

Janmac scores \$4400 twice in huge offering

Large volume orders from both sides of the SA-Vic border ensured Janmac's 14th annual production sale at Goroke, Vic, on Wednesday last week was a great success.

The Hausler family achieved a near total clearance on close to 200 rams, with 152 of 160 Poll Dorset rams averaging \$1414, while all 35 White Suffolks averaged \$1163. The average was back \$274 on the Poll Dorsets but was still up more than \$150 on 2016.

Prime lamb breeders extended their budgets on the top end of the catalogue, which had great carcass merit, with the first 40 Poll Dorsets rams averaging a stellar \$2120. These 12 specially selected rams, sold individually, averaged \$2708.

The evenness of the offering continued in the pick of the pairs, but in the latter half of the sale as competition waned, there were plenty of rams sold between \$700 and \$900.

Two Poll Dorset rams made the \$4400 equal top price – lot 5 and lot 11.

Lot 5, which was described by Landmark auctioneer Richard Miller as a "real class sheep", weighed 134 kilograms with an eye muscle depth of 47 millimetres. It was by homebred sire Janmac 134-15. Lot 11 had been used as a ram lamb in the Janmac stud and had the highest eye muscle depth scan in the catalogue at 50mm.

First-time buyers Ian and Jill Fennell, Wongabeena stud, Penola, bought both sale-toppers.

In the White Suffolks, Landmark Naracoorte's David Heinrich bought the \$1600 top price ram for KP Farms. The lot 103 ram was sired by the \$8000 sire, Anden 1522215 and had a Carcass Plus index of 184.7. KP Farms bought six rams averaging \$1308.

Long-time supporter Damian Merrett, Glendonald Pastoral Company, Apsley, Vic, took home 13 Poll Dorsets to \$2700, averaging \$2031. S&R DiGiorgio & Sons, Lucindale, bought 15 Poll Dorsets in the top end to \$2000, averaging \$1540. AG & LE Brook, Goroke, bought 12 Poll Dorsets averaging \$1154, plus nine White Suffolks averaging \$1056. McGinty Family Trust, Apsley, also bought both breeds with 19 Poll Dorsets for an \$882 average and four White Suffolks averaging \$875.

Mr Miller said the depth of quality, especially in the Poll Dorsets was outstanding and proof the Hauslers' investment in top genetics was paying off.

"The rams are renowned for their huge growth rates, amazing length of body and heavy bone which carries into great carcasses," he said.

Rodwells Edenhope's David Hanel said it was a very strong sale especially the top end where the top 50 rams made \$200 to \$300 more than 2017.

"A lot of people who have sold early have received close to \$200 for lambs, which is \$30 to \$40 better than this time last year," he said.

Stud co-principal Grant Hausler said in the past week they had strengthened their sire battery with four high-indexing rams with muscling and clean points. They outlaid the \$18,000 top price at Ulandi Park, Marrabel, in partnership with Kurralea stud, Ariah Park, NSW, and bought three rams at \$5000 each from Kurralea and Kentish Downs, also in NSW, and one from Vic stud Coledale.

Landmark and Rodwells conducted the sale with Mr Miller and Wayne Driscoll the auctioneers.

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Photo caption:

Janmac stud's Bryce and Grant Hausler with Rodwells Edenhope's David Hanel; buyers of both \$4400 sale-toppers Jill and Ian Fennell; and Landmark stud stock's Richard Miller.

