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## Hyfield Poll Merino Stud – On-property Sale

The annual Hyfield Poll Merino Stud ram sale was held on Thursday 7 October in the splendour of the Hyfield facilities on a sunny Spring day.

Despite the extremely dry season which has played havoc with pasture growth and seriously affected many sheep producers stock carrying capacity, the sale of 200 top quality Hyfield rams resulted in 174 winning bids at an average of \$863 per head, up over \$100 on last year's sale.

Hyfield Studmaster Kevin Keatley had presented an excellent and even line of high quality rams that had strong bids running right through lanes, as the auction progressed to the final few rams.

The 26 animals that were passed in will be used over Wellard Agri's own commercial ewes in the coming season. In the words of the studmaster himself "there is not a ram here today I wouldn't be happy to have working in our own commercial program".

The top price ram sold for \$3100 which was less than last year's top of \$4000. However the evenness of the offering in 2010 made sure that the clearance rate and pricing gave a healthy boost to the average of some 13% over the previous year.



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