

Incredible result at Allendale/Days

“What an incredible result,” was a statement made by many after the combined Allendale Suffolk and Poll Dorset studs and the Days Whiteface White Suffolk and Maternal Composite studs’ sheep sale at Bordertown last Friday.

434 head of stud ewes and stud and flock rams were offered by the Day families at their 43rd annual sheep sale and after five and a half hours of selling by auctioneers Gordon Wood, Landmark, Ross Milne, Elders and Jono Spence, Spence, Dix & Co, a 95% clearance was achieved, producing a sale average of \$1464 and gross of \$603,100, up nearly \$200,000 on the previous year.

Along the way there were records broken, despite the apprehension about the seasonal conditions in the upper south east for the second year in a row.

Alastair and Jayne Day, Allendale studs offered and sold 105 head of Suffolks and 117 head of Poll Dorsets, while sale hosts, Lachy and Lou Day, Days Whiteface sold 166 head of White Suffolks and 23 Maternal Composites. The presentation of all the sheep on offer could only be described as exceptional and a credit to the principals and their families and staff. Many major successes at the recent Adelaide and Melbourne Royals gave extra credence to the quality on offer. The big crowd that included 134 registered bidders from four states certainly appreciated that quality and bid up strongly.

The individual highlight of the day was the setting of a new Australian auction record for a stud Suffolk ram when Allendale sold A141565 for \$13,500 to the Bascomb family, White Flat stud Pt Lincoln, buying through Elders Cummins agent Paul Kilby. They were also the purchasers of last year’s top at \$8750.

This impressive ram was sired by A121070 and was champion ram at the recent Melbourne Royal, a fitting reward for the Day family in the 80th year of showing Suffolks.

“For us, the standout dot point factors in our buying decision on this ram were his length and muscling. He is so well balanced and has performance on board in both the show ring and through objective measurement and will supplement what we have already established in our 80 ewe flock,” David Bascomb said.

The Bascomb family also invested in the Suffolk stud ewes on offer, purchasing five from \$400 to \$900.

Another A121070 son, A141486 was champion at Adelaide Royal this year, this ram also heading to Eyre Peninsula to Don Millard and family, She-Oak Lodge stud, Mt Hope for \$5000. Buying through Peter Hill, EP Livestock, Don made a very strong genetic investment as he also purchased A141478Tw for \$4500 and a Mornish 120018 NZ son, A141424 for \$8500.

Kent and Rose Martin, Chickerloo stud, Kalangadoo have been Allendale supporters for decades and again invested in a top ram. Combining with Claire Davey, Lanacoona stud, Wratttonbully they purchased the first Suffolk stud ram offered, A 141439, another Mornish 120018 NZ son for the \$9500 second top price in this section. In an exceptionally strong run, the 16 Suffolk stud rams averaged \$5421, up \$1705 on last year.

The 44 Suffolk stud ewes also met strong demand with all clearing to a top of \$1100 and averaging \$642, up \$106 on last year. Kerry Graham and Malcolm Schaefer, Skallemaro stud, Kangaroo Island were again strong buyers, selecting six of the very best including two at the top price and averaging \$967. Josh Wiltshire and Sam Edwards, Imperial Partners, Hahndorf also paid to the \$1100 top in purchasing three ewes, adding to a \$5000 stud ram purchase.

The volume buyers in the ewe draft were MG & TM Smith, Lucindale with eight ewes to \$450, having also purchased a \$3000 stud ram, and Adam Bradley, SAL Keith, buying for GB & EJ Lewis, Strathmerton, Vic, picking up seven ewes from \$500 to \$950.

The Suffolk flock ram draft of 45 rams also sold like hot cakes, indicating the breed is regaining much of its commercial popularity now that the lamb industry has matured into buying lambs on quality rather than finding fictitious reasons to discount as was the case late last century. The 45 rams topped at \$2200 and averaged \$1374, the highest flock ram average of the four breed combined sale and up \$282 on last year's result.

The Hann family, Nampara Pastoral Co, Penola has been a strong advocate for Suffolks for a long time, with Martin Hann purchasing six of the best from \$1400 to \$2000.

RF Verner, through Spence, Dix & Co was the biggest volume buyer with 12 Suffolk flock rams, paying from \$1000 to \$1400 and David Brown, through PPH&S Naracoorte was strong at the top end with five from \$1400 to \$1700. Kangaringa Station, buying through Landmark Keith's Noel Evans also purchased eight from this Suffolk run from \$1200 to \$1800.

The Allendale Poll Dorset offering was also well up on last year's result in all three sectors. Only eight ewes were offered, these all going at \$400 each to Tony Mackereth, Padthaway and buying through PPH&S Naracoorte.

The stud ram line of 12 outstanding rams was strongly supported, topping at \$11,000 and averaging \$4313, up 71% on last year's \$2520 average. Leading off was an absolute powerhouse sire in every sense. A140177 was sired by Allendale Legend, the supreme all breeds champion ram from Adelaide and Melbourne last year. Besides his exceptional phenotype he was supported by top balanced Lambplan figures culminating in a C+ index of 190.9.

Ian Kyle, Ashley Park stud, Bairnsdale and buying through Sharpe Fullgrave Livestock, Bairnsdale won the bidding at \$11,000. He explained that rams like this one don't become available too often and having seen him in Adelaide and Melbourne was convinced he'd give a big boost to his Poll Dorset breeding program.

Mary Burzacott and Michael Emery, Mulgundawa Poll Dorset stud, Robe and buying through Landmark Kingston went to the \$7000 second top price for A140286, a well-balanced and sirey ram that was the junior champion Poll Dorset ram at both the Adelaide and Melbourne Royal shows.

The Koch family, Tallegera Pastoral, Frances and buying through Landmark Naracoorte paid \$5000 for A140065, while VJ&NT Mawbey, through Elders Dubbo paid \$5250 and \$4000 for two very good sons of Derrynock 110131, a sire working very well at Allendale.

A 30% increase in average price from \$898 last year up to \$1166 this year for the 97 Poll Dorset flock rams was also a big contribution to the overall sale lift. These sold to a top of \$1700 paid by the Malone family, Talinga & Co, Naracoorte for one of the two top rams they purchased.

Brain Johnson, LS Johnson & Son and buying through Elders Naracoorte was the biggest volume buyer, purchasing a total of 16 Poll Dorset flock rams from \$700 to \$1500 and averaging \$1275.

Steve DiGiorgio, S&R DiGiorgio and buying through PPH&S Naracoorte purchased 11 rams from this draft plus two from the stud line, his 13 rams averaging \$1423.

Dunira Prime Lamb, through Spence, Dix & Co, Strathdownie buying through Elders Mt Gambier purchased six, all at \$1500 to make a buying impact, while K&M Diprose, Romsey, Vic, TE&PF Tranter, through TDC Penola and RG Hillier, through Landmark Bordertown all purchased five rams to be prominent buyers.

Sale Summary

Allendale Suffolks

16 of 16 stud rams sold to \$13,500 and averaged \$5421

44 of 44 stud ewes sold to \$1100 and averaged \$642

45 of 45 flock rams sold to \$2200 and averaged \$1374

Allendale Poll Dorsets

12 of 12 stud rams sold to \$11,000 and averaged \$4313

8 of 8 stud ewes sold to \$400 and averaged \$400

97 of 97 flock rams sold to \$1700 and averaged \$1166

Agents: Landmark, Elders and Spence, Dix & Co

Auctioneers: Gordon Wood, Ross Milne and Jono Spence



Pictured with the \$13,500 sale topping and new Australian auction record priced Suffolk ram at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface sheep sale are buying agent Paul Kilby, Elders Cummins; purchasers Jim and David Bascomb, White Flat stud, Pt Lincoln; and Graham and Angus Day, Allendale stud, Bordertown holding the ram.



This powerful Poll Dorset ram, Allendale 140177 was the top priced Poll Dorset selling for \$11,000 to Ian Kyle, Ashley Park stud, Bairnsdale, Vic. It is pictured with Angus and Graham Day representing the Allendale stud, Bordertown.



Pictured after loading their 6 top Suffolk ewe purchases after the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface sheep sale are Malcolm Schaefer and Kerry Graham, Skallemaro stud, Kangaroo Island. They paid to the \$1100 top price for this section of the sale, adding to other high quality purchases they have made in previous years.



This impressive Suffolk ram was purchased for the second top Suffolk stud ram price of \$9500 by the Chickerloo stud, Kalangadoo in partnership with the Lanacoona stud, Wrattenbully. It is being held by Graham Day representing the Allendale stud, Bordertown and is with purchasers Claire Davey (Lanacoona) and Rose Martin (Chickerloo).



This Allendale Poll Dorset ram was junior champion at both the recent Adelaide and Melbourne Royal shows. It sold to Mary Burzacott and Michael Emery (holding the ram), Mulgundawa Poll Dorset stud, Robe for \$7000.