

Bella Lana Poll Merino Sale Ram Results 2024



Jane Cox, Scott Brien of Bella Lana Stud, buyers Amy and Robyn Cosgrove, with Anna Brien, auctioneer John Setttee and Brad Wilson holding the ram, NutrienStud Stock, Dubbo

Scott, Anna and Jane were very pleased with their 2024 ram sale.

Bella Lana Poll Merino rams sale increased its auction price when 96 out of 107 sold to a top of \$10 000 to average \$2347.

Another 13 were sold post-sale.

Returning to their seventh Bella Lana on-property sale, members of the Cosgrove family, "West Charlton", Triangle Flat near Rockley, NSW, went home with two rams including the \$10 000 sale topper.

Again buying for their family's major wool growing and prime lamb production enterprise consisting of more than 3000 ewes, Robyn Cosgrove said the Bella Lana sires purchased over the years had increased her family's flock wool cut as well as frame.

The Cosgrove will shear 2000 Merino ewes growing 17.5 micron fleeces and cutting 3 kg in October.

They also run 1000 ewes that they join to Border Leicester rams and then join the ewes progeny to Poll Dorsets for a second-cross prime lamb.

“We have been aiming to breed good meat sheep so we can sell our wether lambs early. And our Bella Lana base has helped to build that carcass type as well as improving our wools,” Ms Cosgrove said.

Long time Bella Lana blood follower and buyer of many rams including several at top price, was Warren Leeson of Anglewood, Dunedoo, who paid second top price at \$4750 for son of a Bella Lana sire growing 18.1 micron wool and multi-index leader.

Two rams sold at \$4250, the first to returning buyers A and V Rice of Parkes who purchased two rams at a \$2875 average, and the other to the Cunning family who paid an average of \$3000 for three rams.

Another return buyer was the Brisbane family of Waragee, Kerrs Creek, who paid to \$4000 for two rams.

The Campbell family, Bonada, also returned and secured eight rams topping at \$3250 and averaging \$2188. They also bought another 10 rams after the sale.

LR Buckmaster and Company, Yass, kept the bidding moving to purchase six rams while paying to \$3250 and \$2500 average, while Boris Ostini of Boomey, returned to secure rams for a 3000 average while paying a top of \$3500.

Don and Kerrie Macdonald of Macdonald Grazing Company, based at Mullengeen, returned and bought eight rams for a \$2438 average while paying a top of \$3250.

Another return buyer, Corio Ag, Muttama, secured six rams topping at \$3500 to average \$2583.

L and M Jones of Yass paid to \$3500 for two rams averaging \$3375.

MJ Hensley, Gulgong, bought 3 rams while paying to \$3500 and averaging \$2833.

Long time buyer Richard and Susie Marshall, Wargandinna, Burren Junction, who secured eight rams averaging 2281 and topping at \$2750.

Gidleigh Pastoral, Bungendore paid \$2000 twice while buying nine rams averaging \$1611.

SpectrumAg, bought seven rams while Biles Pastoral of Trangie secured six rams at average of \$1500.

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