

JANMAC 2016 SALE OVERVIEW

RECORDS tumbled at Goroke last Wednesday at Janmac's ram sale.

Total clearance of 144 Poll Dorset rams, sold to \$5600, av \$1262

Total clearance of 26 White Suffolks, sold to \$1800, av \$1171

In their 12th year, the Hausler families' stud achieved their best ever sale result, with a total clearance of 170 Poll Dorset and White Suffolk rams topping at \$5600 and averaging of \$1248.

Very keen competition ensued between the 49 registered new and repeat buyers. Each of the first 10 rams sold for more than \$1600 and wasn't until very late in the catalogue that the price fell below \$1000.

Selling for the Janmac's highest ever price of \$5600, lot 3 was bought by Rick Foster, Haven Park Enterprises, Casterton through TDC, Penola, SA.

It was sired by the Kentish Downs ram purchased for that stud's top sale price in 2014, and out of a daughter of the \$28,000 Kurralea 110011 purchased in 2013.

Mr Foster said he liked the Poll Dorset ram's type and with a Carcase Plus index of 177.8, eye muscle depth of 45 and a weaning weight of 62kg, it will be used as a sire over the Foster family's 300 Poll Dorset stud ewes.

Prime lamb producer, Bruce Parker, Kingston SE, SA, secured the second highest-priced ram at \$3100 for lot 2a, to go over Poll Dorset ewes to breed rams.

Four buyers purchased 10 or more rams. Regular client Leigh McGinty, Apsley, bought 13 Poll Dorset rams from \$900 to \$1300 for an average of \$1181, following on from his average of \$1087 for 15 rams purchased at the 2015 sale.

In the Poll Dorsets, Bill Rich, Rich Farming Trust, Goroke, bought 12 rams, av \$1033. KF, ML & PD Merrett, Glendonald Pastoral, Apsley, bought 11, av \$1636 and PR, ME & RP Donaldson, Edenhope, got 10, av \$1160.

Janmac stud principal Grant Hausler was thrilled with the sale result.

He said the rams had experienced an unseasonably cold and wet spring, but had continued to grow and presented well.