



**Australian Wiltshire Horn
Sheepbreeders Association**
the ORIGINAL meat sheep

The great Australian Wiltshire Horn Association Virtual Flock Challenge 2020

What was the aim of this challenge?

To engage and motivate Australian Wiltshire Horn Sheepbreeders Association members and continue the great work and sustain the Wiltshire Horn energy breeders felt in 2019 with our feature breed at the Royal Melbourne Show.

The Virtual Challenge also provided an opportunity to offer support to members during a very challenging year.

How did the Virtual Challenge work?

To enter, breeders needed to select six mature ewes and/or six ewe lambs who were consistent in their appearance (not necessarily in age). A video was then taken of this group and submitted for judging.

The judging criteria (what the judges looked for):

The flock of six ewes were judged on the following five key aspects:

1. Uniformity and evenness in the group of six ewes
2. Commercial traits – using a visual assessment of each animal (including depth, width, length, girth)
3. Breed characteristics – in line with the breed standard (published on the Australian Wiltshire Horn Association website and in the Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association Flock Books)
4. Structural correctness – including walk/gait
5. The X factor – likeability, elegance and presence

Each group was judged out of 100 points.