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Some topics I consider worthy in your review

1/ How the fall of the hammer in the isn't final in a wool auction - such that the wool is allowed to be put up again so many lots later & often making less than the original fall of the hammer .

2/How only a few years ago , a number of brokers assumed the position of taking ownership of the grab sample without consultation + anecdotal accounts, of hence instances of grab samples being excessive .

3/ A lack of accountability + disparity to market values for wool that goes through rehandle .

4/ The category of D CERT for wool , has become a loophole such that no one is accountable & facilitates a lowering of standard .

5/ As a generalisation, I would have to agree that woolclassing standards have declined, as well as the growers dedication ( understandably ) . There is a lack of incentive beyond the basics, let alone excellence . I consider it unfortunate yet again understandable, more people in the industry would be content to have wool treated like a general bulk commodity.

6/ Uncanny how on occasions, a number of bale weights come back at exactly 204 kg yet without any overweight infringement to the grower . I would have thought any wool taken from an overweight bale was rightfully still the growers property -so is the broker financially benefiting over issuing a fine , If there is such a practice happening ?

7/ A single buyer in the auction room, bidding on behalf of several mills/ companies , doesn't help create competition in the auction room .

8/ The cost in handling lots .eg bagging up a lot sample & repositioning it elsewhere in the preliminary auction catalogue.

9/ If fleeces with the specific black fibres removed are still an issue to processors & many choose not to keep the entire fleece separate as per the Code Of Practice. Shouldn't buyers have a means of discretion between those who have endeavoured to keep all known entire black spot fleeces from a clip, as opposed to a clip to which merely has removed the immediate & most obvious black fibres ?

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