

## Anden's Elite Quality Rewarded

The Donnan family, Anden White Suffolks, was well rewarded for the 115 high and even quality rams presented at their 16<sup>th</sup> annual sale at Woomelang this year, producing a record result. Included were ten specially selected rams that also received good stud breeder support, having been neglected last year despite their standout quality.

The Donnans also offered 41 Poll Dorset rams from their Viewdale stud and ten Suffolk rams from their newly resurrected Kerangie Suffolk stud. The 166 rams averaged a superb \$1357 with the 156 flock ram portion averaging \$1093.

The ten specially selected White Suffolks opened the sale and got off on a top note with Hobson Farming, Banjanda stud, Burrumbeet winning the bidding at \$6500 on the impressive Anden 276 son, An100150Twin.

Hodder Pastoral Co, Horsham then grabbed the next A276 son at \$4000, later adding the last of these specially selected rams for \$6500.

However, the really strong competition came from Steve Funke, Bundara Downs stud, Bordertown. Combining with Alan Piggott, Illoura stud, Moorlands, he purchased lot 7, Anden 100357Twin, a late August drop by Anden 090168 (the 2010 Adelaide Royal Show supreme interbreed champion ram) and with wonderfully balanced and impressive Lambplan figures for the sale top of \$12,000.

He also combined with the Ferguson family, Anna Villa stud, Weetulta to purchase a very powerful An276 son for \$4000, plus an outstanding youngster in the flock rams for \$2000. Finally he added Anden 100365, another late August drop An168 son for \$11,500.

Ruth Vallance, 'Elanora' stud, Barham, NSW paid \$4250 for another August drop An168 son to round out the higher prices; the ten specially selected rams averaging a very impressive and overdue \$5475.

The very wonderfully presented flock ram line-up followed, chock full of performance with figures the envy of most studs supporting their visual excellence. The large crowd of buyers couldn't wait to get into the bidding, with 27 successful on the 105 White Suffolks, plus a further 12 operating on the Poll Dorset and Suffolk rams.

Repeat buyers, Pat, Ray and Josh Healy, Mount Dispersion Station, via Mildura and bidding through Landmark Mildura were the strongest, purchasing 17 of the best White Suffolks from \$1200 to \$1600 and at a \$1341 average.

Also very strong at the top end was another loyal Anden client, Gerard Curran with sons Adrian and Daniel, Robinvale. They purchased six rams; five at \$1500 and one at \$1400. IW & AP Marshall, Ouyen was also a strong bidder, paying from \$1000 to \$1400 for eight rams while KY Pastoral, Warracknabeel, was another prominent repeat buyer, picking up ten from \$1000 to \$1200.

Superior Selections, Adelaide paid the \$2750 top price for an August drop youngster with figures at the very top end for performance, being sired by Anden 090206, the leading ram nationally on Lambplan for C+ index. This ram will go into a registered stud.

The top of the 41 Poll Dorset rams was \$1400, account Rogers Brothers. The significant volume buyers of these Poll Dorsets were also White Suffolk buyers, but RV & JP Overall was the exception, buying five at \$700 to \$800. The major multiple breed purchases were Bowmont Park (six Poll Dorsets and five White Suffolks), PJ & JM Ryan, Wemen (seven Poll Dorsets to \$900 and six White Suffolks to \$1300) and DP & BM Smith (three Poll Dorsets to \$900 and six White Suffolks to \$1300).

In the select Suffolk offering, Single Oak paid the top of \$800 twice in their four purchases, having also purchased two Poll Dorsets, while Ian Pfeiffer, Bordertown took the other six Suffolks at \$600 each.

Ross Milne auctioneered for sale agents Elders.

Sale Summary	White Suffolk studs		Flocks	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Offered	10	12	107	76
Sold	10	12	105	76
Top	\$12,000	\$2000	\$2750	\$1400
Average	\$5475	\$1588	\$1233	\$862
	Poll Dorsets		Suffolks	
	2011	2010	2011	
Offered	41	20	10	
Sold	41	20	10	
Top	\$1400	\$2000	\$800	
Average	\$843	\$845	\$640	



Steve Funke, Bundara Downs, Bordertown and Alan Piggott, Illoura, Moorlands, SA combined to purchase this \$12,000 August drop White Suffolk ram from Anden for the sale's top price, being held by Anden's Joel Donnan.



Steve Funke (left), Bundara Downs stud, Bordertown purchased this young August drop White Suffolk for \$11,500 and is with Joel, John and Andrew Donnan, Anden stud, Woomelang, Vic.



Josh, Pat and Ray Healy, Mt Dispersion Station, via Mildura were the strongest flock ram buyers at the Anden sale and are with stud principal Andrew Donnan. The Healys purchased 17 top rams, paying from \$1200 to \$1600.



Repeat Anden clients, the Curren family, Robinvale were extremely happy with the quality on offer at Anden and purchased six of the best rams from \$1400 to \$1500. Anden studmaster, Andrew Donnan is pictured with Gerard , Adrian and Daniel Curran after the sale.