

Super solid Glen Devon sale

The Hart family, Glen Devon studs, Two Wells has a long and well decorated history in the Poll Dorset breed, but they would have had very few sale days better than last week's on-property ram sale result.

They offered 100 Poll Dorset rams including nine specially selected sires and achieved a total clearance to a top of \$2300 and at an outstanding \$1087 average. This was up \$64 on last year's great sale result.

The feature of the draft was the evenness of the top quality offering and this was reflected in the prices. There were probably a few less high prices at the front end of the catalogue this year, but the consistency of the bidding matched the visual evenness of the rams; 79% of the offering selling between \$900 and \$1200. Only four rams sold below \$900 and these were all at \$800.

The \$2300 top price was successfully bid by Chris Skeer, buying through Chay and Merritt, Millicent for Glen Devon 130095, an April 2013 drop son of Valma 110420 that stood fourth in the pairs class at the recent Adelaide Royal Feature Breed showing.

Balanced in phenotype and genotype, this ram had a growth EBV of 13.1 and eye muscle EBV of 1.8, culminating in a Carcase Plus index of 190.2.

The nine specially selected rams averaged \$1433 in a strong start to the sale.

It was another Valma 420 son that topped the flock ram sales at \$1800. With slightly better figures than the sale topper he was snapped up by long time Glen Devon supporter, Neil Hamilton, Landmark Ouyen. This was one of three rams Neil bought, and one of six purchased account Landmark Ouyen.

Once again the Victorian Mallee buyers were very strong in their support for Glen Devon rams. Elders Ouyen provided three buyers, selecting seven rams, but the biggest purchasing agent was Rory Singleton, BRC Ouyen. He purchased 15 at auction for several clients, paying to \$1300 and at the very solid average of \$1087, right on the overall sale average.

However, it was Kevin Collins and sons Steven and Ryan, buying through AWN Crookwell who had the biggest impact on the overall result. They purchased 10 rams for their own account, plus 20 others, including three from private selections immediately post sale, for other AWN Crookwell accounts. They averaged \$963 at auction.

With the Ouyen and Crookwell buying support combined, 58 rams went to interstate buyers. The Collins family travels to Glen Devon because the rams they select do a terrific job over their Merino and crossbred ewes, but importantly because the stud puts up rams of top and consistent quality supported by excellent performance EBVs, something most stud in their own area don't provide.

Top end strength in the sale was again provided by S & R Di Giorgio, with Landmark Naracoorte's David Heinrich purchasing on their behalf. He purchased five top rams to \$1200 and at an \$1180 average.

Also long term supporters were Jim Downer and son Dougal, Mt Beevor, through Elders Strathalbyn. They purchased four of the best to \$1400 and at a \$1275 average.

Local area buyers did not miss out, with Lloyd Mudge, Pt Wakefield heading the list with six to \$1500 and at a \$1233 average.

Sale Summary	2014	2013
Offered	100	108
Sold	100	108
Top	\$2300	\$1500
Average	\$1087	\$1023

Agents: Landmark and Elders

Auctioneer: Malcolm Scroop (Landmark)



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