

ACROSS THE BREEDS: Border Leicester

Quality high at Horsham

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You can generally tell a good judge of livestock when the champion at the show was also the top price at the following sale.

However, you can tell an excellent judge when they pick the reserve champion and it ends up being the second top price at the sale as well.

And that was exactly what happened at the Border Leicester Show & Sale at Horsham on Monday, November 10, with New South Wales judge Paul Jarick, Jindera.

Mr Jarick placed Ian Baker's, Geraldine stud Border Leicester ram, 52/2013 as the champion. It later sold in the sale for an impressive \$10,000. Based at Clydebank, Mr Baker has had previous success with this ram, being champion at the Melbourne Royal Show in late September.

Mr Jarick said the ram, sired by Bauer Stockman 2nd 52/2011 and from Geraldine 26/2011, ticked all the boxes.

"It was very hard ram to go past," Mr Jarick said.

"It is a ram with big growth and is a well-balanced ram with a heavy fleece. It has a real sire outlook."

Figures from the Melbourne Royal Show had the ram weighing in at 122.5kg with 15mm fat and 48mm eye

muscle depth. It was bought by a syndicate of Jeff Sutton, Wattle Farm stud, Temora, NSW having a 50 percent and possession stake, with South Australians, Trevor James, Coolawang stud, Mundulla and Ian Carr, Castle Camps stud, Keith taking 25pc semen shares.

Mr Sutton said the ram had a tremendous head, style and balance. "It has excellent bone and has a lovely, well-nourished fleece as well," he said.

The second top priced ram and reserve champion Border Leicester was sold by Jackson Livestock, Moyston, Vic, for \$7000.

The ram, 483/2013, had a Border Leicester index of \$118 and was bought by the Koch family, Tallageira Pastoral Company, Frances, SA.

The third top priced ram sold for \$5000, being offered by the Turnbull family, Black Gate stud, Wycheproof and was bought by Ray Rethus, West Wimmera Beef, Nhill, Vic.

Buyers who bought two rams each were MB & BM O'Sullivan, Baynton, Vic, DJ & PJ Cameron, Charam, Vic, MG & JA Farley, Kerang, Vic, and vendors Heather Stoney, Modewarre, Vic, and I & D Gilmore, Oberon, NSW.

Overall 25 of the 36 rams cleared at auction at a \$3000