

Tiarri pays top price at SA SAMM sale

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THIRTEEN proved lucky for some, when the 13th annual on-property ram sale at Lawral Park, South Australia, reached a new record top price and average last week.

WA buyers were in the thick of the action, setting the new top price record while helping improve the sale's average to \$1663.

Ross and Pauline Taylor, Tiarri Prime SAMM, Lake Grace, returned to the sale and paid top price for a 125 kilogram, 15-month-old, twin ram.

The ram measured an eye muscle depth of 50.3 millimetres, a fat score of 5.1 and 21.4 micron wool.

It was out of a South African dam, introduced to Australia through embryo

SALE SUMMARY

Offered: 84
Sold: 84
Top: \$7500
Gross: \$139,692
Average: \$1663

transfer, and was part of the Lawral Park show team at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show at Bendigo, Victoria, last month, where it won its milk tooth class.

Ms Taylor said it was part of a particular type of bloodline they were after and presented with good figures.

Mr Taylor said the ram presented with good wool type, muscling and was structurally sound.

Tiarri Prime SAMMs mate 1000 ewes and holds an annual sale of 100 rams.

The Taylors had previously



□ Mark Bellenger (left), Elders Tumby Bay, South Australia, Tony Wetherall, Elders Stud Stock, SA, buyers Ross and Pauline Taylor, Tiarri Prime SAMM, Lake Grace and Lawral Park principal Campbell Lawrie, Ungarra, SA with the \$7500 top-priced ram at the Lawral Park on-property ram sale last week.

bought at Lawral Park two years prior, with that ram a success for their stud.

The second highest price was also paid for a ram bound for WA.

Graham Moir, Glenelg Stud, Amelup, paid \$7000 and said the sale was an opportunity to widen the genetic pool at his stud.

"We can build another line and it gives us opportunities to outcross," he said.

The 108kg ram was the last of a particular South African bloodline, with his sire introduced to Australia

through embryo transfer.

It had a 46.2mm EMD, 7.3mm fat and 22.3 micron wool.

"It's good structurally and is a meaty sheep," Mr Moir said.

Glenelg stud is made up of 300 ewes, with Mr Moir traditionally breeding rams for his own purposes before deciding to try breeding for other producers.

The ram was also exhibited at Bendigo, where it won its class for Prime SAMM wool and was beaten by another Lawral Park ewe that went on to be the supreme exhibit.



□ Mark Bellenger (left), Elders Tumby Bay SA, Tony Wetherall, Elders Stud Stock, SA, buyer Graham Moir, Glenelg stud, Amelup and Lawral Park stud principal Campbell Lawrie, Ungarra, SA, with the \$7000 second top-priced ram at the Lawral Park sale.