



VITALE BARBERIS CANONICO



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VITALE BARBERIS CANONICO WOOL EXCELLENCE AWARD  
*Assessment Criteria*  
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## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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### 1. Suitability to Vitale Barberis Canonico Types

#### Assessment by New England Wool Staff

- The majority of clip can be “priced” for Vitale Barberis Canonico;
- A high percentage of the “priced” lots within the clip have been valued for Vitale Barberis Canonico very best types.

Wool exhibiting extreme soundness, whiteness, high compressibility, and sale lots displaying evenness of staple length and style showing obvious quality preparation and classing will be highly considered for the Award. Assessment will also take the size of the clip into consideration

### 2. Assessment of delivered bales to Italy

#### Judged by VBC Staff

- Inspection of bales arriving at combing Mill (Pettinatura Romagnano), Italy.

### 3. Sustainability

- Satisfactory completion of the New England Wool “Sustainability Document” will be a requirement;
- Care for Environment / Achieving high Animal Welfare standards.

Entrants will be assessed on their care for both the environment and the animal in their production of wool. A good example of a “sustainable” enterprise with high welfare standards would be one which follows the principles highlighted by the IWTO in their “Guidelines for wool sheep welfare”, edition 2013

#### a. Nutrition

- Animals should have access to sufficient feed and water, suited to the animal’s age and needs;
- Self-feeders and watering points should be checked regularly;
- Access to contaminated feed, toxic plants should be avoided.

#### b. Environment

- Sheep should be effectively managed to minimize the impact of threats on their lifetime welfare – including being regularly checked, handled without causing injury or stress and being protected from predators.



**c. Health**

- Disease and parasites should be prevented and controlled as much as possible through good management practices;
- Animals with serious health problems should be isolated and treated promptly;
- Surgical procedures should be avoided wherever possible and should only be performed where there is a positive welfare benefit for the animal. Where surgical procedures cannot be avoided, the resulting pain should be minimized by the use of the most appropriate method of anesthesia or analgesia.

**d. Behaviour**

- Sheep should be able to express normal behaviour free from undue stress or constraint;
- Sheep, being social animals, should be managed to allow positive social behavior and minimize injury, distress and chronic fear.

**e. Handling**

- Handling facilities and practices should be appropriate to minimize risk to the welfare of sheep;
- Extra care should be taken when handling sheep with special needs – young lambs, heavily pregnant ewes, rams.;
- Sheep should be returned to feed and water as soon as possible after handling;
- Farm staff involved in management of livestock should be suitably proficient in their animal management practices.



The assessments made in relation to the *Vitale Barberis Canonico Wool Excellence Award* are available at [www.vitalebarberiscanonical.it](http://www.vitalebarberiscanonical.it) and [www.newenglandwool.com.au](http://www.newenglandwool.com.au)



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