

# AUSTRALIAN MERINO *Production Trial*

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## **NEW TRIAL COMMENCING IN 2025**

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**Australia's largest  
independent evaluation  
of sheep genetics.**

Yorke Peninsula, SA  
Temora, NSW  
Condobolin, NSW

*"Our company sees enormous value in hosting and also participating in these trials. The benefits of independent benchmarking flows right across the wider Merino sheep industry. We actively encourage breeders to enter this fantastic initiative."*

*Farron Fletcher,  
Fletcher International Exports*





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- Registrations for the 2025-2027 trial close on 15 December 2024
- Commencing April 2025 with 2024 drop merino wether lambs.
- 30 wethers entered in the trial. Wethers selected by entrant after randomly selecting 55 wethers from the drop.
- Encouraging new bloodlines to enter by extending the intake of up to 60 teams from across Australia.
- Provides a thorough analysis of genetic capacity.
- The data from the AMPT will be valuable in understand the genetic merits of ewe flocks.
- Each team will be divided into two groups, with 15 wethers allocated to the Fletchers' feedlot at 'Kiargathur Station', Condobolin, and the other 15 wethers run on pasture for two years at either Yorke Peninsula, SA, Kiargathur Station, Condobolin, NSW or Temora Ag & Innovation Centre, Temora, NSW.
- The trial parameters will provide for team linkage across all the sites.
- The year 1 analysis of the current trial showed highlighted teams that were performing well in both the paddock and the feedlot. The final analysis will be released next March.
- The AMPT is an essential tool when analysing your success as a self-replacing merino breeding business.

## ABOUT THE AMPT

- Over the past 20 consecutive years 12,000 sheep across Australia have been benchmarked in the trials.
- The trial will measure **wool** values across three linked sites at, Condobolin, NSW, Temora, NSW and Yorke Peninsula, SA. **Meat** traits will be measured at Fletcher International Exports, Dubbo and 'Kiargathur Station' feedlot, Condobolin.
- Provides comprehensive genetic benchmarking on Merino flocks.
- Independently managed by Craig Wilson of Redgum River Pastoral Co.
- Supported by; Fletcher International Exports, Moses and Son, JM Livestock, Rubie Livestock Advancement, Sheep Metrix, Wool Solutions, FarmLink Research, Sheep Sense, Riverina Wool Testers and Redgum River Pastoral Co.

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