

## ANFD wether trial 2018 Judges Report

The 2018 ANFD wether trial draws to a close after another two successful days in the shearing shed on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

Day 1 saw the shearing of the various 9 month shearing teams with some interesting details. The fleeces certainly showed the impact of the season with some fine microns coming through. The finest micron recorded was in the mid 13 microns and a large number in the mid to high 15 and 16 micron groups. The staple strength was very good under the circumstances but sneaking in was a high positional base break due to the season. The brightness of the wool was excellent and the yield comparison reasonable for the style and shorter length of fibre. The fibre length was expected with a tested length of 66 mms in the top line and 68 mms in the slightly broader line. Overall the style was very good with page four or best topmakers being recorded. The skirting line had good bulk and length and minimal vegetable matter was seen in both fleece and skirting lines. Fleece weights were good with an average over the 4 kg mark.


Day 2 saw the shearing of the 12 month wool teams. Overall the wools were of a similar nature in style as the 9 month teams with best topmakers coming through in volumes. However the length of fibre and weight were obviously more evident with fleeces cutting heavier weights compared to their 9 month counter parts. Some fleece lengths were overlong with lengths up in the 130mm area which are too long for the finer micron groups. The base break was more evident and lower tensile strengths recorded in the official test results by AWTA. Once again the quality of the wool was very good with minimal vegetable matter in both fleece and skirting wools.

The finer fleeces have been sneaking forward over the duration of the competition due to the direction of the finer wool market especially during 2018. But quality is the key and we urge all wool growers to maintain whiteness and style and bulk in their clips into the future. As this current market is and will continue to reward wools with that better edge and obviously the heavier the fleece the more reward goes into your pockets.

The jury is still out for us personally whether you shear each 9 month or 12 months and that will depend on each and every individual's operation, but on these figures the heavier the fleece the more return was recorded on this current market. The other consideration is the cost of shearing and managing the sheep around a premature shearing operation especially in a dry period. But stating that, we see reduction in wool prices for over length fine and super fine types and some are simply too long for type. Each individual with look into the figures provided and make up their own minds on how to run their shearing. But it gets back to our earlier point of cutting as much as you can of quality, white, stylish wool.

In general an outstanding couple of days judging quality wools. It has been a pleasure for our company to judge the ANFD Trial over its duration and would like to thank the Committee and the ANFD for all the hard work they put into organising a great event. We would like also to thank all the participants who took part as well as the shearing team who over the period of the trial does deserve a special mention. It was a pleasure working with you all. Without your valued contribution this Trial wouldn't be the success it is.

Yours Sincerely



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—	2961	369873	1	18.9	.2	74.20	91	40	5	18	77	D	ND
—	4489	369874	2	17.5	2.2	59.50	83	23	30	70	D	ND	

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