

Chirninup sale averages stud record \$2798

By JODIE RINTOUL

BUYERS had to have their wits about them and there was no time to nod off at last week's Chirninup on-property Dohne ram sale at Nyabing where competition was red hot from start to finish pushing the prices to a high, of \$4200 twice and a record average of \$2798.

The increased, but still very even line-up of 220 rams, backed by some very good Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) was well-appreciated by the 50 registered buyers, as they chased the wool and carcase attributes offered by the Chirninup rams with gusto.

From the very first pen to the very last pen, the new and returning buyers which filled the lanes, kept the Nutrien Livestock selling team led by auctioneers Mark Warren and Reece Thomas on their toes as they fielded bids from 360 degrees round the shed ensuring an unexpected outcome for all involved.

The strong buying competition right through the catalogue, which included multiple bidders operating on most lots, meant the heat never came out of the sale and there were rams still making more than \$3000 in the last few pens.

Such was the strength of in the sale, which saw only three rams sell for less than \$2000 in the first 100 lots, there were many buyers on the phone during the auction reporting back that budgets were going to be needed to be lifted if they wanted to fill orders.

By the end of the sale 47 different buyers from as far north as Badgingarra and Esperance in the east, had cleared all 220 rams offered under the hammer at an average of \$2798, a new record for the stud, surpassing the previous



Prices topped at \$4200 twice at last week's Chirninup on-property Dohne ram sale at Nyabing, when both rams were knocked down to Millstream Pastoral, Manypeaks. With one of the top-priced rams were Nutrien Livestock, Katanning agent and sale auctioneer Mark Warren (left), Nutrien Livestock Breeding manager, Roy Addis, who purchased the rams for Millstream Pastoral and Chirninup principal Rachel Browne.

record set only last year.

In comparison, in last year's sale the stud offered 192 rams and sold 188 under the hammer at an average of \$2028 and to a high of \$6400.

Mr Warren said it was an extremely strong sale and the final result was well up on expectations.

"The stud penned 220 rams this year to cater for increased demand, which was an increase of 28 head on last year and it didn't affect the quality of the offering," Mr Warren said.

"It was a very even and quality line-up from start to finish of Dohne rams which all showed very good wool types and size and also backed by very good figures.

"When it came to buying support it was strong right through the sale from returning and new buyers.

"We had an extra 15 registered buyers compared to last year and this certainly added additional buying support on the increased offering.

"As a consequence of the increased number of buyers compared to last year, prices increased significantly on last year and were certainly up on presale expectations.

"I thought we might average between \$2300-\$2400 but to finish with an average of close to \$2800 is a huge result.

"The result shows the Chirninup name and the quality of the rams the stud is producing is well-regarded and respected.

"The final result is a credit to the Browne family's breeding program and the work they put into their rams to get them ready for sale."

Equally as happy with the outstanding result was Chirninup stud principal Rachel Browne, who was very quick on behalf of the Browne family to thank everyone who supported the stud's sale.

"This was our 20th Dohne ram sale and by far the most rewarding, in terms of volume of rams sold both at auction and privately directly after the sale," Ms Browne said.

"I believe the combination of a more buoyant sheep industry, coupled with a number of new registered bidders all contributed to the considerably higher average and the full clearance.

"I felt that the rams did not present quite as well as previous years, as a result of the season we are experiencing at Nyabing this year, but I am confident with the genetics they possess and they will perform for our clients.

"Once again, thank you to our wonderful clients for their continued support and hopefully I can have a larger offering in 2027 to cater for the demand, which seems to be increasing."

With an extremely even line-up of rams penned, the buyers had a number of different rams ticked in their catalogues as their top picks, as a result there were a number of rams which attracted just a bit more attention than the rest.

Of these there were two, that stood out that little bit more and created significant interest among buyers before they were knocked down for the sale's equal \$4200 top price to Nutrien Livestock Breeding manager, Roy Addis, who purchased them both for the Pyle family, Millstream Pastoral, Manypeaks, who have been running Dohnes for seven to eight years.

The first ram Mr Addis secured at \$4200 for the

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SALE SUMMARY

(Under the hammer results)

Offered: 220

Sold: 220

Top: \$4200 (2)

Gross: \$615,600

Average: \$2798

Pyles, was deep, square, soft, white woolled ram (tag 256026) in lot 3.

The twin-born ram, which is by Chirniminup 231062, has ASBV's of 5.9 weaning weight (WWT), 8.4 post weaning weight (PWWT), 2.1 post weaning eye muscle depth (PEMD), 1.1 post weaning fat (PFAT), 10.2 yearling clean fleece weight (YCFW), 0.3 yearling fibre diameter (YFD) and a Dohne Plus index of 175.6.

At these figures the ram is ranked in the top five per cent for PEMD and PFAT, top 10pc for PWWT and the Dohne Plus index and top 20pc for WWT.

The second ram knocked down at \$4200 for the Pyles, through Mr Addis was another soft, white woolled son of Chirniminup 231062 (tag 2555975), from lot 11.

The well-rounded ram has ASBV's of 4.9 WWT, 6.8 PWWT, 2.2 PEMD, 1.1 PFAT, 4.1 YCFW, -0.8 YFD and a Dohne index of 172.6.

With these figures the ram ranks in the top 5pc for PEMD and PFAT and top 20pc for the Dohne Plus index.

Mr Addis said the Pyles were looking for two rams by the same sire to use in a syndicate mating together in their nucleus flock to breed rams for their own use.

"Tim (Pyle) had looked through the figures for all the rams in the team and picked out these two as he was impressed by their growth and carcass figures," Mr Addis said.

"I looked over them today to make sure they were okay visually and matched up to their figures.

"They both have good softness and style in their wools and very good conformation.

"When selecting their rams the Pyles are always looking for good examples of the Dohne breed, body thickness and good early growth and both these rams ticked those boxes.

"We think they should really enhance the Millstream Pastoral breeding program."

The second top price for the day was \$4100 and it was made twice.

The first to pay \$4100 for one of their selections was the Leenhouders family, JM Leenhouders, Bremer Bay,



The second biggest buyer in the sale was the De Landgraft family, Kuliup Farms, Dunn Rock, purchasing 15 rams to a top of \$2800 twice and an average of \$2480. Making the family's selections prior to the sale were Rhys and Vicki De Landgraft.

who bid the value for a ram by Far Valley 215833 (tag 255017), catalogued in lot 24.

The well-built and quality woolled ram ranks in the top 5pc for PEMD and PFAT and top 10pc for YCFW and it has a Dohne Plus index of 159.8.

This ram was part of a team of five purchased by the Lennhouders family at an average of \$3260.

The other buyer to go to \$4100 was PR & LR Coles, Wagin, which went home with four rams at an average of \$3375.

The ram (tag 255630), purchased at \$4100, is by Chirniminup 182211 and it is in the top 10pc for PEMD and PFAT and top 20pc for WWT.

There were three buyers to secure rams at the \$4000 third top price and these included P & E George, Narrogin, which purchased two rams to high of \$4000 and an average of \$3350 and Kullaroo Farming, Kukerin, that also purchased two to a top of \$4000 and an average of \$3600.

The third of these buyers was AJ & RJ Lester, Bremer Bay, which made a much bigger impression on the offering when it purchased a team of nine to a high of \$4000 and an average of \$3411.

Other buyers to secure

at the top end included John William Forrest, Esperance, which paid \$3900 and \$3800 for its two selections and DB & KA Smith, Pingrup, picked up three to a top of \$3900 and an average of \$3300, while J & Scotney, Badgingarra, went to \$3800 for a team of five that averaged \$3120 and RJ Crouch, Katanning, averaged \$2940 over five that topped at \$3700.

The day's volume buyer was Sanford Farm, Esperance, which purchased 23 rams at a \$2704 average and to a high of \$3500.

There were two other buyers to secure double figure teams from the catalogue and they were return buyers the De Landgraft family, Kuliup Farms, Dunn Rock and the Yukich family, Yallalie Valley, Dandaragan.

The De Landgraft family, who were represented at the sale by Rhys De Landgraft and wife Vicki, purchased 15 rams to a top of \$2800 twice and an average of \$2480.

This season the De Landgraft family is aiming to join 4500 to 5000 Dohne ewes all to Dohne rams for a May/June lambing.

Mr De Landgraft said they have been using Dohne rams for more than 15 years and like the breed for its do-ability and production traits.



Buyer of more than 15 years Karl Yukich (right), Yallalie Valley, Dandaragan, discussed his purchases post sale with Nutrien Livestock, Katanning agent and sale auctioneer Mark Warren. In the sale the Yukicks purchased 12 rams to a high of \$2900 twice and an average of \$2592, to make them the sale's third biggest buyer.

"They also make good mothers and are easy-care," he said.

"We try to sell our wether lambs as suckers and some of this year's lambs are not far off going now, the first draft will probably go in the first week of October.

"We usually start selling in October and they are all gone by January."

When it came to the Yukich family, they had 12 rams clerked to its account to a top of \$2900 twice and an average of \$2592.

Karl Yukich said he and his wife Deborah, had been buying from Chirninimup for 10 plus years and like buying from the stud as it produces good all round rams.

"They have good wool, produce good lambs and the ewes are good

doers," Mr Yukich said.

"Today we were looking for rams with good weaning and fleece weights."

This year the Yukichs will join 3000 Dohne ewes that average 18.5-19 micron in the wool to Dohne rams for a May/June lambing.

"This year we achieved a 96pc lambing and our flock has been unmulesed for a long time," Mr Yukich said.

"We aim to sell our wether lambs and cull ewe lambs at 11-12 months old to processors at 26-27kg dressed.

"We run them on stubbles with feeders through the summer and then shear them in March before feeding them on feeders in the lead up to sale."

Other buyers to have an influence on the end result buying larger teams



□ Brothers Robbie (left) and Blake Wansbrough, Anbrook Grazing Co, Beverley, who have been purchasing from Chirninimup stud for more than a decade made the trip south worthwhile and went home with five rams to a top of \$2800 and average of \$2560.

were AW Kowald & Co, Moojebing, which purchased eight rams to a high of \$3000 twice and an average of \$2800, while Narrabri Farms, Katanning, averaged \$2025 over a team of eight that topped at \$2700 and Caelyn Farm, Bolgart, which collected eight rams to a high of

\$3200 and an average of \$2325, including two sires sold at the end.

Gorman Pastoral Co, Wellstead; GM Howard & Sons; Yorklands Farms, Wellstead and AT Hood & Co, Kojaneerup South, all secured six rams a piece at averages of \$2500, \$2583, \$2533 and \$2750.



□ Sam Thorn and son Harrison, 12, SK Thorn Pastoral, Naremben, were active buyers in the sale purchasing four rams to a high of \$3400 and an average of \$3025.



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Mollerin Rock/Far Valley sale averages \$1805

By KYAH PEETI

DOHNE clients from far and wide travelled to the Applegate family's Cadoux-based stud on Monday to secure rams from their Mollerin Rock and Far Valley stud flocks.

Whether they were new or returning clients, plenty of bidders flocked to the Mollerin Rock stud, which hosted its first sale incorporating the Far Valley genetics since the Applegate family purchased the Far Valley stud last year.

On offer in the sale line-up were 143 true-to-type Dohne rams which exhibited quality wools and top meat characteristics, backed by some very good Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs), to ensure there was a ram to suit all selection criteria.

The line-up of rams were a reflection of the Applegate family's commitment to the Dohne breed and the sheep industry, and this resulted in plenty of competition throughout the sale.

When the final ram was knocked down the stud had cleared 131 rams of the 143 on offer to an increased sale average of \$1805, which was up \$360 on last year's sale.

Last year the stud averaged \$1445 when it sold 99 rams from 108 offered.

Elders WA stud stock manager, Nathan King, said he was very pleased with the sale result, particularly given that a young stud breeder has invested in the Far Valley stud, which is the oldest Dohne stud in Australia.

"Now with Mollerin Rock and Far Valley genetics being sold together, it's one of the best-placed studs to purchase top-quality genetics because of the genetic pool they have," Mr King said.

"For buyers interested in the Dohne breed, they should definitely have a look here."



□ With the \$3900 top-priced ram at the Mollerin Rock and Far Valley Dohne on-property ram sale at Cadoux on Monday were buyers Anthony (left) and Peter (second right) Smith, LR & MJ Smith, Carnamah, Mollerin Rock and Far Valley stud principal, Mitchell Applegate (second left) and Elders WA stud stock manager, Nathan King. The Smith family bought four rams in the sale at an average of \$3625.

As a Dohne classer and assessor, Mr King said from a commercial and stud point of view he understands how hard it is to find new Dohne genetics to help the breed moving forward.

"Therefore I think Applegates are well-placed to provide the best Dohne genetics in WA going forward," he said.

Attracting plenty of attention from buyers in the front half of the catalogue in lot 25, was a very impressive 101 kilogram ram.

When bidding started on the upstanding ram, they bids came in thick and fast, but in the end it was Peter and Anthony Smith, LR & MJ Smith, Carnamah, who outlasted the competition to secure the ram for the sale's \$3900 top price.

The ram has ABVBs of 6.4 weaning weight (WWT), 9.4 post weaning weight (PWWT), 10.7 yearling weight (YWT), 1.2 eye

muscle depth (EMD), 20.4 yearling clean fleece weight (YCFW), -0.4 yearling fibre diameter (YFD), -0.5 yearling coefficient of variation (YCV) and a Dohne index of 195.5, along with wool figures of 17.9 micron and 99.2 per cent comfort factor (CF).

The Smith family bought another three rams from the line-up, to finish with a team of four at an average of \$3625.

Included in their purchases was one of two rams which sold at the sale's \$3700 third top price.

This 120kg ram had ASBVs of 7.2 WWT, 10.7 PWWT, 12.8 YWT, 1.9 EMD, 11.3 YCFW, -0.5 YFD, -0.5 YCV and a Dohne index of 201.2, along with wool figures of 17.9 micron and 99.8pc CF.

It was the Smith family's second year buying from the stud, and Peter Smith said wool weight was the main

selection point.

"Eye muscle area and bodyweight is also important to us," Mr Smith said.

"We go through the catalogue first and pick out the rams we like and then match them up to the rams visually in the pens," he said.

"We look for strong woolled rams because the stronger the wool is the more wool there is."

The Smith family has been running Dohnes since the early 2000s and they love how hardy the breed is.

"They do well in the hardest of conditions," he said.

"We produce prime lambs each year and sell some early, in wool, and we will sell the remainder of them soon after they are shorn."

The sale's \$3800 second top price ram was secured by existing Far Valley client, Brendan Watterson, Yuelup Farms, Tenterden.

At \$3800 Mr Watterson purchased a 110kg ram with ASBVs of 6.1 WWT, 7.8 PWWT, 8.8 YWT, 1.7 EMD, 10.6 YCFW, -0.7 YFD, 0.5 YCV and a Dohne index of 176.7.

The ram has wool figures of 16.8 micron and 99.8pc CF.

Mr Watterson rounded out his purchases with a 104kg sire from lot nine for \$3500.

Mr Watterson said he was mainly selecting rams based on wool quality.

"I want nice white wool and a good size ram with good conformation, overall," he said.

"I select rams based on visual appraisal and figures."

"More so visually, and then use the figures to confirm and help with selection."

Yuelup Farms runs a few thousand Dohne breeding ewes.

"We generally sell our lambs to WAMMCO and Fletchers, and any late

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(Under the hammer results)

Offered: 143**Sold:** 131**Top:** \$3900**Gross:** \$236,400**Average:** \$1805

ones will most likely go to lotfeeders," he said.

Purchasing the other ram to sell at the sale's \$3700 third top price, was the sale's volume buyer Jesse Martin & Co, Williams.

The whopping 122kg ram had ASBV's of 7.3 WWT, 11.0 PWWT, 10.6 YWT, 0.7 EMD, 16.6 YCFW, -0.2 YFD, -0.3 YCV and a Dohne index of 195.5, along with wool figures of 18.3 micron and 99.7pc CF.

Along with securing the

sale's \$3700 third top price ram, the Martin family secured another 11 rams during the auction to load up a total of 12 rams post-sale at a \$2267 average.

Other bigger buyers in the sale were NP Burges & Co, Meckering and W Emmott & Sons, Dowerin, which both bought teams of 11 rams each.

The Burges family paid an average of \$2372 and to a top of \$3100 on three occasions, while the Emmott family bought all of its 11 rams for \$800 each.

Mollerin Rock and Far Valley stud principal Mitchell Applegate said a big thank you to the stud's clients.

"A big thank you on behalf of me and the team, we are very grateful for the support," he said.



Looking over the line-up of rams were Marchagee producers, Robyn Goods (left) and Frank Crago.



The second top price ram was bought by existing Far Valley client, Brendan Watterson, Yuelup Farms, Tenterden, for \$3800. With the ram were Elders, Wongan Hills branch manager, Jeff Brennan (left) and Mollerin Rock and Far Valley stud principal, Mitchell Applegate. Yuelup Farms bought two rams for an average of \$3650.



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