

Dayswhiteface Sheep Sale Report 2014

The combined Days Whiteface and Allendale sheep sale at Bordertown produced another magnificent result for the Day families with 430 head of stud rams; flock rams and stud ewes going under the hammer in just on five hours of selling.

Jono Spence (Spence, Dix & Co), Ross Milne (Elders) and Malcolm Scroop and Gordon Wood (Landmark) representing the joint selling agents kept the sale going at a good pace, extracting bids from the 108 registered bidders from four states.

With such a large offering from four breeds, the only accurate comparison would be with last year's combined sale. In that respect the clearance rate was up three per cent to 90%, the top price was up \$3750, the average was up \$41 and the sale gross of \$403,800 was up \$22,050; a magnificent result.

The highlight from the large Days White Suffolk offering was the clearance rate, despite the current anxiety caused by a very poor spring, not only in the south east region, but right across the south eastern states. This had a subdued effect on buying budgets, but 176 of 177 White Suffolk rams and ewes found new homes at auction.

The 24 White Suffolk ewes all cleared to \$600, paid by R & CS Rudiger, Karoonda, through Spence, Dix & Co for one of three they bought. Last year's volume buyer for the whole sale, TW & EN Mackareth, buying through PPH & S was by far and away the volume buyer in this section, purchasing 16 and paying from \$350 to \$550.

The 17 White Suffolk stud rams all cleared, but with disappointing stud demand astute flock buyers jumped in to purchase over half of the draft. Kirsty Harvey, Paxton stud, Bordertown made the most of the opportunity, purchasing Days 130078 for just \$4000 and later adding another for \$2000. Mt Emu White Suffolks, through Landmark Ballarat paid \$3000 for one stud ram to add to three stud ewes they bought at \$500 each, while Koorong P/L through Elders Holbrook also paid \$3000 for a White Suffolk stud ram.

The 136 White Suffolk flock rams opened with GR, HB & MJ Tremain paying the draft top of \$1400 for the third ram offered in their two purchases, as did Denholm Green through Lanyons Hamilton for one of eight top White Suffolks they purchased at an \$1175 average. When the sixth ram of the draft only made \$600 and the eleventh \$700, it looked like a tough result was imminent. However the buying strength at lower budgets hung on extremely well, with all but one clearing and the draft averaging \$782.

By far the biggest volume buyers were the Thring family, Blue Hills, Telopea Downs and buying through Spence, Dix & Co. They purchased 36 of the draft, all at \$600 each in great value buying. They were the volume buyers of the whole sale and as such won the animal health products donated by sale sponsors Coopers Animal Health.

The Days offering of 30 Maternal Composites, that displayed good growth and carcase qualities on top of their fertility advantages, concluded the sale with an improved result on last year. Twelve more sold with the 27 selling to a top of \$1500 and averaging \$911. The Malone family, Talinga,

Naracoorte, fresh from outstanding success in Sydney with their branded lamb, paid the top price to add to one White Suffolk and two Poll Dorset rams purchased earlier.

The volume White Suffolk ewe purchaser, TW & EN Mackareth purchased eight of the Maternal Composite rams from \$600 to \$1200 to be the biggest volume buyer, while Roly Day, Western Flat purchased six to \$1300 to add to his earlier purchases including one White Suffolk ram.

Days Sale Summary

Days White Suffolks

24 of 24 stud ewes sold to \$600 and averaged \$420

17 of 17 stud rams sold to \$4000 and averaged \$2097

135 of 136 flock rams sold to \$1400 (x2) and averaged \$782

Days Maternal Composites

27 of 30 flock rams sold to \$1500 and averaged \$911

Agents: Spence, Dix & Co, Landmark and Elders



The Thring family, Blue Hills, Telopea Downs were the biggest volume buyers at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface sale, purchasing 36 White Suffolks and one Suffolk flock ram. As a result they won the animal health products donated by sale sponsors Coopers. Pictured are Julie Christie, Coopers Northern SA sales manager, Alastair Day, Allendale, Lachy Day, Days Whiteface, Jock, Sam and Jane Thring, 'Blue Hills' and Bec Barry, Coopers South East representative.