

## ...at the SE Field Days

LUCINDALE



Peter Lloyd, of Harrington Agricultural Products, shows Tim Clarke, of Mount Schank and Eric Toome, of Woodside, the fully automated Racewell Super Sheep Handler during the SE Field Days at Lucindale.

## Super sheep handler seen at Field Days

**HARRINGTON** Agricultural Products achieved an SA first at the SE Field Days.

The Australian company, which has designed a system allowing farmers to draft sheep up to nine ways, launched the package in SA for the first time.

Using the automated system farmers can draft by weight or any other criteria which can be measured and recorded against an electronic ear tag.

That means sheep could be drafted by micron, fibre length, sire, dam, weight gain, gender or a host of other factors.

Ian Brewer and Peter Lloyd, of Harrington Agriculture, who were demonstrating the Racewell Super Sheep Handler at the Field Days, said the system

allowed drafting and weighing to become a one-person job.

An added bonus is the sheep is presented to the farmer at waist height allowing it to be drenched, dagged and tagged without causing back pain from continuously bending over.

As the sheep enter the handler, it breaks a series of light sensors, activating a clamping wall which secures the animal weighing and drafting it automatically.

The process takes around five-seconds translating to 600-800 sheep an hour.

"It's a complete flock management system," Peter said. "And it allows farmers to transfer drafting information to their computer and print out the data."

Peter added Harrington Agricultural is the only com-

pany in Australia creating this type of product.

The technology was developed eight years ago and via farmer input, the finished product is now on the market.

Peter said farmers are slowly warming to the idea of "automated farming."

"They speak to us then they speak to people who have the machines to get the full picture."

"They know the technology and they know it's going to come – it's just a matter of time."

Currently, SA farmers aren't required to have electronic ear tags.

A three-way system is around \$25,000 (including GST) and nearly \$37,000 for a nine-way system.

For more information check out the website at [www.harringtonag.com.au](http://www.harringtonag.com.au) or phone Peter on 0407 547 611.



### Racewell Super Sheep Handler

- Weighing
- Drafting
- Scanning
- Handling

- ~ Automatically draft, weigh and record your sheep.
- ~ Draft 3, 5, 7 or 9 ways by weight or any other criteria that can be recorded against electronic ear tags
- ~ Labour saving draft 800 per hour

Service and spare parts available for all Racewell models

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