

2018

# Ram Sale WRAP UP



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in 2017 and 22 in 2016.

In the average stakes the WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk Sale took top honours when 17 White Suffolk and Suffolk studs recorded a \$6850 average for the 10 rams which sold from 26 offered.

The IGA Perth Royal Show sale was the next highest average at \$4019 with 14 studs selling 27 rams from 45 offered.

A further eight sales averaged more than \$1200 -

BreedersBEST (\$1691); Yonga Downs White Suffolk (\$1411), Golden Hill White Suffolk (\$1401); Te Rakau Texel, Wannamal (\$1367); Wongan Hills (\$1270); Brimfield White Suffolk and Poll Dorset, Kendenup (\$1268); Ashbourne White Suffolk (\$1267) and Chapman Valley (\$1261).

A further eight sales averaged \$1000-\$1200 to bring the number of sales averaging more than \$1000 to 18, which was back one compared to last year.

This year there were 26 sales (53pc) to achieve an improvement in sale average, which ranged from \$34 to \$886, this included 12 sales that experienced a rise of \$100 or more.

The biggest movers in the sale averages this year were the WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk sale (\$886), Te Rakau Texel (\$498), Northampton (\$400), Wongan Hills (\$337) and BreedersBEST (\$300).

For a third consecutive year the White Suffolk breed took the mantle as the biggest selling breed ahead of the Poll Dorset breed.

This year White Suffolks featured in 30 out of the 49 sales (or 61pc) and made up 47pc of British and Australasian rams offered, 47pc of rams sold and 46pc of the season's gross return.

All up there were 2216 rams offered with 1904 sold under the hammer for a gross of \$2,034,075 and an average of \$1068.

The average was back \$45 on

last year when 2231 rams were offered and 1974 sold for an average of \$1113 while there were 15 less rams offered and 70 less rams sold this season.

In addition to the three top White Suffolk prices mentioned earlier, the Fairclough family's Stockdale stud, York, topped the on-property sales when it sold a ram for \$6500.

This price was followed by \$5600 achieved by the Ida Vale stud, Kojonup and \$5200 achieved by the Kohat stud, Ongerup, at their annual sales.

The highest grossing sale for the breed was the Golden Hill on-property sale, where all 140 rams sold for a gross of \$196,100.

Next highest were the Kolindale on-property sale grossing \$140,200 from 140 of 200 rams to sell, the Ashbourne sale with \$127,950 from 101 sold from 117 offered and the Stockdale sale \$118,300 for 112 offered and sold.

These sales were also among the biggest in terms of numbers offered and sold.

There were nine sales all up where more than 100 White Suffolks were offered, with seven of these sales clearing more than 100 rams under the hammer.

Other bigger sales included Elders Albany (145, 105, \$87,200); Glenbrook on-property, Darkan (109, 97, \$79,300); Ridgetop on-property, Narrikup (105, 101, \$77,950); Ida Vale on-property (102 offered, 99 sold, \$106,300 gross) and Lukin Springs on-property, Boyup Brook, (102, 102, \$101,100).

In terms of averages the WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk sale led the way for the breed with an average of \$8733 for six rams sold from 18 offered.

Other strong sale averages were IGA Perth Royal Show (\$3500); Yonga Downs (\$1411); Golden Hill (\$1401); Wongan Hills (\$1300); Ashbourne (\$1267); Brimfield (\$1245) and Ashbourne at BreedersBEST (\$1231), while another nine averaged more than \$1000,



□ With the \$12,000 second top-priced British Breed ram sold by the Yonga Downs White Suffolk stud, Gnowangerup, at the WA Elite White Suffolk and Suffolk sale at Wagin to the Jusak White Suffolk and Suffolk studs, Newdegate, were Yonga Downs stud principal Brenton Addis (left), Rochelle Walker, Jusak stud and Landmark auctioneer Mark Warren.

making it a total of 17 to average more than \$1000, the same number as last year.

White Suffolk studs to record strong results at multi-vendor sales included

Fenwick Farm (19 offered, 19 sold, \$1300 average) at Wongan Hills; Cascade (10, 10, \$1250) at Esperance; Burrupark (20, 20, \$1170) at Dinninup; Acadia (30, 30, \$1162) and Sasimwa (17, 17, \$1018) at Quairading and Kantara (50, 46, \$1026) at Wagin.

There were also good clearance rates in the White Suffolk breed, with eight sales (where more than 10 rams offered) achieving a 100pc clearance.

The overall clearance rate for the breed was 86pc which was back 2pc on 2017.

The Poll Dorset breed again had to settle as being the second biggest.

But unlike the White Suffolk breed, which experienced a fall in its figures across the board, the Poll Dorset breed made some small gains back on its counterpart when all its statistics rose on the 2017 season.

This year there were 1814 Poll Dorset offered at 30 sales and 1599 sold for a gross of \$1,716,400 and an average of \$1073.

Compared to last year when

1494 of 1714 rams sold at auction to average \$1038 and gross \$1,551,250, there 100 more sold while the average rose \$35 and the gross jumped \$165,150.

The clearance rate of 88pc was up from last year's 87pc with six sales posting total clearances.

Poll Dorsets accounted for 39pc of the terminal sires offered, 40pc of rams sold and 40pc of the gross, up from 37pc, 38pc and 36pc respectively last year.

As previously mentioned, the Dongadilling and Shirlee Downs studs between them sold the breed's three top-priced rams at the IGA Perth Royal Show ram sale but other prices of note were \$5000 achieved by Brimfield at the Perth Royal Show sale, \$4000 by the Sherwood stud at the BreedersBEST sale and \$3100 at the Shirlee Downs/Dongadilling on-property sale.

The highest grossing sale for the Poll Dorset breed was once again the Shirlee Downs/Dongadilling on-property ram sale where 207 rams sold from 209 offered for a gross of \$225,800.

This was followed by Sherwood (BreedersBEST sale)