

Coopworths — performance recorded

THE Coopworth breed is now being recognized by many serious lamb producers as the preferred alternative for a self replacing prime lamb flock.

Due to all Coopworth stud breeders recording information on Lambplan, the breed has been able to accelerate breeding value performance.

Renowned for being a highly fertile animal, the Coopworth Breed has not only concentrated on improving growth, but also on many other important aspects that effect commercial prime lamb breeding.

Information collected by studs are determining which sheep have greater worm tolerance as well as using DNA technology to determine sheep with better tolerance to strains of footrot.

DNA is now also being used to identify sheep within the breed that have

greater cold tolerance. This information can help Coopworths become less susceptible at lambing time to cold related mortality.

Measuring the ewes flight distance at lambing as well as scoring the mother on temperament is also a means by which the Coopworth breed can

gather more information that can be used to deliver a sheep that will perform for the commercial producer.

Producers need sheep that are easy care, efficient and profitable to run. The Coopworth Sheep Society recognizes what the industry needs and is doing its utmost to make

sure that breeding values that make up the Coopworth index are weighted according to what drives profit in the commercial lamb industry.

A sheep which does not need to be muelled, jetted, footbathed and rarely drenched enables producers to reduce costs and become more efficient operators.

