

Inaugural Tasmanian Dohne Ram Sale

Campbell Town Showground was the venue for Tasmania's first multi-vendor dohne ram sale on Wednesday 17th February. Registered studs from Tasmania, Victoria and NSW offered a well presented line up of pure-bred dohne rams.

Rams sold to \$2,100 and averaged a healthy \$1,145.

The top price ram was sold by the Macquarie Stud, Warren NSW to Woodlock Stud Canowindra, NSW. The ram had figures of +13.2 body weight, +1.10 for eye muscle, -0.20 for fibre diameter and an index of 122.6.

Macquarie along with daughter stud Havelock Park Stratford, Vic sold the two second top priced rams at \$1800 to AW Singline & Sons, Weldborough and Steve & Debbie Buckland, Winkleigh.

Local stud Breeders Neil & Diane Watson Pine View Stud were the only stud to record a 100% clearance with their top ram selling to AW Singline & Sons for \$1,000.

Glenaroua Stud Kilmore Vic sold a ram to Lochiel Pastoral Ross for \$1,400.

Other buyers included Colin Gibson Epping Forest, AN & KJ Hitchens Sandy Bay, WA & RV Webster Woodbury, GR & S Bull Swansea, JR Nicholson & Sons Campbell Town and Patrick McShane Avoca.

In the breakdown Havelock Park sold 2 from 4 for a \$1,300 average, Macquarie sold 13 from 15 for a \$1,245 average, Glenaroua sold 4 from 16 for a \$950 average and Pine View sold 3 from 3 for an \$866 average.

Selling agents were Roberts Ltd and TP Jones & Co.

Inaugural Macquarie Victorian Stud Ewe Sale

In December 2009 Macquarie held its inaugural Victorian stud ewe sale at Elmore. 140 mixed age stud ewes were offered and 140 sold for a \$349 average. Top price of \$500 per head was paid by Michael and Adrienne Edgar Mithril Dohne Stud, Geelong VIC for a pen of 2006 drop ewes. Overall the Edgar's purchased 36 ewes for a \$397 average.

Grahame and Helen Crawford Goldvale Dohne Stud Kingscote, S.A purchased a pen of 06 drop ewes for \$400 each. Rob Everett, Rokewood Junction VIC paid \$420 per head for a pen of 05 drop ewes and Barnadown Dohne Stud, Epsom paid \$230 per head for a pen of 04 drop ewes. Steve Buckland, Winkleigh Tasmania purchased a pen of 2002 drop ewes for \$140 per head.

Strong demand at Elmore

*** 46 of 46 rams sold to \$7000 * Averaged \$2089**

STRONG demand pushed prices to \$7000 at last month's Elmore Dohne multi-vendor sale.

Buyers swooped on the offering from six studs in Victoria and NSW, with all 46 rams offered sold for a \$2089 average and prices never dipping below \$1000. Bidding shot to a sale high of \$7000 for lot one – a July 2007-drop ram offered by Macquarie stud, Warren, NSW, backed with a set of estimated breeding values that included 14.00 for body weight, 1.00 for eye muscle depth, greasy fleece weight of -8.1 and fleece diameter of – 0.9. The ram was secured by James Lilburne, Australian TopStock, for client Bill Pye, Calga Dohne stud, Coonamble, NSW. Mr Pye rounded off his buying with another stud sire purchase, this time of a Uardry, Hay, NSW, ram for \$3000. Macquarie also sold the second top price ram for \$4500 to Rob McColl and family, Meredith, selected with the assistance of Richard Edgar, Arcadian Woolbrokers, Geelong. “We thought we might have to pay even more for a ram of this quality, so we're very happy,” said Mr McColl, who drove all the way to Warren to inspect him. The Macquarie ram was earmarked by Richard Edgar due to its “lustrous bright wool” and with an 18.8 micron and a 100 per cent comfort factor, the figures certainly backed up those sentiments. Other big earners included a DD Dohnes ram sold for \$4000 to Western Australian buyer, Ewlyamartup Farms, Katanning. Several buyers picked up multiple lots, including: KJ Nunn Pty Ltd, Snake Valley, four lots to \$3500 for an average of \$2650; Warrawee Pastoral, Kyalite, five rams to \$2400, av \$1560 and JR Nicholson and Son, Campbell Town, Tasmania, three rams to \$1800.

SE Dohnes post \$1655 average

***40 of 44 rams sold to \$3200 *Averaged \$1655**

LAST month's South Eastern Breeders multi-vendor Dohne sale at Naracoorte, SA, produced the highest average in the sale's four year history with 40 of the 44 rams selling for a \$1655 average. This year's average represented a more than \$400 jump on the previous year and the high clearance rate reflected the inroads the participating studs have made into the South East and western Victorian areas as sheep breeders look for a dualpurpose income. Vendors included two first-time sellers,

Goldvale at Kingscote, SA and DD Dohnes from Moama, NSW. DD Dohnes - owned by a consortium of Australian and South African breeders – set the bar for prices, selling one of the youngest catalogued rams for the top of \$3200. The September 2008 drop ram had a Dohne \$ index of 120.1 and went to Peter and Tim Hall, Carunna Vale, Jamestown, SA, who have now taken home the sale's top-priced ram for three years in a row. More than 60 per cent of the catalogue were AA rated rams which buyers obviously appreciated because the two studs with the highest averages Havelock Park at Straford and Uardry stud, Hay, NSW had entire drafts of AA rams. Macquarie stud, Warren, NSW, sold the \$2800 second top priced ram to Pilerim Bros, Horsham, which was another high figured ram with a Dohne \$ index of 123.6. The day's volume buyers were TK and PA Brinkworth, Kingston and JE Caulis, Moree, NSW, who each bought five rams for an average of \$1740 and \$1520 respectively.

Macquarie Dohne stud ram sale 300909

Mark Griggs

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A total auction clearance of 142 rams averaging \$1946, up \$544 on last year, heralded a spectacular on-property sale for Macquarie Dohne stud, Warren, on Wednesday, September 30.

Co-principals, John Nadin and Greg McCann and families were delighted with the response from Dohne breeders from three states who purchased to a top of \$8000 for stud rams and \$4500 for the graded rams from among the largest offering of Dohnes rams anywhere in eastern Australia.

Walgett based Midgery Dohne stud or David and Annie Berrell, will be where the \$8000 top-priced stud ram will head the sire battery.

“He’s big, long bodied straight ram with very bright stylish wool and excellent EBV’s,” Mr Berrell said of the July’07 drop son of Mt Alma sire ASH050102.

“This will be a new family line for our stud of 150 ewes,” he said.

The Berrells’ also run a commercial flock of 2500 F2 and F3 ewes.

Two stud rams went to Victoria with Robert and Janet Robertson, Havelock Park Dohne stud, Stratford, paying \$7000 for a son of MDO30681, a ram Mr Robertson described as having the body shape and body weight figures.

“He has nice, bright nourished wool and will fit well within our stud,” he said.

The Robertsons’ have another son of “681” for which they paid \$12,000 at the Dohne National, Dubbo, last year.

New Dohne stud breeders, Darren and Fiona Cameron, paid \$6000 for a stud ram which will become one of the foundation sires of their Koonik stud, Goroke, Vic.

The Camerons bought ewes from Macquarie stud last year and see that the style of Dohne would fit well throughout the western areas of the state.

A single purchase at \$4500 secured an AA grade ram for Don Mills, “Kardinia”, Corowa. Leading the multi-lot purchases was Michael O’Brien, “The Brigalows”, Carinda, who secured 17 rams for an average \$2212 while paying up to \$3200 for his top.

Mr O’Brien has been breeding Dohnes since the breed’s inception in Australia and his next drop will place his flock in the F4 category.

Likewise, his brother, Dennis, who paid an average \$1888 for his 16 ram purchases for his Dohne flock at “Cryon”, Walgett.

Stephen Rae secured 12 rams averaging \$2167 for Merri Merri Pty Ltd, “Emby”, Gulargambone, while Robert Woodward and Company, Swan Hill, Vic, paid an average \$1307 for his 15 purchases.

The sale was conducted by Elders and Landmark with Paul Dooley selling for Elders and John Settree for Landmark, Dubbo.

Macquarie Dohne stud, Autumn Production Sale

By Brad Wilson

Phone bids rang as hot as the 43 degree temperature, as Dohne ewes and rams found new homes in every state except the Northern Territory, at the Macquarie Dohne stud's Autumn production sale, last Friday (6th February).

In the largest offering of stud Dohne ewes in Australia to date, Dohne assessors, buyer representatives and agents were kept busy as interstate buyers tuned into the sale conducting phone bids, competing against eager buyers on the ground.

A complete clearance of 443 stud Dohne ewes ranging from 2007 to 02/01 drop, saw stud ewes top \$300, to average \$155, while 33 from 53 flock rams sold to \$1300 three times, averaging \$933.

Co principal John Nadin said Macquarie Dohne stud is currently running 2000 stud ewes and the production sale was to reduce the stud ewe numbers".

Bruce Barnes-Webb, Dowell Dohne stud, Katanning, Western Australia withstood strong phone bidding competition to secure 45, 06 and 05 drop ewes, including 25, 05 drop stud ewes, paying \$300 per head, averaging \$233.

Dwalganup Pastoral Company, Hamilton, Victoria purchased the \$1300 equal top priced AA, 07 drop ram, displaying a 122.2 index.

Dwalganup Pastoral Co, purchased four rams to average \$950 and 154 mixed aged stud ewes, to average \$154.

Purchasers of the other two \$1300 top priced rams were Brian Taylor, Epsom, Vic and TP Jones and Co "Esk Vale", Tasmania, who averaged \$1043 for their seven rams.

Shayne White, Lucky Downs Dohne stud, Bathurst averaged \$140 for 68, 07 drop stud ewes.

Mr White said it was a rare opportunity to secure good genetics and increase stud ewe numbers.

Other ewe buyers included Wellington Park Estate, Seacombe, Vic who averaged \$131 for their draft of seventy ewes, while Alistair Greenshields, "Mountview" Glenaroua, Vic took home 59 ewes, averaging \$139.

Mr Greenshields said he was chasing the 4 to 5 year old proven breeders; it is a great opportunity to get some more stud ewes, if you consider the cost of embryo and artificial insemination costs.

Volume ram buyers were Robert Everett, Rockwood Junction, Vic, who purchased ten rams to average \$960, while the Stirton family, Queensland averaged \$800 for their draft of ten rams.

The sale was conducted by Landmark with Mark Barton and Adam Chudleigh as the auctioneers.