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## Mudgee Region Report March 2011

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As is the case of most of the country, the season in Mudgee has been excellent. The downside of course will be a higher VM next wool selling season. This year has come in a lot drier, with little storm activity so no bush fires yet, and as there is still green feed under the long grass there should be little tender wool.

With the high price of mutton sheep, numbers will be slow to increase, we need a big lambing season. For those growers who sold or have wool to sell this year the superfine prices are very encouraging and may reflect in increasing flock numbers next year. There have been some problems with worms and flies mainly in lambs, not helped by the long grass making it hard to find the weak! It would be interesting to know if those who opted out of superfine sheep are now having more body strike, in our case there is very little.

We had the Mudgee Show last weekend for which I am the Wool Steward, Grathlyn Stud took out the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons. Fleece numbers were down which reflects the industry as it is now.

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