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Buyers of 12 head from the sale and the first time they have bought Prime SAMMs were Allan and Grant Marshall, AD & RE Marshall, Lake Grace.

Running 3000 Merino ewes, of which around half are joined to Merinos and half the balance to Poll Dorsets, the Prime SAMM rams purchased will replace another breed which has been used over the balance of the ewe flock.

The 12 rams they bought

averaged close on \$1100 with two at \$1400 each.

Along with Sonia Waddell and her father Beau buying six head, two other buyers also went home with this number, Tim Lloyd, Newdegate, with two of his up to \$1300 and Colin and Josh Joyce, Kukerin, their six at up to \$1250.

With six other buyers all taking home five each it is understandable that sale auctioneer Dennis Roberts had no difficulty in selling the complete catalogue at auction.

Speaking after the sale Ross Taylor and daughter Kelly-Anne were appreciative of the strong support from local areas and further afield.

"Given the season across a lot of the region it is obvious that those with sheep are hanging in there and if anything are looking to increase their numbers by

breeding up," Mr Taylor said.

Elders Stud Stock manager Tim Spicer said it was an excellent presentation of young rams with good figures and breeding behind them which was well received by the buyers in attendance as indicated by the total clearance and strong overall average.



With the second ram to sell at \$1550 at Tiarri sale were Graeme Taylor (left), Elders Lake Grace, co-studmaster Kelly-Anne Gooch, buyers Sonia and Beau Waddell, Newdegate and co-studmaster Ross Taylor.