

LEAHCIM'S CRACKING WHITE SUFFOLK SUCCESS

By David Wright and Ian Turner

All 126 White Suffolk rams on offer at Leahcim's White Suffolk on-property auction on Friday sold under the hammer, to a top price of \$6900 and new record averages.

The 10 stud rams on offer sold for an average price of \$3880, while the remaining 116 rams sold to a top price of \$2500 and an average of \$1423.

Principal Andrew Michael was delighted with the success of the sale, which he attributed to confidence in the prime lamb industry and the level of performance figures provided for each ram.

Leahcim has made a conscious decision to breed rams that have balanced ASBVs, structural soundness, the ability to perform under harsh conditions and also to produce a high value skin.

"A lot of these rams are in the top 10 percent for their trait ASBVs," Mr Michael said.

The top priced ram; sold to absentee buyer Murray Long of Pendarra White Suffolk stud, Ardlethan, NSW had a PEMD of +1.3 and a Lamb2020 Index figure of 111.

First time buyers David and Paul Goerling, of Lukin Springs Merino, Poll Merino and White Suffolk studs, Boyup Brook WA were quick to snap up the second lot of the auction for \$3800, after being losing bidders on the top-priced Leahcim White Suffolk ram at the Royal Adelaide Show Elite Ram Sale.

However, they were disappointed to pick up only one ram, as they were also the losing bidder on the three top-priced rams in this sale.

"We were attracted to Leahcim by Andrew's progressive thinking and breeding policies," David Goerling said.

Volume buyers were Quality Livestock, Wudinna who purchased 24 rams to a top price of \$1800; Adalis Pastoral Company, Snowtown who bought 10 rams to \$1300; Springmount Pastoral, Parawa who bought nine to \$2600; the Bell family of Bono Station, Pooncarie who bought 14 rams to a top price of \$1400; and Tom Hawker of Anama, Clare who bought seven rams to a top price of \$1600.

Sale summary

	Stud Rams - 2011	Flock Rams - 2011	2010
Offered	10	116	110
Sold	10	116	110
Top Price	\$6900	\$2500	\$3000
Average	\$3880	\$1423	\$1098

Agents: Elders and Landmark

Auctioneers: Damien Webb (Elders) and Gordon Wood (Landmark)



Leahcim White Suffolk stud principal Andrew Michael with buyers and longtime clients, Colin Rogers of Alford, and Adam Jamieson, of Adalis Pastoral Company, Snowtown, looking over the Leahcim rams on offer.



With the top-priced Leahcim ram which sold for \$6900 to Murray Long of Pendarra White Suffolk stud, Ardlethan, NSW are (from left) Elders auctioneer Damien Webb who transacted the sale, and Andrew and Luke Michael of Leahcim White Suffolk stud, Snowtown.



First time buyer Paul Goerling, of Lukin Springs, Boyup Brook, WA with the Leahcim ram that he bought for \$3800 and is being held by Leahcim's Luke Michael.