



Mudgee Region Report July 2011

The Mudgee Region is having a very strange season with a dry winter after a lack of summer storms. I would expect staple strength to be good as there has been in many areas no major change in feed quality. A few growers are starting to do some hand feeding. Water will become a problem for some without good rain soon. The high meat prices will delay any rise in the volume of superfine wool, like other areas there is a need for good lambing this spring. The higher wool prices should encourage growers to join again for wool production.

Our local growers had a good result at the New England Ultimate Clip awards with the Rayner family from Grathlyn Stud coming first in the Central Tablelands section. The Hundy family from "Windradeen" won the 9th edition of the Ermenegildo Zegna Vellus Aureum Trophy for a 10.5 micron ultra-soft fleece.

Daryl and Irene Croake from "Oak Hills" (pictured) won the 2011 Ermenegildo Zegna Wool Trophy for unprotected fleeces.

Congratulations to the winners, and our thanks for their continuing support of our industry.

Rodney Suttor

