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## **CORMO: A BREEDING SUCCESS**



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Tasmania has a reputation for wool and sheep meat production renowned throughout the world.

Now the desirable qualities of both these export products have been combined in a single breed — the Cormo — using scientific, measured production of commercial characteristics.

All Tasmanians should be proud of the vision and commitment of the Downie family, who created this new breed. Tasmanians should be proud, too, that the State's Department of Agriculture played a key role in helping to select the breed characteristics and in guiding the development of the Cormo. Today the breed is recognised as one of the important advances of the modern Australian meat and wool industries.

The successful initial crossing of stud Corriedale rams with selected superfine Saxon Merino ewes formed the nucleus of an internationally recognised new breed.

Importers appreciate that the Cormo comes from an island insulated from most sheep diseases. The breed's high wool yield, heavy bodyweight for meat production and excellent fertility make it a sheep of superior quality.

This, combined with the Cormo's hardiness and adaptability has won the breed deserved acceptance from breeders, not just in Australia, but as far afield as China, the United States, Argentina, Italy and Belgium.

ROBIN GRAY  
Premier of Tasmania

