



Etiwanda's 3rd On Property Sale

.....another huge success!

The Mosely Family have again found the market place very accepting of their White Dorpers and Rangeland ReadyTM breeding principals – evident by the success of the family's 3rd On Property Sale at Etiwanda on March the 5th.

Bidders travelled, and were online on Auctionsplus, from across the country to access the stud's genetics available at the sale. All animals at the sale were presented straight from the paddock to the sale ring with no grain feeding and had individual Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) for each animal sold. Comments from bidders have been that the ASBVs were extremely helpful and are valuable extra information to have on traits that are not able to be assessed visually. Many buyers had their animals selected prior to the sale from the ASBV list and used the breeding values to select animals with traits that best suited their own operations.

A total of 86 rams and 40 ewes were offered for sale. An outstanding 99% clearance was achieved by the stud with prices averaging \$880.00 for the rams and \$530.00 for the ewes.

Lot 18 (right) - Etiwanda C4297 attracted plenty of attention for his excellent ASBVs, combined with his visually appealing length, balance and muscle – he was hotly contested in the ring and was knocked down to long time Etiwanda clients Justin & Julie McClure of "Kallara Station" Tilpa for \$2700.00. Justin & Julie secured a total of 14 rams with an average of \$1300.00. Mr McClure said the rams were in excellent condition. "They are good tidy rams, and the quality is right up there", he said. "They are well suited to our market and we will definitely return."



Prices for rams went to \$2000.00 and over 4 times on the day for the excellent Etiwanda genetics. The second top price Ram went to James Mead of Warwick, QLD for \$2150.00 – another ram with excellent and balanced ASBVs. Also a repeat buyer, Mr Mead secured 3 rams to an average of \$1760.00. Robert & Leanne Endacott came to the sale prepared to buy quality and were very happy to take home 2 excellent rams for their operation at Tullamore for an average of \$1650.00.

Volume buyer, Romani Partnership, Bourke, purchased a total of 11 rams for an average of \$930.00. Allan Watts from Condobolin took home 11 rams also to an average of \$805.00. Andrew Turnbull from Bourke also put together a good line of 10 rams for an average of \$785.00.

Allawah White Dorpers, Narrandera fought hard for the top price ewe for \$1950.00, a superb Type 5 ewe with a beautiful young ram lamb at foot. Again this ewe had an impressive set of ASBVs to back her visual appeal and was selected from Etiwanda's top 50 ewes to be part of the sale.

Volume buyer on the ewes was Phillip Larwood, Mildura who purchased 8 ewes for an average of \$722.00. Phillip was also the successful purchaser of the 2nd top price ewe with lamb at foot for \$1850.00, another ewe specially selected from the Etiwanda Top 50.

The Mosely family are extremely happy with the results of their 3rd sale. The support of repeat buyers and people voting strongly with their hard earned dollars for the Etiwanda stock ranks the stud very highly in the industry. People really appreciate "excellent animals, excellent service and support from fellow farmers in the business of farming" said stud co-principal Megan Mosely.

The family donated the proceeds from Lot 15 to The Royal Flying Doctors Service and were pleased to be able to raise \$1300.00 to support this valuable service to people living in Western NSW.

Agent and auctioneer David Russell from Landmark Russell, Cobar had a very busy lead up to the sale with plenty of enquiry and he commented "it is a credit to the Mosely family for the outstanding line of sheep offered on the day."