

Lewisdale-Corrigin tops sale at \$3850

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BUYERS once again showed their support for the Corrigin Ram Breeders Association annual ram sale on Monday, as fierce bidding pushed prices to a top of \$3850 for a Poll Merino ram.

A total of 145 stud and specially selected rams were offered by three regular vendors, with 113 sold under the hammer at an average of \$908, which was \$135 higher than the average in 2014 when 144 were sold.

The highest bid of the sale was reserved for a big 108kg two-tooth ram from Lewisdale-Corrigin in the Westcoast Livestock catalogue, which was snapped up by Peter Scott, East Chapman, trading as Scott Grazing Co.

Mr Scott said the ram, which also boasted August test results of 18.6 micron, 99.6



□ Peter Scott (left), East Chapman, paid the sale-top price of \$3850 for a Lewisdale-Corrigin Poll Merino ram at this week's Corrigin Breeders Ram Sale, and is pictured with former Lewisdale-Corrigin stud co-principal Jack Lewis, auctioneer Preston Clarke and new stud co-principals Mathew and Luke Ledwith.

per cent comfort factor and 40.3 EMD, was a good type with a big frame and plenty of wool.

A regular client for some 30 years, Mr Scott bought a total of six rams at an average of \$1658, including two four-tooths for \$2100 and \$1500 respectively, which will be used in his 4000 head Merino flock.

Two studs offered rams through the Elders catalogue, and it was a Prime SMMM from Warren and Tammy Garlick's Capolinga stud which again attracted the top price of \$1450 with its first pen of the day.

Equalling the stud's top

price from last year's sale, the mature 110.5kg ram, with 46.3 EMD, 8.4mm fat and 23.1 micron current scan results, was snapped up by FL Abe & Sons, Corrigin.

Shaun Abe went on to buy a total of eight Prime SMMM rams at an average of \$844 per head.

Mr Abe, who runs about 800 head of Prime SMMM F1 and F2 mated ewes along with about 1300 Merino ewes, said he was looking for rams that were free of faults and that stood well.

CORRIGIN BREEDERS RAM SALE

(Under the hammer results)

	offered	sold	top	gross	average
Prime Lamb Sires					
Capolinga					
Prime SMMM	30	27	\$1450	\$21,000	\$778
Longdale					
Poll Dorset	8	5	\$900 (2)	\$4000	\$800
Poll Merinos					
Lewisdale-Corrigin	107	81	\$3850	\$77,550	\$957
Total	145	113	\$3850	\$102,550	\$908

❑ Elders

A total of 38 rams were offered by regular vendors Capolinga Prime SAMM, Kondinin, and Brookton-based Poll Dorset stud Longdale in the Elders catalogue, of which 32 sold at an average of \$781.

Warren and Tammy Garlick's Capolinga stud opened the sale strongly with their top price of \$1450, and went on to sell 27 of 30 rams offered at an average of \$778 – the exact same average they achieved last year.

Their second-top price of \$1200 was achieved in the second pen and the 105kg ram, with 43.5 EMD, 7.4mm fat and 21.01 micron test results, was one of seven bought by Jesmond Farmers, Karlgarin, at an average of \$829.

Regular buyer Tim Hardingham, trading as Cumbrae Farms, Corrigin, returned for a uteload of rams, buying eight at an average of \$706.

The remaining four rams sold were snapped up by TJ & SA & AD George, Corrigin, for \$700 each.

The Hathaway family's Poll Dorset rams were the next offered, with five of the eight rams sold at an average of \$800, down \$113 from 2014.

The rams were sold to two buyers, with Greg Hunter, trading as GS Hunter, Bruce Rock, taking home four at an average of \$775, including paying the equal-top price of \$900 for a 100kg ram with 93 EMW, 43 EMD and 5mm fat.

The remaining ram was purchased by TL & L Hitchcock, Northam, who also paid the top of \$900.

❑ Westcoast Livestock

The Lewisdale-Corrigin offering once again rounded out the Corrigin sale, but for the first time it was presented by new owners Mathew, Shirley and Luke Ledwith.

The Dudinin studbreeders bought the stud from the

❑ Buyer Peter Sudholz (left), Jurien Bay, Westcoast Livestock representative Lincon Gangell, Lewisdale-Corrigin stud co-principal Luke Ledwith and former co-principal Ivan Lewis with the second top-priced ram and top-priced four-tooth Mr Sudholz bought for \$3600.



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Lewis family last October and clearly had the support of many long-time buyers who were once again back to fill their requirements.

Of the 107 Poll Merino rams offered by the stud, including 19 four-tooth and 88 two-tooth rams, 81 were sold to 14 vendors at an average of \$957, up \$139 on last year.

While it was a two-tooth that achieved the top price of the sale, there were some 2013-drop rams that also resulted in strong bidding.

Peter Sudholz, trading as PL & PR Sudholz, Jurien Bay, paid the second-top sale price of \$3600 for one of them.

Boasting August test results of 112.5kg, 19.6 micron, 99.6pc CF and 33.7 EMD, Mr Sudholz said he picked the big, bulky sheep with bright white wool for use in breeding his own rams.

He had been on the Lewisdale-Corrigin bloodline for close to 30 years, as had his brother Steve Sudholz, trading as S & M Sudholz, Piawaning, who paid \$3300 for another 120.5kg four-tooth ram measuring 18.7 micron, 99.5pc CF and 37.6 EMD.

Volume buyers of the day were Whitwell Enterprises, Hyden, taking home 15 rams at \$600 a head average.

A further 13 rams were bought by new stud co-principal Luke Ledwith on behalf of Illiwa at an average of \$661, while return buyer David Guelfi, Newdegate, picked up his 11 at an average of \$1445, including to a top of \$3200 for a two-tooth measuring 101kg, 18.2 micron, 99.6pc CF and 39.8 EMD.

Richies Family Trust, Moora and Thompson Entities, Pingaring, bought seven rams each at an average of \$771 and \$714



Elders Corrigin agent Tony Douglass (left), with Shaun Abe, Corrigin, who paid \$1450 for the Capolinga Prime SAMM ram held by stud principal Warren Garlick and his wife Tammy.

respectively.

Top-price buyer Peter Scott bought six rams, as did Kim Stephen, Moorine Rock, who went to a top of \$1400 and

paid an average of \$1000 per head.

AR & MK Crooks, Ardath, were back to pick up five rams at an average of \$700.