

Maternal genetics in demand

PROPERTY SALE

STEPHEN BURNS

TURN and new clients are strong demand for quality stud Border Leicester ewes at the annual offering the Wattle Farm Border Leicester Stud at Temora.

With 71 ewes penned, 67 were sold to top price of \$290 and overall average price of \$200.

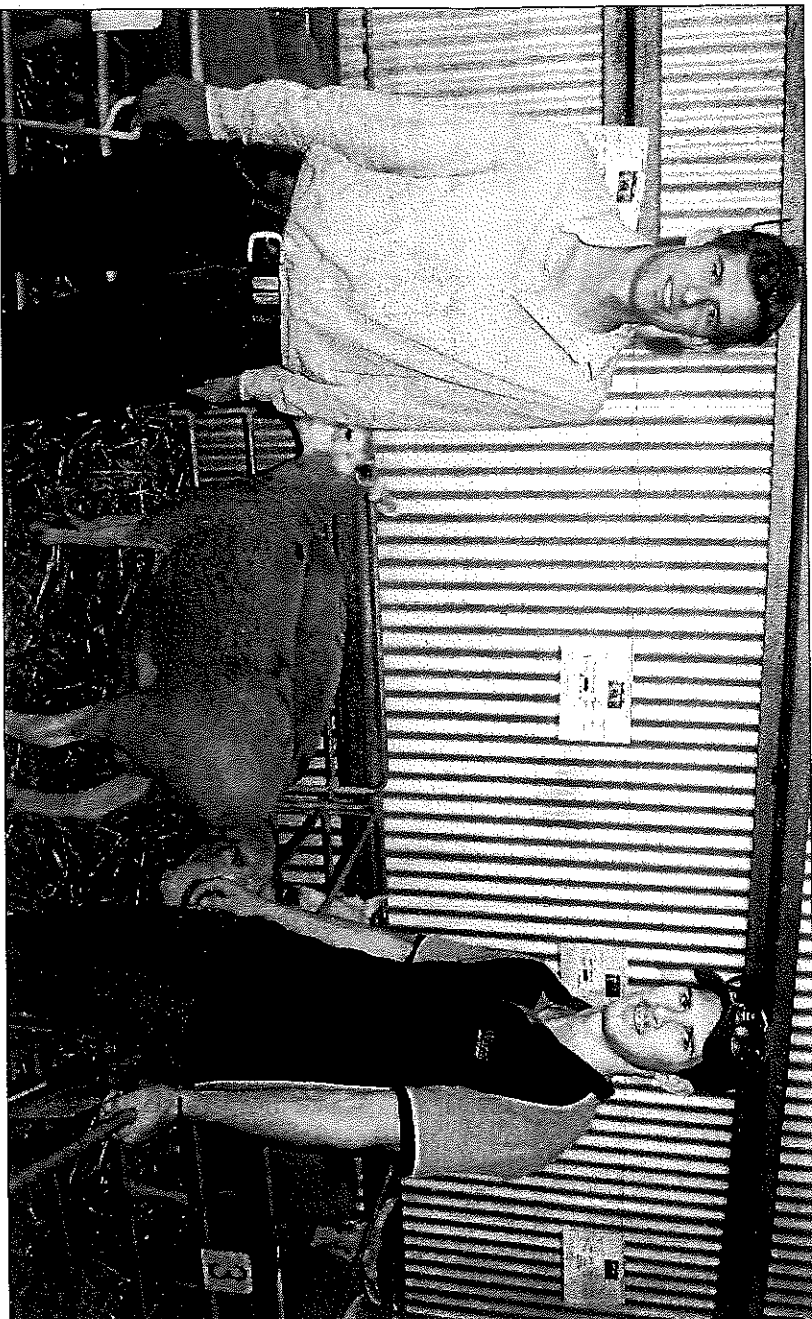
Studmaster, Jeff Sutton said he was "very happy with the support we received."

"This was a quality offering of good genetics and the sale reflected that," Mr Sutton said.

Top price at \$290 was paid to repeat client James Baker, from Rutherglen, Victoria in a draft of 12 ewes which averaged \$213.

New client Mason Galpin, from "Warrawindi", Penola, South Australia, purchased 14 ewes adding genetic depth to his stud.

Mr Galpin said his two-year-old stud has a steady clientele and he was keen to expand the breeding strength. "I have strong quality for my rams so I intend to increase my ewe



QUALITY ABOUND: Mason and Jordan Galpin, "Warrawindi", Penola, South Australia, with a selection of the 14 Border Leicester ewes they purchased. Picture: Stephen Burns

numbers," he said.

Mr Galpin paid to a top of \$260 in his selection of 14 ewes which were secured for an average price of \$196.

This is the first time Mr Galpin has bought ewes from

Wattle Farm and he said he was impressed by the sheep he had seen shown by Wattle Farm's Jeff Sutton.

"The ewes are a good type and there was a good selection to make our choice," Mr

Galpin said.

"They have great structure and constitution and are still good for another couple of lambs and will add genetic depth to our stud."

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two ewes to the flock paying \$270 and \$240 respectively.

Other purchasers included Michael Rowan of Young who bought 19 ewes for an average price of \$144, and Malcolm and Brodie Farley,

Kerang, Victoria who selected seven ewes for average price \$165.

Rick Houlihan, "Rose-lee", Rydal paid to \$240 for his draft of five ewes which averaged \$216, Sarah Heffernan, Junee paid to \$250 for her two ewes which averaged \$185, and Jim Fletcher, "Bellevue Park", Cooma, paid \$200 each for his selection of two ewes.

The selling agent was Landmark, Wagga with James Croker taking the bids. Reflecting on the sale, Mr Croker said everything sold well.

"It showed that clients have faith in the Wattle Farm direction," Mr Croker said.

ABOUT WATTLE FARM:

Wattle Farm Border Leicester Stud was established in 2005 by Jeff Sutton and family to meet the growing demand for quality Border Leicester flock and stud rams in the Riverina and further afield.

Wattle Farm provide structurally sound sheep with excellent growth rates and quality constitutions.

"We focus on producing borders with quality wool and that are even in type."