

Widespread and International demand at Detpa Grove

The Pipkorn family, Detpa Grove White Suffolks at Jeparit received strong support from far and wide at their eighth Biannual Mated Ewe Sale on Tuesday 28th April. 75 ewes sold to buyers from five states and the USA and averaged \$575.

Undoubtedly the highlight was the demand for the first four lots of elite ewes, selected from the heart of the Detpa Grove breeding flock in a 'pick of the pair' format. Each lot contained two ewes that have been used, or have been selected to go into the Detpa Grove elite ET program as donor females.

The successful buyer for each of the 4 lots got to take home their selection of the two ewes, with the other being retained in Detpa Grove's breeding program.

This was an obvious attraction, with these four ewes selling to a new Detpa Grove record ewe price of \$3500 and averaged \$2712.50.

The \$3500 top priced ewe was DG120625Tw, one of the two outstanding options in lot 1, being purchased by Bruce Buswell, Matilda Downs stud, Mt Barker, WA. Bruce has had a lot of success with Detpa Grove genetics in the past, paying to an equal top of \$16,000 for rams in 2012 and also picking up a top ram last year. His buying did not stop with the record ewe as he went on to also be the biggest volume buyer, successfully bidding on ten other ewes throughout the catalogue.

While these star lots were a highlight, the value throughout the rest of the sale was exceptionally good. Bruce's other ten purchases were to \$800 and averaged just \$400; his 11 averaging \$682.

Gary Heilig, 'Prestige Farm', Montana, USA made a successful venture into White Suffolks at Detpa Grove's 2007 mated ewe sale when he paid the previous Detpa Grove ewe record of \$3300. He has more recently invested in the ram Wingamin 'Trifecta' 112462, the Bendigo, Hamilton and Adelaide champion ram of 2012. 'Trifecta's' breeders, Clive, Deb and Caitlin Shillabeer travelled to the sale on Gary's behalf and purchased two of these elite lots. Lot 2 (DG130315Tw) made \$3000, while lot 4 (DG110153Tri) made \$2250. These two ewes will most likely remain in Australia and be flushed, with the embryos being sent over to 'Prestige Farm'.

Paul Routley, Almondvale stud, Urana, NSW was the successful bidder on lot 3 of these star 'pick of the pair' lots, bidding to \$2100 for DG120055Tw. Like Bruce Buswell, Paul was also a prominent volume buyer, purchasing 10 ewes at a \$645 average. Again after the top lot, the rest were at great value.

Two other purchasers, one from Tasmania and one from Victoria also provided volume buying support with purchases of 10 ewes each.

Will Milroy, from Pipers River, Tasmania is commencing a White Suffolk stud with these purchases and has certainly started with superb quality foundation stock. He paid to \$1800, which was the highest price outside of the four star lots, and averaged \$665 for his 10 ewes. His impact on the sale result went beyond this though as he bid on all four of the star lots and was underbidder on two of them.

Jake Last, formally from Tasmania where he had a White Suffolk stud, but now based at Colac in Victoria, was the other volume purchaser of 10 ewes. Restarting his involvement with the breed, he operated solely in the value buying area and averaged just \$320 for these ewes. Considering the quality on offer, Jake was the fortunate recipient of this extreme value buying, an opportunity missed by many others.

Damian Hawker, Omad stud, Kaniva, Vic selected the highest quality he could and purchased seven select ewes at a \$600 average, including one at \$1400, this being the second highest price outside the four star lots.

Other Victorian purchasers included P & M Munn, Mortlake, new breeders who invested in quality numbers, purchasing eight ewes at a \$388 average, while A & P McDonald, Dadswell Bridge, purchased six ewes at a \$342 average. Graham Lewis, Shepherd's Hut, Balmoral purchased three at a \$368 average.

Stuart Staude and Nick Lawrence, Pinnacle stud, Bordertown led the South Australian buying with six ewes at a \$408 average, while Peter Angus, Maroola stud, Mallala averaged \$600 for two top ewes.

Sale Summary

75 ewes sold to \$3500 and averaged \$575.33

Agents: Elders **Auctioneer:** Ross Milne



All smiles after the successful Detpa Grove White Suffolk stud's Biannual mated ewe sale at Jeparit, Vic were members of the Pipkorn family, Jordan, Michelle, Alex, Sophie and David, with the ewe they sold to Bruce Buswell, 'Matilda Downs' stud, Mt Barker, WA for a new Detpa Grove ewe record price of \$3500.



Pictured with the \$3500 top priced ewe at the Detpa Grove White Suffolk stud's Biannual mated ewe sale are Elders auctioneer Ross Milne with members of the Pipkorn family; Jordan, Michelle, Sophie, Alex and David (holding the ewe). It was bought by Bruce Buswell, Matilda Downs stud, Mt Barker, WA; one of 11 ewes he purchased.



These two elite ewes sold at the Biannual Detpa Grove White Suffolk stud's mated ewe sale to Gary Heilig, Montana, USA for \$3000 and \$2250. Purchasing the ewes for Gary Heilig were Deb, Caitlin and Clive Shillabeer, Wingamin stud, Karoonda. The ewes will lamb down at Wingamin and will then enter an ET program with the embryos transported to the USA.



Paul Routley (centre), Almondvale stud, Urana purchased this ewe for \$2100, one of four elite ewes offered at the Detpa Grove mated ewe sale at Jeparit. He purchased 10 ewes overall at a \$645 average price. Also pictured are Sophie and Jordan Pipkorn, Elders auctioneer Ross Milne, and Alex, Michelle and David Pipkorn.



This is the first 'pick of the pair' elite ewe lot at the 8th Biannual Detpa Grove mated ewe sale, with Elders auctioneer Ross Milne doing the selling. The pick of the pair sold for a new Detpa Grove record ewe price of \$3500 to Bruce Buswell, Matilda Downs stud, Mt Barker, WA.