

Report on the 9th Annual “Janmac” Production Sale
held on the property, Wednesday 2nd October 2013
by Richard Cooper

“Locals show confidence at Janmac”

Wonderful local support ensured the 9th Annual Sale of the Janmac Poll Dorsets, and first offering by auction of White Suffolks was a great success.

With a cloud hanging over the stud following two clear OJD abattoir surveillance tests, but one sheep only showing as “inconclusive” result on a third PCR 350 test, the stud was cruelly restricted to selling to Victorian buyers only.

Formerly SA buyers had supported the sale strongly; last year 31 rams were purchased interstate and some years up to 50 head have gone back across the border. Leading agent David Hanel from Rodwells, Edenhope said “As one door closes another opens, and this year we saw locals support the sale strongly and many new buyers also attended”.

One new buyer was Mortat Station at Goroke. Senior principal Bill Bouchier, with the encouragement of Wayne Driscoll, Rodwells Area Manager, Wimmera attended for the first time. Bill secured 16 rams from both Poll Dorset and White Suffolk drafts for an average of \$909, including three of the four top priced White Suffolks at \$1,000 each.

There were potential stud buyers in attendance, with many vocally wishing post sale they had placed a bid on the quality on offer from one of the strongest sire batteries in the business. Few studs have invested more on sires over the last five years and this fact is much admired by Janmac’s regular supporters.

Progeny of the \$28,000 record priced Poll Dorset sire Kurralea 110011, and the \$9500 White Suffolk sire, Wingamin 120066 were on display and much admired.

A rundown of the sale results saw a total clearance with the 124 Poll Dorsets selling to a top of \$1,600 (x2) and averaging \$743. A pleasing aspect was the first offering of White Suffolks with the top ram weighing over the 130kg mark. Spirited competition was received from old and new buyers alike, and the 22 offered all sold to \$1,000 (x4) and averaged \$836. Overall the sale averaged \$753 for the 146 lots on offer.

Long term supporters, the Merrett family, Glendonald Past Co, Apsley were back again, taking home an impressive 23 Poll Dorsets at an average of \$945. Damien Merrett, representing the family said he will use the rams over first cross and composite ewes where he has had great success in the past.

Paul Brook, AG & LE Brook, “Brookside”, Goroke has been supporting Janmac since day one. This year he secured 15 rams that will go over 1st cross ewes, with the progeny being sold on-hooks at Swifts.

Buying through Rodwells was Danny West of Westwood Partnership at Edenhope. He secured 16 Poll Dorsets and White Suffolks to again cover 1st cross ewes for an average of \$669. Danny is also a foundation supporter of Janmac.

Operating later in the sale on both breeds was another volume buyer, J & T Adams from Neuarcurr who secured 11 head. PR, ME & KP Donaldson, Edenhope secured 7 Poll Dorsets to \$800 and local buyer A, C, G & M Lowe, Goroke purchased 5 head to the second top price of \$1,000.

Poll Dorset buyers, N & A Vaughan, Harrow secured 5 rams, as did T & S Futerial from Edenhope. WJ & RM Rich from Goroke also purchased strongly selecting 8 Poll Dorsets at \$600 each.

Lots 1 and 2, the two top priced rams at \$1,600 each were both progeny of the Janmac sire 100110, his first five sons through the ring averaging \$1,140. D & L Pastoral, Neuarcurr secured lot 1 and John Kester, Appleton Park, Lot 2, this being a much admired ram with excellent wool and weighing in excess of 130kg.

Others who supported the sale included Paul Skinner from Ozenkadnook, SR & DM Bull, Ozenkadnook, and Mathew Lockhart from Goroke, all with 4 rams each. BF & SC Dunn, Mitre (3 rams), Waverly Farming, Goroke, TH & PL Pietsch, Kewell and E Dart & Son Nhill (all with 2 rams) and KA & KE Hausler, Edenhope (1 top ram) were also strong bidders.

The sale was conducted by Rodwells Edenhope and Landmark Naracoorte with Leo Redden and Wayne Driscoll giving a very professional exhibition of auctioneering, clearing the offering in just over an hour.

In summing up the result over the weekend, co-principal Grant Hausler said, “On the basis of an inconclusive test, we were excluded from our South Australian client base that we have spent many years building and servicing. Since the sale, retesting has given an all clear negative result.”

“Unfortunately, unfairly and arguably unjustly, this has left those clients without an opportunity to purchase our rams, and severely affected our income, not to mention the enormous emotional stress it has caused all members of our family.

“The wonderful support we have received in both emotional and buying support, from local clients and family friends, has vindicated our decision to be totally upfront by keeping them all fully informed of our situation.

“We can’t thank them enough. All-round the sale result was wonderful, and a massive relief”, Grant said.



(Damien Merrett (right), Apsley is pictured with his agent Chris Escott from Elders Lucindale. They purchased 23 Poll Dorset rams for an average of \$945. Damien intends to use the rams over his Composite and BL/Mer first cross ewes.



Wayne Driscoll, Rodwells Area Manager, Wimmera assisted his client Bill Bouchier, Mortat Station, Goroke Vic in purchasing 16 Poll Dorset and White Suffolk rams (including the three equal top priced Whites at \$1000) for an average price of \$909. It was the first time Bill has purchased at Janmac.



Paul Brook, "Brookside" Goroke Vic and David Hanel, Rodwells manager at Edenhope check the purchases Paul made at Janmac. Paul, who has been purchasing Janmac rams "since day one", secured fifteen White Suffolk and Poll Dorset rams to \$800.



Janmac co-principal, Grant Hausler is pictured with John Dart, Yanac and his Uncle, Ellis Dart, Nhill who are return clients to Janmac. Having formerly purchased Poll Dorset Rams, this year they purchased White Suffolks including the equal top priced ram at \$1000. The Darts will use the rams over Merino ewes.



Bryce and Grant Hausler inspect the rams Danny West (centre), Westwood Partnership, Edenhope purchased. Danny, who has been purchasing Janmac rams for longer than he cares to remember, uses them over 1st Cross ewes. The progeny are keenly sought after each year by Swifts at Bordertown. This year he purchased sixteen rams for an average of \$669