

CURRACABARK

HEREFORDS & ANGUS EST. 1952

26 HEREFORDS / 30 ANGUS / 40 ANGUS HEIFERS



ESHR32

Sire: Rennylea Picasso P64



CRKR282

Sire: Talbalba Advance K134



ESHR33

Sire: Rennylea Picasso P64



CRKR245

Sire: Hunter Lakes Lancelot L103



ESHR57

Sire: Kennys Creek Intensity L123



CRKR273

Sire: Talbalba Advance K134

OPEN DAY
Saturday 16th July

10.30am - 4.00pm or
Inspection by appointment.

BULL SALE
Monday 25th 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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It has certainly been a momentous year of record high growth rates and cattle sales for producers and traders. Whilst there has been a smaller easing of prices at the time of writing in mid-May, well-bred and presented cattle are still worth exceptional money and the projections from MLA are for a continuing strong market going forward.

With all our breeding decisions based on higher returns for the commercial sector, we continue to raise the bar of the standard of genetics we want from outside and homebred animals. This is across all aspects of genetics through a balance of higher performance and continuing structural correctness. We avoid selection on only a few traits and a significant difference in parentage resulting in too much underperformance from the high percentage of throwbacks to the lesser traits sneaking in with this approach, eg. too thin, too lightly muscled.

As we progress into our 4th generation of managing the Curracabark Genetics here, we recall that Herefords were introduced in the 1920s and Angus in the 1930s. Many of the early Hereford bulls were bought at the Sydney Royal Show which was the big event and there were very few on property sales. Early Angus bulls were from Belltrees, Scone and were walked over the Barrington Tops via Tomalla. A slow, hard slog for man and beast with a large mountain lift!

With 2022 being our 70th year of breeding registered cattle on Curracabark the highlight continues to be both the many great cattle enthusiasts we meet, be it with their 10 or 10,000 cows, and the successes they have had with our genetics.

In the last decade or so we have added 40kg dressed weight to our cull females through genetics, whilst maintaining high calving ease, fertility, weaning weights and have increased IMF levels. These are very antagonistic traits and require due diligence of selection and early culling. That is an increase of 12.5%, which this year equals an extra \$320 per head. For us this is a very accurate yard stick of our herd's performance, and this is very repeatable as these females have been run in the same unimproved hill paddock over the decades with only a short finish period. This is also very transferable to outside herds as these gains are entirely genetic and hence income raising.

Our pasture programme has seen a lot of excessive rain with muddy slopes. Between rain events we have been lucky enough to get great sowing help from Jamie Searle which has made it possible, although being an ex-inland grain farmer, he has found our country to be an interesting challenge!

The feed has been slow to get going however our 2021 pastures have been excellent and have carried the bulls through to mid-May and they should then get a run at newer feed.

The angus team have a group of new sires represented being Rennylea Nuclear N446, Rennylea Picasso P64 and Pathfinder Nucleus N56.

Rennylea Nuclear N446 brings weight, lots of visual muscle and great doing ability. He has three full brothers in other studs including Texas, Glenavon, Onslow and Allendale suggesting good consistency of pedigree.

Rennylea Picasso P64 is our very sound heifer bull with length, genuine muscle, and high IMF in a low-birth-weight bull. Pretty hard to achieve and great for profitability. They are very consistent with Curracabark Rowan R33 & Roman R47 looking smart leaders of the mob.

Pathfinder Nucleus N56 is a big solid resident sire at Pathfinder with high indexing data for all the commercially profitable reasons being growth, docility, scrotal, weight, muscularity and high IMF.

The Hereford bulls include the last of the great horned sire Talbalba Advance K134, whom we have sold on to Kylandee Herefords. His sons have been growthy, well-fleshed, quality bulls and his daughters will be a real strength in our herd going forward with the calves of the 2-year-olds standing up well with the mature cows' calves. Polled Hereford bulls are led off by sons of the high use sire Hunter Lakes Lancelot and resident sire Kerlson Pines Keystone. Both are sires with softness, quality and doing ability

All bulls are fully vaccinated, genetic condition tested, fertility tested and sire verified. There will be around 45 Angus females, from 11 months and 20-22 months unjoined and PTIC red tag 30-34 months heifers.

We look forward to seeing you at our inspection day on the 16th of July and/or sale day on the 25th of July.



CURRACABARK GENETICS PERFORM



CAMERON LAURIE PARTNERSHIP

Our programme of buying higher performing Angus bulls and an aggressive culling programme has seen our weaning weights increase by 50 kg/head in four years. Curracabark bulls and cows have contributed to this genetic gain and their breeding expertise continues to be an integral part of our ongoing endeavour.

Cameron Laurie - Rawdon Vale



WEEGOONA PASTORAL

We have been purchasing Curracabark bulls for several years now and are extremely happy with them. They come out of joining in great condition working in hilly country and have great conception rates. Their progeny performs very well in our backgrounding operation hitting all markets at the lead of their mob.

Nick West - General Manager - Nowendoc



NENA HICKS

I have been using Curracabark bulls for quite a while now and they produce beautiful soft and quiet calves. The steers have been selling really well in Tamworth

Nena Hicks - Nowendoc



CRKR240

Sire: Hunter Lakes Lancelot L103



CRKR223

Sire: Tarcombe Unique N121



ESH21S3

Sire: Rennylea Picasso P64



CRKR230

Sire: Hunter Lakes Lancelot L102



CRKR251

Sire: Kerlson Pines Keystone M004



ESHR102

Sire: Rennylea Nuclear N446



CRKS315

Sire: Yarrawa South Paradise P112



AuctionsPlus

Health Treatments and Soundness

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

Quality Assurance

- Recessive gene tested
- All bulls are sire verified
- Registered bulls have genomic enhanced data



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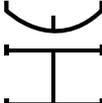
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