

## IGA Perth Royal Show

## Culham White Dorper the top lamb carcass

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THE stranglehold of the Texel breed on the IGA Perth Royal Show prime lamb carcass competition was broken this year when White Dorper lamb carcasses took out two of the three major awards.

The champion lamb carcass and the champion pen of three lambs were both exhibited by Culham Grazing, Toodyay.

In total this year 33 teams (99 lambs) were entered in four classes - lightweight (18-21kg cwt, 6-15mm fat depth) open; lightweight (18-21kg, 6-15mm fat depth) from Merino dam; heavyweight (21.1-24kg cwt, 6-15mm fat depth) open and heavyweight (21.1-24kg plus cwt, 6-15mm fat depth) from Merino dam.

The champion carcass came from the Toodyay operation's champion pen of three carcasses which won the open lightweight class.

The carcass weighed 20.60kg and had a GR fat measurement of 11mm.

The success in the competition was a big surprise to Culham's Kevin and Robin Yost and Debbie Ferguson, who only entered the competition for the first time last year.

It was not only the champion carcass ribbon which headed to Toodyay, the operation also exhibited the champion pen of three lambs on the hook, with a group of three pure White Dorper lambs.

The lambs had an average carcass weight of 20.3kg and average GR fat of 10.3mm.

The group of three carcasses came from the lightweight open class, after winning the class with a points score of 81.7, 5.2 points ahead of its nearest rival.

The group of three carcasses also won the award for the best pen of three lightweight carcasses.

Mr Yost said all the lambs were April drops and weaned straight off their mothers for the competition.

"They are pure White Dorpers sired by rams we have bred ourselves based on Riverside White Dorper bloodlines," he said.

Taking home the champion ribbon for the best lamb carcass out of a

Merino dam was the WA College of Agriculture, Narrogin's Collegian Suffolk stud.

The carcass was from one of the College's lightweight teams for a group of three lambs from a Merino dam.

The lamb, which was an early June drop, was sired by a Collegian Suffolk sire.

The carcass weighed 20.90kg and had a GR fat of 10mm.

In the lightweight open class for a group of three lambs 18-21kg carcass weight it was Culham Grazing, which took home the first-placed blue ribbon, with its champion group.

Second place in the class went to a pen of three pure White Suffolk lambs from Lockridge Senior High School, Kiara White Suffolk stud.

The Lockridge team finished on 75.3 points, with the carcasses having an average weight of 19.75kg and an average fat of 11.7mm.

Rob and Maria Wood, Te Rakau Texel stud, Bindi Bindi, finished third with a team of pure Texel lambs, which scored 73.2 points and had an average carcass weight of 20.3 and an average fat of 12.3mm.

First place in the lightweight class for lambs out of a Merino dam was awarded to a team of three Poll Dorset-Merino lamb carcasses exhibited by the Squiers family, Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading.

This group had a total score of 72.8 with an average weight of 19.27kg and an average fat of 12mm.

Two teams finished in equal second on 66.3 points and they were exhibited by the Glover family, Jimjan Texel stud, Boyup Brook and Rob and Maria Wood, Te Rakau Texels.

Both groups were sired by Texel sires, with the Glover's team averaging 20.07kg and a GR fat of 11.33mm, while the Woods team averaged 18.9kg carcass weight and 9.66mm fat.

Third in the class went to a Prime SAMM-Merino group from the Squiers family, which finished on 63.7 points and averaged 20.75kg carcass weight and 9.67mm fat.

The success of the Squiers family continued in the heavyweight classes when teams



Showing off the ribbons won by Culham Grazing, Toodyay, in this year's IGA Perth Royal Show prime lamb carcass competition which included the champion pen of three lambs and champion open carcass were Culham Grazing's Morgan (left), Robin, Jess and Kevin Yost and Isabel Ferguson, Toodyay and landmark prime lamb genetics specialist Roy Addis, who presented them with the awards.

from the stud won both the open and Merino dam class.

The operation's winning pen in the heavyweight open class, was by one of their own Poll Dorset sires and out of Prime SAMM-Merino cross ewe, based on their own Prime SAMM bloodlines.

The three carcasses scored 76.5 points which also helped to win the award for the best pen of three heavyweight lambs.

The group had an average carcass weight of 23.2kg and an average GR fat of 11mm.

Second in the heavyweight open class went to a group of three pure Texel carcasses exhibited by Rob and Maria Wood, which finished on 68.2 points.

The carcasses averaged 22.43kg and 12.3mm GR fat.

Third place went to a team of White Dorper lambs exhibited by Culham Grazing, Toodyay, on 66.2 points. These averaged 23.67kg carcass weight and 11.7mm GR fat.

In the heavyweight class for lambs out of a Merino dam the winning group from the Squiers family was sired by their Poll Dorset sires and finished on a score of 64.5 points.

The group had an average carcass weight of 22.68kg and an average GR fat of 14mm.

Second place in the class went to a team from the Glover family.

The group was sired by Jimjan Texels and scored 53.2 points and had an aver-



WA College of Agriculture, Narrogin, exhibited the champion carcass from a Merino dam in this year's prime lamb carcass competition. WACA Narrogin technical officers Roy (left) and Colin Ball, were congratulated by landmark prime lamb genetics specialist Roy Addis on winning the award.



Shirlee Downs stud principals Sascha (left), Adrian and Chris Squiers were congratulated by Landmark Breeding representative John Wirth on exhibiting the best pen of heavyweight lambs and gaining the most points in the prime lamb carcass competition.

## CHAMPIONS

Exhibitors: 8

Entries: 33 (99 lambs)

Champion lamb carcass open:

Culham Grazing, Toodyay (White Dorper-White Dorper)

Champion lamb carcass Merino:

WACA Narrogin, Collegian Suffolk stud, Narrogin (Suffolk-Merino)

Champion pen of three lambs of lambs on the hook:

Culham Grazing (White Dorper-White Dorper)

Best pen of three heavyweight lambs on the hook:

CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading (Poll Dorset-Prime SAMM-Merino cross)

Best pen of three lightweight lambs on the hook:

Culham Grazing (White Dorper-White Dorper)

Best pen of three lightweight lambs on the hook sired by a Poll Dorset:

CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Poll Dorset-Merino cross)

Best pen of three heavyweight lambs on the hook sired by a Poll Dorset:

CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Poll Dorset-Merino cross)

Exhibitor gaining the most points on the hook:

CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud

Class 1

Pen of three lambs-lightweight (18-21kg cwt, tissue depth 6-15mm) open:

First - Culham Grazing (White Dorper-White Dorper);

Second - Lockridge Senior High School, Kiara White Suffolk stud, (White Suffolk-White Suffolk);

Third - R &amp; M Wood, Te Rakau Texel stud, Bindi Bindi (Texel-Texel)

Class 2

Pen of three lambs - lightweight (18-21kg cwt, tissue depth 6-15mm) Merino dam:

First - CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Poll Dorset-Merino);

Second - JR &amp; JM Glover, Jimjan Texel stud, Boyup Brook (Texel-Merino cross) and R &amp; M Wood, Te Rakau Texel stud (Texel-Merino);

Third - CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Poll Dorset-Merino)

Class 3

Pen of three lambs - heavyweight (21.1-24kg plus cwt, tissue depth 6-15mm) open:

First - CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Poll Dorset-Prime SAMM-Merino cross);

Second - R &amp; M Wood, Te Rakau Texel stud (Texel-Texel);

Third - Culham Grazing (White Dorper-White Dorper)

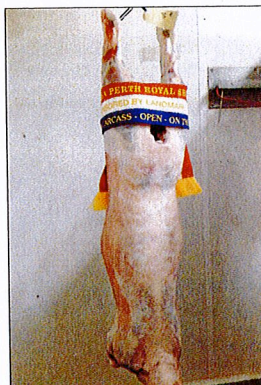
Class 4

Pen of three lambs - heavyweight (21.1-24kg plus cwt, 6-15mm tissue depth) Merino dam:

First - CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Poll Dorset-Merino);

Second - JR &amp; JM Glover, Jimjan Texel stud (Texel-Merino cross);

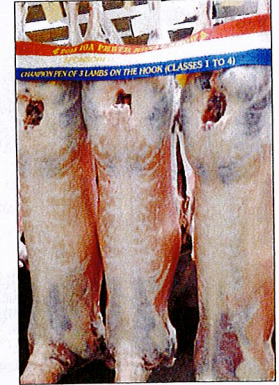
Third - CJ Squiers &amp; Sons, Shirlee Downs stud (Prime SAMM-Merino)



The champion open carcass exhibited by Culham Grazing, Toodyay. The carcass was a pure White Dorper.



The champion carcass from a Merino dam was a Suffolk-Merino cross exhibited by the WA College of Agriculture Narrogin.



Culham Grazing, Toodyay, exhibited the champion pen of three carcasses, which were pure White Dorper lambs.