

Detpa Grove lifts the bar higher to \$23,000 top

The twenty sixth annual Detpa Grove White Suffolk sale at Jeparit produced another great result for the Pipkorn family with a \$7000 lift in top price to \$23,000, their highest price since 2005 when they set the breed's \$36,000 auction record price.

In welcoming the crowd that included 64 registered bidders in attendance, plus connections via the Auctions Plus link, Elders auctioneer Ross Milne said, "The Pipkorn family keeps lifting the bar higher whether you are assessing on phenotype, or on the arithmetic. This is one of the best drafts I've ever had the pleasure to stand over."

The 80 stud ewes, 36 stud rams and 139 flock rams on offer certainly displayed wonderful breed type, body length, muscling, substance and balanced EBVs at the top end of the industry. It is clearly the success of clients around the country in sale and show rings with Detpa Grove genetics that keeps them coming back, and with diverse family bloodlines, described by the vendors as "New generation genetics", there is every reason for them to do so.

The success of Detpa Grove's newest genetic infusion of Burwood 110959ET, purchased in 2012 for \$21,000 in conjunction with the Anden stud, is a perfect example. This sire's first 14 Detpa Grove stud ram progeny, including the \$23,000 sale topper, averaged \$8107.

Twenty six of the thirty six rams in the stud section were purchased by other studs, these averaging \$5625. Twelve were purchased by astute flock ram buyers.

The sale topping ram, DG 130674, was a September 2013 drop, yet displayed all the length, sire power and muscling you'd expect from a top stud ram. It was purchased by Peter and Julie Button, Ramsay Park stud, Minlaton, SA via phone connection with Ian Pfeiffer, who was in attendance.

Its Lambplan figures were also very impressive and included a Pwwt of 16.64, Pemd of 2.75 and a Carcase Plus index of 218.

The underbidder was the Ferguson family, Anna Villa stud, Weetulta, also on Yorke Peninsula and connected via Auctions Plus. However they did not miss out having paid \$9500 for the first stud ram offered, DG 130148ET. After missing the sale topper, they were then successful on the very next lot, DG 'Ricochet' 130066Tw, also at \$9500, a bargain for a ram of this quality; his figures equally as impressive as the top priced ram. The latter of the Ferguson family's purchases had been used in the Detpa Grove program as a ram lamb and Detpa Grove is retaining semen shares for future in-flock use from both of them.

The second top price was \$13,000, this being paid by the Gilmore family, Baringa stud, Oberon, NSW, also operating via Auctions Plus. Semen shares were taken up by the Bundara Downs (SA) and Westleigh (Vic) studs. This was for DG 130207ET, one of three full ET brothers in the sale.

AML Agriculture P/L, through Landmark Warrnambool paid \$7000 for one, while Clive and Deb Shillabeer, Wingamin stud, Karoonda, who were underbidders on DG 130207, purchased the other at \$8500.

Regular Detpa Grove supporters, Weidemann Pastoral Co, Rupanyup picked up two top rams for their Sunnydale stud. DG 130652, a late August dropper with power, substance and balance and figures that supported that appearance, culminating in a 212 C+ index was another bargain at just \$6000. This ram justifiably had numerous pre-sale inspections. They then paid \$8000 for another

August drop ram, DG 130421, catalogued late in the draft that had been used in the Detpa Grove stud as a ram lamb.

Trevor and Annette Smith, Marleigh White Suffolks, Gumbower and Shane and Jodi Foster, Boonaroo P/L, Casterton both paid \$6000 for stud rams, while Tim Jorgensen, Mertex stud, Antwerp paid \$5500. Leroy and Rohan Hull, Kattata Well stud, Pt Kenny, SA paid \$4750, Rob Mitchell, 'Ronobri', Lockington, Vic paid \$4500 and Bruce Buswell, Matilda Downs stud, Mt Barker, WA paid \$4000 for top quality rams to round out the key stud buyers.

The stud ewes achieved a good result from limited demand. Forty three of the 79 special stud and stud ewes cleared at a solid average of \$684, up \$170 on last year. The top of \$1700 was \$700 higher than last year and went to Duncan Young, Oakwood White Suffolks, Balhannah, SA. This was for DG 130007, a twin daughter of DG 110059, having exceptional and balanced figures culminating in a C+ index of 210.

Duncan Young was also the top volume buyer from the seven active ewe bidders, purchasing 15 ewes at a \$797 average. Ian Kyle, Ashley Park stud, Bairnsdale was the other top ewe buyer in price and volume, purchasing 10 ewes to \$1150 and averaging \$760. Five ewes were purchased via the Auctions Plus system.

The flock ram buying list contained a lot of regular repeat buyers who swear by these genetics. Robert and Joff Sporn, Murrayville were the strongest top bidders, purchasing 10 rams to \$2000 (x2) and averaging \$1625. They regularly buy the top performance rams, including ones catalogued in the stud section, if stud buyers don't push them higher. Four of their purchases this year came from the stud ram draft. This year they brought Glen Nuske with them and he picked up a top performance ram for just \$1000. The Sporns turned off 1450 head (90%) of their lambs in their first draft this year for \$145/head. Glen has a self-replacing Merino flock and mates half to Detpa Grove White Suffolks, averaging \$143 for his lambs.

PPH & S Naracoorte agent, Simon Mulraney, travelled to Detpa Grove with a group of five Edenhope area repeat clients and this year they accumulated a total of 30 rams. Peter Irving, Irving Partners was once again the biggest single flock ram buyer and purchased 16 of those 30 at extreme value, paying from \$600 to \$850. Craig Benny, was another of this group and purchased four to the third highest flock ram price of \$1600.

Burrupa Partnership, through TB White, Ballarat with six rams from \$1000 to \$1500 was another strong top end buyer, while Lagoon Partnership and Schmidt Family Trust, both from the Hamilton region each paid to \$1600 in their two select purchases.

Elders Bendigo branch has also been long and strong Detpa Grove supporters. Six buyers operated through that branch and purchased 17 rams. A Jensen & Son was the biggest of these clients, purchasing seven rams from \$700 to \$900.

The competition was strong at the top, but when buying quotas started to fill, buyers entered the high value area, with 31 selling at the \$600 base price. Ultimately the seasonally affected buyer confidence had a pre-sale impact and demand ran out at 112 rams (including the 12 from the stud draft), despite the high quality of the 39 that failed to find buyers on the day.

Sale Summary	Stud rams		Stud ewes		Flock rams	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Offered	26	37	79	67	151	129
Sold	26	37	43	39	112	113
Top	\$23,000	\$16,000	\$1700	\$1000	\$2000	\$1800
Average	\$5625	\$3134	\$684	\$514	\$926	\$979

Agents: Elders Jeparit

Auctioneers: Ross Milne and Andrew Zwar



Pictured with the \$23,000 top priced ram at the Detpa Grove sale are Ian Pfeiffer, Bordertown who bid via phone hook-up with purchasers Peter and Julie Button, Ramsay Park stud, Minlaton, SA and Detpa Grove principals Michelle and David Pipkorn, Jeparit, Vic.



Detpa Grove's Ron Pipkorn is pictured with Duncan Young, Oakwood stud, Balhannah, SA, inspecting some of the ewes. Duncan purchased 15 ewes including the \$1700 top priced ewe.



Murrayville prime lamb producers Glen Nuske, Robert and Joff Sporn are pictured with Michelle Pipkorn, Detpa Grove with the 11 top flock rams they purchased, including two at the \$2000 top price.



Michelle Pipkorn (2nd right) is pictured with Edenhope regular buyer Craig Bennie, their PPH&S agent Simon Mulraney, Peter Irving and Glen Sambell. Collectively Simon's five clients who purchased at this sale tallied 30 rams.



Detpa Grove principal David Pipkorn holds the \$13,000 second top priced ram, purchased on Auctions Plus by the Gilmore family, Baringa stud, Oberon, NSW, with Bundara Downs (SA) and Westleigh (Vic) studs as semen share partners.



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