



One of the four \$4750 equal top-priced rams with Stephen Chalmers, Nutrien stud stock, buyers Bruce and Fred Peat, Echuca, vendor Sandy Pye and studmaster Jason Southwell.

Calga Dohne southern sale hits \$4750 top

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INTERSTATE buyers proved a strong influence last Thursday when Margie Pye and her son Sandy presented their ninth annual Southern Production Ram Sale for their Uardry, Calga and DD Dohne stud at Caroonboon Station, Wanganella.

On offer were 61 autumn 2021-drop, April-shorn rams which sold to \$4750, four times, and for an average price of \$2439 for 57 sold under the hammer.

Return buyer Bruce Peat with his son Fred, Echuca, paid equal top price for their pick of the offering.

Mr Peat said he likes the style of the Dohne sheep for their ease of husbandry and good returns from lambs and wool, and was attracted to his choice of the catalogue for the correct conformation of the ram.

"He is very strong over his back and has a good loin," Mr Peat said. "And the quality of his wool will lift the standard of our flock."

Mr Peat was advised by Nutrien stud stock specialist Stephen Chalmers in his selection.

"The Dohne are good self-replacing ewes and they produce top quality meat," Mr Peat said. "And the wethers are ideal to go onto feed for export weight."

Mr Peat's ram had the meat Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs)

RESULTS

Uardry Calga DD Dohne Ram Sale

- 57 of 61 rams sold
- 93.4pc clearance
- \$4750 top, four times
- \$2439 average

measurements of 6.7 post weaning weight, 1.0mm eye muscle depth, and 0.3mm fat, while his wool ASBV figures indicated 9.5 yearling clean fleece weight, -0.6 yearling fibre diameter and 0.5 yearling fibre diameter coefficient of variation.

Mr Peat bought a second ram for \$3500.

A long-term client Tom Holt, Coonong, Urana, bought three rams at \$4750 apiece in his draft of 12 rams.

Mr Holt admired his selection for their true to Dohne type and production potential.

"These rams have the good Dohne phenotype," he said.

"Their wool is bright, white and lustrous with a beautiful crimp definition.

"They are a very well-balance animal with a sound overall structure."

Volume buyers included Yurdyillah Pty Ltd, Hay, which bought four rams for \$2813 average, and Willoway Farming, Keith, SA, which added four rams to a top of \$4500 and average price of \$3438.

Cathcart Nominees Pty Ltd, Deniliquin, selected a

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draft of six to a top of \$4000 and average price of \$2542

Other interstate buyers included MD Winning, Bollon, Qld, which purchased five new sires for the average price of \$1550.

Speaking after the sale Sandy Pye said he and his mother were very pleased with the result.

"We had a few new buyers supporting the sale and it was encouraging to see loyal clients getting the rams they wanted," he said.

"It was also interesting that our indexing is matching what the clients want to continue lifting their production in the paddock."

The sale was settled by Elders, Deniliquin, with Nutrien Ag Solutions, and Matt O'Connor (Elders) and Peter Godbolt (Nutrien) taking the bids.