

Days Whiteface Sale Report - Oct 2010

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STUD and commercial buyers from four states gave a resounding endorsement of the direction being taken by the Day family's Day's Whiteface and Allendale studs at their 39th annual on-property auction at Bordertown on Friday 1st October.

With 110 registered bidders, combined with the healthy state of the sheep meat industry and the excellent season, it was little surprise that the large gallery pushed prices for Day's Whiteface White Suffolks and Allendale Suffolks and Poll Dorsets and to record levels.

From an offering of 378 head, only five sheep (all ewes) failed to sell under the hammer, and the sale gross of \$455,800 was a record high.

The biggest average increase was for White Suffolk stud rams, being up \$855 on last year and White Suffolk flock rams improved by \$301.

Top price for stud White Suffolk rams was \$6000, paid by Landmark Melrose a/c Jeff McCallum, Melrose. This tall, lengthy son of Triggervale 449 had outstanding Lambplan performance figures.

The Ferguson family's Anna Villa stud, Weetulta, will be the new home for the first White Suffolk ram offered. The Fergusons paid \$5500, through Elders Kadina for the well-structured son of the 2007 Royal Melbourne Show champion, Allendale B351.

The Fergusons also bid successfully on another White Suffolk stud ram at \$4000 and also added 4 stud White Suffolk ewes to \$600, two of which were also by B351.

PG & JC Graham, Hamilton bid up to \$4250 to purchase their White Suffolk stud ram selection. VJ Mawby, Dubbo, NSW paid \$3250 and \$3000 for stud White Suffolk rams, while Glengyron, through Landmark, Ballarat also bought 2 rams, paying \$3750 and \$3000, rounding out the main Days Whiteface stud ram buyers.

Lachy & Lou Day's offering of 32 White Suffolk stud ewes saw 29 clear at auction to a \$900 top and average of \$419.

KW Mullins, Avoca, Victoria paid the top price twice in purchasing 4 exceptional ewes. Mt Rescue stud at Keith and buying through Spence Dix and Co. was the volume buyer of Days Whiteface stud ewes, purchasing 8 from \$300 to \$400. Not far behind in the volume buying stakes was HS Shaw, Mansfield, purchasing 7 White Suffolk stud ewes from \$300 to \$500. EM McLean Family Trust through Landmark Ouyen bought 5 ewes all at \$300 to round out the prominent White Suffolk ewe buyers.

The large penning of White Suffolk flock rams was a highlight. These sold to \$1900, paid by KR&CA Johnson, through Landmark Horsham, Vic.

Landmark Warrnambool a/c Tarra Park Partnership, bought White Suffolks to \$1800, while Spence Dix & Co, operating for JA&CY Keller, Coonalpyn, took rams to \$1700; the same agents paying to \$1600 a/c Bergan Park, Keith.

Mount Gambier agent O'Connor & Graney's Charles Wilson-Smith gave valuable support in finishing the day with 26 White Suffolk and Poll Dorset flock rams for G Smith & Co, PL&MR Winser and CL Kilsby & Co.

JA Malone & Co, Naracoorte and Lucindale brothers Chris and John Paltridge were among other active buyers of White Suffolk flock rams.

All 128 White Suffolk flock rams cleared for an outstanding average of \$1135, a fair reflection on the quality on offer in the current buoyant lamb industry.

Agents were Elders Landmark and Spence Dix & Co, with auctioneers Elders' Ross Milne, Landmark's Malcolm Scroop, and Spence Dix & Co's Jono Spence.



Photo caption: Graham, Lou & Lachy Day are pictured with the \$6000 top priced White Suffolk stud ram from Lachy & Lou's 'Days Whiteface' on-property sheep sale at Bordertown. The ram was purchased by Jeff McCallum, Willochra Proprietors, though Landmark's Melrose branch.