

New Records Created at Detpa Grove.

The result of the 6th Bi-Annual Mated White Suffolk Ewe Sale had everyone checking the record books for “On Property” Ewe sale results.

Although the top price of \$2,800 (twice) was only \$200 above previous Detpa Grove ewe record it was the average of \$1,173 for the 100 Ewes offered & sold which had everyone talking. This sale average was almost double that of the drought affected 2009 sale and \$500 higher than the Detpa Grove previous best in result 2007. Only one sheep sold below the 2009 average price. Once again the quality of the Pipkorn family’s offering was appreciated by over 100 people in attendance from four states. Over forty potential buyers registered and 27 of them secured one or more lots.

A noticeable feature of the sale was the careful selection of the leading genetics by eight or nine buyers who constantly clashed as they tried to secure the top lots. At one stage early in the sale there were seven bidders competing on a single pen and the very capable Ross Milne was in \$200 rises. Although Lambplan figures did play an important part in many selections it was the Detpa Grove depth of breeding and Joining Sires which was the attraction for many as semen is no longer marketed from the Detpa Grove sire battery.

Murray Long from Pendarra White Suffolk Stud at Andlethan, NSW travelled to Detpa with his son in law Peter Minchin and grandson Corey to secure the equal top price Ewe at \$2,800 together with 3 other ewes to average \$2,175. The equal top priced ewe was by Innovator who’s sons have sold to \$13,000 from a dam by Accelerator 020396 valued at \$40,000 following a half share sale for \$20,000 a few years ago. This 2008 drop ewe was preg tested with twins by the newly acquired 2010 Adelaide Champion Ram. Murray also purchased the top price ewe at the 2009 sale.

The equal top priced ewe was purchased by local identities Bazil & Tim Jorgensen from Antwerp in Vic. The Jorgensen’s put together 6 ewes for an average of \$1,700 with the equal top priced ewe by Anden 050190 from a dam by Galaxy Park 023756TW who’s progeny have sold to \$12,000. This 2006 drop ewe was carrying twins to the high performance DG sire 090204.

Robert Quayle, Broxmore Farm was a major buyer securing 8 ewes for an average of \$1,175 for his property on the Bellarine Peninsula. Dean Cameron of “Noremac” Englefield Vic also secured 8 ewes for an average of \$1,287 including the much admired lot 53 for \$1,800 PTIL with triplets to the Anden sire 080276 himself a twin who was well represented throughout the catalogue as both a sire and a joining sire.

Other major buyers were Tenterden Pastoral from Trawalla Vic who secured 5 ewes to a top of \$1,800 (x2) for an average of \$1,440. PW & RV Malseed from Tyrendarra competed right throughout the catalogue securing 4 ewes to a top of \$1900 (x2) to average \$1400. Ashley Murphy from Marong Vic secured 5 ewes for what was considered very good buying on the day for an average of \$640.

South Australian competition was evident during the second half of the sale with David Graetz from Menai and Peebles at Mundulla SA securing 8 for \$775 ave and Peter & Julie Button “Ramsay Park”, Minlaton SA who were able to secure 6 ewes to a top of \$800.

The sale was conducted by Elders with Ross Milne wielding the hammer

Sale Summary	2011	2009	2007
Offered	100	99	100
Sold	100	88	100
Top	\$2,800 (x2)	\$1,200	\$1,900
Average	\$1,173	\$595	\$680



Bazil and Tim Jorgensen with David Pipkorn holding (lot 43) the equal top priced Ewe at \$2800.



Kym Lovelock - Elders bordertown and David Graetz from Mundulla South Australia were at the sale early inspecting potential purchases.



Pam and Gordon Oliver from Ross Creek near Ballarat were selecting foundation stock for their new White Suffolk stud.



Peter Minchin and son Corey travelled with Peters Father-in-law Murray Long to the sale and are pictured with Michelle and David Pipkorn and some of the ewes Murray purchased including the equal top priced ewe (lot 14) at \$2800