

In our 68th year of selling bulls we welcome new partnerships with Nutrien Livestock, Scone branch led by Gavin Beard, and AuctionsPlus online sequential sale for those unable to attend the sale. Individual bull videos will be viewable on our web page by early July and can be seen on AuctionsPlus prior to and during the sale. www.AuctionsPlus.com.au have a trial page where one can practice buying which we recommend to buyers wanting to use this service for the first time.



CURRACABARK

HEREFORDS & ANGUS

HEREFORD STUD ESTABLISHED 1950 | ANGUS STUD ESTABLISHED 2000

The last 48 months has seen the most environmental extremes possible and really tested the resilience of the land and rural businesses everywhere. Various Rural Assistance funds have been helpful to many although not always as straight forward to access as one would assume.

A lot of rain for the New Year seems to have been the best answer. This has meant the returns for vendors with store cattle have been excellent.

Having had to sell 300 plus breeding units and all last year's steer weaners meant we have been needing to restock.

With some terrific crops west of the range weaners and yearling cattle have been particularly strong however we feel the best value for our hill country is in the adult female category and have thus accumulated 70 cows to date.

An upside is that lengthy tough times allow for valid comparisons within and between breeds. Cows with visual muscle, body capacity and tending to positive fat have been able to metabolize these reserves and stay out in the hills longer or not be supplemented at all saving hundreds of dollars on feed costs per head. Taller, more negative fat or light fleshed cows found themselves on a truck to somewhere as they require earlier feeding intervention.

So, one important key to more profitable cows is selecting bulls with visual muscle, body depth and neutral to positive fat i.e. some constitution.

We continue to select bull breeding sires with a balanced approach of phenotype and good data across all traits. Profit is reduced if selection is based on outstanding performance

in a couple of traits and way below optimum in others e.g. extreme calving ease but low growth weights, or high carcase performance and poor calving ease or poor structure.

This year's team have had some of the most difficult times we have ever had, starting with very early weaning and mostly downhill from there. We took a bit of a punt and sowed early, from February on, and whilst the germination of oats has been disappointing there are around 150 ha of mainly brassicas for them to go on to from the 8th of May. The Hereford team are a mix of horned and polled bulls sired by Talbalba Advance K134, Oak Downs Lawloit L075, Wirruna Katnook K74, Yalgoo Tornado and Kerlson Pines Keystone M004. These sires are new generation bulls combining higher growth and strong carcase data featuring higher intramuscular fat.

The 25 Angus bulls are represented by the calving ease sire with extra carcase performance: Pathfinder General K7, the lower birth weight growth-adding Clunie Range Legend L348 and first sons of \$21,000 sire Booroomooka Leopard L154. Leopard is an extremely robust, soundly made bull that we ask a lot of with a twice yearly joining in some very ordinary times.

We will have our normal live auction at Myra, 2796 Curricabark Road, Gloucester on Monday July 20th and an Open Day to view the bulls on Saturday 11th of July with COVID 19 restrictions of the day applying to attendees.

OPEN DAY

Saturday 11th JULY 10.30am – 4pm
or Inspection by appointment.

Myra, 2796 Curricabark Rd Gloucester

BULL SALE

Monday 20th JULY 1pm

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CRKP130

Sire - Talbalba Advance K134



CRKP158

Sire - Talbalba Advance K134



ESHP38

Sire - Pathfinder Maximus M558



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CURRACABARK GENETICS PERFORM



We have used Curracabark bulls here at Ellerston for some years with great success. It works for us because the stud is run with a commercial focus with the cows raising calves under trying conditions. The bulls are grown out in hilly terrain similar to ours, so they are quite used to climbing the hills. Soundness and temperament problems have not been an issue.

Robert Teague - General Manager, Ellerston Station, Scone



High class Mackenzie family calves
Curracabark sired calves made it into the top selling pens for their weight on AuctionsPlus and at the Gloucester weaner sale, where the heifers made up to \$1130 and the steers topped at \$1410.



We sold the first of our Curracabark cattle in October 2019. They were 13-15 mth grass fed steers and topped at \$1880 to average \$1773. Considering the season, we think it is a fantastic result. The hereford/santa crosses by Curracabark Longyard L028, have been the best of our cattle by far.

Matt & Rachael Windrum, Monkerai



These are rising two year old first calf heifers, all Curracabark blood lines joined during the drought with high conception rates. Temperament is my highest priority coupled with quality, frame and muscle. Curracabark's integrity honesty and highly critical self evaluation has provided a foundation for continued growth and improvement in my herd.

Peter Swatridge - Brangus Park, Nevertire



Wirragulla Pastoral have had a great sale for their 51 terrific steer weaners, that made \$1410 on AuctionsPlus. The calves by Curracabark Mambo M85 and Curracabark Master Touch M49 out performed the high growth AI sire calves for weight for age.



We have been very pleased with our Curracabark bulls. They are thick and sound and they're calves are exceptionally quiet.

Garry & Kerry Gooch - Bullahdelah

50 SALE BULLS



CRKP134

Sire - Talbalba Advance KI34



ESH44

Sire - Dunoon Highpoint H744



CRKP149

Sire - Wirruna Katnook K74



ESHQ18

Sire - Booroomooka Leopard LI54



ACMQ69

Sire - Kerlson Pines Keystone N004



ESH44

Sire - Musgrave Big Sky



CRKP128

Sire - Oak Downs Lawloit L075



ESH44

Sire - Booroomooka Leopard LI54