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## **Detpa Grove continues down golden path**

Another terrific result was achieved at the Pipkorn family's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Detpa Grove White Suffolk sale last Thursday at Jeparit, when 211 head sold for a \$1,080 average, despite a dismal outcome to another season of promise in the area.

If anyone is having trouble understanding how this stud achieves such good results in comparison to many others, they should just go along next year and it should become obvious.

Elite performance genetics, magnificently presented in a totally professional manner, supported by a reputation built on the success of Detpa Grove genetics in the flocks of previous purchasers, would be a good summation. From the large crowd, plus others hooked in via the Auctions Plus network, 62 individual buyers were successful in purchasing in either the stud ram, flock ram or stud ewe drafts on offer.

The sale commenced with the stud ewe offering of 84 excellent young ewes. These met strong competition at the top end, but tapered off by the end with 17 failing to clear. There were 17 successful buyers of the 67 ewes that cleared, with Neil Adams and his daughter Alisha, Kookaburra Park White Suffolk stud, Kyneton the strongest buyers, purchasing 11 in total from \$200 to \$600.

BA & HA Jorgensen, Antwerp, Vic were also larger volume buyers, purchasing 10 ewes from \$200 to \$450, while R & CS Rudiger, Karoonda, SA purchased 8; paying to \$750. RM & PJ Gray, Goolagong, bid strongly throughout the draft, running many ewes up to their eventual purchase price, but did get 5 themselves, paying from \$250 to \$500.

The top ewe price of \$1,000 was paid by RG Roberts, Pyramid Hill, Vic buying through Elders Bendigo for 1 of 3 they bought. They also purchased 3 last year, including the top of \$800 then. The 67 cleared for a \$360 average, up \$22 on last year.

With a big crowd in place for the stud ram offering and with relatively quiet White Suffolk stud ram sales so far around the country, it was obvious many potential buyers had been waiting for this sale. They would not have been disappointed, for the 27 rams on offer had quality right through the draft with no particular identifiable star lots.

Bidding was strong throughout with many potential buyers having their individual lot preferences, but also having several options selected. As a result, the bidding was very solid throughout and the draft averaged \$4,435, up \$555 on last year's result.

The top price of \$15,000, although not extreme, was also higher by \$3,000 than last year's top price. This was successfully bid by Steve and Ros Funke, "Bundara Downs", Western Flat, SA, buying in conjunction with Allan and Sue Piggott, "Illoura", Moorlands, SA for the 14<sup>th</sup> ram offered, DG070518. This young August drop '07 ram, sired by DG "Innovator", was well balanced and structurally correct and had the second highest Lambplan figures, culminating in a Carcase Plus index of 204.08. Another attraction to the purchasers was that he was an outcross sire for both studs. The Funkes also purchased the last stud ram in the ring at \$3,000 in their own right, plus a half share in the \$12,000 second top priced ram in the sale.

This ram, DG070490 Twin, sired by DG "Distinction" was also an August drop ram with balanced top end figures. It was bought by Andrew Frick on behalf of the Ferguson family, "Anna Villa" stud, Weetulta, SA, who could not be at the sale as they had their own sale on at the same time. They also purchased another youngster for \$3,000 and then on-sold a half share in the \$12,000 ram to the Funke family.

Clive and Deb Shillabeer, Wingamin stud, Karoonda, SA paid \$8,500 for a top DG “Cracker” son and then bought 2 rams at \$5,500 and \$5,000 on behalf of the Tattykeel (NSW) and Glenarbian (SA) studs.

Mark Williams, Lillimuir, Vic bought an impressive Innovator son for \$5,500. This amount was also laid out by John Jamieson, Finley, NSW for another “Cracke”r son. Weidemann Pastoral Co, Rupanyup, Vic outlaid the 4<sup>th</sup> highest price of \$7,500 for a big, long and well muscled “Distinction” son with very impressive and balanced performance figures, culminating in a Carcase Plus index of 202.5.

The Rudiger and Gray families, plus Shane and Jodie Foster, Casterton, who had all bought ewes previously, also purchased stud rams at \$4,000, \$2,000 and \$3,750 respectively.

There were also bargains, for Doug Comb, Hay, NSW found out. He had to go to \$12,000 in purchasing last year’s top, but couldn’t believe his luck this year in only having to bid to \$3,000 before securing a “Distinction” son with the highest Carcase Plus index in the catalogue of 204.93. The Neill family, Wheetelande stud, Farrell Flat, SA also picked up the super impressive first ram, DG 070003 ET, by “Cracker”, for only \$3,250, again proving lot 1 is often the best value!

Pre-sale flock ram demand predictions were somewhat hesitant because of the seasonal effects, but support was again very good. 116 of the 137 flock rams sold at auction, only a marginally poorer clearance than last year, but with an increased average; up from \$680 in 2007 to \$724 this year.

JW & RD Sporn, Murrayville are regular top end buyers of Detpa Grove flock rams and often pick up bottom end stud rams as well. This year they purchased the 2 top priced flock rams at \$1,200 and \$1,150, and also purchased 3 from the stud draft; paying \$1,500, \$2,250 and \$2,500. Their average was \$1,720 for 5 outstanding rams.

Traverston Farming, St Arnaud also bought a \$1,500 stud and then added 5 flock rams, paying to \$1,100 for their top end purchases.

Elders Bendigo are regular strong supporters of the Detpa Grove flock rams and were back in force this year with several clients. Lionel Mann, Pyramid Hill paid an average of \$1,000 for 4 top rams; Roland Roberts, also from Pyramid Hill purchased 7 from \$650 to \$750. SJ & GM Willson, Campbells Forest purchased 7 from \$500 to \$850 and David Wilson, Campbells Forest picked up 5 to \$650, to be the most prominent of them.

Volume buying was also provided by TN & CA Koop (9 rams from \$650 to \$700), SE & JV Grigg (8 rams from \$500 to \$650) and AR & JD McKenzie, Warracknabeal (6 at \$600 each). However, the biggest volume buyers on the day were again Irving Brothers, Edenhope, who purchased 11 from \$550 to \$950, after purchasing 15 last year. Irving Brothers were just one of a large group of buyers from western Victoria, operating through PPH & S, Naracoorte agent Simon Mulraney. Collectively they purchased 38 rams.

### Sale Summary

	Stud Ewes		Stud Rams		Flock Rams	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Offered	84	88	27	27	131	132
Sold	67	68	27	25	116	123
Top	\$1,000	\$800	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$1,200	\$1,350
Ave	\$360	\$338	\$4,435	\$3,880	\$724	\$681

Agents: Elders/VP

Auctioneers: Ross Mine & Aaron Zwar

## Photo Gallery



Pictured with the 2 top priced rams at the Detpa Grove sale at \$12,000 and \$15,000 are Ros (left) and Steve Funke (right), Bundara Downs, Western Flat, SA; Andrew Frick, Padthaway, SA; and Detpa Grove principals, David and Michelle Pipkorn, Jeparit, Vic. The Funkes purchased the \$15,000 ram (right) in conjunction with the Illoura stud, SA and later bought a half share in the \$12,000 ram (left) which was bought by Andrew on behalf on the Ferguson family, Weetulta, SA.



The 2 top priced rams at the Detpa Grove sale at \$12,000 and \$15,000 are pictured with Steve Funke, Bundara Downs, Western Flat, SA (who purchased a 50 % share in both rams) and Michelle and David Pipkorn, Detpa Grove principals, Jeparit, Vic.



The \$15,000 top priced ram at the Detpa Grove sale is pictured with Detpa Grove principals, David and Michelle Pipkorn, Jeparit, Vic and purchasers, Ros and Steve Funke, Bundara Downs, Western Flat, SA (who purchased in conjunction with the Piggott family, Illoura, Moorlands, SA).



The \$12,000 second top priced ram at the Detpa Grove sale was purchased by the Ferguson family, Anna Villa stud, Weetulta, SA in conjunction with the Funke family, Bundara Downs, Western Flat, SA. Pictured with the ram are Steve and Ros Funke and Detpa Grove principals, Michelle and David Pipkorn, Jeparit, Vic.



Detpa Grove principal, David Pipkorn (3<sup>rd</sup> left) is pictured with some of a group of flock ram buyers operating through P P H & S Naracoorte agent Simon Mulraney (left). They purchased 38 rams in total and include Peter Irving, Edenhope (11 rams to \$950); Craig Bennie (3 rams to \$1,000); John Hatley, Apsley (5 rams to \$800); and Glen Sambell, Groke (4 rams to \$800).



The most prominent of 17 stud ewe buyers at the Detpa Grove sale were Neil and Alisha Adams, Kookaburra Park White Suffolk stud, Kyneton, Vic. They are seen looking over the 11 purchases, paying to \$600 for them.



Providing strong buying support at the Detpa Grove White Suffolk sale was Elders Bendigo agent Darryl Holt, with 2 of his clients, Roland Roberts and Lionel Mann, both from Pyramid Hill.



Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn, Jeparit is pictured with Rodney, Andrew and Matthew Weidemann, Rupanyup, Vic. They are regular purchasers of Detpa Grove genetics and this year purchased the fourth top priced ram at \$7,500 for their White Suffolk stud.



Robert and Paula Gray, Glen Park White Suffolk stud, Goolagong, NSW are pictured after having loaded their purchases from the Detpa Grove sale, Jeparit, Vic. They purchased 1 stud ram at \$2,000 and 5 stud ewes to \$500.



Shane and Jodie Foster, Casterton, Vic are pictured with Ralph Speirs, Warrnambool and Gordon Branson, Mortlake at the Detpa Grove White Suffolk sale. The Fosters purchased a stud ram at \$3,750 and 4 stud ewes to \$400.



Elders auctioneer, Ross Milne calling for bids on the \$15,000 top priced ram in the ring at the Detpa Grove White Suffolk sale. Also pictured are Elders' other auctioneer Aaron Zwar and Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn, Jeparit, Vic.