

Quality Highlight at Leahcim White Suffolks

The feature of the Leahcim White Suffolk sale at the Michael family's 21st White Suffolk offering last Friday was the very high quality, reflecting top commercial traits right through the line up of 108 rams. While the stand out rams were featured in the first 10 or so lots, the evenness of the structurally correct, high performance rams was a credit to Leahcim. Rams that exceeded plus ten for growth, had ideal fat and up to plus 1.4 for muscle were still on offer to the last few lots. Clearly ewe numbers and feed supplies are having an effect, for demand did not match the quality.

Over twenty registered buyers competed for the rams, but without a large volume buyer present, requirements were soon filled and it then became opportunity shopping. In total, Andrew & Rosemary Michael and family cleared 72 White Suffolk rams from their offering.

Competition at the top end of the catalogue was strong, with the first 10 lots averaging \$1,130 and topping at \$1,500 twice, but as competition fell off the final average fell back to a great value figure of \$707.50.

Quality Wool, represented by Mark Dyson and Simon Seppelt, bid the equal top for lot 1; one of 5 outstanding rams they purchased for a Southern Fleurieu Peninsula client.

Paul and Yvonne Wurst, Appila also went to \$1,500 for lot 6, having also outlayed \$1,200 for lot 2.

Equal top volume buyers were Kevin and Allan Hams, Whyte Yarcowie, who purchased 7 top rams; paying to \$1,200 for lot 3, but able to average their prices out to \$714 by sale's end.

Humphris Family Trust, buying through Elders Gladstone agent Simon Harding also purchased 7 rams on the day from \$500 to \$550 in bargain basement buying.

Other prominent buyers with 4 rams each were Adalis Pastoral, Snowtown (to \$750); Dean Young, Kadina (to \$750); M& L Liebeknecht, Eudunda (to \$750) ; and CJ & J Rogers, Kadina (to \$700).

At the sale's end, Andrew Michael made two presentations to long time supporters of the Leahcim White Suffolk sale. Keith Ballantyne, Crystal Brook has attended every one of the twenty one Leahcim sales and this year bought 2 rams, while Landmark's Balaklava agent, Mel Haines has attended 19 of them.

Sale Summary	2008	2007
Offered	108	110
Sold	72	97
Top	\$1,500 (x2)	\$1,800
Average	\$707.50	\$676

Agents: Landmark-John Reinke Agencies, Snowtown; Elders Clare; & Wardle & Co, Crystal Brook
Auctioneers Leo Redden (Landmark) and Craig Shearer (Elders)



Pictured after the Leahcim White Suffolk sale last Friday were Luke Michael (Leahcim), Snowtown; Mel Haines, Landmark Balaklava (who has attended 19 Leahcim sales); Allan & Kevin Hams, Whyte Yarcowie (purchased 7 rams to \$1,200); Simon Seppelt, Quality Wool (5 rams to equal sale top of \$1,500); Keith Ballantyne, Crystal Brook (purchased 2 rams and has attended all 21 Leahcim sales); and John Oswald, Wudinna (purchased 3 rams to \$1,000).



Rosemary Michael (centre), Leahcim, Snowtown, presents awards to Simon Seppelt, Quality Wool and Yvonne Wurst, Appila, who were buyers of the equal top priced rams at the 21st Leahcim White Suffolk sale.