

## **2011 Lachlan Merinos Ram Sale Summary**

At the Lachlan Merinos on property ram sale last month, the average was up \$915 on last year's sale. The stud's sale hit a top price of \$9000, averaging \$3123. There were 44 poll merino and 40 merino rams offered, with 43 poll and all 40 merinos sold at auction, and the sole passed in lot sold post auction.

The top price ram was a May 2010 drop, sired by LM 08-30 ("OX"), which weighed 125kg, and tested 21.1 micron, 3.0 SD, 14.6 SD and 99.0 CF, and sold to Tim and Jenny Webb, Forbes. "OX" was entered in the Victorian 2010 Balmoral Sire Evaluation. To date his P.W.W.T progeny are heavier than every other sire entered, including link sires, Merino and Dohne sires. Tim purchased the ram because it had good length of body, spring of rib and bone structure.

The next top price was a double header with two poll rams bringing \$6800, both by BIG JOE 449. A May drop poll ram, weighing 114kg, testing 18.4-micron, 2.4 SD. 13.0 CV, 2.4 SD and CF 99.9 to Simon Bahr, Meadow View Poll stud, who said he would be using the ram in his stud. Mr Bahr had said he had seen the ram earlier in the year, and liked its wool, in particular because of its brightness and the length of staple, which made the ram a standout. He said the prices at the sale were a reflection of the quality of the rams on offer.

Another \$6800 ram sold, was a 12-month, milk tooth ram, weighing 97kg, and measuring 19.3 micron, 3.1 SD, 16.0 CV and 99.8 CF and went to Pat and Scott Bredhauer, Lambert Pastoral Company.

Repeat buyers, the Jones family, of Condobolin, were the biggest volume buyers. After the Jones' success in winning the NSW Central Western Ewe competition this year, the family went home with 17 rams with a \$3447 average.

The sale was conducted by Elders with Andy McGeoch as the auctioneer.



*Tim Webb, Forbes with Glen Rubie*