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# ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

## STORE SHEEP (Current as at March 2015)

### STOCK CATEGORY

<b>Suckers</b>	Unweaned lambs	No permanent incisors
<b>Lambs</b>	Weaned lambs	No permanent incisors
<b>Hoggets</b>	Any sex	Up to 2 permanent incisors
<b>Ewes</b>	Females	
<b>Ewes &amp; Lambs</b>	Females with lambs at foot	
<b>Wethers</b>	Castrated males	
<b>Ewes &amp; Wethers</b>	Mixed sex	One or more permanent incisors
<b>Rams</b>	Entire males	
<b>Goats</b>	Any age, any sex	

### SEX CODE

Wether	Castrated male
Ewe	Female
Mixed Sex	Nominate Sex Composition
Ram	Entire male

### SALE TYPES

H	\$ per head
L	c per kg liveweight
C	c per kg carcase weight

### BREED COMPOSITION

#### Example

Description	Sire	Dam
Pure	Merino	Merino
1st Cross	Border Leicester	Merino
2nd Cross	Poll Dorset	Border/Merino
Other	Dorper	F3 Dorper

### GRAZING CONDITIONS

Nominate prior to and following assessment.

### STOCK HISTORY

Where bred—if purchased, nominate district of origin

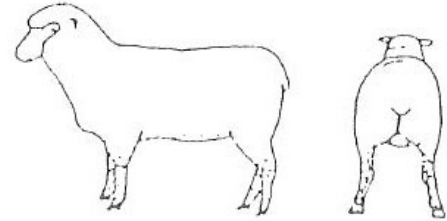
### GENERAL SKIN/WOOL COMMENT

Note any seed penetration into skin as well as the health and colour of skin.

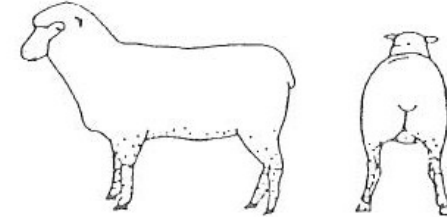
Note additional burr or skin details.

### BURR & SEED

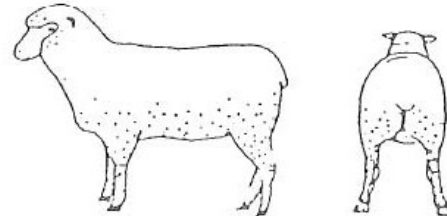
**Very Light**



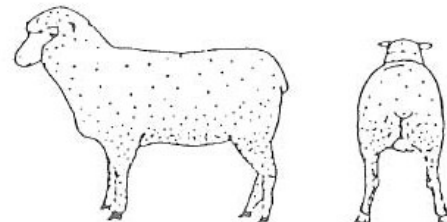
**Light**



**Medium**



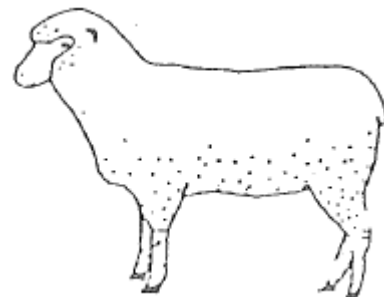
**Heavy**



*Note: These standards apply in all areas.*

### SEED IDENTIFICATION POINTS

1. Brisket, Shoulder, Neck
2. Lower Rib, Belly
3. Hind Leg, Breech
4. Head



### LIVE WEIGHING

1. Test scales for accuracy prior to every assessment.
2. Record weights of a representative sample:  
Minimum 30% for one deck  
Minimum 25% for two decks  
Minimum 20% for three or more decks
3. Record time off feed and water

**SKIN LENGTH**

Inches	MM
0.0 - 0.25	0 - 5
0.25 - 0.5	6 - 13
0.5 - 1.0	14 - 25
1.0 - 1.5	26 - 38
1.5 - 2.0	39 - 51
2.0 - 2.5	52 - 64
2.5 - 3.0	65 - 76
3.0+	77+

Measure mid back position.

*Note: Skins are usually traded in imperial measurements, not metric.*

**STANDARD LIVEWEIGHT RANGES**

Class	Weight kg	Class	Weight kg
16	Below 16	40	36-40
20	16 -20	44	40-44
24	20-24	48	44-48
28	24-28	52	48-52
32	28-32	56	Over 52
36	32-36		

**ADDITIONAL SKIN DETAIL**

Information to be sourced from "Wool Reports" - micron, wool cuts and yield of the lot being assessed.

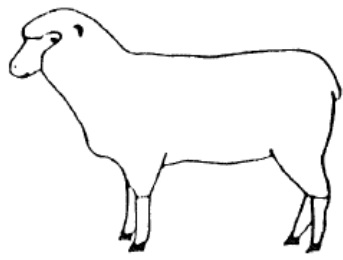
**STORE STOCK BREEDING QUALITY**

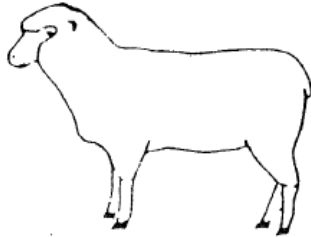
Should not be confused with condition - relates to the Breeding Quality of the line being assessed.

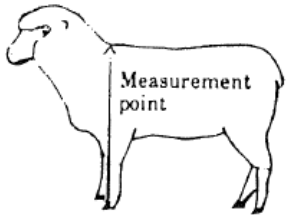
EXCELLENT	Top sires used, with high standards of selection and management, ie the very small percentage of REALLY first class stock.
VERY GOOD	Quality sires used. Large frame. Structurally sound. Strict selection criteria used. Will realise full potential.
GOOD	Exhibiting some better characteristics of the breed, and showing evidence of some reasonable selection practices. Medium to large frame.
FAIR	Limited potential. Lacking better characteristics of the breed. Small to medium frame.
PLAIN	Very poor quality, with structural or conformation faults. Limited future growth and fattening potential. Very small frame.

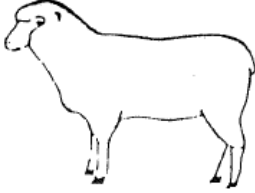
**FRAME SCORES**

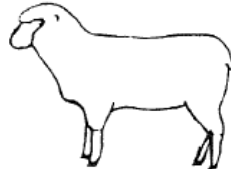
Height from ground to highest point of withers (shoulders) in centimetres, less skin length.

A  More than 71cm

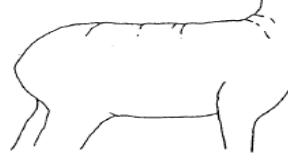

B  66-70cm

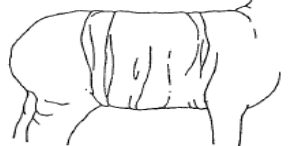

C  61-65cm



D  56-60cm

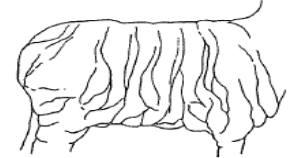
E  55cm and less

**WRINKLE SCORES**

 Plain (1) 

 Light (2) 

 Medium (3) 

 Heavy (4) 