

Brodhi Carracher and the Foster family welcomed many new and existing clients to Haven Park for the 7th annual on-property ram sale featured on Monday the 24th of October with a catalogue of some 96 Poll Dorsets, 64 East Friesian/Border Leicester rams. Selling agents Thomas De Garis and Clarkson Penola and LMB Linke Hamilton were pleased to offer the outstanding catalogue of rams to the large buying crowd.

Buyer support was strong especially on the East Friesian/Border Leicester rams with rams going to purchasers from 3 states, Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales.

Throughout the East Friesian/Border Leicester portion of the catalogue there was spirited bidding with 63 of 64 selling at auction, and the top ram selling for \$2800 and going to Boonaroo Angus, Casterton to put more black pigment in their sheep and maintaining a good fleece and increasing fertility. Volume buyers were Winderadeen Corporation, NSW who took 19 rams for a very strong average, McGuinty Family Trust took 10 rams home and Caulfield Partners took home 8 rams and also added 2 Poll Dorsets later. The average over the East Friesian/Border Leicester cross portion was \$1544 for the rams sold at auction, up \$150 on 2015. In a first for Haven Park, they also had rams in a mini auction after the main sale and in this sold 18/18 rams for a total sale of 81/82 East Friesian/Border Leicester.

Poll Dorsets were again in good demand with the 96 offered and 89 selling at auction. The top priced Poll Dorset sold to \$1700 and went to Russell Troeth who went on to purchase a further 4 rams through South West Farmers, Hamilton. Volume buyers in the Poll Dorsets included McGuinty Family trust who purchased 8 rams to add to their 10 East Friesian/Border Leicesters. Overall the Poll Dorsets averaged a solid \$896, up \$100 on last year.

Haven Park would like to thank everyone, new and repeat buyers who supported their sale, along with Parents and Friends of Casterton Primary School who assisted with the catering. We could not be more pleased with the results of our sale it is great to get support from people within the district and interstate buyers.

