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Russell & Mavis Proffit Open Day...

The Proffit woolshed was overflowing with a crowd of over 100 people at their recent Open Day. On show were Perendale, Romdale, Suffolk, & Suftex



Ram Hoggets. Russell gave an over view of what he was doing with his stud. His main focus was eczema testing. Last years rams were tested at .32

Russell spoke about his experience with EID and his association with the Gallagher weighing system. His whole flock is EID recorded.



Gallagher gave a presentation on their EID systems and Zeetags showed us what EID tags were required in cattle next November.

Local vet Richard Atkinson talked about eczema and how it affected lambing % in the King Country . Even though spore counts weren't high they persisted right through to May and scanning was down 10% to 15 %. He also asked the crowd how many had done a drench test lately, not many put there hands up. The national average is 15% so 85% of us are wasting money not knowing if the drench is working.

The afternoon ended with a sausage sizzle and refreshments.
by Philip Brandon

Ram Hogget Day at Whangarei...

Ward 1 held a Ram Hogget day at the Kauri saleyards, Whangarei on 29th June.

Five breeders made the 5 hour journey north and all met at the BP stop just north of Auckland for breakfast about 8-am. The traffic was not as bad as people made out, as it only took 45 mins from the Bombay to the Bridge in the morning rush hour.

There was a good lineup of hoggets presented by breeders to a crowd of approx 40 farmers. Each breeder gave a run down of what breeding objectives they were using within their individual



studs. Lance Paganini and Malcolm Todd from Wool Partners International gave us a rundown of what was happening at W.P.I. Lance also spoke of the importance the Perendale breed is in the far north and thanked us for bringing an excellent line up of ram hoggets up north to show farmers what was available.

Special thanks to PGG Wrightson & Elders for the use of their facility, an ideal setup.

by Philip Brandon

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Dear Members...

Welcome to our **SPRING** Newsletter,
Happy Reading...

"Woodrows Succeed Again"...

Alan and Leann Woodrow were this years winners of the Perendale section of the National Ewe Hogget competition. This follows on from them being national winners in 2008 and Sir Geoffrey Peren Cup winners in 2009. Alan and Leann have continued to increase their lambing percentage, their lamb weights and their carcase yields. They had their best lamb drop ever and because of pregnancy scanning this year, all ewe lambs kept were twins. At the competitions awards dinner Alan made the very salient point, the amount he spends on animal health is a 1/4 of the provinces average per SU, the amount he spends on labour is a 1/4 of the provinces average per SU and the amount he spends on fuel is a 1/4 of the provinces average. The chairman for the night, John Perriam (of Shrek fame), after listening to Alan's presentation made the comment." You strike me as the kind of guy that would use one tea bag to make two or three cups of tea".

The overall winner went to the crossbred section winners Nelson and Fiona Hancox with their Romdales. They use both Perendale and Romney rams on their Tapanui property, putting the Perendale across any Romney types and Romney rams across those that are more Perendale. They are achieving 150% lambing consistently and lamb weights of 18.2kgs average. Again, all the ewe lambs kept on this property are twins. A field day will be held at the Hancox property the last week in November. Just as a matter of interest Fiona is Allan Richardsons sister.

The dinner for the presentations was very well attended and a very worthwhile and enjoyable night was had by all who attended.

by **Robert Gardyne**

Chile Tour...

If you are interested in joining a Farm Tour to Chile in 2012, please contact **Tim or Sue Anderson**, phone (03) 319 2730 or tim@mtguardian.co.nz

National Progeny Trial...

The trial is progressing well with lambing only a couple of weeks away.

Mating went to plan with the ewes well synchronised as all 12 rams had excellent strike rates, as there was 1070 marked.

The ewes were set stocked for mating as obviously single sired mated. Once mating was done the ewes were then were bought in mob by mob rams removed, then ewes tagged with colour sire ID tags and a new fold over EID tag supplied by Tagtek. A big thanks to Richard France, Rae & Scott Mitchell and Allan Williamson for putting the tags in.

Ewes were then mobbed up and put back on their normal rotation with back up rams. They were wintered on tussock as per normal until scanning.

Scanning went very well as they did 174% which I'm very pleased with as they were mated three weeks earlier than normal. There were only 19 dries and 17 that were return mated.

After scanning ewes were put on kale until one month from due lambing date then twins were put onto grass. At present lambing paddocks have about 1000kg cover so hopefully will reach target of 1200 cover by 30 August when ewes will be set stocked for lambing. The twin lambs will be used for the trial as they will easily be the 50-60 crypts required.

We have had a Trutest portal reader installed on our scales. Shortly we will run ewes through to activate tags, load on sire and scanning data and vaccinate them.

That's about it just hope the weather gods are kind to us in West Otago during September.

by **Mike McElrea**

National Progeny Trial Field Day

* **Wednesday 19th January 2011** *

The day following the SI Ram Fair

This day will commence at 10am, finishing with lunch. This will allow those people time to travel home or catch flights from mid-afternoon.

We hope many breeders and interested persons are able to join us on this day.

The Sires used in the NP Trial are:

Avalon 127/06

Sire: Bonnieview 227/04 (14283)

Dam: Bonnieview 44/04

Sire of Dam: Hinerua 223/02 (13735)

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Glenfinnan 252/06

Sire: Hinerua 244/00 (13237)
Dam: Glenfinnan 284/04
Sire of Dam: Herangi 286/02 (13852)

Hazeldale 542/04

Sire: Hazeldale 329/03 (13997)
Dam: Hazeldale 565/01
Sire of Dam: Glenrannoch 315/99 (13085)

Hillcrest 792/07

Sire: Longview 87/05 (14706)
Dam: Hillcrest 495/04
Sire of Dam: Hillcrest 428/02 (13921)

Hinerua 524/08

Sire: Hinerua 886/03 (14074)
Dam: Hinerua 211/05
Sire of Dam: Newhaven 1035/02 (13726)

Kawatea 650/06

Sire: Kawatea 196/05 (14434)
Dam: Kawatea 198/04
Sire of Dam: Mt Guardian 323/03 (13237)

Kylemore 574/06

Sire: Herangi 353/99 (13269)
Dam: Kylemore 190/00
Sire of Dam: Herangi 52/99 (13095)

Lochern 234/07

Sire: Lochern 526/05 (14678)
Dam: Lochern 178/04
Sire of Dam: Lochern 361/02 (13964)

Newhaven 653/08

Sire: Newhaven 2443/06 (14876)
Dam: Newhaven 2019/04
Sire of Dam: Newhaven 1450/01 (13725)

Progressive 110/06

Sire: Kamahi 476/05 (14400)
Dam: Rene 365/03
Sire of Dam: Kamahi 281/01 (13806)

Rangiatea 1093/07

Sire: Mt Guardian 1202/04 (14265)
Dam: Rangiatea 48/05
Sire of Dam: Rangiatea 576/01 (13708)

Rosemains 124/07

Sire: Avalon 214/05 (14552)
Dam: Rosemains 760/04
Sire of Dam: Rosemains 201/03 (13957)

Remember... to inform the Secretary of any change of contact details includ. email addresses.

Waikato A&P Royal Event Show...

There will be a Royal Event at the Waikato A & P Show this year to be held on October 30th & 31st and I invite all breeders to come and enjoy our hospitality. We have a brand new building for the sheep so it will be a site to see.



The Feature Class for the Perendales will be the North Island Ram Hogget Championship which is sponsored by Farmlands.

This show will be a lead up to the 2011 Royal Show which Waikato will host. All those that want a schedule please contact the Show Secretary ph: (07) 855 4776 - **See you all there.**

New Website...

The new Website will be live in October – please view it, and we welcome your feedback on it. News, Events and up-to-date happenings will appear as they come to hand. If you would like anything added, to keep members informed, please forward it through to the Secretary.

Proposed Programme for 2011 Annual Conference to be held in Ward 4:

Monday 2nd May: Council meeting

Tuesday 3rd May: Tour of plains studs

Visit woolstore for wool competition

Technical session at woolstore

Overnight in Christchurch (dinner possibly at the Antarctic Centre)

Wednesday 4th May: A Laing's stud in Halswell,

CT scanning technical session

A Thacker property

Okains Bay Museum

Overnight Akaroa (Cheviot AGM)

Thursday 5th May: Inner Harbour Tour

Farm visit / Lunch at K Elliott property

Visit 2 commercial properties running Perendales

Conference Dinner at the Gaiety Hall

Overnight Akaroa

Friday 6th May: Technical Session

Annual General Meeting

Alternative – walking tour of Akaroa

We look forward to your company in Canterbury in May 2011.

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Annual Fees...

The Perendale Council is very aware of the need to be as frugal as possible because of the fragile state of the sheep industry as a whole. An example of this would be the fact that we have been able to save approx \$1400 on the collating and printing of our flock book alone. But we are also very aware that we need to promote Perendales as well as possible, because the very future of you as breeders is partially dependant on that. We cannot as a Council sell your rams for you but we must meet the competition by promoting Perendales and their attributes. Newhaven stud with their own field day on Braemar, and Russell Proffit with his own field day are good examples of what individual studs can do and we encourage studs to do this.

The Council has taken the step of separating our finances into two distinct sections with neither section subsidising the other.

Section 1: Costs include - running the Society, flock book, meetings, newsletters and administration.

Section 2: Costs of - Promotion, advertising, National Progeny Trial, and website.

Section 1 is to be funded solely by Subscriptions and ewe levy, transfer and single entry fees. Section 2 is to be funded solely by ewe promotional levy and from tag sales.

With separating our income and expenditure out this way, it will show transparency in our accounts and future decisions will be made from these accounts.

Discussions were held at the Conference AGM, with breeders giving the Council power to act on any increase necessary. As a result the Council has reluctantly increased fees across the board. The total number of registered ewes (a projected 10% decrease from 2009 figures), have not decreased as much as first thought, which is positive for the breed. A change in your invoice this year is with the 2th ewes entering the flock. In the past this was a seperate charge, as well as being included in the total ewe fee, and the promotion levy fee. Now, for 2th ewes entering your flock you will not be paying this seperate fee. Remember – to avoid the 2,5% increase in GST, payment of your invoice is appreciated by 30 September 2010. **Thank you.**

Dates to note on your calendar...

- **Nov 10th 2010: 9am-11:30am**
Council / Breeders Meeting
Canterbury A&P Showgrounds
- **Ram Fairs:**
 - Taihape: 17 November 2010 (tentative)

- Feilding: 14 December 2010 (tentative)
- Gore: 18 January 2011 (confirmed)
- **Feb 22nd 2011:** Council Meeting (tentative date) please contact your Councillor or the Secretary if you wish any item discussed at this meeting.
- **May 2nd to 6th 2011:** 2011 Conference

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