



PERENDALE ON THE MOVE

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Go The All Blacks !

General Meeting...

A General Meeting will be held at held at the Canterbury A&P Show on **Wednesday 9 November, 9.30 to 11.30** at the Riding for the Disabled Meeting room.

Agenda:

- Update from the Logo and Branding Committee.
- Several guest speakers will address various subjects. Including the place Corporate ram breeding enterprises have in our industry, Woolco, WEL and Wool Services, SIL
- Progeny trial report from David Ruddenklau and his committee.
- Any other general business. *(Please get in touch with Tim if you would like anything else on the agenda.)*

The Canterbury Ward welcomes all visitors to the Canterbury Show, especially our two North Island Judges, Gilbert Timms and Graeme Maxwell, and those from the South who are again bringing up a big team of Sheep.

There will be a dinner on Wednesday evening, time and venue to be finalised.

The Perendale Sheep Society of New Zealand

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National Progeny Trial Report...

Trust that most Breeders are now well through Lambing and Calving. Some Southern Breeders have once again faced some really challenging wet, cold lambing weather. We have been fortunate to have had reasonably good weather on both of our trial farms when the trial ewes were lambing.

When the concept of a National Trial was initiated 2 years ago our industry was rather depressed and this was one of a number of reasons that your Council fully supported the need for the Perendale Breed to be seen by the Industry as being really proactive. Great to have witnessed such a strong revival for both meat and wool over the past year.

Another reason for a nationwide Trial was because of the on going threat from a number of Corporate Ram Breeding enterprises.

During the past few months we have again been advised of a new Joint Venture Ram Breeding Program between Landcorp and Risslington (Focus Genetics.) We understand that it is this Groups stated mission to establish a major Genetic Breeding Program similar to the Dairy Industries very successful L.I.C. Their intention is to capture a substantial share of the nations Ram supply market.

While we as a Society could take the stance that with Landcorps involvement in Ram breeding that they have an extremely unfair advantage by being State owned and funded. However we believe by continuing to prove (through our independently reviewed trial) that pure bred perendale lambs can achieve much - High total meat value carcasses, equal to and in many cases superior to most Terminal breeds. (We have progeny in the trial killing in excess of 61% which will be the envy of many Terminal breeders) We have also achieved excellent meat colour, fat colour, survivability and pH results from our first year kill-results. Our added advantage over 'corporate style' Ram breeding is that we have screened 27,000 Stud Perendale Ewes from throughout NZ, that have withstood years of intensive recording, culling and have continually faced a huge array of geographical, feed and climatic conditions. However, with that said, it is still essential that we continue to actively promote the attributes of the Perendale Breed.

The contract between Sire providers and the Progeny Trial committee allows for results of the best ranked (Top 50%) rams to be published on each trait. As was expected no one Sire excelled in all traits. For registered breeders who wish to further investigate the possibility of accessing any of these sires, we would suggest that you contact directly the current owners and discuss with them how these sires ranked for traits where they did not feature in the top 50%. This then allows sires to be more fully assessed and then hopefully utilized for their independently evaluated traits.

The Committee wish to acknowledge the tremendous support that we continue to receive from the Alliance Group, Ag Research, Afflex Tags, Breeders who provide Sires, and to the two Property Owners, Mike McElrea, and Rob and Heather Gaskin.

It is the intention of the Progeny Committee to hold a Meeting which will include other sheep industry speakers at the Christchurch Show - time and place to be advised by Council. We'd be delighted to see you along at this Meeting.

Kind regards

David Ruddenklau

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** The Perendale Story **

Written by Marjorie Law * Published 2010

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2012 Perendale Conference...

Sunday 20th May to Thursday 24th May 2012 (these dates are confirmed)

Venues

Methven (nights of May 20 and 21)
Akaroa (nights of May 22 and 23)

Preliminary Programme

(subject to confirmation)

Sunday 20th May

- Council meeting
- Depart for Methven by coach from Christchurch Airport
- Welcome Dinner

Monday 21st May

- Visit to Gallagher and Snowdon studs. The Oldfield stud will be on display at the Gallagher property and the James stud will be on display at the Snowdon property. SIL question and answer session at Snowdon Station
- Dinner at Snowdon Station homestead

Tuesday 22nd May

- Visit to Jebson, Burrows and Laing studs. The Evans stud will also be on display. CT scanning discussion at Laing property.
- Free evening
- Cheviot Society AGM

Wednesday 23rd May

- Visit to Thacker and Elliott Studs
- Annual General Meeting
- Conference Dinner

Thursday 24th May

- Sightseeing in Akaroa or depart for Christchurch by coach.

Perendale Ewe Sale...

An inaugural Perendale Ewe Sale will be held on **Monday 13 February 2012** at the Coalgate Saleyards, Canterbury. This sale will showcase the Perendale breed. All companies participating. Further information is available from

Tim Anderson (03) 319 2730, Annabel Tripp (03) 318 6939 or Ken Elliott (03) 326 7199.

Congratulations to...



Mrs Jean Welch - winner of the Perendale Sheep Breeders Award for an entry containing a minimum of 80% Perendale Wool in the Creative Fibre National Exhibition.



Jane and Blair Smith on the arrival of their son, George (8lb 15oz), on Thursday 6 October 2011.



John Burrows - gaining 2nd place in the Australasian Fine Wool Judging competition at the Adelaide Show in September.



Graeme and Sue Maxwell – winning the Progressive Meats Supplier of the Year 2010-2011 Award.

Progressive owner and managing director Craig Hickson says the Maxwells have been dedicated and consistent top performers since they began supplying 21 years ago. They have been in the top echelon for many years.

Hickson says the Maxwells embrace the concept outlined in the Red Meat Sector Strategy. They enter into a commitment to supply specifications, which is exactly what is required to match customer requirements in the marketplace.

In the past year the Maxwells met their committed supply of 3769 lambs over 11 months, with 93.1% meeting specification targets.



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Tribute to Colin Richardson...

Otago lost one of its foundation members with the recent passing of Colin Richardson. He started the 'Bonnieview' Stud in 1968.

Colin was passionate about Perendales and in the Romney dominated West Otago area, he was watched with interest but also starting buying more land as well and more Perendales.

Colin along with Colin Smith & David Flett were responsible for setting up Ram Fair Certification where all rams were inspected. A combined day at Colin Smith's to set the standard on his 500+ Rams. Then Otago did the Southland Ward Rams & Southland did the Otago Rams. He was one of a team starting the Perendale Ram Fair in Gore in 1979.

Colin was at Council from 1974 - 1986, he was awarded the Struan Trophy in 1998 - a reward for his commitment to the Perendale Breed. Sadly for the family, his wife Bev, died soon after Colin's death.

By Rae Mitchell

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Dates to note on your calendar...

28-30 October 2011

Royal NZ Show - Hosted by
Waikato A&P Assn, Hamilton

9-11 November 2011

Canterbury A&P Show, Christchurch

9 November * 9:30-11:30am

Members meeting, RDA Building
Canterbury Park.

16 November 2011

Ram Fair, Taihape

14 December 2011

Ram Fair, Feilding

17 January 2012

SI Ram Fair, Gore
pm. - BBQ @ Mike McElrea's (to be
confirmed)

13 February 2012

Perendale Ewe Sale, Coalgate

28 February 2012

Council Meeting

20-24 May 2012

2012 Conference, Canterbury

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