

# WA studs active at Lawral Park sale

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IT was an outstanding sale at Campbell Lawrie's 11th annual Lawral Park Prime SAMM stud at Ungarra, South Australia, last week, with a top price of \$4000 and near complete clearance.

There was also an improved average, up \$121 to \$1242.

But while the average was up, there was still plenty of rams bought in the \$600 to \$1000 range.

The sale was boosted by the presence of eight new clients.

One new client, Ross Taylor and his daughter Kelly-Anne Gooch, Tiarri Prime SAMMs, Lake Grace, paid the top price of \$4000.

The July 2013-drop ram weighed 107 kilograms and had an eye muscle depth of 47.8mm, fat score of 6.7 and 23 micron wool.

Elders stud stock manager South Australia Tony Wetherall described the ram as a tremendous stud sire, with balance and presence.

Two rams made the second top price of \$3000.

One ram went to two WA buyers, Alan and Sandy Forbes, Royston Prime SAMM stud, Jerramungup, and GJ

## SALE SUMMARY

Offered: 84  
Sold: 82  
Top: \$4000  
Gross: \$101,844  
Average: \$1242

Squiers & Son, Shirlee Downs Prime SAMM stud, Quairading.

The May 2013-drop ram weighed 111kg, with EMD of 48mm, fat score of 5.5 and 23.4 micron fleece.

The other \$3000 ram went to regular buyers KJ Bittner & Sons, Curramulka, SA, along with two other rams to \$2300.

The \$3000 ram was a July 2013-drop that weighed 98kg, with EMD of 42.1mm, fat score of 4.4 and 20.4 micron fleece.

Volume buyers were KVG & A Turner, Boorongie station, via Broken Hill, New South Wales, purchasing 10 rams to \$1150.

Purchasing eight rams were long-time Lawral Park clients Ron and Sandra Shephard, Hurtlegrove Pastoral Company, Ororoo, SA, buying to \$1700.

First-time buyers BM & EM Mickan, Cummins, SA, bought three rams to \$2400.



New South Wales buyers were Greg Quade, Trundle, purchasing four rams to \$1200 and Evan Fealy, Urana, taking one ram to \$2400.

Victorian buyer GF & CM Rathjen, Homfeld Prime SAMM stud, Bendigo, bought one ram at \$2300.

AJ & PA McBride Pty Ltd, Burra, SA, bought six rams to \$2400.

Gerard Heffernan, buying through Elders Wagga Wagga, NSW, bought six rams to \$1000.

□ The Tiarri Prime SAMM stud, Lake Grace, paid the \$4000 top price at the 11th annual Lawral Park Prime SAMM ram sale at Ungarra, South Australia, last week. With the ram were Lawral Park stud principal Campbell Lawrie (left), Elders livestock manager Lower Eyre Peninsula Paul Kilby and Elders stud stock manager South Australia Tony Wetherall.

Mr Lawrie said he was very pleased with the line-up of rams.

"I was very lucky, we've had a huge amount of wet weather recently, but the warmer weather just before the sale meant they've been able to bloom and they've really come up a treat this year," he said.

Mr Lawrie said he was particularly happy with the amount of new clients and return buyers this year.

"The support has been fantastic, it's a reward for the investment that's been made," he said.

Mr Lawrie said the Prime SAMM breed was moving forward.

"The breed has had huge success in carcass competitions across the country," he said.

"People have faith in the breed."

Mr Wetherall said Mr Lawrie offered a terrific line-up of very even rams.

"All of the 84 rams represented all the quality traits of the breed," he said.

"There was a good spread of buyers, from pastoral to local areas, and also stud inquiry on the best rams.

"The outstanding performance of these sheep was shown through the strength of the sale."