



WILTIPOLL

Sheep Breeders Association Inc.

WILTIPOLLS ON LAMBPLAN

Introduction

Sheep Genetics is the genetic evaluation service for the Australian sheep and goat industries. Using information provided by members, Sheep Genetics calculates Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) that predict the genetic merit of individual animals. Sheep Genetics provides three main analyses: LAMBPLAN, MERINOSELECT and KIDPLAN. Wiltipolls are analysed as part of the LAMBPLAN multi-breed analysis. Genetic evaluations can be used by breeders and buyers to inform breeding decisions with the aim of enhancing the performance of a breeder's flock.

Wiltipolls and LAMBPLAN

Wiltipoll breeders wanting to participate in LAMBPLAN are responsible for contacting Sheep Genetics and should discuss all questions pertaining to LAMBPLAN with Sheep Genetics staff.

LAMBPLAN relies on the correct and consistent allocation of flock codes to enable its analysis. It relies on breed societies to manage and determine these flock codes. WSBA is the LAMBPLAN approved organisation for the management of Wiltipoll flock codes. WSBA has worked closely with Sheep Genetics to make a consolidated list of flock codes for Wiltipoll breeders nationwide. Please use the list on the WSBA website to identify flocks and flock codes for use in LAMBPLAN.

WSBA Responsibilities With LAMBPLAN

WSBA is responsible for managing flock codes for all Wiltipoll breeders participating in LAMBPLAN. This includes:

- Wiltipoll Stud Breeders
- WSBA members
- Wiltipoll breeders no longer operating
- Wiltipoll owners in the general community.

Wiltipoll Breeder / Flock Code List

All Wiltipoll breeders participating in LAMBPLAN need to use the correct flock codes. This will ensure animals are identified correctly and that the genetic evaluation software uses the correct information to calculate ASBVs. Linkages between flocks is integral to this process and therefore external animals used in your flock need to be identified correctly, as per the list. Misidentifying animals will result in inaccurate and misinformed ASBVs.

The Breeder / Flock Code List is published on the WSBA website under 'Resources'. The flock code list has been developed to account for many complexities and so flock code duplication and omissions are minimised. It has been developed in close consultation with LAMBPLAN to ensure:

- accurate and unique identification of animals
- accurate and unique identification of Wiltipoll flocks, and
- the best performance of the Wiltipoll breed on LAMBPLAN.

The WSBA web-published list has been audited against Wiltipoll breeders already on LAMBPLAN to ensure that breeders do not use a flock code that already exists.

Lambplan Staff

The WSBA website list is used by LAMBPLAN staff when assigning and managing flock codes for the Wiltipoll breed. All breeders (whether WSBA members or not) will be assigned a flock code by LAMBPLAN. LAMBPLAN will get flock codes from this WSBA managed list.

Getting a Wiltipoll Flock Code

Wiltipoll breeders without a flock code, will be directed by LAMBPLAN to WSBA to get an assigned code, if it doesn't already exist. Breeders will be assigned a Wiltipoll flock code by WSBA and their abbreviated details will be published on the attached list on the WSBA website for all to use.

Privacy

The WSBA published list relies on publicly available data, particularly the NLIS database for information. This is particularly for non-WSBA LAMBPLAN breeders and in line with the WSBA Privacy Statement.

WSBA Contact

The WSBA contact for flock code associated issues is wsba1996@gmail.com