

# Italians like WA wool tester

WA-DESIGNED OFDA wool testing technology has been praised by one of the world's most influential fibre processors, the Italian-based Giovanni Schneider Group.

The company installed the latest digital-based OFDA laboratory models in its Italian mills because it believed the technology was well advanced in meeting the needs of the modern wool industry.

And Giovanni Schneider Group Australian division managing director Don Belgre said new

on-farm OFDA wool testing machines would complement mill testing and greatly assist growers and processors throughout the wool pipeline.

"We need to see a continual improvement in wool measurement systems so we can achieve a more accurate indication of wool's commercial processing capabilities," he said.

"The bigger the num-

ber of alternative wool testing methods that are developed to facilitate this process, the better."

Mr Belgre said on-farm testing with OFDA had big flow-on benefits to processors but should not result in wool classing standards being compromised.

He said being able to class wool to micron using in-shed testing techniques would be a big advantage for wool-

growers to build better lots but this needed to be accompanied by the classer applying his/her usual length, strength and style considerations when preparing the wool-clip for sale.

OFDA 2000 in-shed wool testing machines were available for use by WA farmers from Primaryies of WA, one of the first Australian wool brokers to receive an OFDA 2000 license.

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