

RIP Loftus

Loftus caught the eye of all that encountered him as something pretty special. Bred by Terraweena Stud and comprising of Malan and Cilliers genetics the ram set precedents and industry firsts throughout his life.

Initially, Loftus was awarded a C5, T5 under the South African assessment system but Loftus first made headlines on Australian soil for becoming the first ram ever to win Australian National Grand Champion Ram back to back (2010-2011). He then reaffirmed his place in history by selling to a Brazilian buyer for an Australian record \$45,000 but not before establishing a *first time premium* price of \$150 per straw (limited to 100 straws).

Upon his export to Brazil, he has since lived up to the now soaring expectations placed upon him by siring the Grand Champion Ram and highest priced Rams at the last two Australian National Show and Sale.

Whilst in Brazil he has produced a myriad of champions and produced breeders' groups that won every prize on offer at the Brazilian Championships.

It was with great sadness that we hear of his death at his new home in Brazil. Although only 4 years old at the time of his death, he continues to make his mark towards the breed internationally through his exceptional progeny.

Above all, he was my mate.

"RIP big fella"

Angus Burnett-Smith (Terraweena Stud)

