

Judging Criteria for the new format of the 2018 Mint Lamb Competition

Stage 1

Overall Carcass Yield & Hook

30 points

All lambs to be delivered to Canterbury Saleyards by 4 pm on Monday 05 November, where they will be weighed and drafted into each class. All lambs will then be taken to South Pacific Meats, Malvern where they will be processed at 6:30 am on Tuesday 06 November.

The carcass weight will then be divided into the liveweight to give an overall carcass yield.

The highest yielding carcass will receive 50 points, the second carcass 49 points and so on down to the lowest yielding lamb.

They will then be judged on the hook by a South Pacific Meats and a Hazlett Rural representative - once again with a maximum of 50 points awarded to the highest placed then 49 for second and so on.

These two scores will be combined to give a maximum of 100 points, which will then be divided by four.

To this, the following points will be added:

Y and P carcasses	5 points
T carcasses	4 points
F carcasses	3 points

Each lamb will then be given an overall score out of 30, from this result the top 4 point scorers in each class will progress to the Tender Test.

Stage 2

Tender Test

30 points

The 4 winning carcasses from each class will then be taken to Lincoln University to be tender tested, by the Determination of the Shear Force (tenderness), 7 step process.

The tender test points will be allocated as follows, 2.5- 4.5 being the optimum tenderness:

KgF	POINTS
Less than 2.5	25 points
2.5- 4.5	30 points
4.5- 6.5	25 points
6.5-8.0	20 points
Greater than 8.0	15 points

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Stage 3 Taste Test

30 points

A sample of each carcass will then be cooked and judged for taste (Aroma, Tenderness, Texture, Juiciness and Flavour) by a panel of 4 Judges at the Sheep Exhibitors Club at 4.30pm on Wednesday 14 November.

There will be 30 points awarded to the highest scoring lamb, 29 for second and so on, with the bottom placed lamb receiving 18 points.

The points awarded at Stage 3 will then be added to accumulative scores from Stage 1 and Stage 2.

At this stage, the highest overall scorer will be named overall winner of 2018 Mint Lamb Competition.