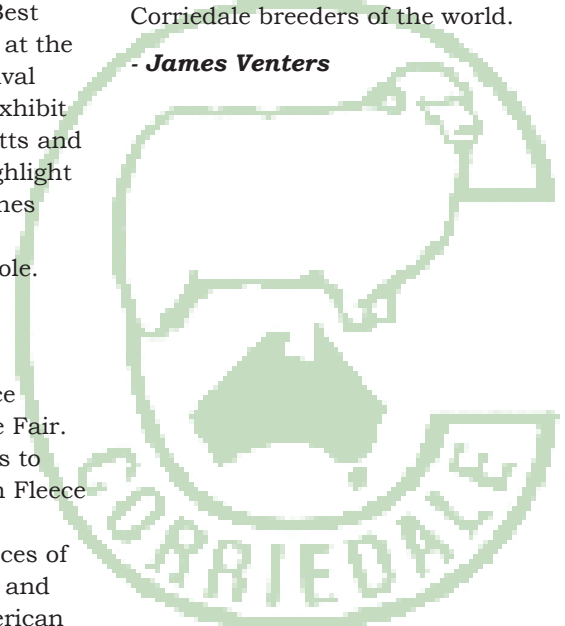
In July 2001 we sent rams to Hamilton to have semen collected and sent to Geof and Barb in Pennsylvania. The result being some 20 ewes and 4 stud rams sired by 'Liberton' rams 3K23 and 7W 33. One named 'Sheila' was the Best Fleece Corriedale of the show at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival 2003. The Rupperts plan to exhibit the ewe again in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in the fall to highlight the value of using breeding lines from the world community to strengthen the breed as a whole.

We sent three fleeces to the International Corriedale Fleece Competition at the Ohio State Fair. We enjoyed wonderful success to gain the All Breeds Champion Fleece of the Show and Champion Corriedale Ram and Ewe Fleeces of the Show. Geof took the Ram and Ewe Fleeces to the North American

International Livestock Exposition and again they won the Champion Ram and Ewe Fleece and the Ram's fleece went on to win the Grand Champion Fleece of the Show. Fleeces are now being spun and knitted into woollen garments by Geof's mum. This wonderful shared experience would not have been possible if we had not participated in a Corriedale World Conference. Our fleeces have also been most successful in Victoria, Australia having recently won the Guthrie trophy two years in succession, taken out the Champion Fleece at Melbourne Royal and won the overall Grand Champion Fleece at the Geelong Show two years in succession. Our wool is soft handling but defined with beautiful crimp on heavy fleeces.

We are looking forward to going to the U.S.A. and meeting with our American friends after the Congress in Uruguay. The discussion that came about at the World Conference in Ohio continues through letters, e-mail and the homepage. It is a fantastic feeling to share with one another. 'Liberton Corriedales' would like to send greetings to all Corriedale breeders of the world.

- **James Venters**



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Show Results 2003

Heytesbury Show

- Most successful exhibitor
- Champion and Res. Champion ram and ewe
- Champion Allbreeds sheep

Campbell Town (TAS)

- 7 sheep entered in five classes
- 5 first prizes, 1 second and 1 third prize
- Champion and Res. Champion ram and ewe
- Junior Champion Wool breed sheep

Bendigo ASBA Show

- 9 first prizes
- 7 second prizes
- 8 third prizes
- Res. Senior Champion ram
- Senior and Grand Champion ewe
- Champion Shorn Sheep (ram)
- Most successful exhibitor in shorn classes
- Most successful Corriedale exhibitor
- **Note:** Res. Senior Champion ram (G.V. 01-58-15) sold to I.M. MacKinnon & Co, Glen Esk stud, Tas. For \$10,000 (AUS). Sire was 96-118-58 (Supreme Melb. 1999 ASBA), grand sire was 92-287-118 (Res. Champ. Melb. ASBA 1994).

Ballarat Show

- Champion and Res Champion ram and ewe
- Most Successful Exhibitor

Hamilton Sheepvention

- Champion Ewe
- Reserve Champion ram
- Most Successful Exhibitor
- 5 first-place ribbons, five seconds and seven thirds.

- Milton Savage's lambs this year have averaged \$99.83 (AUS) and topped at \$107 (AUS) for returns in excess of \$300 (AUS) per acre. Milton's ewe wool has sold to 521c/kg (27.1 micron).

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Resultados de las exhibiciones del 2003

Exhibición de Heytesbury

- Expositor de más éxito
- Campeón y Campeón Reserva Carnero y Oveja
- Campeón de Ovejas de Todas las Razas

Exhibición de Campbell Town (TAS)

- 7 ovejas presentadas en cinco clases
- 5 Primeros premios, 1 Segundo Premio y 1 Tercer Premio
- Campeón y Campeón de Reserva Carnero y Oveja
- Campeón Junior de oveja para Lana

Exhibición ASBA, Bendigo

- 9 Primeros premios
- 7 Segundos premios
- 8 Tercer premios
- Campeón Senior Reserva Carnero
- Senior y Gran Campeón Oveja
- Campeón Ganado Lanar Esquilado (carnero)
- Expositor de más éxito en clases esquiladas
- Expositor Corriedale de mas exito
- **Nota:** Campeón Senior de Reserva Carnero (G. V. 01-58-15) vendido a I.M. MacKinnon & Co, Cabaña Glen Esk, Tasmania por \$AUS 10,000. El semental fué 96-118-58 (Supremo Melbourne 1999 ASBA), El semental abuelo fué 92-287-118 (Campeón Reserva Melbourne ASBA 1994).

Exhibición de Ballarat

- Campeón y Campeón Reserva Carnero y Oveja
- Expositor Corriedale de mas exito

Hamilton Sheepvention

- Champion Ewe
- Reserve Champion ram
- Expositor Corriedale de mas exito
- 5 Primeros premios, 5 Segundo Premio & 7 Tercer Premio
- Los corderos de Milton Savage este año han logrado un promedio de \$AUS 99.83 y lograron un tope de \$AUS 107 para rendir en exceso de \$AUS 300 por acre. La lana de Milton se ha vendido hasta 521c/kg (27.1 micrón).

Knitting Needles Point to Solid Returns

The fashion cycle has been kind to medium and broad micron wool types over the past 12 months and this is expected to continue for another six months, aiding the profitability of Corriedales markedly.

Many Corriedale breeders have received average prices in excess of 600 cents/kg (390 USc/kg) across their clips in the past year representing strong growth in the core markets of interior textiles and handknitting yarns and a supply driven demand for fibre replacement opportunities.

Significantly, the negligible discount for inferior parameters in medium to broad micron wool, specifically tenderness, mid-point break and colour has led to all categories of Corriedale wool returning similar prices to tender fine/superfine merino types at more significant fleece weights and yields.

There has been a major fashion trend to structured and heavier garments; this being in part the fashion industry's answer to the world's populace wishing to feel secure and protected after the increase in terrorist attacks. As wool prices rose, fibre replacement occurred leading to greater production of wool/polyester fabrics, thereby placing increased pressure on the price and supply of 22.5 to 24.0 micron wool.

As topmakers and spinners chased further quantities the spread of acceptable microns broadened incorporating the finer end of our corriedale production 25.0 to 27.0 micron.

Heavier gauge knitwear has also been in strong demand and this has supported the 27.0 to 31.0 micron range. Whilst fashion trends will support our production every three

to four years, our market remains in interior textiles and handknitting. The largest spinner in Australia has developed significant overseas markets for handknitting and industrial wool yarns and consequently they process one million kgs of 26.0 to 30.0 micron wool per annum. It should be noted China remains our largest raw wool customer for medium to broad microns.

The Australian wool clip continues to benefit from superior preparation, shearing techniques and local demand. Consequently our producers are receiving \$US0.80/\$US1.0/kg more than our South American counterparts.

The future holds some exciting opportunities for Corriedale wool but as breeders we must remain mindful of those areas that will maximise our returns. Greater emphasis will be

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placed on processing performance, particularly as Australian farmers chase numbers to 'cash-in' on the strong demand for lambs and wool quality is not a key criteria.

Quality parameters that affect dyeing evenness such as cv of micron, fibre structure, nourishment, coloured and medullated fibres will have greater value and it is thought subjective traits such as character and lustre which can impact on final garment appearance will also be more important.

Thankfully our stylish purebred wool can deliver the best results in our micron range.

Fabric and knitwear ranges will become more specialised over the next decade and consequently we must analyse our market segment and our customer base and note that to optimise our wool returns

without sacrificing the critical Corriedale traits of muscle pattern and fecundity we will need to maintain a ewe flock average of 27.0 to 29.0 micron. As has been the case for over 10 years a shift to broader than 30.0 micron will continue to deliver a discount in return of 20 per cent compared to 28.0 micron.

The threats from synthetics and cheaper Merino products will remain but in a more specialised textile market our continued emphasis on wool and preparation quality, an increased understanding of meaningful measurements and improved marketing will ensure the wool returns from Corriedales remain significant.

Craig Turner

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Golden Fleece Surprise

After decades of breeding and showing stud sheep, Andrew Nicolson reached what he regards as his peak, as the most successful exhibitor in the Australian fleece section of the country's biggest sheep and wool show in Bendigo.

In a section normally dominated by Merino fleeces, Mr Nicolson took out the award with seven fleeces from Corriedale and Polwarth sheep off his property Streanshalh, near Campbell Town.

He was surprised to say the least.

"The Merino people usually clean up and that's all there is to it," he said.

"It came as a surprise because it's very hard to win with Corriedale fleeces because you're always up against the Merinos.

"I'm delighted, it's the best thing I've ever done."

Fleeces for the Australian Sheep and Wool Show were selected from a Streanshalh bale by Roberts woolclasser Alistair Strickland. There were three Corriedale ewe fleeces, two Corriedale ram fleeces and two Polwarth ram fleeces.

During the show, Mr Nicolson won champion and reserve champion Corriedale fleeces, first, second and third place in the Corriedale ewe fleece classes, and first place in the Corriedale ram fleece section.

Mr Nicolson's achievement topped off what was a very successful show.

Courtesy Tasmanian Country.

Price Check

Victorian prices as of August 7, 2003 -- Courtesy Stock and Land newspaper.

Prime Livestock

Yearling Steers: 357c per kg (hot standard carcass weight)

Bullocks: 316 c/kg (hscw)

Cows: 265 c/kg (hscw)

Lambs (16-20kg): 470 c/kg (hscw)

Sheep (18-24kg): 249 c/kg (hscw)

Store Livestock

First cross ewes & lambs: to \$196

Joined Merino ewes: to \$129

Wool

18 micron: 1068 c/kg clean

19 micron: 988 c/kg clean

20 micron: 975 c/kg clean

21 micron: 979 c/kg clean

22 micron: 974 c/kg clean

23 micron: 987 c/kg clean

24 micron: 973 c/kg clean

25 micron: 928 c/kg clean

26 micron: 860 c/kg clean

28 micron: 630 c/kg clean

30 micron: 529 c/kg clean



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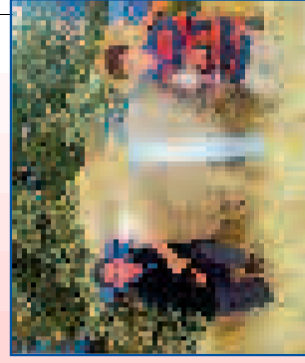
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