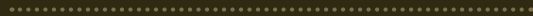




VITALE BARBERIS CANONICO



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



Vitale Barberis Canonico Wool Excellence Award



A RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN WOOL





ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

I. Suitability to Vitale Barberis Canonico Types

Assessment by New England Wool Staff

- The majority of clip can be “priced” for Vitale Barberis Canonico.
- A high percentage of the “priced” lots within the clip have been valued for Vitale Barberis Canonico very best types.

Wool exhibiting extreme soundness, whiteness, high compressibility, and sale lots displaying evenness of staple length and style showing obvious quality preparation and classing will be highly considered for the Award.

Assessment will also take the size of the clip into consideration.

2. Assessment of delivered bales to Italy

Judged by VBC Staff

- Inspection of bales arriving at combing Mill (Pettinatura Romagnano), Italy.

3. Sustainability

- Successful accreditation under the New England Wool “SustainaWOOL™ Integrity Scheme” will be a requirement.
- SustainaWOOL™ accreditation verifies the entrant’s care for the environment and the achievement of high animal welfare standards and traceability in their production of wool.
- Details of the scheme and documentation required can be found at www.newenglandwool.com.au

A cornerstone of the SustainaWOOL™ Integrity Scheme are the principles highlighted in the IWTO document “Guidelines for wool sheep welfare”, edition 2013. Such principles include;

a) Nutrition

- I.** Animals should have access to sufficient feed and water, suited to the animal’s age and needs
- II.** Self-feeders and watering points should be checked regularly.
- III.** Access to contaminated feed, toxic plants should be avoided



b) Environment

I. Sheep should be effectively managed to minimize the impact of threats on their lifetime welfare – including being regularly checked, handled without causing injury or stress and being protected from predators.

c) Health

I. Disease and parasites should be prevented and controlled as much as possible through good management practices.

II. Animals with serious health problems should be isolated and treated promptly

III. Surgical procedures should be avoided wherever possible and should only be performed where there is a positive welfare benefit for the animal. Where surgical procedures cannot be avoided, the resulting pain should be minimized by the use of the most appropriate method of anesthesia or analgesia

d) Behaviour

I. Sheep should be able to express normal behaviour free from undue stress or constraint

II. Sheep, being social animals, should be managed to allow positive social behavior and minimize injury, distress and chronic fear.

e) Handling

I. Handling facilities and practices should be appropriate to minimize risk to the welfare of sheep

II. Extra care should be taken when handling sheep with special needs – young lambs, heavily pregnant ewes, rams.

III. Sheep should be returned to feed and water as soon as possible after handling.

iv. Farm staff involved in management of livestock should be suitably proficient in their animal management practices.

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The assessment criteria to the Vitale Barberis Canonico Wool Excellence Award are available at www.vitalebarberiscanonical.it and www.newenglandwool.com.au.



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