

Jayvee Farm claims top at Wiltipoll sale



Quiet Nature: Mid north Wiltipoll sale top price ram buyers Greg Nielson and Karissa Sale, Ceduna, Jayvee Farm principals Chris Rundle and Di Bak with Landmark Beaton Agencies auctioneer Greg Beaton.

Guest vendors Jayvee Farm, Bute, claimed top price ram at the 2017 Mid North Wiltipoll sale, Kapunda, with a 13-month-old Wiltipoll that fetched \$2200.

The multi-vendor sale, hosted by Wonoka stud, Kapunda, also featured rams from Spring Creek stud, Marrabel.

In the breakdown, Wonoka stud sold 25 rams, averaging \$1036, while Jayvee Farm sold all five rams offered averaging \$1320, and Spring Creek stud sold six rams, averaging \$1183.

All 11 Wiltipoll rams offered by the three vendors were sold during the auction and 25 from 40 composite rams found new homes.

The sale's top price ram was bought by first-time buyer Greg Nielsen, Ceduna, and weighed 86 kilograms.

The twin Wiltipoll ram, sired by Wonoka 6620 and out of a Jayvee Farm ewe, had an 8.5-millimetre fat depth, 42mm eye muscle depth and a 100 per cent shedding rating.

Mr Nielsen bought five rams – three Wiltipolls and two composites – and was drawn to the figures for the top price ram.

“We swapped from Merinos to Wiltipolls about four years ago and needed some extra numbers to mate with the Wiltipoll ewes that we have now,” he said. “I always try to pick rams that were one of a twin to try to keep that gene or characteristic in the mob.”

Jayvee Farm stud principal Di Bak said the ram was an early shedder that grew a short wool. “We strive for a sheep that is an early, clean shedder with quick growth and good eye muscle,” she said.

Sale hosts and Wonoka stud principals San Jolly and Ann Wallace congratulated Jayvee Farm on its success. “It was fantastic to see repeat and loyal buyers, along with some new faces,” Ms Wallace said.

Although last year's sale was more “buoyant”, Ms Jolly said the multi-vendor auction allowed for a range of genetics as well as providing buyers a variety of rams.

Wonoka stud sold the top price composite ram for \$2000 to J. Staker, Brunswick Junction, WA with a twin that weighed 106.5kg, and was 36% Wiltipoll, 48% White Dorper and 16% Poll Dorset. It had a 7.5mm fat depth, a 39EMD and a 100% shedding rating.

“The ram had good strength and width across the shoulders following through down its back,” Ms Jolly said.

Ms Jolly said Wonoka had a particular focus on breeding composite rams and performance recording.

Volume buyers included GP Nielsen, Ceduna, who bought five rams averaging \$1200, while I Brownrigg, Bairnsdale, Vic, took four averaging \$1400. Yalkuri Pastoral, Narrung, bought four rams averaging \$800, and BK&LJ Laubsch, Kapunda, took four averaging \$880.

The sale was conducted by Landmark Beaton Agencies Kapunda with Greg Beaton taking the bids.