

Reserved buyers find value at Leahcim

With question marks continuing over the season, buyers at the 20th Annual Leahcim and Leahcim Lam White Suffolk sale at Snowtown were somewhat reserved in their bidding, but found great value in the high quality offering.

With the earlier feedback of increased demand; Andrew, Rosemary, Luke, Stewart and Alistair Michael had added more rams to the offering this year, being anxious to keep supply in line with demand and not let the rams get too dear. However, the season kept some of this expected demand away, with the result that regular buyers had plenty of high quality rams to select from and were able to buy at great value prices.

In these circumstances, the sale achieved a very satisfactory result with 97 selling to a top of \$1,800 and averaging \$676 from the 110 offered.

Station country orders from producers looking to increase their income flow through the production of quality meat sheep lambs, either prime or store for feedlots, were a feature with 30 going to 3 station buyers.

LK Laskey, Wanda Station and buying through Elders Broken Hill, took 15 rams at \$500 each, while Elders agent Chris Ward purchased 9 at \$500 for Bono Station, also buying through the Elders Broken Hill branch. Murray Field Station, through Elders Clare, purchased 6 from \$500 to \$700. These orders put a very solid floor in the sale.

At the top end, Luke Martin, through Elders Minlaton picked out lot 1 for his stud; a very classy and extremely well muscled son of Farrer 74/04, paying \$1,800. As he got this ram well under his budget, he then purchased lot 2 for \$1,500; in effect getting 2 top rams for the price of one for this stud.

Mark Dyson and Simon Seppelt of Quality Wool, purchased at the top end of the flock ram catalogue, picking out 9 exceptional performance rams and paying from \$700 to \$1,200, for their property Springmount Pastoral, Myponga. They also purchased 7 top rams last year.

Also back after purchasing 3 top rams last year was PG & YD Wurst, operating through Landmark Jamestown. They purchased 2 this year, paying \$1,400 and \$1,000; a 25% discount on last year's top end purchases.

Barry and Nathan Woolford, Murraytown went to a top of \$1,200, but were able to secure their 7 top end purchases for an average of only \$829. KD & SM Fromm, through Elders Orroroo purchased 6 from \$500 to \$800, while Nick Ashby, through Landmark Snowtown, purchased 5 from \$550 to \$800. Purchasing 4 rams each were M Lieberneicht, Eudunda and JM & CC Oswald, Wudinna to be the other main buyers from those present at the sale.

Agent orders for absent buyers were also important in achieving the result. Peter Rolestone, Elders Clare, purchased 5 from \$500 to \$800 for TR & RC Young, Tumbay Bay.

Peter Reichstein, Wardle & Co, purchased 5 rams from \$500 to \$900 for 3 separate accounts, while Jon Reinke, Landmark Snowtown purchased 4 for Pratt Grain from \$500 to \$600. Peter Butterfield, Butterfield Agencies, Balaklava, purchased 4 to \$750.

Sale summary

Offered	110	(83 in 2006)
Sold	97	(83 in 2006)
Top	\$1,800	(\$3,600 in 2006)
Ave	\$676	\$826 in 2006)
Agents	Elders, Landmark (Jon Reinke Agencies) & Wardle & Co	
Auctioneers	Craig Shearer (Elders) & Leo Redden (Landmark)	



Key personnel at the Leahcim White Suffolk Sale last Friday were Chris Ward, Elders (purchased 9 rams for Bono Station); Barry & Nathan Woolford, Murraytown (purchased 7 rams); Leahcim Lam principal Luke Michael; Jon Reinke, Jon Reinke Agencies, Landmark Snowtown (purchased 4 for Pratt Grain); Peter Reichstein, Wardle & Co (purchased 5 rams for 3 clients); Luke Martin, Minlaton (purchased the 2 top priced rams); & Simon Seppelt, Quality Wool (purchased 9 rams).