



Woolorama

2019 review

Grand champion SAMM title goes to Glenelg

PRIME SAMM

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THERE was an increased number of studs in the Prime SAMM section of the catalogue at Woolorama this year and the competition was strong throughout all classes.

There were five studs exhibiting a total of 34 entries in the 10 classes and five broad ribbon categories.

Judge Cameron MacPherson, Rosemere Prime SAMM stud, Junee, New South Wales, immediately noted he had a hard job ahead of him at the commencement of the first class in the ring.

He said living on the other side of Australia they had always subscribed to *Farm Weekly* and were able to keep up with the Prime SAMM show and sale results and happenings in the west.

"I also got to tour WAMMCO yesterday," Mr MacPherson said.

"We don't have an opportunity like that in the east and it was an awesome experience.

"You really are on top of what you are doing over here.

"WA is such a big State and the breeders are so spread out.

"You really do things bigger and better over here, I had to split hairs to make some of the decisions today.

"It is a real credit to the breeders and the passion you put into breeding these animals."

It was a ram from the first and largest class of the day that caught Mr MacPherson's eye from the outset and went on to be sashed champion ram and then grand champion Prime SAMM exhibit.

"The ram I put in first place was a nice stylish ram," he said.

"He is nicely balanced and well put together from head to tail.

"The second-placed ram was just a bit taller and it was a tough class to judge with the quality and numbers."

The grand champion ram was exhibited by the Glenelg Prime SAMM stud, Amelup, with father and son Graham and Brenton Moir, extremely happy with the honour.

The champion ewe and reserve champion ewe once again went to the regular show winner, the Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading.

It was again a younger animal, from the under one-year-old pairs



It was the Prime SAMM champion ram exhibited by the Glenelg stud, Borden, that won the title of grand champion Prime SAMM. With the impressive ram were Glenelg stud's Graham Moir (left), judge Cameron MacPherson, Rosemere Prime SAMM stud, Junee, New South Wales and Brenton Moir, Glenelg stud.

class that took out the honour of champion ewe.

In choosing the ram over the ewe to be the grand champion Prime SAMM, Mr MacPherson noted they were both beautiful young sheep that he would be happy to have in his flock.

"You really couldn't go wrong with either of them," he said.

"It was really just down to presentation today."

The objective measurement class is always an interesting one to follow and see how the judge's subjective points match up to the measurements.

Mr MacPherson awarded his top points (39) to the ram entered by the Sandown stud, Badgingarra, fol-

lowed closely by a ram shown by the Tiarri stud, Lake Grace, on 38 points, his third place was the Glenelg ram (37), fourth was Shirlee Downs (35) and fifth was rounded out by a Royston ram on 34.

However, when the points were added together it was a ram exhibited by the Royston stud, Napier, that came out a clear winner with 81.8 points, followed by the Tiarri ram with 76.2 points and the Shirlee Downs ram with 76 points.

The Tiarri stud, Lake Grace and the Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading, both took home four first place ribbons from the classes, while both Royston stud and Glenelg stud, both won one class each.



Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading, showed the champion Prime SAMM ewe at the Make Smoking History Wagin Woolorama. With the ewe were Shirlee Downs stud's Jorja Squires with her granddad Chris Squires and judge Cameron MacPherson, Rosemere Prime SAMM stud, Junee, New South Wales.



The Tiarra stud, Lake Grace, won the progeny group class. With the winning group of three were stud connections Taj Carruthers (left) and Kelly-Anne and Mia Gooch.