

Shear luck: Geraldton farmer claims \$1 million Lotto win ahead of tonight's \$30 million OZ Lotto jackpot

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A farmer from Geraldton has come forward to claim \$1 million in prize money from last week's Wednesday Lotto draw.

The winning ticket was one of two Division 1 winning tickets produced in WA last week and contributes to the 56th Division 1 win for the State so far this year.

"I grew up on a wheat and sheep farm so farming's in my blood," the 30-year-old man explained.

"It's always been a dream of mine to own my own farm so I got a gig as a FIFO worker so I could start saving for a property," he said.

The man told Lotterywest he was at the airport waiting to fly out for a two-week roster when he thought he'd buy a Lotto ticket to "pass some time".

"I don't usually play Wednesday Lotto but I was bored out of my mind sitting around at the airport," he said.

"I started day-dreaming about what it would be like to be a millionaire so thought I'd try my luck – I still can't believe that the stars aligned," he laughed.

The man added that he'd be sharing his new-found fortune with his farmer folks.

"Mum and Dad have been doing it pretty tough for a while so to be able to share the win with them means the world to me," he said.

Lotterywest spokeswoman Chloe Lawler said the win comes just hours out from tonight's \$30 million OZ Lotto jackpot.

"With \$30 million up for grabs, I'd encourage everyone to get in early and pick up a ticket for the jackpot today," Ms Lawler said.

"It's expected jackpot fever will peak this afternoon between 4pm and 5pm when more than 300 tickets will churn out of Lotterywest terminals each minute," she said.

Players have until 6pm this evening to purchase tickets from Lotterywest in-store, via Lotterywest membership online or by downloading the app.

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