

BURENDA HOLDINGS OPEN DAY 2014

As part of Beef Week 2014 Burenda Angus and Brangus held their Open Day at Dalby Downs Kaimkillenbun Qld with perfect spring weather conditions and a noticeable lack of rain. The gathering of visitors were treated to some country hospitality with smoko and CAAB Angus steaks for lunch provided by the Peden Families. Other opportunities on offer were a bus trip of the Dalby Downs property aggregation, inspection of the Roma Bulls for the Roma Bull Sale 27th August 2014 with agents GDL, a display of Burenda first and second calf autumn calving breeders, Burenda bred sires Burenda Go Between G23 and Burenda Hammerhead H73, the cross breeding opportunities with Angus, a display of animal health, general merchandise and nutrition products from CRT Dalby, a pregscan demonstration by SEQ Genetics and the presence of Heritage Seeds and Gallagher representatives with their displays. Overall a hub of activity during the day with about 50 visitors coming through the gate. Visitors didn't go home empty handed either with numerous lucky door and bull credit prizes to the value of \$2000 won on the day.



It was most rewarding to see repeat buyers of Burenda bulls and females in attendance and some very positive comments on this year's line up of 113 Roma Bulls. With 72 angus bulls rising 2 year of age and 41 angus bulls 16-17 month olds displayed for the day. The docility of the group was noticed and commented on by most as the bulls were retained in small pens by 1 electric wire. We have worked hard on our docility and have been part of Angus Australia's Docility Trial EBV's. There is a spread of bulls for the sale by some well known AI sires, Te Mania Emperor E343, Carabar Docklands D62, Ayrvale Bartel E7, Te Mania Daiquiri D19, Te Mania Berkley B1, SAV Heavy Hitter 6347, Dunoon Evident E614, Bongongo Bulletproof Z3, Te mania Africa A217, Lawsons Invincible C402, Ardrossan Admiral A2, Mohnen Dynamite 1356, and Connealy Final Product.

There are some just as impressive bulls by our own home bred sires such as Burenda Corella C38, Burenda F111, Burenda Embassy E152, Burenda Filigree F146, Burenda Gung Ho G32, and Burenda

Go between G23. All of these Burenda bred sires have been used as yearlings and then sold as two year olds at our Roma Sale. We believe in the use of a certain number of our yearling bulls each year for a few reasons, they should have our better genetics if we are breeding in the right direction we wish to follow, they fight less and work more, we are able to progeny test these young bulls in both our stud and commercial herds, and we can still offer some of our best breeding at our Roma Bull sale each year. Three of these sires progeny sell as Lot 10, Lot 42 and Lot 49. There will be more of these on offer in early 2015. We are working hard on our EBV's and have some very promising young progeny to follow through over the next 18 months. What is particularly noticeable is the dams of most of these Roma Sale draft in that they are getting better, plus better figures and calving intervals. A lot of our herd is now Burenda bred cow families with a good fertility history, and this calving interval has been as a result of a tight follow up joining of bulls after AI and some persistent pregnancy testing with the new Pregscan Technology. Sort out the fertility of your herd and production and productivity will follow and we are seeing some good results from this selection.



Lot 10 Burenda Highlander H424. Current weight of 802kg with a daily gain for life of 1.2kg per day. His sire Burenda Filigree was our top priced selling bull at Roma 2012.



Lot 49 Burenda Jetsam J126. Current weight of 622kg with a daily gain for life of 1.37kg per day. His sire Burenda Go Between G23 is producing some excellent offspring for Burenda with over 80 progeny recorded in a short while and this is the first of his son to be offered. Only 16.5 months of age come sale day.



Lot 42 Burenda Jericho J102. Current weight of 664kg with a over all daily weight gain for life of 1.41kg/day. Only 17 months of age and out of one of our top donor cows from the Beeac cow family. Expect Jericho to make the ton before 24 months of age as his dam is well into the 900's.

With so many angus bulls on offer at this years bull sales in Queensland the visitors that took the initiative to attend our Open Day were given the opportunity to go over the bulls and study the figures prior to the rush of sales.



First time visitor but repeat buyer Scott Ferguson "Yeovil" Wandoan discussing some of the Roma Sale bulls with Jonathan Schmidt.



Lot 19 Burenda Haughty H230. A good easy doing bull with sire attributes.



Lot 19 Burenda Haughty H230. A ball of muscle and meat by the Te mania Emperor E343 AI sire.

The bus trip around the aggregation of properties that comprise Dalby Downs was an opportunity for visitors to see first hand and discuss how the operation runs with all aspects of the Angus and Brangus operations on display. Numerous topics were talked about such as animal husbandry, nutrition, and the growing out of young cattle which revolves around our leuceana and grass pastures supplemented with forage oats during the winter months. Silage also plays a part in the success of our ability to run effective AI, ET, and calving programs with the numbers of cattle we run in condensed areas at this time. Of particular interest was the stop at our spring calving of 180 angus heifers to the first round of AI. Well in excess of 100 heifers had calved to the AI over a couple of weeks. These heifers had been on agistment prior to calving at home and had experienced some dry conditions leading up to calving but were going well. Good nutrition plays a vital role in a successful calving and return in calf in young first time breeding cattle.



Discussions on first calving heifers during the bus trip of Dalby Downs

Calf number K202 for 2014 so far resting amongst the hay out of the wind.



Jonathan Schmidt taking a small group of visitors for a stroll around the display pens of Burenda Sires, some angus cross calves out of hereford cows, guess the combined weight of the two angus cross steers, and the first and second calf autumn cows in the background.



A big thank you to everyone who supported us on Open Day and we look forward to seeing you at our sale.