

LIVESTOCK

Fast-growing lambs behind strong EP sale

SALE SUMMARY

	2016	2015
Offered	124	110
Sold	124	110
Top	\$6200	\$5200
Av	\$2002	\$1723

AN exceptionally even line-up of quality Poll Merino rams attracted strong bidding from start to finish at the Collandra North sale at Tumby Bay on Wednesday last week.

Buyers came from far and wide, including the Yorke Peninsula, Mid North, pastoral areas, interstate and across the Eyre Peninsula.

The Lawrie family achieved a total clearance of 124 rams, along with a healthy average of \$2002.

The top price of \$6200 was \$1000 up on last year's highest price.

The ram was bought by father and son Bill and Kev Brands, Kartoon Pastoral, Minnipa, who have been buying rams from Collandra North for the past six years.

Bill said the top price ram had a good sized frame, with quality wool.

He had been happy with the results achieved from using Collandra North genetics, particularly the early

maturity of the lambs.

The top price ram weighed 107 kilograms. Its fleece was 19.5 micron, with a 3 standard deviation, 15.4 coefficient of variation and 99.8 per cent comfort factor.

Buying the second-highest price ram at \$3800 was PJ Hall & Co, Jamestown. The ram weighed 114kg and its fleece measured 20.1M, 3SD, 14.7CV and 99.8CF. All up, PJ Hall & Co bought five rams averaging \$3320.

One of the major volume buyers was Steve Agars, Tunggatta, Sheringa, a long-time client of Collandra North. He has also had exceptional results from using the stud's genetics, including selling his wether lambs off early due to their quick maturity traits, and winning the Elders Clip of the Month in February.

Mr Agars bought 13 rams to \$2400, averaging of \$1830.

Another volume buyer was Stephen McKeough, Dawson, who bought 13 rams to \$2100, averaging \$1623.

Interstate buyers included WJ, JH&CM Johnson, Ivanhoe, NSW, who bought 11 rams to \$3000, averaging \$1972. Another volume buyer was Piltra Holdings, Streaky Bay, with 10 rams to

\$3400, averaging \$2300. New client Pineslope Pastoral, Kyancutta, bought two rams to \$2100, while RJ&SA Curtis, Tumby Bay, bought two rams to \$3400.

HA&WR Feltus, Streaky Bay, bought nine rams to \$2400 and Swaffer Trading, Tumby Bay, bought six to \$2200.

Stud principal Sydney Lawrie was happy with the sale result.

"It was a good, strong sale all the way through," he said.

"With the way sheep and wool prices are going, and the way the season is throughout Australia, it means people can bid with confidence."

Elders conducted the sale with state stud stock manager Tony Wetherall auctioneering. Mr Wetherall said the evenness in the line-up was evident by the strong bids throughout the sale.

"Collandra North produces dual-purpose rams, with big frames, quick maturity and good quality, well-nourished wools," he said.

"I think the sale result reflected the evenness of the sale, with competition right throughout the line-up."

- PAULA THOMPSON



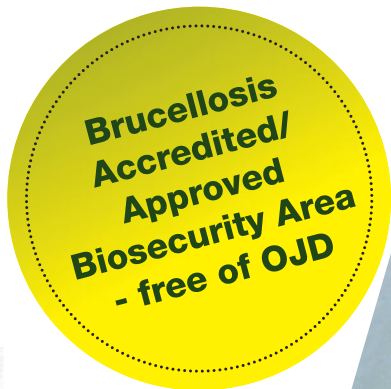
COLLANDRA SIRE: The \$6200 ram with Collandra North stud principal Sydney Lawrie and buyer Kev Brands, Minnipa. The ram had a 19.5 micron fleece and weighed 107kg.

NOTICE - NEW SALE DATE

7TH ON FARM PRODUCTION SALE
Tuesday 20 September 2016
 80 Rams & 20 ewes offered
 Sale starts 1 pm (Inspections from 11 am)



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