

UARDRY

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UARDRY SETS NEW AUSTRALIAN DOHNE SALE RECORD

November 2009 saw Uardry set a new Australian Dohne sale record as UD080270 sold for an impressive \$22,000 to Bill Pye of Calga Dohne stud, Coonamble (pictured right).

Mr Pye essentially bought the ram for his "...fantastic stance and size, good crimp definition and low micron." He continued, "it's (UD080270) a very big, correct ram – virtually perfect in its structural soundness, which has been a problem in the breed."

Uardry Manager, Ben Lane reiterated Mr Pye's comments saying, "the ram was a standout amongst the 2008 drop. He has a proven pedigree of several generations for both meat and wool attributes. The ram displays premium carcass traits with large hindquarters. His wool is soft, white and stylish with good density."

The ram was selected privately by James Lilburne of Australian Topstock, Wagga Wagga. James said having viewed many potential sires this ram had exceptional quality; he was a standout in the Dohne breed and displayed potential as a leader in the Australian Dohne Industry.

This impressive sire has an ADBA Index of 131.3. His EBVs (Estimated Breeding Values) recorded a Body Weight of +7.37; Fleece Weight +8.44; and Micron -0.96. "At 360 days of age, the ram had a 16.7 micron fleece, which is what we're after," Mr Pye said.

For those wishing to improve their gene pool, semen from UD080270 is available for purchase at \$40 per dose.



2010 DOHNE PERFORMANCE SALE & RAM EXPO

Tuesday, September 2 will see an impressive line-up of 200 two tooth Dohne rams being auctioned at Uardry's Dohne Performance sale. This will be the largest auction sale for Dohne rams since the breed's commencement in Australia.

Uardry Dohne is aiming to give clients and prospective clients a large selection of quality rams at competitive prices. This also allows large drafts to be put together to fulfil the requests of bigger orders.

A large breeding flock of 1,950 stud ewes (2009/2010 joining) enables Uardry superior selection. The 2009 drop progeny will be the first rams offered following a rigorous stud ewe classing. Every Dohne stud ewe on the property was visually and objectively assessed taking into account their age, number of progeny raised, quality of progeny and full EBV figures.

Uardry is only breeding rams from proven performance ewes. The Uardry Dohne Quality Assurance Breeding Program will be in place annually in the spring. Cast for age stud ewes and ewe hoggets are available for sale proceeding the classing.

The 2010 spring auction sale rams and stud sires will be on display at the Uardry Spring Ram Expo on Wednesday, August 18. The day will also give producers an opportunity to view the new Sims Uardry Poll Merino rams which will go under the hammer for the first time on Tuesday, September 21 at the Uardry Foundation sale.

Top industry speakers scheduled for the day include; Roger Fletcher of Fletcher International Exports and director for AWI; 2009 NSW Farmer of the Year, Michael O'Brien; and Alex Russell from NSW Industry and Investment, "Its Ewe Time".

For further details regarding 2010 Uardry sales and the Spring Ram Expo, please visit our website at www.uardry.com

Uardry Dohne Performance Sale - Thursday, September 2

2009 Uardry Dohne Sale Performance

The depth and quality of the Uardry Dohne was a true reflection of what buyers were prepared to pay at this year's Uardry Dohne Performance sale on September 3. More than 43 registered bidders from New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania competed for the 129 rams offered and sold to a top of \$5000 and average of \$1830.

The top priced ram UD081337 was secured by first time Uardry buyer Rohan Parr of Coolabah Partners Pty Ltd, Hillston. This outstanding young sire created competition with his overall balance of excellent carcass attributes and soft white stylish wool. The AA Dohne ram measured an Index Value of 125.8; a 5.8% body weight; -0.2mm Muscle Diameter; 0.0mm Fat; 0.7% Fleece Weight; -1.5um Fibre Diameter; and a -1.4% Co-efficient Variation.

Bulk buyers again dominated the sale. Tom Holt of Coonong Pty Ltd, Urana purchased 12 rams to a top of \$2400 and an average \$2112. Chiswick Estate, Evandale, Tasmania also purchased 12 rams to average \$1683. Quorn Pastoral Co. of Evandale, Tasmania averaged \$2110 for 10 rams purchased. AS & RF Ferry, Elaine, Victoria took home 9 rams with an average of \$1630. Other volume buyers included WA & RV Webster, Evandale, Tasmania; Warrawee Pastoral Co, Kyalite, NSW; J. Metcalfe, Cumbagunah, Deniliquin, NSW; RH Woodward & Co, Swan Hill, Victoria; J & E Corlis of Garah, NSW; and JR & BE Kilpatrick, Great Western, Victoria.

Uardry welcomed 12 new clients to the sale who secured a total of 54 rams with 31 bound for Tasmania.

The sale also emphasised Uardry as a leader in Australian Dohne genetics providing rams for 8 Dohne studs across the eastern states.

The flexibility of the Dohne breed continues to impress Australian sheep producers. Uardry Manager, Ben Lane explains, "Dohne ewes have the ability to add diversification to any livestock enterprise as they adopt various breeding scenarios in order to maximize profits as producers experience changes in economic and climatic conditions. The Dohne's ability to provide self replacing ewes is often underestimated. Growers crossing good merino ewes to a terminal sire should ideally be depreciating their ewes value over their life time to adequately account for their full replacement cost, rather than be slugged for the full replacement cost at the CFA stage."

In 2009, Uardry sold 224 rams at public auction to gross \$383,440 and average \$1711.

Uardry continues to prove its status as a leader in the Australian Dohne Industry having sold genetics into 17 Dohnes studs across Australia this year.

Uardry will auction 200 rams at the 2010 Uardry Dohne Performance sale (Thursday, September 2). Offering more rams at the sale will enable clients to purchase quality rams at affordable prices.

Pictured right; Tasmanian buyers Bill & Richard Webster; Tom & Alex Clark; Uardry Director, Nerissa Guest; Peter Baker; Brett Cox; and Uardry Manager, Ben Lane.



UARDRY SPRING RAM EXPO

9am Wednesday, August 18

TOP INDUSTRY SPEAKERS

Roger Fletcher, Fletcher International Exports & AWI Director

Alex Russell, NSW Industry & Investment, "It's Ewe Time!"

Michael O'Brien, NSW Farmer of the Year 2009

**2010 sale rams will be on display,
including the new Sims Uardry Poll Stud Sale Rams**

Narmbool's Success with Dohnes

In 2007, AS & RF Ferry of Narmbool south of Ballarat, Victoria expanded their sheep enterprise with the introduction of 6 Uardry Dohnes. Mr Ferry already had a flock displaying bright white soft skinned sheep, however with a lower carcass value. Together with sheep classer, Bill Mildren, they saw the need to focus on a self replacing prime lamb flock with the future purchase price of cross bred ewes to be expensive.

In a rainfall area of 27 inches, Narmbool run a Nerstane superfine Merino flock. Property Manager, Peter Rooney stated, "the Uardry Dohnes wool types compliment our Nerstane wools with their super soft white length of staple wools. With this type of wool we have no trouble bringing them down to Ballarat, plus as a weaner we have gained 6 kilos in body weight."

A further 22 Uardry Dohne rams were purchased in 2008 and 2009 bringing the Narmbool Dohne ram total to 28.

Mr Rooney selects rams primarily on key carcass attributes as these rams will be producing a prime lamb dam, the value of the Uardry Dohne fleece is an added bonus.

In order to fast track Dohne numbers, Narmbool purchased 570 Uardry F1 and F2 2009 Dohne ewe lambs in November. Since their purchase the lambs have reached their target of 45 kilos and have been joined to lamb at 14 months of age. At 12 months these Uardry Dohne lambs weighed an average of 52 kilograms. Mr Rooney explained, "the wools are a soft bulky white Uardry type that has handled more rain than we have seen for many years, for example 7 inches falling in December 2009."

In 2010 Narmbool has joined 2000 Merino ewes and the 570 Uardry ewe weaners to Dohne rams, a joining rate of 0.8-1.0%.

The future plans for Narmbool are to self replace with the top 60 percent of breeders. The remaining classed out ewes will be bred with White Suffolks for the prime lamb trade market. The F1 to F4 Dohne wether lamb weights will be targeted for the export market.

Peter also described an alternative marketing option for the F1 wether spring drop lambs in Ballarat; "we miss the winter window for higher prices before the spring flush, but having their wool types being complimented by the Uardry Dohne we have an option to full shear and sell as a 2 tooth or boat wether."

"Looking after the next generation with lamb"

A country girl, a mother, a grandmother with a passion for producing quality food and fibre, Uardry client Janie McClure hails from Nelyambo Sydney Road, near Cobar in western New South Wales. In 2000 Janie and her five daughters converted their property to be managed with certified organic standards. In addition, she also created her company Rural Organics at the request of fellow growers following her success with the marketing of her own products of lamb and wool. She believes that as well as being organic the lamb and wool must be of premium quality if is to achieve a premium price.

Originally running an organic Merino lamb enterprise, Janie found it difficult to finish off a quality Merino lamb for the organic market without cutting its teeth. Although the meat from the Merino is very tasty the actual lamb tended to be lean and so Janie found it difficult to sell them to the same grid used for crossbred lambs. With a love for wool also, Janie wanted to source an animal that produced both attributes.

In 2008, Janie inspected the Uardry Dohnes on display at the Australian Sheep and Wool show at Bendigo and was impressed with the wool and carcass qualities. Following an on-property inspection of the Uardry F1 and F2 ewes with lambs at foot, Janie purchased 31 Uardry Dohne rams to cross over her Merino flock.

The first drop of Uardry F1 Dohne lambs fell in the drought of 2009 and at 6 months of age they averaged 3 kilograms more than her Merino lambs. The lambs were sent into the organic baby food market and didn't have to wait the additional 4 months like the Merino lambs. As the season last year deteriorated further, Janie sent the next consignment to a bio-dynamic grower and a conventional grower to finish off. Janie kept the ewe lambs and sold the best of the Dohne wool into the certified organic market for a premium. Janie is also marketing her organic Dohne lamb into top butchers and restaurants in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Janie stated, "Dohnes when crossed with a Merino would produce the lamb I wanted."

Janie is dedicated to producing a product that is not harmful to the environment or the human being. "The search for both organic and conventional markets has been quite challenging, however in the end most rewarding" Janie said. The top 30% of her products to be marketed into the certified organic markets receives a premium of approximately 10%.

"The introduction of the Uardry Dohnes crossed with the Merino has considerably opened up my options with the markets and also created a more even cash flow."

Janie now plans to use Sims Uardry Poll genetics in her breeding program with the intention of gaining a good balance of wool and meat in her sheep.

DOHNE RAMS FOR SALE

Hamilton Sheepvention Two-Tooth Sale Rams ~ Tuesday, August 3

TAG	GRADE	INDEX	BW %	MD mm	FAT mm	FW %	FD μ m	CV %	SIRE
UD090532	AA	116.2	5.9	0.9	0.0	-1.8	-0.8	-1.2	LAR040030
UD090292	A	120.9	8.0	0.4	0.0	1.7	-0.1	-1.5	UD060254
UD090268	AA	118.8	6.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	-1.3	-1.4	UD050114
UD090751	AA	128.1	11.0	0.4	0.1	1.8	-1.1	-1.3	UD071302
UD090034	AA	124.2	6.7	0.2	0.0	6.4	-1.1	-1.3	UD050068

Dubbo National Stud Sire Sale Rams ~ Friday, August 13

TAG	GRADE	INDEX	BW %	MD mm	FAT mm	FW %	FD μ m	CV %	SIRE
UD090728	AA	128.5	10.6	-0.6	0.0	1.2	-0.8	-1.1	UD070286
UD090507	AA	132.2	10.9	1.5	0.1	0.8	-1.3	-1.6	LAR040030
UD080867	AA	125	5.6	0.6	0.0	9.7	-1.2	-0.8	UD050068
UD080077	AA	114.7	5.4	-0.6	0.0	5.9	-0.1	-1.5	UD050068



2010 Dubbo Dohne Sale Rams (4-tooth)

Further information on
sale rams are available

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details online to receive
updates on stock for sale



2010 Hamilton Sale Rams (2-tooth)

2010 UARDRY DOHNE EVENTS

Hamilton Sheepvention Sale ~ Tuesday, August 3
5 two-tooth flock rams

Dubbo National Dohne Ram Sale ~ Friday, August 13
4 stud sire rams

Uardry Dohne Performance Sale ~ Thursday, September 2
200 selected two-tooth rams

South Australian Dohne Sale, Naracoorte ~ Wednesday, October 20
15 two-tooth flock rams

Victorian Dohne Sale, Elmore ~ Friday, October 22
10 two-tooth flock rams

Tasmanian Dohne Sale, Campbelltown ~ Thursday, November 4
10 two-tooth flock rams

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