

\$18,500 record White Suffolk



□ The Kiara College's White Suffolk stud, Lockridge, set a new State record price for a White Suffolk ram with the Ledwith family, Yanda White Suffolk stud, Dudinin, paying \$18,500 for a Kiara ram at the 2015 IGA Perth Royal Show All Breeds Stud ram and ewe sale last week. With the ram were Roy Addis (left), Landmark Breeding, Yanda stud connections John Argent, Luke Ledwith and Rachel Grant holding her son Harper, Kiara College student Liam Hazel, Kiara College farm manager Peter Nalder and John Wirth, Landmark auctioneer and Kiara College advisory board member.

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A LARGE contingent of stud buyers and a quality line-up of stud rams were the perfect pairing at last week's IGA Perth Royal Show All Breeds Stud ram and ewe sale where prices hit a high of \$18,500 for a White Suffolk sire, which is a new State record for the breed.

It wasn't only the White Suffolk breed that broke records, the Suffolk breed also set a new State record price at \$8000 and a second White Suffolk ram sold for \$14,500 to also eclipse the previous State record for White Suffolks.

The White Suffolk, Poll Dorset and Suffolk breeds attracted the most attention

from buyers throughout and sold strongly to a long list of stud buyers.

In contrast, the Ile de France, Dorper and White Dorper breeds failed to attract any interest, making it a disappointing sale for vendors of these breeds.

By the end of the sale, selling agents Landmark and Elders had cleared 36 of the 60 rams offered under the hammer for an average of \$4356 and the pair of White Suffolk ewes offered both sold to a top of \$1900 and an average of \$1750.

In comparison at last year's sale agents offered 72 rams and sold 48 to a top of \$31,000 and an average of \$3671.

This meant the clearance was down seven per cent

while the average jumped \$685.

Landmark auctioneer John Wirth and Elders auctioneer Don Morgan agreed it was a solid sale and the top rams sold extremely well.

Mr Morgan said the good rams with good figures, structure and outlook sold extremely well under solid competition.

"You could see buyers were chasing bloodlines and on occasions this resulted in a number of buyers operating on the same rams," Mr Morgan said.

"The smaller and new breeders to the sale had a challenging sale and rams from these studs, in most cases, lacked the competition of the bigger breeds and more well-known studs.

"The White Suffolks, Poll Dorsets and Suffolks were very good.

"Overall it was a pleasing result and the final result was better than pre-sale expectations.

"In terms of the quality on offer this was very good and many of the passed-in rams had really good structures, but there was just a lack of competition in the end."

Mr Wirth said the presentation was excellent throughout and a credit to the vendors.

"Being a stud sale buyers come to the sale looking for a stud sire and they know before they get there what rams they are chasing," he said.

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"As a result the really top rams that showed true stud sire potential were selected by a number of buyers and sold very well.

"As the sale progressed rams which were not buyers' first preferences were harder to sell.

"Basically what they came for they were prepared to bid up on."

With a top line of White Suffolks on offer and plenty of interest in the breed, many predicted big things for the top couple of White Suffolk rams on offer, including setting a new State record price.

But I don't think many thought they would completely smash it and more than double the previous record.

When the supreme champion exhibit and champion White Suffolk ram from the Kiara College's Kiara stud entered the selling ring, energy levels lifted around the ring and buyers sat up.

After taking an opening bid of \$5000 on the long, deep, square sire, Landmark auctioneer John Wirth had his work cut out, as the price quickly rose.

In the end it was a race in two between the Ledwith family, Yanda stud, Dudinin and the Walker family, Jusak stud, Newdegate.

Finally at \$18,500 it was Luke Ledwith who held up his registration card and was identified as the buyer.

Mr Ledwith said it was the best White Suffolk ram he had seen and they were keen to purchase it as it would be an outcross bloodline for the stud.

"He is a big, long, well-balanced ram and in addition to this he is also really good on his feet," he said.

"Not only does he catch your eye with his size, he also has the figures to back it up.

"He has magnificent ASBVs, his growth, muscling and indexes are all really good."

The ram, by Pollambi 451-



Buyers Peter (left) and Rochelle Walker, Jusak White Suffolk stud, Newdegate, with their children Elise, Ben and Sam, Roy Addis, Landmark Breeding, Iveston White Suffolk stud principal Grant Bingham, Williams and Landmark auctioneer, John Wirth, with the Iveston ram that sold to the Jusak stud for \$14,500.



With the \$11,500 top-priced Shirlee Downs Poll Dorset ram were Landmark stud and commercial sheep manager Tom Bowen (left), buyers Greg and Julie Hambley, Noojee Poll Dorset stud, Mt Barker and Chris, Adrian and Sascha Squiers, Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading.

11, had LambPlan figures of 0.1 BWT, 11.3 WWT, 17.2 PWWT, -0.3 PFAT, 2.8 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 220.3.

The Ledwiths intend to use

the ram in an extensive AI program in the stud.

A semen share in the ram was also sold to the Kohat stud, Ongerup.

Along with selling the top-

priced ram, the Kiara stud also sold a second sire from its team of three to finish with an average of \$10,250 over its

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IGA PERTH ROYAL SHOW ALL BREEDS

RAM & EWE SALE

(Under the hammer results)

| Stud | offered | sold | top | gross | average |
|----------------------|---------|------|----------|-----------|----------|
| RAMS | | | | | |
| Suffolk | | | | | |
| Pamellen | 2 | 2 | \$8000 | \$13,500 | \$6750 |
| Total | 2 | 2 | \$8000 | \$13,500 | \$6750 |
| Ile de France | | | | | |
| Goldenover | 2 | 1 | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 |
| Alcostro | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 6 | 1 | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 |
| White Suffolk | | | | | |
| Iveston | 3 | 3 | \$14,500 | \$21,250 | \$7083 |
| Brimfield | 4 | 3 | \$3250 | \$7750 | \$2583 |
| Kiara | 3 | 2 | \$18,500 | \$20,500 | \$10,250 |
| Sasimwa | 1 | 1 | \$2000 | \$2000 | \$2000 |
| Kohat | 1 | 1 | \$3000 | \$3000 | \$3000 |
| Ridge Top | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 14 | 10 | \$18,500 | \$54,500 | \$5450 |
| White Dorper | | | | | |
| Lumani | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Dorper | | | | | |
| Plantagenet | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Bridgetown | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Poll Dorset | | | | | |
| Dongadilling | 7 | 6 | \$5250 | \$22,500 | \$3750 |
| Shirlee Downs | 7 | 6 | \$11,500 | \$29,500 | \$4917 |
| Brimfield | 4 | 4 | \$4000 | \$10,500 | \$2625 |
| Willow Park | 6 | 3 | \$2500 | \$6500 | \$2167 |
| Tipperary | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Ridge Top | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Cunderdin College | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Curlew Creek | 4 | 4 | \$5750 | \$19,000 | \$4750 |
| Total | 33 | 23 | \$11,500 | \$88,000 | \$3826 |
| Total Rams | 60 | 36 | \$18,500 | \$156,800 | \$4356 |
| EWES | | | | | |
| White Suffolk | | | | | |
| Kiara | 2 | 2 | \$1900 | \$3500 | \$1750 |
| Total Ewes | 2 | 2 | \$1900 | \$3500 | \$1750 |

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two sires as well as two ewes at an average of \$1750.

The second sire sold by the stud was purchased by HJ & MC Hann Pty Ltd, Esperance, at \$2000.

The ram was a son of Pollambi 451-11 and had a CarcasePlus index of 194.9.

The two ewes Kiara sold topped at \$1900 for a daughter of Pollambi 451-11, when it was pencilled in the sheets to the Ida Vale stud, Kojonup.

The class, 2014-drop ewe was also impressive in the statistics with figures of 0.1 BWT, 10.4 WWT, 16.2 PWWT, -0.8 PFAT, 1.3 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index 198.2.

The stud's second ewe, which was by Days 71-11, was purchased by the Fairclough family, Stockdale stud, York, for \$1600.

Suffolk

The Suffolk breed led the sale and got it off to a flying start when the two rams offered by Pam Hinkley and Suellyn Boucher, Pamellen stud, Clackline, sold to a top of \$8000 to set a new Suffolk State record price and an average of \$6750.

Leading the way for the Pamellen stud was the ram that had been sashed the supreme Suffolk exhibit and champion Suffolk ram in the Suffolk judging as well as the British, Australasian and other breeds reserve supreme champion ram.

Bidding started at \$4000 on the long, deep sire and quickly rose to record levels before it was finally knocked down to return Pamellen buyers, the Walker family, Jusak stud.

Buyer Peter Walker said the ram was very long and correct.

"He is also a ram's ram, in that he is very masculine," Mr Walker said.

"To us he was a standout and will fit into our breeding program very well.

"Along with his size and structure we were also chasing his bloodline which will be a new one for our stud."

The ram, by Pamellen Hotspot 47-11, had LambPlan figures of 0.37 BWT, 6.7 WWT, 10.5 PWWT, -0.5 PFAT, 0.7 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 162.7.

The Pamellen stud has retained 50 per cent semen rights in the ram.

Losing bidder on the outstanding sire was Landmark Breeding's Roy Addis who was bidding on behalf of a New South Wales syndicate.

Pamellen's other ram in the sale didn't let the stud down either when it was knocked down at \$5500 to the Egerton-Warburton family, G & M Egerton-Warburton, Cranbrook.

The ram, which had been sashed the champion ram at last month's Northam Suffolk Show and Sale, was by Hotspot and had figures of 0.24 BWT, 7.0 WWT, 10.5 PWWT, -0.5 PFAT, 1.3 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 169.8.

Ile de France

After a successful debut in the sale last year the Ile de France breed found the going a lot tougher this year with only one ram selling from the six offered by the Goldenover stud, Narrogin and the Alcostro stud, Wagin.

The sole ram was from the Goldenover stud and it made \$800 when it was knocked down to JG & MM Armstrong, Narrogin.

Last year in the sale the same two studs offered and sold four rams for an average of \$1425.

White Suffolk

It was a great sale for the White Suffolk breed as not only a new State record was set but the breed also upstaged the Poll Dorset breed for the first time when the sale figures were crunched in terms of top prices and averages.

By the end of the run the six studs offering White Suffolk rams had cleared 10 of the 14 rams offered under the hammer for an average of \$5450, as well as two White Suffolk ewes for an average of \$1750.

In last year's sale 11 studs

offered 27 rams and sold 17 for an average of \$3059, meaning the average was up \$2391 for the breed this year.

Not only did the sale's \$18,500 top-priced sire come from this section of the sale, so did the \$14,500 second top-priced sire - at this price it also eclipsed the previous State record price for the breed.

Securing this ram from the Bingham family's Iveston stud, Williams, were return buyers the Walker family, Jusak stud.

Buyer Peter Walker said the ram was an all-round great sire.

"Not only is he good on the eye with plenty of muscling and length he also has very good LambPlan figures," Mr Walker said.

"He has high growth, good fat and a really good CarcasePlus index at 203.

"Along with his physical structure and figures we were attracted to his bloodline as it will be a new one for our stud."

The ram, which was sashed the reserve champion ram in the judging, was sired by Ashbourne 005-12 and had figures of 0.5 BWT, 9.9 WWT, 16.9 PWWT, -0.3 PFAT, 1.7 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 203.

Return buyer Rodney Petchell, WG & EM Petchell, Williams, was also in on the action in the Iveston team and secured a son of Ashbourne 005-12 with a CarcasePlus index of 180.5 for \$4250.

Along with buying the top-priced sire in the sale the Ledwith family, Yanda stud, secured the final Iveston ram offered, a son of Anden 321-12 for \$2500.

By the end of its run the Iveston stud had offered and sold three sires for an average of \$7083. Last year it sold two from three at an average of \$5100.

Max Whyte and Gail Cremasco's Brimfield stud, Kendenup, offered four rams in the White Suffolk section and cleared three at an average of \$2583.

The top price in the



□ Vendors Suellyn Boucher (left) and Pam Hinkley, Pamellen Suffol stud, Clackline, buyers Peter and Rochelle Walker, Jusak Suffol stud, Newdegate and their children Elise, Ben and Sam and stud stock manager Tim Spicer, with the \$8000 top-priced Suffolk ram.

Brimfield team was \$3250 paid by the Yanda stud, which was certainly on the hunt for new sires.

The long, square ram was by Brimfield 553-11 and had figures of 0.4 BWT, 7.2 WWT, 11.3 PWWT, -0.6 PFAT, 0.6 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 165.42.

Northampton producers KJ & YM Morgan & Son, purchased a Brimfield ram by Glengarry 12-11 with a CarcasePlus index of 173.26 at \$2500, while AT & JI Watterson & Son, Tenterden, paid \$2000 for a Brimfield 553-11 son.

The Hyde family, Kohat stud, Ongerup, offered up a single ram and it was snapped up at \$3000 by SJ & MJ Girando, Marchagee.

The upstanding, stretchy ram was a son of Booloolo 162-12 and impressed in the numbers with figures of 0.42 BWT, 9.7 WWT, 16.5 PWWT, -0.6 PFAT, 1.4 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 199.

Like Kohat, the Sasimwa stud, York, had a single sire in the sale and it sold for \$2000 to KJ & YM Morgan & Son.

The ram was by Sasimwa 113-10 and had figures of 0.4

BWT, 8.0 WWT, 12.9 PWWT, -1.4 PFAT, 1.1 PEMD and a CarcasePlus index of 182.

□ Poll Dorset

The Poll Dorset breed, which rounded out the sale, was again the biggest by number with 33 rams offered from eight studs.

By the end of the run the studs had cleared 23 under the hammer, which was one less than last year, to a top of \$11,500 and an average of \$3826.

This was back \$812 on last year's result when nine studs sold 24 from 36 sires including a Hillcroft Farms ram for \$31,000, which set a world record for the breed.

Starring for the breed this year and taking top price and average honours was the Squiers family's Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading.

Spearheading the charge for the stud was its British, Australasian and other breeds supreme champion and champion ram when bidding on it kicked off at \$5000.

After taking bids at a rapid rate from all corners of the shed, the upstanding, long-bodied ram was finally knocked down at \$11,500,

third top price in the sale, to return buyers of close to 30 years Greg and Julie Hambley, Noojee Poll Dorset stud, Mt Barker.

Mr Hambley said the ram was a standout sire and was the pick of the bunch in the sale.

"We really liked his hindquarter," Mr Hambley said.

"He also has plenty of length and depth and is good through the shoulder which is important for ease of lambing."

The ram will be a new bloodline to for the Noojee stud.

The impressive sire, which had also been sashed the supreme Poll Dorset exhibit and champion Poll Dorset ram in the judging ring, was by Shirlee Downs 09-20 and had LambPlan figures of 0.3 BWT, 7.0 WWT, 10.5 PWWT, -1.1 PFAT, 1.4 PEMD and indexes of 173.3 for CarcasePlus and 109.9 for Lamb2020.

The next best price in the Shirlee Downs team was \$5000 for a Derrynock 52-12

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