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## Great Southern and South West Rural Report

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**WoolPoll levies may miss mark for Australia's woolgrowers, south-west vintage set to be a corker, wool sales firm slightly in West and top honour for Kondinin agricultural graduate.**

### *WoolPoll levies may miss mark for Australia's woolgrowers*

Towards the end of this year Australia's woolgrowers will have the opportunity to vote on industry issues with the 2012 WoolPoll.

They'll again determine the rate of wool levy for the industry body, Australian Wool Innovation to invest in research, development and marketing.

This week the WoolPoll Panel endorsed the proposed levy rates which will be voted on at the WoolPoll.

They are 0 per cent, 1 per cent, 2 per cent, 2.5 per cent and 3 per cent.

The Australian Woolgrowers Association (AWGA), which is a watchdog over the wool industry, is disappointed that the option of 1.5 per cent has NOT been included for the poll.

Shane Edwards, Chairman of AWGA, says prior to this weeks announcement AWGA had been campaigning actively for a 1.5 per cent option.

### *South-west vintage set to be a corker*

Olivia Garnett

Recently on the Rural Report we have visited the Franklin region and the south coast to see how the wine grape harvest was faring.

After the summer rain over the wheat belt, south-west grape growers weren't too positive about the vintage ahead... but Mother Nature has pulled out the goods for a beautiful end to the season!

Alex Scott, a viticulturalist, took Olivia Garnett through his vines in Margaret River to see how harvest there is shaping up.

### *Wool sales firm slightly in West*

Sales this week were held in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

Values on the Wednesday continued the easing trend of the week before.

Andrew Johnston from Wool Agency reports that the market continued to ease in the East yesterday with the EMI closing the week at 1212c/kg which was minus 11 cents for the week.

The western market showed some improvement on the second day of sales and closed firm to slightly dearer.

The WMI rose 3 cents on Thursday and closed the week at 1230 c/kg, however the indicator lost 13 cents in all over the two days of sales.

Sales next week will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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