

LIVESTOCK



FINE SIRE: Yanta's Julian Baillie, buyer Ian Proude, and Braden Southern with the top price White Suffolk ram.

Bidders push Yanta auction to \$3600 peak

SALE SUMMARY

Poll Merino

	2016	2015
Offered	36	36
Sold	30	33
Top	\$3600	\$3100
Av	\$1046	\$1257

White Suffolks

	2016	2015
Offered	70	66
Sold	66	66
Top	\$2400	\$3200
Av	\$995	\$1173

DESPITE the absence of several volume buyers, Yanta studmaster Don Baillie was pleased with his 29th annual Poll Merino & White Suffolk ram sale at Tumby Bay on Wednesday last week.

New buyers of both breeds helped achieve a satisfactory clearance, with a new on-property high of \$3600 for a Poll Merino.

This was paid by repeat buyer Mark Noonan, Hornsdale Proprietors, Hornsdale, via Jamestown, who was attracted to the ram's long stapled, beautifully handling, nourished wool.

The ram was a son of Leahcim 123005 and its Australian Sheep Breeding Values showed a trait leading yearling weight of 7.8.

Julian Webb, Tumby Bay, bought three rams to \$3400 – the second-highest Poll Merino price.

That ram, a son of Leahcim 123265, had a figures of a 6.9YWT, clean fleece weight of 17, 0.7 on eye muscle depth, and a dual purpose plus index of 143.

The selection of White Suffolks had very good ASBVs and featured mainly grandsons of Pollambi 451 and Wingamin Trifecta.

The top White Suffolk price of \$2400 was paid by Ian Proude, Abcari, Greenpatch, for a 106-kilogram ram with figures of 17 for post weaning weight, 1.3 post weaning EMD and a carcass plus index of 200.

Mr Proude was also the losing bidder on the two top price Poll Merinos, but eventually bought a good Mulloorie Kenny son.

Volume buyers were Coronary Park, Naracoorte, RM&EE Telfer, Ungarra, and JS Whillas & Sons, Charlton Gully – all purchased seven rams each.

The sale was conducted by Elders Tumby Bay, with Elders stud stock's Tony Wetherall as auctioneer.