

LIVESTOCK PRESENTATION STANDARDS

In our continued focus to extend shelf life on chilled product, we will again offer presentation premiums on all qualifying lambs and mutton.

RADDLE

Please restrict the use of raddles and/or marking sprays to the head of the animal.

Use of spray cans on the body of the animal causes losses of volume of wool when graded, and/or restricts any option to utilise skins for wool on pelt selections.

The use of spray cans will see animals being graded as presentation score 3 and not eligible for presentation premiums.



Research and laboratory results demonstrate that short wool and shearing front socks significantly lowers microbiological levels post-slaughter.

In recent years we have added processing aids to allow us to process animals with longer wool. As a result of this, we have removed wool length as a criteria from the presentation standards. All other qualifying criteria remain for each grade. Grades 1 and 2 will attract the presentation premium.

PELT QUALITY

Clean, well-presented stock helps us to maximise pelt recoveries. Income from pelts has an impact on the schedule as we continue to focus on maximising value from all parts of the lamb. In the rare instance that animals are sent for processing with pelts that are unable to be processed through the fellmongery because of the likes of excessive burr or

seed contamination, we reserve the right to withhold the wool and pelt payment. This action would not be undertaken without first discussing the issue with you.

TAIL LENGTH/DOCKING

Suppliers are requested that when docking lambs sufficient length of tail is retained to cover the vulva for female lambs and anus for male lambs. This now, as well as being a Farm Assurance market requirement, has become a regulatory requirement which will be enforced by MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries).

Detail is available by visiting www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs. Failure to comply may result in fines for individuals and businesses, so please make yourself fully aware of the requirements.



GRADE 1

- Front socks shorn (or length no greater than rest of wool)
- Free of any dags
- Free of any pen stain



GRADE 2

- Long wool but well presented
- Free of any dags
- May be evidence of minor pen stain



GRADE 3A

- Dirty and Daggy

GRADE 3B

- Spray raddle used on the body of the animal

GRADE 3C

- Wool contains foreign matter



GRADE 4

- Major dirt, dags or foreign vegetable matter present
- Note: animals meeting this grade may be returned to supplier at supplier's cost