

## 2008 Lachlan Merinos Ram Sale Summary

Lachlan Merinos rams sold to \$3200 twice, with 58 of 60 12-13-month-old rams selling to average \$1584, up by a massive \$492 on last year's average, for the Rubie's sale held at Meadow Bank, Forbes, last week.

On display before the sale were full sisters to the sale rams which were shorn, and averaged 18 micron, for their lamb's wool, with the heaviest wool cut weighing 9.9 kilograms.

Alan Larkings, Condobolin paid he \$3200 equal top price for a May 2007 drop ram, measuring 19.8 micron and 99.9 percent comfort factor. Mr Larkings averaged \$1933 for his three rams.

Repeat buyer, Graham Mulligan, Alectown, purchased the second ram for the equal top \$3200, testing 19.8 micron, August-September 2007 drop, measuring 2.8 standard deviation.

Volume buyers were Mark, Carol and Brad Jones, Condobolin, paying to \$3000 for their draft of 16 rams, averaging \$2125.

Other buyers included the Knight family, Grenfell, who averaged \$1200 for seven rams, while the Rosewarne family, Woodstock, took home four rams to average \$1575.

First time buyers, Angus and Nigel Taylor, Caragabal, said they were drawn to the early maturing ability of the Lachlan sheep. The Taylor brothers averaged \$1480 for their five rams, which will be joined to a portion of their 1600 merino ewes.

Elders conducted the sale with Andy McGeogh as the auctioneer.



*Gordon Larkings, Condobolin, Margot Rubie, Alan Larkings, Condobolin, Kevin Rubie, Graham Mulligan, Alectown with Glen Rubie*