

STRONG RESULT FOR GLEN DEVON

In a wonderful sale result, the Hart family sold all 108 Glen Devon Poll Dorset rams offered to a top of \$1500(x2) and at a great average of \$1023.

A large attendance of buyers and interested onlookers were greeted with very even line up of well grown and well-presented Poll Dorset rams at the 11th Annual Glen Devon sale held on the property at Two Wells on Monday 23rd of September.

Penned under cover, it was easy to inspect pens of four, which were halved for the auction and sold under the two hammer system. Auctioneer, Malcolm Scroop of Landmark and representing the joint selling agents of Landmark and Elders cleared 100% of the offering in just 50 minutes.

Competition was strong from the outset with the top selection rams twice selling to \$1500, and no rams selling under \$1000 until half way through the sale.

When opening the sale, Lachlan Hart commented on the wonderful Adelaide show results the stud had had two weeks earlier. These included three first prizes, seven second prize ribbons, and the champion ewe award for the second year in a row. Winning both the ram lamb and ewe lamb classes was a wonderful pointer to the future for the stud.

Although it was wonderful to win at shows, Lachlan said the stud concentrated very strongly on commercial industry traits, including high growth rates and high yielding carcasses.

That message must be getting through as commercial breeders travelled from Central NSW, the Victorian Riverland and Mallee regions, and from Orroroo to Naracoorte in South Australia.

Sixty one rams in all were purchased by interstate growers – the largest of whom travelled from Crookwell in NSW. Kevin Collins with sons Steven and Ryan who are long term Glen Devon clients intend using the rams on both crossbred and Merino ewes. The twenty rams they purchased averaged just under \$1000. “If they weren’t doing the job, we wouldn’t be here”, Kevin commented as he prepared for the long drive home.

Strong support came from long term supporters in the Ouyen district where 23 rams were purchased by Landmark and Elders personnel for 10 clients, these averaging in excess of \$1000. BRC’s Ouyen agent, Rory Singleton was also a very strong bidder throughout the sale, purchasing 19 rams for 8 clients.

Investing \$20,000 for sixteen head to average \$1,250 and purchasing in the front half of the sale only were long term and repeat clients S & R DiGiorgio & Sons. Nanni DiGiorgio was accompanied by the family’s very experienced agent from Landmark Naracoorte, David Heinrich. The DiGiorgio family from Lucindale always turn off top lambs and are very happy with the way the Glen Devon rams perform.

Frank Nutt (VE & FW Nutt, Family Trust) from Black Rock, via Orroroo where he is enjoying a strong season this year was the most northerly buyer, securing 5 rams for an average of \$1170, paying to a top of \$1300.00. The rams will go over Merino ewes.

The top price honours were shared by Lot 3, which sold for \$1500 to McInerney Brothers at Port Clinton and by Lot 5, also at \$1500.00 to MT & DL Clifford at Balaklava. Both of these rams had been exhibited at the recent Adelaide Show with ribbon winning success

Jim Downer, Mount Beevor Pty Ltd at Nairne, operating through Elders at Strathalbyn was selective and secured three much admired rams for the highest average of the day of \$1366.

Local area buyers included LW & SD Tiller, Balaklava who took home two rams, JH & WA Franks, Mallala (four rams), Adalis Pastoral, Snowtown (five rams), MD & TL Clifford, Balaklava (three rams) and LE & AH Mudge, Port Wakefield (four rams).



Pictured are David Heinrich, Landmark Key Account Manager at Naracoorte, Nanni DiGiorgio, Lucindale and Robert Hart, Glen Devon. Nanni purchased 16 rams at an average of \$1250.



Pictured are Neil Hamilton "Timberoo" via Ouyen Vic, Robert Hart Glen Devon, Evan Fernandez, Landmark Ouyen and Lachlan Hart. Neil has purchased rams from Glen Devon for forty five years and this year was no different taking home two at an average of \$1050.



Rory Singleton, BRC Agent from Ouyen travelled to the Glen Devon sale and purchased 19 rams for 8 clients including the two equal second top priced rams at \$1400 each.



Brian Manuel, Landmark Mid-North Lamb Expert, John Franks, Pinery and Lloyd and Angus Mudge Port Wakefield are pictured inspecting rams before the Glen Devon sale. They purchased 8 rams between them.



Frank Nutt, Black Rock, via Orroroo purchased 5 Glen Devon rams to go over Merino ewes and is pictured with Robert Hart as he was about to set sail for home.