

Butchers' tick for Prime SAMMs

WA Prime
SAMM
members

ARRA-DALE Perenjori
08 9971 5026
BILLABONG York
08 9641 2215
BRYN-AWELON
Kellerberrin
08 9045 9025
CAPOLINGA Kondinin
08 9889 1110
COONIGAN Wickiepin
08 9888 1140
CRYSTAL RIDGE
Kojonup
08 9833 1237
CULLAM Jerramungup
08 9835 1021
ENOKURRA HILLS
Mingenew
08 9972 6033
GLENELG Amelup
08 9827 9274
GRACEFIELD Katanning
08 9821 2181
GULNARE
Dumbleyung
08 9863 4116
MULOORINA
Wongan Hills
08 9672 1007
MURRAY Beverley
08 9646 1336
OVERPARK Kalannie
08 9666 2170
QUINTARRA Esperance
0428 720 097
ROCKDALE Dumbleyung
08 9863 4182
ROMILLY HILLS Westdale
08 9647 1055
ROYSTON Jerramungup
08 9835 4036
SANDOWN Badgingarra
08 9652 9106
SHIRLEE DOWNS
Quairading
08 9645 4212
SPRINGDALE York
08 9641 1438
SUNNYSIDE Katanning
08 9823 5022
THORNTON PARK
Brookton
08 9642 4038
TIARRI Lake Grace
08 9871 9040
URALLA Pingaring
08 9866 8053
WENDALLA Mogumber
08 9651 9072

THE Prime SAMM breed over the last 12 months, has continued to prove its worth where its counts, on the hook.

After dominating the top positions in last year's WAMMCO State Prime Lamb Carcase competition, the Prime SAMM breed continued this trend in this year's competition taking out major places in all three classes to further cement itself as a leader in the prime lamb industry.

In the biggest competition to date, which saw 30,287 lambs from 123 entries evaluated, 22 per cent were sired by Prime SAMM sires, up from 17pc last year, making it the second most used sire.

Although the breed failed to take out the major trophy this year it virtually cleaned up everything else to be the most dominant breed in the top rankings.

In the overall section, Prime SAMMs featured in the breeding of seven of the top 10 places including second to seventh.

The breed took out the top two places and registered in the breeding of two other places in the top five entrants for the trade section and in the consignment of 300 lambs category, Prime SAMMs featured in the top five rankings and top seven places in the top 10.

It is easy to see why the breed did so well when you compare the breed average to the overall averages for the competition.

In the breakdown, the 5464 carcasses evaluated containing Prime SAMM, averaged 24.10kg compared to the competition average of 23.05.

While in terms of fat score, Prime SAMMs were virtually the same as the competition average of 2.79 with a figure of 2.78 and when it came to carcase yield the Prime SAMM average of 50.2pc compared to the overall average of 49.7pc.

The breed also averaged 32.2pc for WAMMCO Select yield compared to the overall average of 31.7pc.

When the points were tallied the Prime SAMM entries averaged 2283 points which was 360 points more than the overall competition average of 1923.

Among the Prime SAMM accolades and a narrow 14 points behind the overall winner in second place was the Cronin family, Bunkin Farming Enterprises, Dumbleyung.

Their line of 105 Prime SAMM lambs recorded 26.86kg carcase weight, 3.09 fat score, 31.7pc lean meat yield with 82.9pc of the carcasses receiving bonus points to finish with 2688.02 points.

In third place was the Cullam family, Cullam Prime SAMM stud, Jerramungup, with a draft of 179 Prime SAMM lambs that averaged 24.71kg carcase weight, 2.53 fat score, 32.6pc lean meat yield and 87.2pc of the carcasses attracting bonus points for a total score of 2666.71 points.

Also showing Prime SAMM genetics have what it counts when it comes to the butchers' tick, were Graham, Chris, Wayne and Marie-Claire Barrett, Jerramungup, who took out first place in the consignment of more than 300 lambs section.

The Barrett family's 301 Prime SAMM lambs achieved an average carcase weight of 25.47kg, 2.98 fat score, 32.2pc lean meat yield, 86.4pc carcase bonus to record 2601.03 points which also earned them a fifth place finish in the overall tally.

Todd and Jody Quinlivan, Quintarra Farms, Esperance, were awarded second place in the category for consignments of more than 300 lambs with 331 Prime SAMM lambs averaging 23.58kg carcase weight, 2.50 fat score, 32.8pc lean meat yield, 89.1pc carcase bonus points and 2450.49 points and 10th place overall.

Ross and Pauline Taylor, Tiarrri Prime SAMM stud, Lake Grace, collected third place in the above 300 lamb section with a line of 340 F2 Prime SAMM lambs that recorded 24.68kg carcase weight, 2.83 fat score, 31.8pc lean meat yield, 71.8pc carcase bonus and 2369.56 points.

The honour roll for the Cronin family and the breed continued in the trade section of the competition where they were awarded first and second place for two lines of Prime SAMM lambs.

The winning line consisted of 105 lambs averaging 20.49kg carcase weight, 2.07 fat score, 33.9pc lean meat yield, 93.3pc carcase bonus points to tally 1873.97 points while the runner-up line weighed an average 20.68kg carcase weight, 2.51 fat score, 33.6pc lean meat yield, 94.1pc carcase bonus points and 1816.87 points.

Last year's overall runner-up TJ & K Ward, Dumbleyung, collected third place in the tradeweight section with a line of 389 Poll Dorset-Prime SAMM and Merino lambs that achieved 20.79kg carcase weight, 2.24 fat score, 33.1pc lean meat yield, 85.1pc carcase bonus to equal 1758.08 points.

But it isn't only the WAMMCO State Prime Lamb Carcase competition where the breed has dominated and had the tick of approval from butchers.

In the last 12 months Prime SAMM genetics have featured in 10 out of the 12 WAMMCO producer of the month awards either on the sire or the dam side.

This is a further illustration the Prime SAMM breed has what the industry is calling for in terms of muscle, fat and yield and as result is putting more money in producers pockets.

The Prime SAMM breeders would like to thank Rob Davidson and WAMMCO for running the number prime lamb carcase competition in Australia.

Contact your nearest
Prime SAMM
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about the breed.

