



TOP RAM: WCT Rural's Brian Durdin, Wudinna, with buyer of the top ram Bill Brands, Minnipa, Elders stud stock's Craig Shearer and Collandra North's Sydney Lawrie.

Total clearance for Collandra North

COLLANDRA North Poll Merino Stud sold 108 rams to \$3400, averaging \$1375, at its on-property sale at Tumby Bay recently.

Eighty ewes were sold to B.M.&E.M. Mickan, Cummins, at \$165.

The fleece average of the sale team was 21.1 microns with a comfort factor of 98.74 per cent.

The top ram was bought by new client Bill Brands, Minnipa, who attended the sale especially to purchase the ram after his interest was sparked at the recent Eyre Peninsula Field Days in Cleve.

"I liked the look of the ram, and he has good figures to match," Mr Brands said.

Those figures were 19.8M, standard deviation of 2.7, co-efficient variation of 13.8 and a comfort factor of 99.4 per cent.

Volume buyers of the day were repeat clients J. Johnson, Glen-Ora Station, Ivanhoe, New South Wales, taking 10 to \$1800, and Darren Sires, Elliston, 10 to \$2400.

Other buyers included P.G.&W.J. Agars & Sons, Port Lincoln, eight to \$1600; Alandra Pastoral, Tumby Bay, six to \$1400; Swaffer Trading, Tumby Bay, six to \$1400; A.E. Clarke & Sons, Hawker, seven to \$600; D.G.&J.A. Williams, Port Neill, six to \$1000; H.A.&W.R. Feltus, Streaky Bay, five to \$2000; Piltra Holding, Streaky Bay, four to \$2000; and D.M.&S.L. Weiss, Kielpa, four to \$2000.

Studmaster Graeme Lawrie was happy with the sale result considering the dry conditions in some areas as farmers looked for rain.

"It was very pleasing to see a selection of new clients," he said.

Elders stud stock's Craig Shearer said the rams "presented very well" and competition was very strong all the way through the very even line-up.

"The large-framed, plain-bodied rams were carrying an extremely clean white wool with excellent crimp and style," he said.