

Elders Sale Report

Friday 22nd January 2010

Brocburn Dorper and White Dorper stud held their first on property production sale which included the dispersal of their entire White Dorper flock. The sale was conducted by Elders and interfaced with AuctionsPlus.

Stud principals Jim and Joanna Lyall have had a long battle gaining acceptance of the Dorper breed in Tasmania. The 40 registered buyers and spirited bidding at auction is a testament to acceptance of this breed as a commercial alternative sheep breed for small and large producers alike.

The sale result was exceptional with attendance from all corners of Tasmania and 17 buyers logged into the sale on line.

29 White Dorper ewes and lambs were offered in the first sale averaging \$1120 /hd. Highest price paid was \$2840 by Pisa Estate, Cressy for Brocburn 60103 with twin ewe lambs at foot. Volume buyer was Elders Bairnsdale a/c Mrs Val Wyatt purchasing 8 lots to a top of \$2640.

30 Dorper and 40 upgrade Dorper ewes and lambs were offered in the second sale with the Dorper ewes and lambs averaging \$570/hd. The two top priced ewes made \$620 paid by WR Hastwell, Dover. Several lots made \$580 with IJ & LS Murfett purchasing 9 lots.

The 40 Upgrade ewes and lambs were keenly sought by locals and averaged \$355/hd. Peter Le Batchelor from Mole Creek purchased 15 hd to a top of \$580/hd for a pen of 4 ewes.

20 Dorper and White Dorper rams were offered in sale 3 averaging \$810/hd. The sale highlight was \$3440 paid by Elders Bendigo a/c Mrs Val Wyatt for Brocburn 08280. The vendor described this ram as having exceptional balance and muscle. 08280's sire Kaya 060036 is renowned in the Dorper breed for breeding true to type progeny.

Brocburn Stud, founded in 1999, was the first Dorper stud established in Tasmania and has gained a reputation for top quality breeding stock. New genetics are regularly introduced through artificial insemination and embryo transfer by accessing the best pure South African genetics available in Australia.

Jim Lyall has completed junior and senior Dorper courses conducted by qualified South African judges and has made good use of this knowledge in selecting superior animals for stud selection, which was apparent in the stock on offer at this sale.

The complete Brocburn White Dorper stud flock was dispersed due to the decision of Brocburn Dorper Stud to concentrate on the Dorper, with its black head and white body.