

“OUTSTANDING BREEDPLAN FIGURES CHASED AT WOOLUMBOOL”

After only 7mms of meaningful rain since 1st of September, Phil & Sharon Clothier were complimented by many on the paddock reared presentation of the 186 rams on offer at their 27th annual sale.

By the close of the day 163 head had sold to a top of \$3,600 to average a very creditable \$996 in an 88% clearance.

Speaking on behalf of his wife Sharon and sons Aaron & Jason & their wives Sally and Elyse, Phil Clothier said although he would always like to do better, he was pleased with the presentation of the sheep especially considering the season had been so harsh. “The figures are pleasing, the health of the stock is excellent & the rams are ready to work” Phil said.

A feature of the early part of the sale was the fact that buyers were very aware & knowledgeable about the high Lambplan figures backing up the rams. Starting the sale was the offering of four Elite Poll Dorset rams, three of which sold at \$1200 and one at \$1100, going to four different commercial buyers.

Mark Bruce trading as Boonoonar, Avenue Range was tempted early and with his sister Mary and father Charles, purchased Lot 1 for \$1200. He later added another 20 Poll Dorsets to his buying list, paying from \$800 to \$1000. These rams are to be used over some of the 6000 Multi Meat ewes which carry the Booroola fecundity.

Bred with early maturity in mind the Bruce family sell their early run of lambs over the hooks and put the balance on “Auctions Plus”.

The honor of securing the top priced Poll Dorset went to a patient Doug Addinsall “Orana”, Hamilton who had selected lot 18 early in the day. A ram with excellent figures this July drop twin was a bargain at \$1500. It will be used over maiden stud ewes in his flock which produces about 70 sale rams each year. Doug thought the ram was exceptional value for money.

Simon McIntyre of McIntyre Partnership from Wurrayure, near Dunkeld in Victoria purchased lot 5, the first of the 10 White Suffolk Elite rams offered for \$1600, just in case he couldn't get his preferred pick ram which was catalogued six lots later.

This ram 138234 was an excellent figured ram with 5 traits in the top 10% of the breed and was in the top 20% for Pemd. He was secured by Simon for the top price of the day of \$3600. Simon, who said his area badly needed a good 25mms of rain, will use these new sires in his breeding program, producing in excess of 200 rams for sale each year.

The last Elite White Suffolk met spirited competition topping out at \$2100 before being knocked down to Lyndall Park at Kingston.

Return buyers Devondale Trust from Hamilton secured 14 White Suffolk flock rams from \$1000 to \$1600 to be a major buyer.

Other prominent buyers with 9 rams each were RG & R Legoe from Lucindale, TH & YA Correll from Naracoorte, and the Struan Research Centre.

Sale Summary:

Poll Dorsets – 80 of 91 rams sold to \$1500 and averaged \$951

White Suffolks – 80 of 93 sold to \$3600 and averaged \$1045

Overall – 160 of 184 sold to \$3600 and averaged \$998.

The sale was conducted by Landmark's Malcolm Scroop and Ronnie Dix from Elders.



Simon McIntyre, Warrayure via Dunkeld, Vic is holding the top priced White Suffolk ram he purchased for \$3600. He is with his father John and Aaron Clothier with daughters Rebecca and Jacquelin.



The biggest volume buyer at Woolumbool, Mark Bruce, Boonoonar, Avenue Range is pictured inspecting some of the 21 Poll Dorset rams he purchased.



Volume buyers, Mark, his sister Mary and father Charles Bruce, "Boonoonar", Avenue Range are pictured with Woolumbool principals Phil & Aaron Clothier.



A very pleased looking Doug Addinsall, "Orana", Yulecart, Vic, is holding the top priced Poll Dorset ram he purchased for \$1500. He is with Woolumbool's Aaron Clothier holding his daughter Rebecca.