

# Borders hit a high of \$8000 at Retallack

By CARA JEFFERY

**B**ORDER Leicester rams were in red hot demand at Graham and Isabella Grinter's on-property Retallack Border Leicester sale at Aria Park last Tuesday.

There was a total clearance at auction of the 25 stud rams offered which sold to \$8000 to an average of \$2610.

An impressive 119 of 120 flock rams sold under the hammer for a top price of \$1600 to an average of \$892.

Stud ewes sold to \$1200 to average \$558, with 25 of the 32 offered sold.

The top money of \$8000 was paid by long-term client of Retallack stud Molly Jeffries, Quionhill Border Leicester stud, Phillip Island, Victoria.

Ms Jeffries secured a Double Dipa son, with an Australian sheep breeding value (ASBV) for weaning weight (WWT) of +4.5 kilograms and a Border \$Index of 110.8.

The ram, which was 2015 Canberra Royal junior champion ram, was bought on Ms Jeffries behalf by Australian Wool Network agent, Ron Creek, Euroa, Victoria.

Ms Jeffries, who is 98 years-old, has bought rams from Retallack stud for

40 years and sells her rams privately.

Jamie Croake, Bathurst, paid \$6000 for a son of Retallack Right Handed.

The ram, which was reserve champion ram at Holbrook Show and reserve junior champion ram at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo, Victoria, this year, had a WWT of +4.2kg and a Border \$Index of 114.7.

A son of well-known sire Retallack Double Dipa with a WWT of +8.6kg and Border and Border \$Index of 113.6 was secured for \$4750 by the Clark family, Deepdene Border Leicester stud, Kyeamba Station, Wagga Wagga.

The ram placed first in the milk-tooth woolly rams pair at Canberra Royal and Sydney Royal this year.

Another son of Double Dipa was purchased by Netley Park Pty Ltd, Keith, South Australia, for \$5000.

The ram had a WWT of +3.9kg and a Border \$Index 111.6.

Netley Park bought another stud ram for \$3250.

In the stud ewe offering the top price of \$1200 was paid for a daughter of sire Retallack I'm A Callum.

The ewe, which was bought by Paul and Matthew Jarick, Jume Border Leicester stud, Jindera, had a WWT of +3.5kg and Border \$Index of 111.7.



Volume buyer Ben Simmons, Talbragar Border Leicester stud, Leadville; selling agent and auctioneer Michael Glasser, Wodonga, Victoria; vendor Isabella Grinter, agent Ron Creek, AWN Euroa, Vic, who bought the top-priced ram pictured for \$8000 on behalf of Molly Jeffries, Quionhill stud, Phillip Island, Vic, and vendor Graham Grinter.

Paul Jarick said it was a standout young ewe with a ewe lamb at foot (by impact sire Retallack Earthquake) and made an excellent package with ideal breeding potential.

The Jaricks, which operate a Retallack daughter stud, will join the ewe to a Retallack sire in February.

Volume buyers of stud ewes were Ben, Matthew and Daniel Simmons, Talbragar Border Leicester stud,

Leadville, who bought seven stud ewes to a top of \$1100 to an average of \$700.

The brothers also brought a stud ram, a son of I'm A Callum, for \$2250.

The top-priced flock ram was bought by return clients Geoff and Diane Allan, "Melrose", Mathoura, for \$1600; in total the Allans bought 13 flock rams to an average of \$1177. Sharmast Pty Ltd, Wantabadgery,

purchased 13 flocks rams for a top of \$1200 and an average of \$969.

Volume buyer was Kurkurac Pastoral Company, Glenaroua, Victoria, which secured 39 flock rams for \$700 each.

The sale was conducted by Glasser Total Sales Management, Landmark and Australian Wool Network with Michael Glasser, Wodonga, Victoria, the auctioneer.

# Greendale Merinos shoot to top of \$4400, avg of \$1728

**C**ONFIDENCE in the current and future profitability of Merino sheep was high at the Greendale Merinos on-property ram sale at "Willarney", Cooma, on Saturday, as buyers snapped up new season rams to a top of \$4400.

The sale sold 72 of 80 rams offered

to the \$4400 top and an average of \$1728.

Greendale co-principal Alan McGufficke said buyers were looking to purchase rams with high Australian sheep breeding value (ASBV) indexes and low micron wools.

The 80 Greendale rams penned averaged 17.5-micron fibre diameter with ASBVs, averaging -2.0 yearling fibre diameter (YFD), +16.2 yearling clean fleece weight (YCFW) and an Merino Production Plus+ (MP+) index of 153 placing the entire catalogue inside the top 10 per cent of

Merino Select, Mr McGufficke said.

The top-priced ram by the Greendale 12-12 sire, sold to the Glasson family, Jimenbuen Pastoral Company, Dalgety, for \$4400, with a 17.8 micron fleece, 3.2-micron Standard Deviation (SD), an 18 per cent co-efficient of variation (CV), a body weight of 75 kilograms, 119 greasy fleece weight percentage, and an ASBV yearling weight (YWT) of 4.3kg and an MP+ of +159.

The Glasson family also paid \$2600 for a second ram.

Mr McGufficke said progeny of Greendale 12-12 was a feature of the sale, with this three-year-old sire indexing +170 for MP+ and Fibre Production Plus (FP+) +166, while ranking him in the top one per cent of all sires on the Merino Select database.

The second top-priced ram sold to Patrick Frazer, Wathonga Partnership, Cooma, for \$2800 in a draft of three rams, for an average of \$2400.

The ram was a 74kg son of the home bred Greendale 11-130 sire with a 18.6 micron fleece, a 3-micron SD, 16.1pc CV, 122 GFW percentage, 2.3 YWT and +147 MP+ index.

It was the bulk orders that put a floor in the market with 21 buyers on the day, with 13 of these taking home three or more rams.

Woodstock Partnership, Cooma, lead the charge buying six rams to a

top of \$2500, for an average of \$2133, while Oliver and Jane Cay, "Pineleigh", Bungarby, loaded nine for an average of \$1289, and paid to a top of \$1900.

Mr Cay said it was pleasing to see another step up in the quality of rams presented, with the micron and fleece weight per hectare package, as good as any bloodline in Australia.

Col and Jill Murdoch, Jincumbilly Grazing Company, "Inverloch", Ando, secured seven rams for an average of \$1943, after topping at \$2200, while Rob Campbell, Amandri Group Pty Ltd, "Biggam", Berridale, purchased six rams, for an average of \$1767, and Richard Manion, Meurer Pastoral Company, "Wingadel", Bowna, bought six rams for an average of \$1433.

Long time clients Bernie and Elizabeth Dwyer, Alectown, purchased three rams for an average of \$1600, and Dean and Marcelle Incher, "Mayfield", Cooma, also purchased three rams for an average of \$1633.

Rounding out the sale Richard and Angela Wallis, Eastwood Partnership, Seymour, Victoria, bought four at \$1825, and Jim and Clare Buckley, Cooma, paid to \$2200 for three, for an average of \$2067.

The sale was conducted by Elders with Steve Ridley and Oliver Mason as the auctioneers.

— BRETT TINDAL



The top-priced ram purchased by Jimenbuen Pastoral Company, Dalgety for \$4400 is pictured with Jack Glasson, Jimenbuen Pastoral Company, Dalgety, and Florance, Ivy, Elle, Lachlan, James and Miranda McGufficke, Greendale Merinos, Cooma.



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