



2026 New Zealand National Golden Fleece Exhibition



hosted by the

Central Otago A&P Association

at WS Hickey & Son Woolstore, Omakau

Saturday 18 April 2026

- 10.30am** Event Open to the Public
Viewing of New Zealand's finest Fleeces
- 1.00pm** Presentation of Supreme Awards

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Welcome...

On behalf of the Royal A&P Society, welcome to WS Hickey & Son Woolstore and the 2026 New Zealand National Golden Fleece Exhibition – in its 57th year of existence. Thank you to Exhibitors throughout New Zealand for your support in entering this exhibition and congratulate you all on the high standard of your entries.

Special congratulations to the 2026 Supreme Fleece Winners

- **Fine Fleece - [Armidale Merino Stud](#)**
- **Strong Fleece – [P & P Dodd](#)**
- **Black & Coloured Fleece – [D & M Maxwell](#)**

Thank you to our Judges Kevin Waldron (PGGW) and Andrew McNeil (NZ Merino), for your expertise and time adjudicating on the fleeces. Also thank you PGGW for receiving the fleeces, and Central Otago A&P Assn and WS Hickey & Son for hosting the exhibition.

Thank you to our Sponsors – your support helped to ensure its success. Like anything, we depend on volunteers to organise and run this event – special thank you to Section Convenors, WS Hickey & Son, and A&P Associations personnel, who helped, supported, and contributed in any way leading up to, and at the exhibition – it is very much appreciated.

We hope you enjoy viewing the Exhibition and on behalf of the Royal A&P Society, it has been an honour to bring this prestigious event to you and we look forward to your continued support at our 2027 exhibition.

Best Wishes - *Golden Fleece Working Group, Royal Agricultural Society NZ (RAS)*

- *While we have made every effort to provide accurate figures in this catalogue, the Royal Agricultural Society apologises in advance if inaccurate figures are listed. Thank you*



FINE WOOL FLEECE

Class 1 Ultra & Super Fine Merino Ram, 18 micron and finer

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
3	Matangi – J Sanders	5.1	3.6	71	16.9	85.5	2 nd
5	Matangi – J Sanders	5.8	4.1	71	17.8	89	1 st

Class 2 Fine Merino Ram, 18.1 - 20.5 micron

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
1	Armidale Merino Stud	9.1	6.7	74	20.4	98.5	1 st
2	Armidale Merino Stud	5.4	4.0	75	18.5	89	
6	Malvern Downs – R Gibson	7.7	5.7	74	19.7	93.5	2 nd
4	Matangi – J Sanders	5.1	3.7	72	19.0	82	
103	Bendigo Station	8.0	5.8	72	20.5	92	3 rd

Class 3 Fine Merino Ram, 18.1 - 20.5 micron

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
102	Armidale Merino Stud	12.3	8.7	71	22.8	92	1 st
104	Bendigo Station	8.2	5.8	71	23.6	90	2 nd

Class 4 Ultra & Super Fine Merino Ewe, 18 micron and finer

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
8	Burnbrae – T & J Waldron	4.4	3.1	71	17.1	95.5	2 nd
10	Malvern Downs – R Gibson	4.7	3.5	74	16.4	96	1 st
22	Matangi – J Sanders	4.2	3.1	75	17.9	89	
105	Matangi – J Sanders	4.3	3.2	75	17.1	93	
12	Merino Ridges – B & T McKnight	5.1	3.7	73	17.6	95	3 rd
13	Merino Ridges – B & T McKnight	4.5	3.2	72	16.9	93	
14	Patearoa Station – C Hore	4.6	3.4	74	17.7	92.5	
15	The Bend – JMJ (The Bend) Ltd	3.6	2.7	74	15.5	93.5	4 th
46	Goulburn - A & K Small	3.8	2.8	75	17.7	92.5	
16	Tulach Ard – K Blacker	4.4	3.3	75	17.5	92	

Class 5 Fine Merino Ewe, 18.1 - 20.5 micron

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
108	Armidale Merino Stud	6.1	4.6	75	19.4	96.5	1 st
18	Balmoral Station – A Simpson	5.6	4.1	73	20.3	95	3 rd
19	Burnbrae – T & J Waldron	5.9	4.4	74	20.0	92	
9	CR Merinos – K Campbell & B Harmer	5.0	3.7	74	18.3	95.5	2 nd
20	Fairview – C Noone	4.2	3.1	75	19.9	88.5	
21	Malvern Downs – R Gibson	4.8	3.4	72	19.3	91.5	
11	Maryburn Station – M Murray	6.1	4.4	73	20.1	93.5	
107	Matangi – J Sanders	4.2	3.1	75	18.5	91.5	
23	M in a Diamond – H & L Jopp	4.7	3.5	75	18.8	94.5	4 th
106	Mt Gladstone	5.1	3.7	72	20.2	93	
24	Muzzle Station – G & F Redfern	6.1	4.4	73	19.1	93	
25	Muzzle Station – G & F Redfern	5.5	4.0	72	18.2	91	

Class 6 Merino Ewe, 20.6 micron and stronger

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
17	Armidale Merino Stud	6.5	4.9	75	22.3	98	1 st

Class 7 Ultra & Super Fine Merino Woolly Hogget, 17.5micron and finer

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
27	CR Merinos – K Campbell & B Harmer	4.3	3.1	73	17.3	94.5	1 st
28	Matangi – J Sanders	2.2	1.7	75	15.7	89	
101	Matangi – J Sanders	2.1	1.6	75	14.3	89.5	
29	Mt Campbell – S & V Sanders	4.2	3.1	74	16.9	93.5	2 nd
30	Stonehenge – A & F Hore	3.7	2.7	72	16.7	91.5	4 th
31	Armidale Merino Stud	4.6	3.4	74	15.2	92.5	3 rd

Class 8 Fine Merino Woolly Hogget, 17.6 – 20 micron

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
32	Armidale Merino Stud	4.8	3.4	71	20.0	95	1 st
33	Burnbrae – T & J Waldron	3.5	2.5	71	18.5	86	2 nd

Class 10 Quarterbred or Polwarth Ram

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
35	S Casey and J Kyle	6.2	4.6	75	22.0	90	2 nd
110	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	7.3	5.4	74	24.9	89.5	3 rd
111	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	6.1	4.6	75	20.3	92	1 st

Class 11 Quarterbred or Polwarth Ewe

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
36	Devonshire – S Brown	5.1	3.8	75	23.9	91	
37	Goulburn – A & K Small	4.9	3.7	75	21.0	95	4 th =
38	Goulburn – A & K Small	4.9	3.7	75	25.3	87.5	
39	Ida Valley – C & D Paterson	5.2	3.8	74	21.3	94	
40	JN Matakanui – R & G Naylor	4.9	3.6	74	24.4	90	
41	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	5.6	4.1	74	20.9	95	4 th =
42	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	5.7	4.3	76	22.4	96.5	1 st
112	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	5.6	4.1	74	24.1	96	2 nd
43	Mt Ida – G & T Becker	4.5	3.4	75	19.9	93	
44	Mt Ida – G & T Becker	3.9	2.9	74	19.5	95.5	3 rd

Class 12 Quarterbred Woolly Hogget

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
34	DR & RE Clark	4.3	3.2	74	21.0	90.5	2 nd
45	DR & RE Clark	4.3	3.2	74	21.2	90	3 rd
47	Goulburn - A & K Small	3.6	2.6	73	19.6	86.5	
48	Ida Valley – C & D Paterson	4.1	3.0	74	20.2	88	4 th
49	Pomona – I Leask	4.0	3.0	75	23.4	86.5	
50	L Werner	3.6	2.7	75	18.3	91.5	1 st

Class 13 Corriedale or Halbred Ram

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
113	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	7.0	5.1	73	23.9	92	1 st

Class 14 Corriedale or Halfbred Ewe

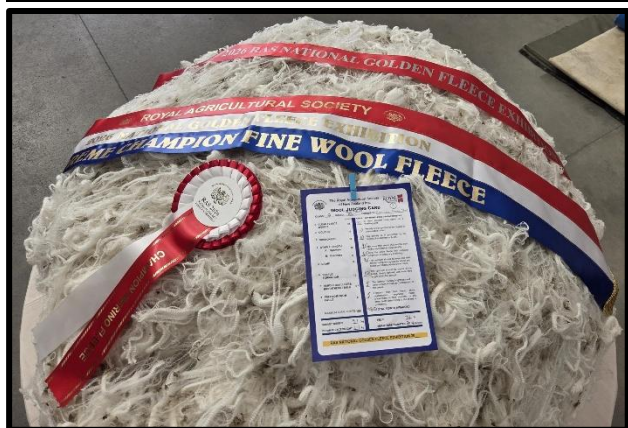
	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
51	Armidale Merino Stud	4.7	3.7	78	26.4	93.5	
52	Braeside – G & A McKnight	4.3	3.3	76	23.0	95	
53	Braeside – G & A McKnight	5.1	3.9	76	27.7	93	
55	AJ & PJ Brosnan	4.8	3.5	73	24.7	89.5	
56	AJ & PJ Brosnan	4.9	3.7	76	22.2	91	
57	Burnbrae – T & J Waldron	5.1	3.7	73	27.0	92.5	
58	S Casey and J Kyle	4.3	3.7	72	23.5	94.5	
59	S Casey and J Kyle	6.2	4.7	75	31.5	91.5	
60	Glendane – D & N Thurlow	4.9	3.6	74	27.0	94	
61	Hope Hill – C & P Duncan	4.0	2.9	73	23.4	92	
62	Idaburn Hills	5.1	3.8	74	23.3	97.5	1 st
63	Idaburn Hills	4.8	3.6	76	21.8	95	
114	Ivybridge – M Cameron	3.8	3.0	80	29.7	83	
109	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	5.9	4.5	77	25.8	96	4 th
115	Matakanui – A & T Paterson	5.9	3.8	75	24.3	97	2 nd
64	C McNeish	5.1	3.8	74	24.4	95	
66	Styx Station – E & K Smith	5.5	4.0	73	25.9	96.5	3 rd
67	Tiger Station – B Emerson	5.6	4.0	72	26.6	94.5	
123	Hills Creek – S Sutherland	5.3	3.9	74	25.6	91.5	

Class 15 Corriedale or Halfbred Woolly Hogget

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
122	Mt Ida – G & T Becker	3.9	2.8	72	20.7	89.5	4 th
119	Braeside – G & A McKnight	3.1	2.3	74	23.5	84	
121	Cornaig – P & L Hore	3.7	2.7	72	21.3	91	3 rd
68	Lammerlow Stud – EJ Laurenson	4.0	3.0	76	25.0	92	1 st
116	Glen Leith - J Smith	4.3	3.3	77	25.9	91.5	2 nd
120	Glen Leith - J Smith	3.9	2.9	75	26.2	86.5	
118	Lauder Creek – J & K Heckler	3.6	2.6	73	24.8	87.5	
117	Styx Station – E & K Smith	3.5	2.6	74	22.5	89	

Class 16 Corriedale or Halfbred Shorn Hogget

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
69	DR & RE Clark	4.0	2.9	72	31.3	89.5	1 st
70	B Kyle	3.1	2.3	75	27.2	84	3 rd
71	B Kyle	4.5	3.4	76	26.4	89	2 nd



Supreme Fine Wool Fleece

Armidale Merino Stud

Champion Fine Merino Fleece

Armidale Merino Stud

Champion Quarterbred or Polwarth Fleece

Matakanui – A & T Paterson

Champion Corriedale or Halfbred Fleece

Idaburn Hills

Class 27 Romney, Crossbred, Lincoln, Leicester, Coopworth, Texel Shorn Hogget

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
97	DR & RE Clark	3.7	3.0	81	34.0	93	3 rd
98	P & P Dodd	4.8	3.8	80	33.0	98	1 st
99	P & P Dodd	4.9	3.9	80	35.0	96	2 nd
100	JR Parr	3.0	2.5	82	35.0	85	4 th



Champion Perendale Fleece

IN & JM Evans

Champion Romney, Crossbred, Lincoln, Leicester, Coopworth, Texel Fleece

DR & RE Clark

Supreme Strong Wool Fleece

P & P Dodd



BLACK and COLOURED FLEECE



Class 30 Black & Coloured Mature Fleece 31 microns and finer

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
BC1	S Casey & J Kyle	4.7	3.5	75	24.2	92.5	1 st
BC4	S Casey & J Kyle	5.2	3.8	73	26.0	91	3 rd
BC2	Chudleigh – D & V Strong	4.4	3.2	73	23.0	91.5	2 nd
BC3	P Sanders	3.4	2.6	75	21.6	90	4 th

Class 31 Black & Coloured Mature Fleece 32 microns and stronger

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
BC12	S Casey & J Kyle	3.7	2.7	74	32.0	86	3 rd
BC5	B Kyle	5.3	3.8	72	32.5	91.5	1 st
BC7	White Rock - R & Est AC Patterson	4.3	3.2	75	33.0	89	2 nd

Class 32 Black & Coloured Woolly Hogget Fleece 30 microns and finer

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
BC8	D & M Maxwell	3.4	2.6	75	26.0	95	1 st
BC9	LM Parr	2.6	1.9	72	27.0	83	3 rd
BC10	Chudleigh – D & V Strong	3.5	2.5	72	21.0	88.5	2 nd

Class 33 Black & Coloured Woolly Hogget Fleece 31 microns and stronger

	Exhibitor	GW	CW	Yield	Micron	Score	Place
BC11	Grenaby – Arthur Family	3.8	2.8	73	31.0	88	2 nd
BC13	White Rock - R & Est AC Patterson	4.3	3.1	73	31.0	92	1 st



Champion Mature Fleece

S Casey & J Kyle

Champion Hogget Fleece

D & M Maxwell

Supreme Black and Coloured Fleece

D & M Maxwell

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