

10 rams sell for \$5000 or more at Kerin Poll

VERY few studs in the country could boast the ability to attract bidding to \$5000-plus for not three, four but 10 rams at an on-property Merino ram sale. The team at Kerin Poll was rapt to have such a significant endorsement of their genetics at the stud's second annual on-property ram sale on Monday, October 10.

They say the second sale's the hardest, but Kerin Poll managed to increase its average by \$189 to \$2019 for 116 Spring 2010-drop rams. Bidding leapt to a high of \$9000 for a 19.6-micron, 99.5kg son of Kerin Poll 277, exhibiting +7.2 for yearling weight (YWT). The ram was bought by repeat clients, Richard and Dixie Stendell, "Ben Avon", Brewarrina, who bought a total of 10 rams to average \$3720.

The second top price of \$8000 was paid for Lot 140: an 18-micron November 2010-drop ram also by KP277, exhibiting just 12.8 coefficient of variation (CV), and weighing 87kg at just 11 months old. This ram was bought by Peak Hill district breeders and repeat buyers, Adrian and Mel Scolari of "Maroomba" and Rob Agnew of "Roseholm". They also paid \$5200 for an 80kg son of Leahcim 004. In the sale breakdown, the August/September-drop section cleared 106 rams at auction from an offering of 125 to average \$2019, while 10 November-drop rams topped at \$8000 and averaged \$2020. Three of five Merino rams sold at \$800 each. The top 80 rams averaged \$2615. 54 rams sold for \$1200 or less.

Our volume buyers on the day were Phil and Rana Hunter, "Minnamurra", Yeoval, who bought 13 rams for an average of \$1462 and top of \$3400. John Cooley and family, "Kenilworth", Woodstock, bought 10 rams to average \$4080 and top at \$5800. Kerin Poll's wool broker, Don Macdonald, Don Macdonald and Company Woolbrokers, bought six rams for his Tilpa property to average \$1567 and top at \$2600. Royce Munro, "Catombal", Cumnock, secured eight rams for a \$1450 average and top of \$2200. New client, Will Cameron and family, Glen Innes, secured six rams for a \$2133 average, while paying up to \$3400 for an 86.5kg son of Kerin Poll 120, with 18.8 micron wool. Peter, Murray and Brett Wykes and families, "Wombie", Wellington, bought 10 rams to average \$1560.

Kerin Poll Merino Stud principal, Nigel Kerin, said he was particularly pleased by the feedback he had received over the past couple of months about how well his rams were performing in clients' flocks. "We're really pleased by this result for our second sale and to have 10 rams sell for \$5000 or more gives us real satisfaction that our breeding direction is addressing the needs of the modern commercial sheep operation," he said.

"Equally, our pastoral clients were able to select rams for their needs and everyone went home happy, which is the main thing. I'd like to thank everyone who supported us on Monday. In 2012, we'll have twice the number of rams from which to select our sale team and a mix of both Autumn- and Spring-drops, so we're really looking forward to next year."

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