

CURRACABARK

HEREFORDS & ANGUS

EST. 1952

60 BULLS / 50 ANGUS HEIFERS. NSM



ESHQ46

Sire: Rennylea Nordic N381



CRKQ165

Sire: Curracabark Nielson N133



ESHQ53

Sire: VAR Index



ACMQ179

Sire: Dalkeith Nipper N082



ESHR5

Sire: Pathfinder General K7



CRKQ140

Sire: Talbalba Advance K134

OPEN DAY
Saturday 10th July

10.30am - 4.00pm or
Inspection by appointment.

BULL SALE
Monday 19th July
at 1.00pm

FREE DELIVERY

Delivery within Kempsey,
Wauchope, Armidale, Tamworth,
Scone, Maitland and Bulahdelah
districts and to those saleyards.

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A low national herd size and a continuing terrific grass growing year has led to the continual rise and rise of a sensational store cattle market. Twelve months ago weaners were selling strongly, at around 70% of late April 2021 values and some thought at an unsustainable price however those that bought in made great money and have continued to do well on trades throughout the year.

Some unforeseen external influences on the end product has caused some volatility for processors including Covid which decimated processing capabilities in the US particularly for a period, which in turn helped demand for the Australian frozen product. Demand for high quality beef through high-end restaurants globally has been decimated requiring some nimbleness to place this meat elsewhere.

World politics, changing rules of trade or ignoring of, world droughts, beef stockpiles etc. means future predictions of the cattle market look a bit like hope rather than a certainty. Perhaps the only control on price received one has is through genetics and management. Fortunately, they can be both managed by a balanced genetic approach allowing flexibility with marketing decisions.

Cattle selected for reasonable growth, structural soundness, visual muscle, doing ability and carcass quality lead to more calves that are worth more money at all ownership transfer points. Sounds simple enough.....

For the commercial producer there are opportunities to get these genetics and careful choices equals better results. With the current push into data driven genetic choices, one needs to be mindful of the fluctuating fads that are detrimental to profits and look academic rather than profitable. Choosing to maximise a particular trait means a compromise/loss somewhere else, often being longevity, through structure failure or progeny consistency. The results often negate any hoped for profits.

Currently in Herefords and Angus this new push seems to be excessive calving ease/low birth weights and extra low mature cow weights. The likelihood of these being highly profitable commercial cattle is probably fairly low whilst ever Australia experiences droughts and cattle are sold on weight, either visually as in store sales, over the scales or online sales.

The development of the Angus Verified guarantee label by Angus Australia and the Mackenzie family may require a bit of paper work but looks like a pathway to higher prices for the producer. Give us a call about this if you are interested in getting your cattle Angus Verified.

On the home front, we are relieved to have been able to get our joinings back over 700, with 99% of females getting the green light this year to stay in the herd. The bull team were weaned at 100 - 170kg, as very young calves in November 2019 and fed lower protein pellets and failed crop hay until August 2020. They went onto newly sown chicory/prairie in August 2020 and perhaps new feed by mid-May. This should be good for their longevity and robustness meaning more calves per bull.

The horned Hereford bulls are by probably our best breeding sire for quite a while in Talbalba Advance K134 and son of his that was purchased by John O'Brien. The Advance females look particularly good types and are great milkers. Poll Hereford sires include our Dubbo National show purchase and very robust Kerlson Pines Keystone M004.

The Angus team have some new sires bringing our desired muscle expression and meat quality including VAR Index and Rennyalea Nordic N381. Musgrave Big Sky has his usual bulls with rugged soundness. There are a run of heifer suitable bulls with muscle by Pathfinder K7 and flush brothers by Pathfinder Komplete K22, which are out of sound donor cow Wattle Top Rope B159.

We have done a lot of kilometres looking for sires this year having being through South Australia, Southern NSW and Victoria. The sales have been strong due to two years of high weaner prices in those areas. Whilst we didn't see Angus bulls that would bring the muscle and structure we like, we did purchase a fairly interesting Hereford bull at Mawarra in the Gippsland district of Victoria.

We look forward to seeing you at our Inspection and/or Sale Day.



CURRACABARK GENETICS PERFORM



BELFORD PASTORAL CO. SCONE

Joined 18 month old Heifers. As a long-term buyer I can confidently say Curracabark bulls tick all the boxes that I require. They perform well in all aspects of fertility, temperament and have the ability to do well under our conditions.

Richard Bell



CURRACABARK FEEDERS

Curracabark steers heading to Caroonia feedlot off paspalum pasture. These milk teeth steers averaged 466kg to return \$2130/head.



HICKS

Kendor milk tooth steers averaged \$1940 at the Gloucester sale (*pictured*). My Curracabark bulls are bloody great, they are extra quiet and have produced brilliant calves. The Curracabark cows I bought produced my earlier calves and they certainly bulged the calf cradle.

Michael Hicks - Kendor Pastoral



MACKAS PASTORAL

Curracabark sired calves again made it into the top selling pen of weaners at the Gloucester sale making an outstanding \$1950



LOWREY

We have been using Curracabark Angus bulls since 2014. These bulls have performed above expectation enabling us to achieve our breeding goals for both the retained females and quality of weaner calves produced. At the Gloucester weaner sale our 9 month old steer weaner calves averaged 346kg and sold for a terrific \$1870 (*pictured*).

Kevin & Robyn Lowrey



DENT

Steeres bound to Caroonia Feedlot (*pictured*). We have been using Curracabark Hereford bulls on our Charolais blood heifers for a while now, with very good results. They calve very well with the heifer portion making great Woolworths cattle and the steers all going to Caroonia Feedlot.

James & Nancy Dent



ESHQ34

Sire: VAR Index



AuctionsPlus

Health Treatments and Soundness

- Semen tested and vet checked
- 3 day sickness vaccinated
- Tested negative pestivirus
- Vibrio vaccinated
- 7 in 1 vaccinated



ESHR2

Sire: Sydgen Exceed 3223

Nutrien
Livestock

Nutrien Livestock Score

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Ph: 6585 2142

John O'Brien: 0417 431 601

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Ph: 6545 1205

James Gooch: 0409 923 068

Bill Dwyer: 0427 582 990



CRKR208

Sire: Tarcombe Unique N121

Paul Dooley Tamworth

Auctioneer Livestock & Property Agent

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Ray White Rural & Livestock - Gloucester

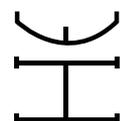
Ken Maslen: 0467 589 077

Nick West: 0472 589 077



ESHQ69

Sire: Rennyalea Nordic N381

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