

2018

Ram Sale WRAP UP



□ This Poll Dorset sire from the Dongadilling stud, Quairading, sold for the \$11,000 third top price overall and the top Poll Dorset price this season when it was purchased by the Konongwootong Poll Dorset stud, Konongwootong, Victoria, at the IGA Perth Royal Show All Breeds ram and ewe sale. With the ram were Elders WA livestock sales manager Tom Marron (left), Landmark trainee Jake Finlayson, Dongadilling co-principal Sascha Squiers and daughter Zarah, Quairading, buyer Alistair Sutherland, Landmark auctioneer Tiny Holly and Elders auctioneer Don Morgan.



□ Suffolk ram prices peaked this year at the WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk sale at Wagin when this ram from Kalinda stud, Boyanup, sold for \$5200 to Cheeryna Suffolk stud Williams. With the ram were Landmark stud and commercial sheep manager Tom Bowen (left), buyer Justin Duff, Cheeryna Suffolk stud, Williams and vendor Matt Mitsopoulos, Kalinda Suffolk stud, Boyanup.

\$196,800 from a total clearance of 110 rams, the Chapman Valley Breeders Sale where 115 rams all cleared for a gross of \$139,300 and the Kojonup Triple S sale \$136,300 from the 119 of 125 rams to sell.

Other notable Poll Dorset sales in terms of numbers were the Lakeside/Elspeth, Pingelly (114 offered, 105 sold, \$100,950 gross); Curlew Creek on-property, Gnowangerup (93, 92, \$99,650); Kanangra Hills on-property, Manjimup (100, 78, \$77,300).

The IGA Perth Royal Show led the average stakes yet again with 18 rams selling from 27 offered at an average of \$4244.

The next best were Sherwood at BreedersBEST \$1789 for 110 rams offered and sold, \$1292 at the Brimfield on-property for 50 from 53 sold and \$1211 at Chapman Valley for 115 offered and sold.

Other strong sale averages were Kojonup Triple S (\$1145), Shirlee Downs/Dongadilling (\$1091), Curlew Creek (\$1083) and Northampton (\$1000).

In total eight sales recorded averages of more than \$1000, back from nine last year.

Studs worthy of a mention to achieve top results at multi-

vendor sales were Tipperary (65 offered, 65 sold, \$1389) and Woodgrove (50, 50, \$980) at Chapman Valley; Orrvale (75, 73, \$1201) and Glencraoh/Amberley (50, 46, \$1057) at the Kojonup Triple S sale; Kainga (11, 11, \$1000) at Northampton and Yow Yow (40, 38, \$988) at Wagin.

The Suffolk breed was once again third biggest with breeders offering 334 (up 34 rams) and selling 289 (up 43 rams) at clearance rate of 87pc, which was up five per cent on 2017.

The breed grossed \$284,275 and averaged \$989, which was up \$71 on last year.

This year's average is believed to be the highest recorded by the breed while the gross is the largest achieved for the breed since 2005 when it recorded a gross of \$398,018 for 520 rams sold from 573 offered at an average of \$766.

The top price for the breed was \$5200 and it was achieved by the Kalinda stud, Boyanup, at the WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk Sale at Wagin.

Also in this sale the Jusak stud sold a ram for \$5000, the second highest price in the breed for this year.

The biggest numbers of Suffolk rams were seen at the Cheeryna on-property sale at Williams where a total clearance of 84 rams and an average of \$1013 was recorded.

Other bigger offerings were at the Kojonup Triple S sale where the Karinya stud, Boyup Brook, offered 45 rams and sold 42 for a \$929 average, while at the Blackbutt sale 30 rams were offered with 16 selling for a \$681 average and at the Wongan Hills sale Fenwick Farm offered and sold 25 at a \$1248 average.

Cheeryna was clearly the highest grossing sale at \$85,100, followed by Triple S at \$39,000 and Wongan Hills at \$31,200.

The WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk sale and the IGA Perth Royal Show claimed top average honours with figures of \$4025 and \$3467 respectively, but outside that it was Fenwick Farm at the Wongan Hills sale which was next best at \$1248, followed by Cheeryna at \$1013 and Karinya at the Triple S sale at \$929.

The next biggest breed in terms of numbers offered was the Maternal Composites offered at the Mount Ronan on-property sale at York.

In the sale 79 rams were offered and 45 sold under the hammer to a top of \$1600 (twice) and an average of \$902, back \$229 on average compared to last year when 59 of 79 rams sold to average \$1131.

The Prolific breed was the fourth biggest when it came to the number of ram offered and these were all offered at the BreedersBEST on-property sale.

In addition to this the breed also achieved the highest breed average of the British and Australasian breeds and recorded the largest improvement in average compared to 2017.

There were 70 Prolific rams offered and sold this year to a top of \$2500 (twice) and an average of \$1891, up \$560 on last year.

The Texel breed rounded out the four breeds to average more than \$1000 this season.

All up 39 Texels sold from 43 offered at three sales to a top of \$2800 for a Te Rakau Texel and an average of \$1272.

The \$1272 average was the second best breed average for the season and up by \$481 on last year, which was the second biggest rise across all breeds in 2018.