

CROSS THE BREEDS: Border Leicester

Vattle Farm success rewarded

nificant success at the major sheep shows of Ineey, Dubbo, Bendigo and Melbourne was an important link to a very good result at the Wattle Farm Border Leicester sale at Temora in late September.

Jeff and Diane Sutton and family penned a high quality offering of seven stud rams, 21 stud ewes and 71 flock lots that was appreciated by the gallery that included 30 equal top and new bidders.

It certainly wasn't easy though as the atrocious weather which flooded and closed roads really threw up a big challenge for prospective buyers to get to the sale, and for the Sutton family to be able to present their stock in good order. The fact that they achieved that standard, combined with everyone in attendance being there with determined intent ensured a good result.

At the completion of the sale catalogue, in a 98% clearance all but one stud ewe and one stud ram had sold, plus an extra nine flock rams in reserve were also sold through the ring and cleared.

Through the flock ram section this was a 7% lift in average price and a 30% lift in rams sold from last year's result. Post sale a further 17 flock rams cleared privately to top off a wet, but very successful day for the Sutton family.



Diane Sutton and son Jeffery (centre) are pictured with the dominant stud ewe buyers at the Wattle Farm Border Leicester sale. They are Jim and Elizabeth Fletcher, Dry Plains and James Baker, Wangaratta with his Landmark agent, Hayden Rogers.



Wattle Farm principal, Jeff Sutton holds the \$3250 top-priced stud ram at the sale, purchased by Natalie, Julie and Tony Mutton, Tarcutta, with their Landmark Wagga agent David Coleman (centre).

Of the seven stud rams, only one passed under stud reserve, the other six averaging \$2438. Repeat clients Tony and Julie Mutton and family, Tarcutta, NSW and operating through Landmark Wagga's David Coleman paid the \$3250 top price for WF150225, sired by Coolawang 120037, the 2013 Adelaide champion ram.

The 21 stud ewes saw 20 clear to a top of \$600, achieved three times, and average \$445. Two long term buying accounts dominated the ewe buying. James Baker, J.D. Baker & Co, Wangaratta and buying through Landmark Wangaratta's Hayden Rogers, purchased eight to the \$600 equal top and at a \$406 average. Jim and Elizabeth Fletcher, Dry Plains in the Snowy Mountains of NSW also paid the \$600 top twice and averaged \$481 in also