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Success for Summit Park

SUCCESS was in the air for Hamilton's Chris and Tania Parker at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo last weekend.

At the show on Saturday, their Summit Park Texels stud won the Tullamore Park Performance Class with an 11-month-old ram lamb that went on to be sashed as the reserve champion Texel Ram, beating more mature rivals. The judge of the Texels and the performance class was Jan Glover from Western Australia.

Setting performance goals has been one of the key drivers within the Summit Park stud.

Mr Parker has scanned and weighed thousands of sheep for Advance Livestock Services for more than 12 years, all over south-eastern Australia, giving him a good eye for high-performance sheep.

By identifying high-performance ewes and using embryo transfer and artificial insemination, then matching these with complementary attributes of the best performance-recorded rams, Summit Park Texels has achieved another big step forward in performance.

"It's a fantastic result for us at a national show like this and it shows that all our work with our Texels is paying off," Mr Parker said. Their performance-winning and reserve champion ram is by the Narioka sire, 020820. It scanned with an eye muscle depth of 46mm in the performance class. The ram has Lambplan ASBV's of 0.4 for birth weight, 11.9 post weaning weight for growth, 2.9 for eye muscle depth and -26.2 for FEC.

The next outing for Summit Park Texels will be at Sheepvention in Hamilton.



Chris Parker with son Austin, 9, and their prize ram.