

# Denvale Dohnes top at \$2200 three times



□ With one of the \$2200 equal top-priced rams sold on-property at Denvale Dohnes last Friday were Jacob (left) and Amy Souness, Denvale stud, Mt Barker, Landmark auctioneer Charlie Staite, buyer Brendan Watterson, Yuelup Farms, Tenterden and Tyler Souness, Denvale stud.

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DENVALE offered another line-up of well-bred Dohne rams at the stud's on-property ram sale at Mt Barker last Friday which was well-attended by a contingent of local buyers who took the sale to a top of \$2200 on three occasions.

All up there were 60 sires up for grabs and while they got a bit wet the night before due to some unexpected, but no doubt welcome rain, there was lively competition throughout the shed, seeing 51 head off to new homes following the final fall of the hammer.

The results came back positive, with an improved clearance, gross and average on the same number of rams offered as last year.

This year's average of \$1090 bested the 2018 result of \$1052 when 46 of 60 were sold under the hammer to a gross of \$48,400 and a top of \$2300.

Local Landmark agent Charlie Staite was in charge of auctioneering on the day and said it was good to see return buyers supporting the sale once again.

"Overall it was a good result for the Souness family," Mr Staite said.

"The average was slightly up, the clearance was better and the presentation was at

the standard buyers have come to expect at Denvale.

"We had plenty of interest prior to and during the sale, but buyers were well informed and chasing their selected lots, particularly those with high value indexes."

The top-price of the day was reached three times when buyers went to \$2200 for lots five, 15 and 30, a spread which indicated the evenness throughout the shed which buyers were able to choose from.

Brendan Watterson, Yuelup Farms, Tenterden, bought two of the three top-priced rams to go to work within his flock of about 3000 breeding ewes.

"I've been buying from Denvale for a few years now and the rams figures match nicely with how they look in the pens," Mr Watterson said.

"I thought the rams I bought today looked pretty good on all the basics which was what I was chasing."

Mr Watterson's first choice in lot five was a single born lamb with figures including 7.2 WWT, 9.0 YWT, 1.4 PEMD, 0.4 PFAT, 9.9 YCFW, 1.3 YFD and -1.3 YCV with an index of 184.

A few pens further down the shed, Mr Watterson went to \$2200 again for the twin-born ram in lot 30 with ASBV's including 6.1 WWT, 7.8 YWT, 1.1 PEMD, 0.4

## SALE SUMMARY

(under the hammer results)

Offered: 60

Sold: 51

Top: \$2200 (3)

Gross: \$55,600

Average: \$1090

PFAT, 11.8 YCFW, 0.9 YFD and -0.9 YCV with an index of 188.

The third ram to sell for \$2200 the day was a twin-born ram in lot 15 which sold to Dorrell Enterprises, Narrikup, constituting their only purchase for the day.

The ram had ASBVs including 5.7 WWT, 7.0 YWT, 1.0 PEMD, 0.3 PFAT, 12.5 YCFW, 0.7 YFD and -0.8 YCV, backed up by an index of 186.

Second top-price for the day was set at \$2000 for a twin-born ram in lot three which sold to Godfrey & Liu, King River.

It had ASBVs including 6.6 WWT, 7.3 YWT, 1.4 PEMD, 0.4 PFAT, 13.3 YCFW, 0.3 YFD and 0.0 YCV with an index of 194 to round it out.

In the volume buying stakes, it was return buyer Ashton Hood, trading as Marshall Hood & Co, Kojaneerup, who went home with the volume buyer title

after securing a team of 13 Denvale rams at an average of \$1215.

The team headed to Kojaneerup included a top price of \$1950 paid for the ram in lot 16 with ASBVs including 5.1 WWT, 6.4 YWT, 1.4 PEMD, 0.5 PFAT, 10.5 YCFW, 1.2 YFD and -1.0 YCV with an index of 180.

Other volume buyers included MJ O'Halloran, Cranbrook, who went home with seven at an average of \$950 and FH Bryan & Co, Moora, represented at the sale by Landmark Mt Barker agent Harry Carroll, who successfully bid on five rams to a top of \$1000 and averaging \$960.

Locally based return buyers Woogenellup Estate and KW & GK Stothard each bought four, averaging \$1113 and \$725 respectively.

The remainder of the buyers registration was filled with locally based clients from nearby districts in the Great Southern with rams going to new homes at Youngs Siding, Frankland River and Manypeaks, as well as staying local at Mt Barker.

Denvale stud principal Greg Sounness said he was really happy with how the sale went this year.

"We had return and some new clients which was great to see," Mr Sounness said.

"In terms of the presentation, we're really

happy with where the breeding program is going and we have confidence in these Dohnes going forward."

## DENVALE DOHNES would like to THANK everyone who attended our 2019 Ram Sale.

Thank you to clients both new and old for your awesome support.

All the best for the 2019 season and we look forward to seeing you in 2020.



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