



## **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 calculate 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 can participate in LAMBPLAN. Wiltipoll breeders participating in, or looking 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 and use of flock codes and breed societies help to manage and determine flock codes for use in LAMBPLAN. WSBA has worked closely with Sheep Genetics to make a consolidated list of flock codes for Wiltipoll breeders. Please use this list to identify flocks and flock codes within LAMBPLAN. If you have any questions regarding the use of flock codes in LAMBPLAN, please contact Sheep Genetics.

## **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 non longer operating
- Wiltipoll owners who are not members of WSBA or ASSBA

## **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 the genetic evaluation 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 web-published Breeder / Flock Code List has been developed in close consultation with LAMBPLAN and will ensure accurate identification of animals and flocks, and the best performance of the Wiltipoll breed on LAMBPLAN. It has also been audited against Wiltipoll breeders already on LAMBPLAN to ensure that breeders do not use a flock code that already exists.

The flock code list has been developed to account for many complexities so flock code duplication and omissions are minimised.

## **Privacy**

The 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.

## **Lambplan Staff**

The attached 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 Breeder Code**

LAMBPLAN assigns flock codes. Wiltipoll breeders without a flock code, will be directed by LAMBPLAN to WSBA to get an assigned code. They 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.

## **WSBA Contact**

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