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Wool Pack Review / Bale Fasteners

AWEX has completed the on farm trial work reviewing the AWEX Wool Pack Standard with only the final analysis yet to be completed. Once this is done ISAC will review the findings and will make recommendations with respect to the wool pack standard.

The review has also raised a number of other associated issues which will now be considered.

AWEX has received a number of complaints regarding the quality and consistency of bale fasteners.

Issues of complaint include:

1. Breaking under pressure,
2. Bending,
3. Burred edges,
4. Angles on each point incorrectly cut, and
5. Non-standard dimensions.

AWEX is initially seeking member's feedback on the different manufacturers (Brand Name and Name of Manufacturer) of bale fasteners which are currently in circulation in Australia. We also welcome comments on the performance of the individual brands of bale fasteners.

This will form part of the next review for AWEX.

Could members please respond by email or phone with information regarding each brand name or manufacturer of bale fasteners to:

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