



Words from our Registrar
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Over the past three years the association has been very active in promoting wool education for the industry, holding 5 field days per year around the country, participating in the Primary ITO advisory group IPG and updating our systems to be able to provide our members with support through better communication.

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2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND INDUSTRY (FIELD) DAY

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PENCIL IN YOUR DIARY

To be held in Christchurch on the
Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at the
Burnside Rugby Club Rooms.

The arrangements are still in the planning but at this stage we have the following organized:

Two high profile speakers, Renta Apatu (Chairman Campaign for Wool, Owner of Nagmatea Station and

Registered Wool Classer-P2144) and Martin Eadie (CEO Te Ako Wools). Both of these speakers will give a very interesting talk on their involvement in our industry. In association with Laurie Boniface (Wool Tutor for Taratahi), PGG Wrightson and N Z Merino we will have tested wool samples for a competition on Micron Yield and Length, and trophies will be presented to the winners. Displays of product made from our magnificent fibre and contamination issues in wool. Merit Awards will be presented during the day and a light lunch will be available. The A G M will be held at some stage through the day. We are still to confirm other arrangements; these will be advised early next year.

This day is available to our members at no cost and will be open to others in the industry for a small registration fee.

Your association is endeavoring to make this event as interesting and informative as possible and to make it a success **your attendance is required**.

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NZWCA Chairman
Bill Dowle D1076



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Season to Date Editorial
By Rob Cochrane
Wool Procurement Manager, PGG Wrightson Wool



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The New Zealand Merino Company
Craig Adams
Senior Procurement Manager



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A review of 2017 NZ Wool Classing and Preparation Standards

By Andrew Blanch

Managing Director of New England Wool Pty Ltd

This article & booklet is a must read by all members



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A guide to Classing & Preparation of Wool Clips

18.5 and finer

By New England Wool Pty Ltd

Published 2006



It will be the responsibility of each grower/classer to decide the level of preparation and classing they wish to achieve and how to achieve it. The ultimate aim of wool classing and preparation is to maximize the return to the grower by preparing a clip that best serves the requirements of the buyer.

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NOTE: * Some content of this document applies only to Australian Wool but a large proportion relates to NZ It also conveys the requirements of ONE buyer representing their OWN Italian shareholder*****

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Contamination

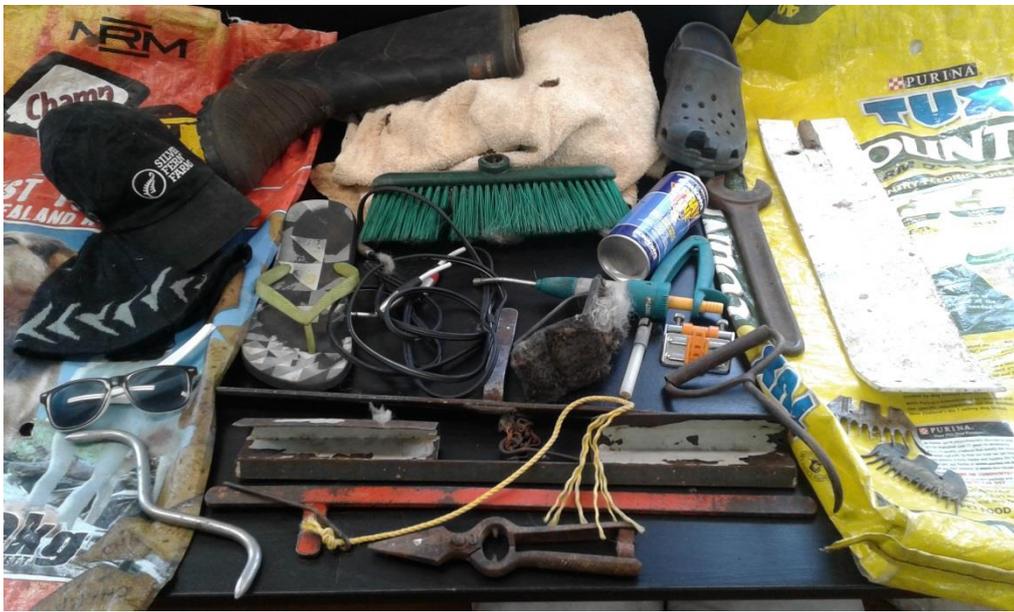


Contamination in the North Island plant for the 2016/17 season is similar to 2014/15 season with 242 finds for the year ending 08/11/2107.

This works out at 4.65 finds per week

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Wool Industry Education Group
Update – November 2017
By Allan Frazer

WIEG has been very successful achieving a significant element of what it was charged with doing at the time of its formation in January 2015

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Article from Farmers Weekly
19th October 2017

FARMERSWEEKLY

Kurow Wool Merchant Don Urquhart had a scare when his team found a live shotgun cartridge in a bale of wool.

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Many thanks to Farmers Weekly for this article

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On 13th July Andrew (my husband) and I attended the Wool classers Association Field Day held in Omakau.

We started the day at Brent Hickey's (he hopes soon to be Hayden Hickey's) Wool Store. It always impresses me the size and capacity of this well run family business. After the health and safety briefing we were given a guided tour and watching the core sampling in action.

Andrew McNeil of New Zealand Merino, together with Pagan Karauria gave hands on informative tutorial of the wool handling requirements to comply with their contracts, namely Icebreaker, Smart wool and REDA. It was a good reminder for classers to keep the lines of communication open with the farmer so that the right preparation set up, instructing of staff and handling occurs.

We moved over to the Matakanui Combined Rugby Club rooms for some exercises identifying oddments, breeds of sheep by wool alone, grading of crossbred wool and half-bred classing. These exercises generated some excellent discussion and highlighted the level of skill in the room. It was great to see not only classers there but wool handlers and pressers at the event. Upskilling and continuing education benefits everyone from the start to the end of the chain.

Big thanks to Peter Lyon Shearing for providing a hearty lunch.

We heard from Te Ako. They certainly have some exciting and 21st century things on the go. Their enthusiasm and drive for effective wool education is to be commended.

A critical moment for me during the day was the presentation of contamination by Struan Hulme of Canterbury Wool Scour. He emptied a bag of items that had been found by them during processing recently. It was astonishing that these items could have made it into a bale of wool unnoticed! It emphasized to me that a classer cannot put enough importance on having a clean and tidy shed. There must be places to store or hang clothes. Most importantly, everyone working in the shed needs to take responsibility for all of their own belongings. As classers we should not feel bad for insisting that a farmer provides a clean area for working in and that wool handlers, shearers and pressers abide by the clean and clear workspace rule too!

To the association, thank you for organising a very informative day.

Tracy Paterson
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Russ Tibbotts Wool Classer and Wool Tutor at Lincoln

Retiring from C P Wools as the Head Wool Classer after 46 years in the industry.

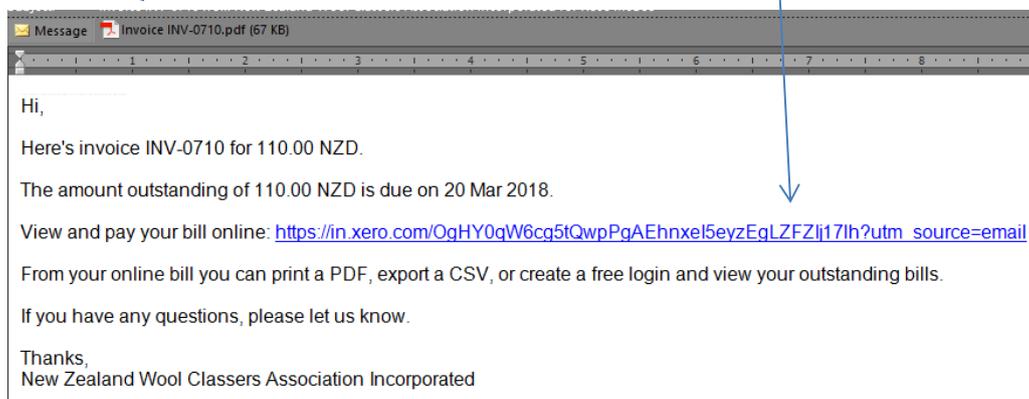
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From our Secretary

We will be emailing your Subs Invoice out next year.
So watch your Inbox for this please (example below),
either click on the link in the email
or open the pdf attachment



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NZ WOOL CLASSERS FIELD DAY TIMARU by Gail Holmes Waimak Gorge Oxford

On Wed 22nd Nov, I took the opportunity to attend a Refresher Wool Handling Course. This was held at the Phar Lap Raceway in the Grey Way room Timaru. The day was organised By the N Z Wool Classers Association in conjunction with C P Wools and Canterbury Wool Scour

The day was co-ordinated by Bruce Abbott NZWCA, assisted by Laurie Boniface ex Massey 'Lincoln University, now Taratahi. Guest speakers were Therese Gibbens from The Drug Testing Agency (TDDA), C P Wools Rep Gavin Crump, Laurie Boniface and Chairman of NZWCA Bill Dowle. The day was also attended by John Saunders & Mary Liz from Matangi Station Central Otago and Andrea Leslie of Primary ITO.

The day started with registration followed by a welcome by Bruce.

Bruce had organised sample boxes, with oddments, faults, and some older less known wool types, than we see today!

A bit trying for some of the participants, I feel but good fun and to break the ice.

A good gathering of nationalities attended, 1 from France (works for Barry Pullin), & 2 from Chile (pressing for Bruce Rogers I think!) A young lady, who is more used to Black & Coloured wool, but gave it a good shot with "that foreign White stuff".

We proceeded to C P Wools Store at Washdyke where Mark Greenlaw had a chat; we had a good look round the operation of a wool store.

We broke for a Lunch Break.

We then visited Canterbury Wool Scour, split into 2 groups and had a really good tour round the operation of the scour.

Returned to the racecourse for guest speakers.

I felt that both Bruce & Laurie did a great job making things simple for the overseas folk-good job guys!!

I was impressed with Therese TDDA. I learnt a lot, personally, & was amazed at the length some folk go to, just to avoid detection!

All in all, a great day out. Thanks.

I, personally would like to see a lot more of these days held more often, especially at the learner stage so they understand why we separate lines the way we do, in the sheds.

A rough price difference, with good & bad oddments could also be helpful for senior staff, teaching juniors. Let's try to stop wool handlers getting bad habits!

Name Tags/Stickers would be a great help as I only knew 3 participants, as there was such a lot attending it would have helped.

A big thankyou to the Bruce Rogers Crew that rescued us after lunch with the JUMPER LEADS, as The French girl forgot to turn our Lights off OOPS!!

I would like to RECOMMEND these days keep going so let's support them, Thanks Contractors for allowing staff to attend these days; it can only benefit the Industry.

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Otago Daily Times

This is a reprint of an article that first appeared in the
Otago Daily times on the
4th of August 1917

Some time ago (says the Christchurch Press), a Canterbury farmer wrote to the Christchurch branch of the Women's National Reserve, suggesting that women be employed on sheep runs, and stating that, in his opinion, several forms of standardized work in connection with shearing could be done by women equally as well as by men. Any young, light and active woman could, after a day's practice, become fairly expert in fleece picking, wool-rolling, and carrying away. Older and less active women could do simple wool-classing, branding, and weighing bales, while a woman who was strong and active would find scope for her energies in assisting in mustering in easy country, and also in drafting, branding, and carrying away. The work of keeping the shed books, tallies, and counting could be done by any intelligent woman.

The writer suggested the following arrangements and rules: Women and girls to be employed in gangs of not fewer than three. One woman in charge except where one or two maybe accommodated with the farmer or manager's family. Woman not so accommodated to live in tents apart from the other employees, and rationed by themselves. Any person using improper language or conduct towards (or within the hearing of) women so employed to be reported to the manager or the president of the W.N.R., when such steps as may be considered necessary may be taken in the matter. Any woman giving encouragement or provocation for such conduct to be strictly warned by the woman in charge and reported by the manager to the president of the W.N.R. The letter also contained a proposal that the writer should employ three women on his run, and that the Reserve should pick him out woman whom they considered had the best qualifications for the positions.

At a meeting of the Reserve on Thursday the agreement to provide the workers was finally ratified, and it was decided that the girls engaged should commence working the first week of November.

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