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## **ASWGA Mudgee Region Report**

### **November 2008**

Having the best spring in recent memory has pushed the past winter and autumn to the back of most people's minds, as the conditions currently have given everybody renewed enthusiasm.

Rain, and want thereof, has dominated most members minds for the last while, with such a strong start to this years season, there has at least been some optimism. Though everybody is still hesitant about future rainfalls.

The strong start was also mirrored on the auction floor with a great start to the selling season that has members lucky enough to get into the early sales, with smiles on their faces. Unfortunately the sub prime crisis that has crippled America, has also affected our wool prices, leading us back to uncertainty that the weather has had the mortgage on for the past couple of years.

A social dinner was held in Hill End for the group, with guest Mr Chick Olsson, director of AWI attending. Chick spoke on the topics of leadership and change. Topics that were mostly forgotten as the questions about mulesing and accountability seemed to dominate question time. Great food and debate saw the evening as an entertaining night out.

Stock prices also have been entertaining for members selling stock. With everybody reducing stocking rates for the last few years, the bulk of feed brought on by the rain has seen livestock prices stay very firm. Coupled with reduced supplement feeding cost, the outlook for the coming season seems positive.