



The Perendale Sheep Society of New Zealand (Inc)

2011 Presidents Report

It is with pleasure that I present the 51st Annual Report of the Perendale Sheep Society of New Zealand.

Starting where I finished off last year's report, the 50th Jubilee was a great event and I thank everybody who supported this special occasion.

It was a tough winter in most places, but the Perendale breed stood up to the test very well with ewes being in great demand New Zealand wide.

Taihape flock Ram Fair was almost a total clearance with the top price of \$2000 for 2 rams of John & Mary Spellmans.

The North Island Stud Sale was a bit quiet with the top price of \$2700 for an Ashby Ram.

The Perendale breeders on the whole have supported A & P shows very well compared with other breeds. I thank those people for their effort.

Special congratulations to John Wilson for winning the Golden Sash and the South Island team for travelling up to Christchurch.

Also well done to the Christchurch Perendale Show supporters for starting a new ram Hogget class judged on production records also. This is a move in the right direction for the commercial sector and younger breeders.

Also some of us travelled to Hamilton to support the Royal event for sheep. Well done Graham & Sue Maxwell for winning the Champion Wool Breed Sheep with a ewe and lamb.

The Gore ram fair was once again successful, although I felt a lot of good sheep made average money. The highlight of the sale was the top price of \$20,500. Big excitement for the Ruddenklua Family! Big bill for Tim & Sue Anderson and a big plus for the breed also.

The Progeny Trial Field day after the ram fair was well run and successful. It was great to have so many North Islanders support both events but a little disappointing that not many commercial farmers turned up at Mikes. Thanks to David, the progeny team and the Otago Ward for helping with the trial and a special thanks to Mike for making his farm available.

Full results will be out shortly and we have started a North Island trial with 7 rams this season. Thanks to the Gaskins for making their farm and ewes available.

This is my last president's report as I am standing down this year.

I sincerely thank the councillors for their full support over the last 4 years and Christine for her non stress but professional way she has fitted in. As I am not a computer & internet person, Christine has kept me informed in a normal way! Much appreciated and also thanks Christine for making your town house a motel for the councillors after the earthquake.

I have enjoyed my time as President and I intend hanging around for a while longer to be positive with future progress for the breed and keep it a New Zealand Society. Keep true breed type in our sheep and we must remember the reasons Sir Geoffrey Perren started this breed initially.

In other words, don't just focus on one trait at the cost of other attributes or you will end up down a no exit road.

Practical experience, common sense and good stockman ship were here before computers and scientist. And if we can keep a balance with what I have just mentioned we will keep making progress. That's what I think.

Thanks

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