

Wonderful Woolumbool

After last year's excellent sale result, it was hard to imagine a better outcome for the Clothier family's Woolumbool Poll Dorset and White Suffolk ram sale. However, the quality of their offering was even better and the returns followed. 172 rams all sold to a top of \$6,000 and averaged an impressive \$1,188. This was an increase of \$186 in average price & \$3,800 in top price, while also offering an extra 13 rams; all the more meritorious when last year's volume buyer of 32 rams was not requiring rams this year.

The sale offering opened with the 4 Poll Dorset and 10 White Suffolk elite performance & specially selected rams. The 4 Poll Dorsets sold very similarly to last year, topping at \$1,900 and averaging \$1,675 with McIntyre Partnership, Warrayuna, Vic paying the equal top and second top Poll Dorset prices in their 2 purchases on the day. The 10 White Suffolks met stronger stud enquiry and as a result 4 went to stud buyers. William Peck, 'Bayview Downs', Padthaway purchased the very impressive first White Suffolk, W 094816 for \$6,000.

Ray Rudiger and family, Karoonda were underbidders and then grabbed the equally impressive W 094908 for \$4,500. Gary Hill, Stawell snapped up W 094789, another top ram, for only \$2,500 in excellent value buying, while Roger and Dianne Trewick, Elmore, Vic were pushed to \$3,000 before picking up W 094999.

The only other stud purchase was by Don Muir, 'Penryn' and buying through Elders Mortlake for a Poll Dorset ram selected from the flock ram line, with a 2020 index of 112 and highlighted by a Pemd ASBV of +2.5 and a Pwec ASBV of -27. He paid the \$2,000 reserve for stud transfer after winning the bidding at \$1,700.

The flock rams demand was solid right through and especially strong at the beginning as repeat buyers competed for the elite rams in a catalogue full of industry leading performance rams.

In the Poll Dorset offering, Hartley & Brad Hocking, Lucindale paid \$1,600, \$1,800 and the top of \$1,900 for their 3 select purchases. John Cooper, Struan Research Centre was also very strong purchasing 10 Poll Dorsets, one from the elites at \$1,500 and 9 flocks from \$750 to \$1,200.

The Poll Dorset volume buying honours went to Wayne Hancock, Kingston and buying through Miller Whan & John's Mike Newton. He bought 13 rams from \$800 to \$1,200 with a majority in the second draft of Poll Dorsets.

Patrick Ross, Lucindale purchased 7 to \$1,300 to also be prominent, while Elders Lucindale's Nick Harton picked up 10 in the last run at a great value \$600 to \$700 for JE & LR Gosse to put a solid floor in the offering.

In the White Suffolk drafts it was II & PE Hocking who chased the very top rams with balanced performance figures, paying to the \$1,900 top for this section of the sale in their 6 purchases.

Elders Lucindale's 'Church' Mason purchased 9 for Hassell Trading, paying from \$750 to \$1,200, while Nick Harton picked up 7 at \$600 to \$700 for AJ & PA McBride's Brooklyn property.

Morris Oliver, Kingston and also buying through MWJ agent Mike Newton, purchased 6 to \$1,500 plus 1 Poll Dorset.

Another multi breed purchaser was Rob Legoe, Lucindale who purchased 8 rams in total; 3 White Suffolks and 5 Poll Dorsets, all bar one at \$1,200.

However, the biggest volume White Suffolk buyer was Russell Robinson, Tumble Munda Pastoral, Lucindale with 15 rams from \$850 to \$1,500.

Luke Balkin, Glenthompson, Vic was another strong top end White Suffolk buyer, purchasing 5 rams to \$1,400, while Rosslyn and Andrew Davey, through TDC Penola also purchased 5, but in the \$750 to \$1,000 range. Rob Williams, Naracoorte paid to \$1,500 in purchasing 3 Poll Dorsets and 2 White Suffolks to round out the most prominent buyers.

The results for the different sections of the sale were:

4 Elite Poll Dorsets sold to \$1,900 & averaged \$1,675

10 Elite White Suffolks sold to \$6,000 & averaged \$2,550

78 Poll Dorset flock rams sold to \$1,900 & averaged \$1,086

80 White Suffolk flock rams sold to \$1,900 & averaged \$1,093

Overall Sale Summary	2010	2009
Offered	172	159
Sold	172	159
Top	\$6,000	\$2,200
Average	\$1,188	\$1,002

Agents: Landmark & Elders

Auctioneers: Malcolm Scroop (Landmark) and Nick Horton (Elders)



Pictured with the \$6,000 top priced White Suffolk ram from the very successful Woolumbool sale purchased by William Peck, Padthaway, are Landmark Kingston's Jordan Haines, Elders Lucindale's Nick Harton and Aaron & Jason Clothier, Woolumbool, Lucindale.



Aaron Clothier, Woolumbool holds the \$4,500 2nd top priced White Suffolk ram bought by Ray Rudiger. Also pictured are Rays' son Chris and daughter Elise Burdett and friend Emily Zadow (2nd left).



Aaron Clothier (2nd left), Woolumbool is with key Kingston buyers Wayne Hancock (left – 13 Poll Dorsets) and Morris Oliver (right – 6 White Suffolks & 1 Poll Dorset) and their buying agent Mike Newton, Miller, Whan & John, Kingston.



Jason (2nd left) and Aaron Clothier (with daughter Jacqueline - right) are with prominent flock ram buyers John Cooper, Struan Research Centre (10 Poll Dorsets) and Hartley & Brad Hocking, Lucindale (3 Poll Dorsets to the section top of \$1,900).