

The Top Sire 2013-14

Cheap insurance when shearing

Jon and Catherine Braddock of "Jibolaro", 50 kilometres east of Cooma, NSW, no longer worry about their shorn sheep being out in bad weather.

Every time they shear their 3000 ewes, they use Thermoskin as they have now done for the past five years.

"Jibolaro" is in tough country where the weather can change at the drop of a hat, and the biggest chance for losses is in summer. Shearing takes place twice a year; the ewes in May and lambs in January and February.

One year there was 5 inches of rain after shearing and there were 700 sheep in an open paddock. Only one died which was put down to natural causes.

Another year there was sleeting snow immediately after shearing; instead of the sheep being hunched up in timber, they were feeding on the flat.

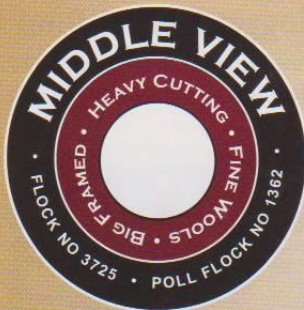
In addition to the comfort of knowing shorn sheep are being protected by Thermoskin when out in cold and wet

weather, the Braddocks have also noticed the sheep do not have a check or go backwards in condition. There is a constant weight gain after shearing.

Before using Thermoskin, the Braddocks said they would toss and turn worrying throughout the night. They would quite regularly have to shed sheep off-shears when the weather turned bad. This was not only time consuming and stressful, it interrupted grazing and meant the sheep were grazing only on paddocks near the sheds.

Since using Thermoskin, the Braddocks now use their four weather sheds to keep sheep dry before shearing - the sheds are redundant for shedding the sheep after shearing.

"We would not consider shearing now without using Thermoskin. It is cheap insurance for us," Jon Braddock said.



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