

# SAMM

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# SAMM STANDARDS

## CONFORMATION (60%)

### 1 Head

- 1.1 Mouth. Strong and broad with well formed strong teeth.
- 1.2 Eyes. Large, clear and lively.
- 1.3 Ears. Large, long and broad with medium thickness.
- 1.4 Horns. The ideal is a polled sheep. Horns to a length of 35 millimetres are permissible in rams on condition that the head is strong and the horns not too bulky.
- 1.5 Hair covering. The entire face and ears should be covered with sufficient soft, white to creamy coloured hair. The head wool should only extend to the level of the orbital ridge and not go much further than a line between the eyes.
- 1.6 General appearance of the head. Rams must have a strong, masculine and ewes completely feminine heads. The head must be long and broad with a good depth and fit the body.

### 2 Neck

Strong, broad and well attached to the shoulders. The ideal is no vertical pleats or horizontal folds in the neck (smooth or plain bodied).

### 3 Forequarter

Well sprung of ribs for enough chest capacity. Good muscling in the forequarter and the shoulders must be well attached.

- 3.1 Chest. Deep and prominent between the legs.
- 3.2 Shoulders. Broad, well fleshed, round on top and well attached to the forequarter.

- 4 **Middle**
- 4.1 Body. Well-sprung, wide and deep for good stomach capacity.
- 4.2 Back. Straight, strong and long
- 4.3 Loin. Wide and well fleshed (strong developed eye muscle).
- 5 **Hindquarter**
- Must be long, wide, deep and well fleshed and evenly joined to the middle.
- 5.1 Rump. Long, wide and well rounded.
- 5.2 Hips and thirls. Wide apart but not too prominent and must allow free and easy movement.
- 5.3 Buttocks. The outer and inner thighs must be well filled (round) with good muscling.
- 5.4 Tailhead. Slightly lower than the rump with pin bones wide apart.
- 6 **Legs and Hooves**
- Legs must be strong, set relatively perpendicularly and fairly rectangularly under the body. Bone to be of moderate length and thickness in balance with the rest of the body. The hooves must be well formed and placed and preferably free of brown or black colour.
- Legs must be covered with fine, white to light cream coloured hair. The hocks must be strong and not too straight if viewed from the side. The sheep must be able to walk easily with no weakness or abnormalities.
- 7 **Pigment**
- A light pink skin throughout the body is desirable with preferably light-brown eye lids and light amber hooves. All the wool fibres and hair must be white to light cream-coloured.
- 8 **Genital organs**
- 8.1 Testicles. Must be present, normal, equal in size and firm with a minimum circumference of 30 cm around both.
- 8.2 Scrotum. Well attached, uniform and not too pendulous.
- 8.3 Udder. Well formed and attached with two sound medium size teats.
- 9 **General**
- When you have to judge sheep, it is important not to concentrate on any one trait but to see the sheep as a whole. Therefore, an excellent sheep with one little fault must not be culled right away. Evaluate its good and bad characteristics (qualities). Remember that in SAMM judging the emphasis lies with conformation (meat qualities) and not with wool. The relationship of importance in selection is 60% on conformation and 40% on wool. Both will stay important because it is a dual purpose breed which must produce a lot of meat and enough wool of a good quality.

## WOOL (40%)

Wool must be white to creamy-white with a good length, elasticity and good staple formation of a fair size. The crimp must be well defined, the handling soft and without coloured fibres and foreign hair or kemp.

- 1 **Fibre diameter**
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| Ewes | 18-24 microns |
| Rams | 19-26 microns |
- 2 **Quality**
- Well defined crimp with minimum variation throughout the fleece with a soft handling and white colour.

- 7 **Wool covering on stomach and points**  
 Preferably well covered with good density and length, especially in the case of young animals before they have reproduced.  
**Permissible**  
 In older animals, weak or bare stomachs  
 Bare lower legs under the knee and hock  
**Faulty**  
 Bare belly, legs and heads in case of young animals  
 Coarse hair on the buttocks  
 Kemp in belly and points (head, scrotum etc)
- 8 **Wool mass (production per year)**  
 Desired minimum of 4.5 kg wool a year from rams (average 5kg) and 3kg a year from ewes (average 3.4 kg).

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Founded in 2001 by Murray Scott on 2 ewes bred by Wyvern Prime Samm (F.0001 Aust.). Ewes added: 2002, 10 bred by Romilly Hills Samm (F.0005 Aust.); 2003, 17 bred by R. & B.Cullam (F.0003 Aust.).

Sires used have been bred by D.Thorn (F.0002 Aust.); Romilly Hills Samm (F.0005 Aust.); R.& C.de Bellis (F.0016 Aust.); R. & B.Cullam (F.0003 Aust.); P.E. & W.J.Russell (F.0011 Aust.); Longfield Samm Stud (F.5); C.J.Squiers & Sons (F.104 Aust.); M. & S.Urquhart (F.7 P.M.); A.D. & S.D.Paterson (F.6 P.M.); J.G.Booker (F.89 Cor.); and Owner.

Ewes retained from previous year .....	9
Maiden ewes from own flock .....	6
Total .....	15

Lambs bred in 2017 - Rams, 12 ; ewes, 10.

Sires used in 2018 -

'Longfield 20/14' (47), 'Longfield 22/17' (49), 'Longfield Q16/16' (50) (tw), bred by Longfield Samm Stud (F.5).

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Founded in 2006 by Longfield Samm Stud with the transfer of 31 mixed aged, 14 2th & 20 ewe lambs from Flock 1 'Hurunui', owned by the New Zealand Meat Merino Group. Ewes added : 2015, 11 bred by J.G.Booker (F.89 Cor); 2016, 13 bred by J.G.Booker (F.89 Cor.); 2017, 24 bred by Elgin Samm Stud (F.7).

Sires used have been bred by New Zealand Meat Merino Group (F.1); Elgin SAMM Stud (F.7); Hurstmead Pastoral (F.0027 Aust.); R. & B.Cullam (F.0003 Aust.); Murray Scott (F.2); Longfield Samm Stud (F.5);C.J.Squiers & Sons (F.104 Aust.); M. & S.Urquhart (F.7 P.M.); R.A. & F.R.Abbey & T.G. & R.C.Sutherland (F.0039 Aust.); A.D. & S.D.Paterson (F.6 P.M.); A.J. & A.G. Bouffler (F.P.N.1487 M.S.A.); J.G.Booker (F.89 Cor); and Owners.

Ewes retained from previous year .....	56
Maiden ewes from own flock .....	<u>25</u>
Total .....	81

Lambs bred in 2017 - Rams, 45 ; ewes, 50.

Sires used in 2018 -

'Longfield 20/14' (47), 'Longfield 22/17' (49), 'Longfield Q16/16' (50) (tw), bred by Owners.