

New records set at Retallack



The top price stud ram at Retallack's sale this week sold for an impressive \$15,000. The ram, Retallack 303.19, was purchased by George and Ben Simmons of Talbragra Border Leicester Stud, Dunedoo. They are pictured holding the ram alongside vendor Isabella Grinter with stud stock auctioneers Rick Power, Nutrien Ag and Steve Ridley from Elders. Photo courtesy Helen Armstrong photography.

BORDER Leicester stud rams reached a top of \$15,000 at Retallack's 49th annual on property sale at Ariaiah Park last Tuesday.

Fortunately this set the tone for the remainder of the sale, with a number of the stud's records broken on the day.

Purchasers of the top price ram, the Simmon's family of Talbragra

Border Leicester Stud at Dunedoo in Central West NSW, had inspected him prior to the sale and were impressed with his structural correctness, evenness and wool.

As a result, they were made to compete against a number of registered buyers who were keen to snap the young ram up.

The Simmon's fami-

ly, who have been using Retallack genetics for some time, also purchased the top price sale ewe, Lot 3 in the catalogue for \$1,500.

New and repeat clients, keen to take advantage of above average seasonal conditions, whipped up a bidding frenzy that saw 24 stud rams average \$4,677.

In addition, 80 flock

rams sold to a top of \$3,800 with an average of \$2,714, double the average price from the previous year.

In a total clearance on the day, 40 stud ewes averaged \$461, with vendor Isabella Grinter saying the strength of the sale proved the incredible demand for breeding first cross and rams has continued to grow.

Demand for rams across all breeds has been exceptionally high this year, with most studs reporting a total clearance of their stock.

The sale was conducted by Nutrien Ag Solutions and Elders, with well renowned stud stock auctioneers Rick Power from Boorowa and Steve Ridley from Goulburn calling the bids.