

Leahcim Whites snapped up to \$4000

While the crowd size of around 50 was considerably lower than Leahcim's huge Poll Merino sale earlier in the week, their White Suffolk rams sold extremely well in an almost perfect sale result at Snowtown last Friday.

129 of 130 rams offered cleared at a \$999 average. There was a strong top end with 12 rams selling for \$1400 or better, but also great value with 52 selling for \$800 or less. This enabled all budgets to buy and those selecting numbers to do so at an affordable average. The 12 to 15 month old rams were totally paddock reared and very even in quality with every ram above breed and industry average for Carcase Plus index on Lambplan.

The top price hit \$4000 when Gerard Burns, Burnlea White Suffolk stud, Cummins outbid regular Leahcim top buyers, Paul and Yvonne Wurst, Appila for Leahcim 130351. One of the first progeny of Galaxy Park 180, this ram displayed great breed type, length and outstanding growth, supported by Lambplan ASBVs of +17.5 for Pwwt, -0.8 for Pfat and 0.8 for Pemd, culminating in the C+ index of 201, the highest in the catalogue.

Gerard Burns said the ram will play a major sire role over the 180 Burnlea ewes.

"I liked his all-round appeal, great structure, frame and outstanding figures," he said.

The Wursts compensated by purchasing the next ram of the same breeding and just two points below in C+ index for the second top price of \$2500. They also paid \$2200 and \$1400 for two others to come away with three outstanding elite performance rams for their lamb enterprise.

Mark Dyson, Springmount Pastoral and buying through Quality Livestock has been a loyal supporter of Leahcim's White Suffolk genetics for many years and was back bidding strongly again. Pushing the top buyers in their purchases, but outbidding most others, he purchased nine rams from \$800 to \$1900 to be a very significant volume buyer.

While there were only 30 buying registration this was enough to absorb the 130 rams, primarily because of the presence of six buyers, Springmount Pastoral being one of them. These six volume buyers accounted for 55% of the offering.

Leading that pack were long time repeat buyers, the Bell family, Bono Station, Broken Hill. Roger Wheaton again bought well on their behalf to secure 15 rams, paying from \$600 to \$900 emphasising the value available for above industry average rams.

AJ & DK Whitehorn, buying through Elders Clare were strong throughout, purchasing 14 rams from \$600 to \$1300. While they competed in the top end bidding with eight of their purchases above the sale average, they were able to average out at \$985 with value buying later in the catalogue.

Two Elders Clare accounts, Anama Holdings and ND & AM Jaeschke Family Trust purchased 12 rams each, Anama averaging \$933 and the Jaeschke family averaging a great value \$775.

Adam Jamieson, Adalis Pastoral and buying through Landmark Snowtown was the other bigger volume buyer, purchasing nine rams from \$700 to \$1100 and at an \$811 average.

While a vast majority of the buyers came from the mid and upper north regions, there was also interstate support with two rams going to NSW and six to WA. Scott Welke through Elders Esperence purchased six rams from \$900 to \$1200 to travel west with the Poll Merino purchases from earlier in the week. Also purchasing six select rams was Greg Page, representing MF Page & Co, Gladstone, paying from \$1100 to \$1400 and at a \$1233 average. He was one of three buying orders through Peter Riechstein, Quality Livestock, collectively purchasing 12 rams.

Sale Summary	2014	2013
Offered	130	137
Sold	129	119
Top	\$4000	\$3000
Average	\$999	\$1030

Agents: Elders and Landmark

Auctioneers: Damien Webb and Gordon Wood



<< This is the \$4000 top priced ram at the Leahcim White Suffolk sale pictured with Peter Rolestone and Damien Webb, Elders, purchasers Gerard Burns, Cummins, Alistair Michael, Leahcim, Snowtown and Landmark's Gordon Wood.



Pictured at the Leahcim White Suffolk ram sale were Adam Jamieson, Adalis Pastoral, Snowtown (nine rams), Roger Wheaton, buying from Bono Station, Broken Hill (15 rams), John Ballantyne, Gladstone (two rams), Peter Reichstein, Quality Livestock (four rams for BM Rice, Jamestown), Greg Page, Gladstone (six rams), and Peter Reichstein's son Shane.

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