

Classings earns \$6k av

SALE SUMMARY

	2023	2022
Offered	99	99
Sold	89	99
Top	\$35,000	\$50,000
Av	\$6028	\$7787

CLOSE to 90 rams from 20 Poll Merino studs sold to a large field of commercial and stud buyers at another strong Classings Classic sale at Murray Bridge on Monday.

Some of the best sires from across SA and Vic found homes in four states for an average of \$6028.

There were highlights across participating agencies and states, with 12 rams in total reaching five figure prices.

While the average was back \$1759 on an exceptional 2022, it was up on 2021.

Classings Limited's Bill Walker thought the result reflected the wool and sheepmeat markets being at their lowest simultaneously in more than a decade, but showed there was still good demand.

"Our industry-relevant Poll Merino lineup looked a treat with the top end handsomely rewarded throughout," he said.

"There were more sales to studs this year, compared to other efforts where the sway has been more to the commercial grower. This, I think, was due to on-property averages generally being lower this year, thus making purchasing much easier on the pocket."

Ridgway Advance, Senior, again featured with the sale's highest price - a \$35,000 ram rated highly on both wool and carcase quality headed to White River, Minnipa and Poochera.

Buyer Wes Daniell said he had inspected the sire at the Australian Sheep & Wool Show in July and thought it would contribute a variety of strong wool traits to his stud.



Another successful Classings was enjoyed by Ridgway Advance. With the \$35,000 sale topper are Nutrien's Jack Guy, David Ridgway, Classing Limited's Bill Walker, Devon Ridgway and Nutrien's Gordon Wood.



Judy and Keith Paech (far left and right), Lucernbrae, Callington, with Bill Walker, David Whittenbury, and the \$25,000 Baderloo ram held by principal Daniel Hammat.



Bill Walker, buyers of the \$16,000 Willera ram - held by principal Simon Coutts, Serpentine, Vic - Calcookara's Jane and Brenton Smith, and Elders' Alistair Keller.

"He's got an extra long staple with freeness, as well as extra crimp quality," he said.

"He has really good Australian Sheep Breeding Values, in particular his clean fleece weight and staple length. He has a very uncomplicated and an eye muscle depth of 50, which we're after as well."

The 115-kilogram ram ranked in the top 5 per cent on its clean fleece weight measure at 36.0, while its staple length measured 14.9.

It carried a 19.1 micron fleece, with 2.9 standard deviation and 15.4 coefficient of variation.

There was even international interest on the day, with a ram from Baderloo, Washpool, secured for \$25,000 by a syndicate featuring Lucernbrae, Callington, Challara, Badgingarra, WA, and a semen deal to Argentina.

The ram ranked highly on staple length and eye muscle depth and carried

a 18.7M fleece, with 3.5SD and 19.4CV.

"He was originally in our ram sale, but with interest from Argentina and Bill we decided to enter him here," Baderloo principal Daniel Hammat said.

"He has an awesome wool type, is very good structurally and has great data - high muscle and fat with low micron."

Baderloo sold five rams in total, averaging \$7950.

Other strong sales in-

cluded a \$17,000 purchase of a Ridgway Advance sire by Ramsgate, Tintinara; a \$16,000 Willera, Serpentine, Vic, ram bought by Calcookara, Cowell; and another Ridgway Advance ram bought for \$12,500 by EH&J Hay, Kamarooka Park, Kamarooka, Vic.

Ridgway Advance's David Ridgway said they would finish their selling season with three sires in the Adelaide ram sale at the Adelaide showgrounds on Friday.

2023 CLASSINGS

Results by stud

- Ridgway Advance, Senior, 27/28, av \$7241*
- Forest Springs, Joel Joel, Vic, 8/8, av \$5313
- Gunallo, Panitya, Vic, 7/8, av \$7571*
- Lucernbrae, Callington, 7/8, av \$2071
- Baderloo, Washpool, 5/5, av \$7950
- Ridgway, Lameroo, 5/6, av \$4900
- Hynam, Longwood, Vic, 4/5, av \$4250
- Willera, Serpentine, Vic, 3/3, av \$9333
- Ramsgate, Tintinara, 3/3, av \$7000
- Mernowie, Marrabel, 3/3, av \$6333
- Flairdale, Cooke Plains, 3/3, av \$3833
- Coleburra, Culburra, 2/2, av \$7500
- Belbourie, Marnoo, Vic, 2/2, av \$5750
- SWM, Tintinara, 2/2, av \$5000
- Hannaton, Kaniva, Vic, 2/2, av \$4000
- Sohnic, Marnoo, Vic, 2/4, av \$3375*
- Nantoura, Wharminda, 2/2, av \$2750
- Wallaloo Park, Marnoo, Vic, 1/1, \$6500
- Benefield, Murray Bridge, 1/2, \$3500*
- Caroonboon, Wanganella, NSW, 0/2
- * Had rams bid on that didn't reach stud reserve

Mr Ridgway said their \$35,000 sale topper was ET bred from a Leachim sire bought two years ago and was the type of ram they were moving towards.

Nutrien was the duty agent, with Nutrien's Gordon Wood, Elders Tony Wetherall and Quality Livestock's David Whittenbury sharing the selling rostrum.

- **QUINTON McCALLUM**

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	OFFERED	SOLD	TOP	AVERAGE		OFFERED	SOLD	TOP	AVERAGE
Willera	3	3	\$16,000	\$9,333	Ridgway	6	5	\$8,500	\$4,900
Gunallo	8	7	\$10,000	\$7,571	Hynam Poll	5	4	\$8,000	\$4,250
Coleburra	2	2	\$8,000	\$7,500	Hannaton	2	2	\$5,000	\$4,000
Ridgway Advance	27	27	\$35,000	\$7,241	Flairdale	3	3	\$5,500	\$3,833
Ramsgate	3	3	\$11,000	\$7,000	Sohnic	4	2	\$3,750	\$3,375
Wallaloo Park	1	1	\$6,500	\$6,500	Nantoura	2	2	\$3,000	\$2,750
Mernowie	3	3	\$9,000	\$6,333	Lucernbrae	8	6	\$3,500	\$2,250
Belbourie	2	2	\$9,500	\$5,750	Benefield	2	1	\$3,000	\$1,500
Forest Springs	8	8	\$11,000	\$5,313	Caroonboon	2	0		
SWM	2	2	\$5,000	\$5,000					



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