

Kintail Park Dohne stud sells to \$5000

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A BIT of rain and chilling gusts of wind didn't deter a crowd of eager bidders from attending the Kintail Park Dohne stud annual on-property ram sale at Jerramungup last week.

There was a total of 23 registered bidders who were precise in selecting their rams.

With a number of rams withdrawn before the sale started, the offering was 115 rams with 114 selling under the hammer to average \$1661, up on last year's average of \$1618.

There was an increased offering and clearance compared to the previous year's sale when 97 out of 107 sold under the hammer.

Mr Addis was interfacing with AuctionsPlus for the entirety of the sale, although no rams sold via the platform.

Prices peaked early but buyer enthusiasm continued right through to the final lots in the catalogue with Nutrien Livestock auctioneer Mark Bradbury having no trouble gaining bids.

The top price exceeded last year's sales top of \$4700, with strong competition pushing values to \$5000.

It was Brian Trundle, BN & VJ Trundle, Kulin, who paid the top price for a ram with test figures of 2.5mm yearling eye muscle depth (YEMD), 0.4mm yearling fat (Yfat), 6.7 per cent yearling clean fleece weight (YCFW) and -1.3 um yearling fibre diameter (YFD).

The ram was in the top 10pc of the breed for eye muscle depth and fibre diameter.

Mr Trundle runs 1300 Dohne ewes and said he usually had about 1200 lambs which were sold to WAMMCO.

"I always chase the good wool sheep," Mr Trundle said.



☐ Nutrien Livestock Breeding representative Roy Addis (left), top-priced buyer Brian Trundle, Kulin and stud principal Rhys Parsons with the \$5000 top-priced Dohne ram.

"It had a good frame and is the kind of ram I like to see in the paddock."

Mr Trundle went on to pick up four more rams for a total of five, averaging \$2420.

Ray and Justin Edwards, RM & TF Edwards, Ravensthorpe, paid the second top price of \$4400 for a ram with test results of 1.9 YEMD, -0.1mm YFat and 9.9pc YCFW.

It was in the top 10pc of the breed for eye muscle depth.

The Edwards bought two more rams for a total of

three, averaging \$3433.

Yorklands Farms, Wellstead, purchased a total of 23 rams at a high of \$2000 and an average of \$1315 to be the volume buyer.

Another big buyer was property manager George Hams and consultant David Halleen for Wemyss Estates Pty Ltd, Gnowangerup, spending up to \$3100 and securing a team of 14 rams, averaging \$1929.

Securing a total of 12 rams was RE & ML Lester & Sons, Jerramungup, averaging \$1908, while

Millstream Pastoral, Albany, purchased 10 rams averaging \$1170, respectively.

GC & SM Mitchell, Esperance, picked up a team of six rams at a high of \$2000 and an average of \$1483.

Also buying six rams was JM Leenhouders, Bremer Bay, paying a top of \$2900 and an average of \$1833.

DI & CJ Muir, Boyup Brook, bid successfully on five rams at an average of \$1040.

Nutrien Livestock Breeding representative Roy Addis said the rams were

SALE SUMMARY

(Under the hammer results)
 Offered: 115
 Sold: 114
 Top: \$5000
 Gross: \$189,400
 Average: \$1661

well-presented and achieved some strong prices.

Woolaganup Farms, Borden, purchased four rams at an average of \$1725, while John William Forrest, Esperance, also picked up four at an average of \$1563.

Also buying four rams each was DM & MG Bently, Mount Barker and AJ & LC Evans, Kalgan, averaging \$1025 and \$1650, respectively.

“It was a great line-up of Dohnes that represented the breed well and was reflected in the relevant industry figures,” Mr Addis said.

“It was a well-deserved average price across the shed.”

Stud principal Rhys Parsons said he was very happy with how well it went overall and there was nothing negative to be said about the sale.

“We are very happy with the prices we received and it



□ George Hams (left) manager at Wemyss Estate, Gnowangerup and Elders branch manager, Jerramungup, David Halleen. The enterprise finished the sale with 14 rams at an average of \$1929.

was great to get the clearance that we did,”

Mr Parsons said.
 “It was encouraging to see

both new and returning clients purchase some rams.”