

Burenda Angus and Brangus Summer/Autumn News Letter 2015

Welcome to the New Year and hopefully a wetter year for us all. Dalby Downs has been very fortunate in February with an isolated storm dumping from 10 - 57mm over the property in a little over two hours. Some run off, but a very much needed drink after such a prolonged dry in 2014 early 2015. A soft soaking 30mm of rain fell overnight 4 days later and we had good feed on the way. We were fortunate in that we were able to feed most cattle a maintenance feed with silage and hay during the dry and it has paid dividends for us now with our cattle performing well on the new fresh pasture.

Earlier this year a decision was made to sell off 200 head of females from the Burenda Angus and Brangus herds as part of a herd reduction and a belief in ourselves that we are now in a position to run fewer females with a higher quality product being cattle that are commercially focused with fertility and the performance recorded data from EBV's. We will still be calving out 800 plus registered Angus and Burenda Black females. We have our calving and fertility at a high level and will be now looking to enhance the growth and carcass traits of the herd whilst keeping structure, temperament and the ability to perform in commercial environments.



Jonathan Schmidt with females for sale on Auctions Plus 27th February 2015.

The above pictures show a selection from the offering of 20 heifers unjoined, 30 angus heifers PTIC, and 70 angus cows and calves. All females will be preg tested and an indication of AI or natural sire offered. The preg testing will be done by John Chapman of SEQ Genetics. Some of the AI sires used are SAV Thunderbird, Cherlydon Stewie, Exar Upshot, PA Power Tool 9108, Sydgen CC&7, Hoover Dam, SAV Pioneer, Aryvale Hercules, S Chisumn, Var Reserve, Prime Juggernaut J15, Te Mania Emperor E343, and the follow up sires are a number of Burenda sires such as Burenda Go Between G23, Burenda Geiger Counter G49, and Burenda Jaunty J74. These sires were selected for use for the traits mentioned earlier.

The females on offer have been vaccinated for 7 in 1, and if purchased and are going to a tick area they will need to be blooded. Lot numbers, individual ident's and preg test results will be available closer to the sale date on our web site. All videos/photos and Auction Plus assessments will be on the Auctions Plus site from Wednesday the 25th of February. Anyone wishing to look at the females are more than welcome to contact me and arrange a time to inspect on 0429067313.

At various stages of the year we try to visit a number of our bull buyers. The below pictures are of calves sired by Burenda Angus bulls which were used as yearlings in late 2013 on open forest grazing near Ducklow Dalby. The female base were purchased brahman cross cows.



Burenda angus sired calves out of brahman cross cows near Ducklow February 2015.



Plenty of length and bone in this calf and the sire pictured has worked as a yearling and still grown out well even for a dry 2014.

The autumn calving period has just started at Dalby Downs with 56 J heifers and 120 mixed age cows to calve in February and March to AI and Burenda sires. Pictured is Burenda Lagoon L1 the first calf born at 32kg to heifer Burenda J23 and a very healthy fellow too.



These calving J heifers weighed an average of 520kg as a group at 20-22 months of age off natural pasture whilst away on agistment. The H heifers from last year that are calving for the second time now are an average weight of 600kg and the older mixed age cows are around 700kg. This indicates to us that with adequate nutrition calving heifers rising two year old is not detrimental to the long term growth of the cow.

Burenda Events Not To Be Missed 2015

Burenda Female Sale Friday the 26th February 2015. Offered on Auctions Plus will be 120 registered angus females.

Burenda Roma Angus Bull Wednesday the 26th of August with 130 angus bulls to be offered. Full pedigree's and EBV's closer to the date with 90 x 2 year old and 40 x 18 month old sires on offer by some exciting AI and home bred sires. GDL will conduct the sale with substantial rebates offered.

Burenda Clermont Bull Sale 8th October 2015 at the Clermont Sale yards. 20 Burenda Blacks (70-85% angus content) and 40 Burenda Angus bulls will be offered as 2 year olds. Hoch and Wilkinson will conduct the sale.

Burenda Open Day with the date to be advised in July/August. Come and inspect the sale bulls and Burenda female herd and enjoy a chat and a burger with the Burenda Team.