

Midland Sheep

with Peter Trezise

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DUE to the Anzac holiday and the early printing of Farm Weekly the Primaries Midland sheep report from Tuesday, April 24, was omitted.

That week F.R. & R. Jolly, Wooroloo, achieved the top price of the sale at \$75.50 with a line of 20 Suffolk cross lambs.

Other representative prices achieved by Primaries Midland auctioneer Peter Trezise were as follows:

F.R. & R. Jolly, Wooroloo: 20 Suff x lbs \$75.50; Naibilli Farming Co., West Pingelly: 60 Mo ewes \$36.50, 141 Mo ewes \$34, 85 Mo ewes \$22; P.M. Scally, Koorda: 68 xb lbs \$29, 12 Mo ewes \$32, 14 Mo ewes \$25; J. & J. Arrow, Koorda: 10 Mo ewes \$28, 27 Mo ewe hgts \$27; E.H. Sprigg, Dalwallinu: 5 B/L x lbs \$46; Karradale Farm, Karragullen: 56 xb lbs \$33, 39 xb lbs \$30; N.L. Edwards, Quairading: 29 Mo rams \$48, 8 Mo rams \$50.

POLL Dorset ram lambs consigned by R.L. & L.J. Bassett, Brookton, topped this week's sheep market at \$78.

Other representative prices lodged by auctioneer Peter Trezise included:

R.L. & L.J. Bassett, Brookton: 6 PD ram lbs \$78, 3 PD x ram lbs \$69; M.A. & J.P. Williams, Toodyay: 9 PD x lbs \$74.50, 4 Mo wth hgts \$63; Bundear Farm Co., Geraldton: 27 W/Dorp lbs \$50, 38 W/Dorp lbs \$48, 18 W/Dorp lbs \$45; L.M. & B.A. Couper, Trayning: 7 xb wth lbs \$50, 5 xb wth lbs \$39; J.P. Clarke & Co., Koorda: 67 Mo ewe hgts \$39.50, 38 Mo ewe hgts \$35, 45 Mo ewe hgts \$28; P.G. & P.M. Nankivell & Son, Wubin: 56 Mo ewes \$39.50, 47 Mo ewes \$34; Catholic Ag College, Bindoon: 7 Mo ewes \$28, 12 Mo ewes \$14; J.D. & P.M. Fitzpatrick & Son, Bencubbin: 9 Dorp ewes \$23.50, 11 Dorp ewes \$20; L.L. & S.J. Mattingly & Son, Brookton: 44 Mo wth lbs \$18, 64 Mo wth lbs \$17.50.

Midland Cattle

with Keith Taylor

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PRIMARIES Midland cattle auctioneer Keith Taylor reported a sharp fall in numbers at Midland this week with young steers and heifers making up most of the yarding.

Mr Taylor's representative sales included: E.G. & R. Edwards, Beverley: 1 MG str 425 kg @ 150 c/kg \$637.50, 9 MG hfrs 426 kg

@ 151 c/kg \$643.50, 8 MG cows 566 kg @ 111 c/kg \$629.50; R.E. & L.G. Warburton, Popanyinning: 1 MG hfr 465 kg @ 123 c/kg \$572; M.K. & E.A. Richards, High Wycombe: 3 MG cows 605 kg @ 89 c/kg \$538.50; John Fluck, Badgingarra: 11 B/Master bull vlrs 209 kg @ 166 c/kg \$348. Primaries will be second sellers at Midland next week.

AGISTMENT WANTED

Peter Sheridan is seeking agistment for a Morawa client of Primaries with 600 lambing ewes.

Any area will be considered. If you can help, please call Peter on 0428 872 911.

WOOL DESIGNS AT WILLIAMS

A FULL-day program, featuring a lunch, gala dinner and the Primaries Wool Design Awards will mark "Wear Wool Wednesday 2007" at Williams on June 6.

Primaries is hosting this year's wool design awards for designers in two categories - younger and older than 16 years of age.

Primaries has also invited The Merino Company to make a feature presentation during the program.

NORTH/SOUTH CONTRASTS



AN urgent call by Peter Sheridan for agistment for a mob of 600 lambing ewes at drought-parched Morawa tempered the euphoria of widespread opening rains in the southern agricultural areas this week.

He said the Morawa ewes were in urgent need of agistment and the owner would consider any areas.

In stark contrast, Esperance clients were billing their opening as one of the best ever, and most producers in the Great Southern were now under way with canola and lupin seeding.

Mr Sheridan said the Katanning sheep sale this week would serve as an indicator of

livestock sales for the next few weeks.

"We are expecting a bigger yarding after last week's holiday and firm values will indicate positive markets over the next few weeks," he said. Mr Sheridan said it would be three to four weeks before any substantial green feed materialised but the excellent rains in most southern areas would enable many owners to hold on to sheep they had previously scheduled for sale.

Mr Sheridan and Tim Chapman joined Primaries managing director Trevor Pedler and marketing manager, Matt Pedersen, (pictured) in Hobart recently after collecting two major Ruralco awards for the company - for Best Business Unit, and for Best Growth.

Mr Sheridan said it was his first visit to Tasmania and provided an excellent opportunity to discuss livestock issues with his counterparts in Roberts, Tasmania and other mainland Ruralco brokers.

"We were impressed at the way Ruralco is pulling the new group together since the merger, whilst ensuring that groups such as Primaries retain local identity and management," he said.



GREAT Southern shearing contractor Steve Osbourne (second from left) and his team of classers (pictured here with Matt Pedersen (left)) joined the wool technical staff at Primaries this week for an AWEX course to update wool classing standards.

The group also inspected the Primaries showfloor and visited the AWTA testing laboratory.