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EDITORIAL

THERE can be little doubt that long-term climate change is occurring. There may be some arguments about the degree of human impact on the rate of change, but the outcome is the same.

Bureau of Meteorology trend maps show rainfall in most east coast areas decreasing with the rate of change being more dramatic in the last 30 years than the period before that, particularly in Queensland.

The Australian Bureau for Agricultural & Resource Economic (ABARE), the CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems and the Chief Scientist at the Bureau of Meteorology point to the need for adaptation and adaptive capacity in reducing the economic impacts of climate change.

For the beef industry that simple means more Brahman content. Potentially it means spreading into new areas and new markets and while that provides new opportunities it also comes with challenges.

Providing genetic solutions for customers needs remains the name of the game, which may mean we need to adapt to new markets.

The rate of change in beef industry technology is nothing short of amazing and only likely to increase.

We can use these technologies to build the capacity of our breed to play a more dominant role in the beef industry of the future or we can produce what we want to sell and ask our customers to make the best of it.

Remember our competition will also be using technology (in some cases our cows) to improve their adaptive capacity.

Editor
The 2006 Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship has gone to Annaleise Zahl of “Balmy Hills”, Springsure. Annaleise runs her own stud, Rumlea on one of her parents properties after which the stud was named. She developed a passion for Brahman cattle at a young age and started her stud at the age of 13 with the purchase of her first stud heifers.

Annaleise graduated from Emerald Pastoral College in 2005 with a Diploma in Beef Cattle Production. Since graduation she has been working on her families properties - Balmy Hills, Rumlea and Silver Hills between Springsure and Tambo as well as gaining valuable stud cattle experience working with Steve Hayward and Kellie Smith’s Advance Custom Fitting Service based at Allora.

Her skills were recognised by the judges of the Herdsman’s Award at the Dubbo Beef Spectacular this year where she was named Champion.

She has recently embarked on showing her own cattle with the help of her younger brother and had to overcome the harrowing experience of 2 flat tyres on the way to her first show. Annaleise is following her dream of owning her own Brahman stud and is looking forward to the challenge of learning opportunities the Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship has to offer.

Annaleise (second right) is pictured with interview panel Bruce Chapman, Lloyd Howard and Russ Boadle.
In some positive news for the beef industry, figures released recently by MLA put domestic red meat expenditure - made up of beef, lamb and mutton sales – at a record $8.7 billion in 2006, up by a whopping $480 million or 5.9 percent on the previous record set in 2005.

The increased spending is attributed to effective promotion campaigns, consistent product quality and a wider knowledge about the nutritional benefits of red meat in the diet.

Not so good news was that receivers have been appointed for South Burnett Beef at Murgon in southern Queensland, which has closed owing a reported $17 million to 150 creditors, including financiers, cattle suppliers, local service providers and employees. Factors such as the rise in the Australian dollar, the large fall in prices to the Korean beef market and the flow-on effect in the Japanese market, bad debtors, high grain prices and the ongoing effects of the drought have been blamed for the closure.

Still on the processing sector, the future of Australia Meat Holdings, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Swift and Company, the third largest producer of beef and pork products in the United States, is up in the air following the imminent sale of Swift and Co. AMH is Australia’s largest beef processor and exporter has processing plants at Rockhampton, Beef City (Toowoomba), Townsville and Dinmore. It also operates feedlots at Beef City, Mungindi and over the border at Caroona, on the Liverpool Plains, and Prime City in the Riverina.

One of the bidders is JBS-Friboi which slaughters about 22,600 head of cattle a day in its 21 plants across eight states in Brazil and five plants in three provinces of Argentina. Market estimates put their bid at around $1.5 billion.

Other bidders are said to be a consortium of Cargill and Smithfield Foods; and National Beef Packing, which is the fourth largest processor in the US, killing more than 3 million head of cattle a year.

Prices in the saleyards have generally been down over the past few months due to the “D” word, which has become the major topic of conversation across Australia in 2007, in both urban and rural areas. If the current seasonal conditions can finally get our leaders to take action into finding solutions to the world’s driest continent’s water shortages then perhaps, to paraphrase Paul Keating, this is “the drought we had to have”.

A round-up of store and prime cattle prices follows:

**NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**Charters Towers**

Shaun Flanagan, Landmark, said strong demand from live exporters was impacting on store sale numbers at Charters Towers. Combined agents cancelled the May 9 prime and store sale due to insufficient numbers.

He said the region was doing “reasonably well”, with plenty of feed still around. While fat cattle were still flowing through the saleyard, little demand currently existed for younger store cattle.

At the May 16 sale the best prime trade heifers came from KLD Pastoral Co, Kirkland Downs, Charters Towers, making 120c/kg. They weighed in at 445kg to return $534/head.
In the store section, a line of 540 high grade Brahman No.6 steers was offered by Great Southern Cattle Managers, Spyglass, Charters Towers. They peaked at 173.2c/kg, averaging 303kg and going for $494 (163.2c).

The Torkington family, Fern Springs, Charters Towers, sold 256kg Brahman heifers for $262 (102.2c). Back on April 18 the Torkingtons offered 29 head of 232kg Brahman steers which made $448/hd or 193c/kg.

The market was firm to dearer on May 2. Prime 443kg Brahman bullocks from the Hughes family, Wick, Hughenden made $714 (161c).

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Gracemere

More than 4000 head were yarded at the April 20 store sale, where the market continued to ease. Don and Ailsa Creed, Comerford, Bajool, offered two pens of Red Brahman heifers, averaging 399kg. They realized $523 or 131c/kg.

A highlight of the April 27 sale was the offering of 99 top quality high grade Brahman weaner steers off Warana Park, Moura. The 285kg steers averaged 201c/kg or $577/hd. Rob and Kerry Anderson, Alma, sold light conditioned 163kg Brahman weaners, 232kg, from Budaberg Sugar, South Kolan, made $337 (145c).

At the May 4 store sale Brahman weaner steers from David and Sharon Conachan, Clydevale, Clermont averaged 189c/kg, weighing 244kg to return $461/hd. No.6 Brahman heifers, 347kg, offered by Peter and Dawn MacKenzie, Redbank, Dingo, averaged 146c/kg or $509/hd. Jan and Rohan Moran, Degaligil, Nagoorin, offered 33 No.6 Brahman heifers weighing 198kg avg. They went for 155c/kg or $307/hd.

The May 11 sale attracted a quality line up of 3085 head, for a generally improved result. Four pens of prime Brahman cows from Barry and Lyn Graham, Amaro, Wowan, sold to a top of 135c/kg, weighing in at 545kg avg to return $736. Weaner heifers from Bundaberg Sugar were knocked down for $358 (143c).

Miriamb Vale

The market was firm to slightly easier for a small yarding of 230 head on April 17. Eddie Rowe, Yarwun, received $445/hd for his two-year-old Red Brahman heifers and $800/unit for his grey Brahman cows and calves. Red weaner heifers from Greg and June Larson were knocked down for $300.

SOUTH QUEENSLAND

Roma

Close to 2000 head were yarded at the April 12 prime sale, with prices down on previous weeks. Peter and Rosie Freegard, Potters Flat, Yuleba, received $832/hd or 139c/kg for their 596kg Brahman cows. Lucille Sellars, Montana, Injune, sold 545kg Brahman cows for $737 (135c).

Cows and heifers made up the bulk of the 1304 head prime cattle yarding on May 3, with the market falling for all descriptions. Brian Lovett offered 528kg Brahman bullocks off Lynd Downs, Taroom, selling them for $874 (166c).

Cattle were drawn from as far away as Winton for the prime sale on May 10. The Hartley family sold 80 Brahman bullocks off Kinka, Injune for 166c/kg avg or $1017/hd. Their 56 Brahman cows, averaging 547kg, made $764 (142c).

David Wilkinson trucked in 549kg Brahman steers from Barford, Augathella, resulting in an $896/hd return (163c).

Brahman cows from Dick and Jocelyn Allen, Sugarloaf, Wallumbilla went for $784 (140c).

LIVE EXPORT

The Port of Townsville has been busy in recent months, shipping out cattle sourced from North Queensland. In late April 18,000 head (believed to be a record for Townsville) left the port on the Becrux, destined for Indonesia. The cattle were shipped by Wellards Rural Exports who paid 170c/kg and 180c/kg for steers, sourcing them from Cloncurry, Mareeba, Townsville, Charters Towers and Bowen regions. A further 1350 feeder steers were sourced by Landmark and shipped to the Philippines ex-Karumba the following week. Suppliers received 180c/kg on-Wharf at Karumba.

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HELPING cattle producers get a better handle on BREEDPLAN and related technologies was the aim of a workshop series titled “The Essentials,” run in central and northern Queensland during March and April by Tropical Beef Technology Services (TBTS).

Open to all members of the beef industry, the one-day workshops were well attended by a range of people from long-term BREEDPLAN members, livestock agents, through to commercial cattleman simply wanting to understand EBVs for better bull buying.

The day covered the fundamentals of BREEDPLAN and EBVs, along with discussion on technologies such as BreedObject $Indexes and using the Internet Solutions online database to source genetics for your breeding program. Breakout sessions later in the program enabled participants to deal with specific topics in smaller groups. “While the core principles of BREEDPLAN remain the same, it is a constantly evolving technology and even those that have been involved for a long time can do with a refresher and should try to keep abreast of the latest developments,” Ms Davis said.

TBTS Technical Officers and presenters of the workshops - Craig Croker and Benita Davis, said workshop feedback has been positive, with participants given the opportunity to have their questions answered and improve their overall understanding of BREEDPLAN EBVs. “EBVs are simply one of the tools available to cattle breeders to assist their selection decisions, with the ultimate aim being to maximise the rate of genetic improvement in their own, and their clients’ herds,” Mr Croker said.

For BREEDPLAN member Jenny Scully of Jenda Brahmans, “Eureka” Capella, the workshop gave her a chance to clarify the right way to go about performance recording. Mrs Scully said she came away from the Emerald workshop with “a better understanding of how EBVs work in their operation, both in theory and in practice.” It also taught her how important it is to correctly interpret the GROUP BREEDPLAN report and feedback from the BREEDPLAN office.

Mr Croker went on to say that TBTS will be running more of these workshops down the track and hopes that more existing BREEDPLAN members take the opportunity to find out how to get the most from their evaluation. “Plenty of leading breeders are now members & are recording the performance; the next step is to make the best use of the available information”.

For further information about TBTS and upcoming events, phone (07) 4927 6066, email office@tbts.une.edu.au or consult the TBTS web site http://tbts.une.edu.au
HAVE you ever wondered why you can cut some steaks with a butter knife, whilst others test out the toughest of teeth?

Australia’s largest integrated beef research program has put the spotlight on beef tenderness, one of the most important traits influencing consumer preference for beef.

The Tenderness Project underway the Beef Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) is focussed on uncovering some of the deeper truths about what influences tenderness in beef.

“We already know a lot of the ingredients to producing tender beef,” Beef CRC PhD student Linda Cafe of the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries said, “but less is known about the newer genetic markers for tenderness.”

“The project is investigating how new tenderness markers work, and how they interact with other management and processing options which will allow a better understanding of their impact on muscle.” Ms Cafe said.

“These tenderness markers are related to genes controlling calpain and calpastatin, two factors known to be involved in protein breakdown in muscle, and which also contribute to meat tenderisation (or ageing) after slaughter.” Ms Cafe said.

The Tenderness Project forms part of the Beef CRCs ‘High quality beef for global consumers’ program, research which is forecast to value add Australia’s beef industry by at least $43 million per annum.
Two separate cattle herds of around 400 head have been established on opposite sides of the country as part of the project. The east coast herd, based in New South Wales consists of Brahmans sourced from commercial and Beef CRC research herds across central Queensland and Angus cattle from the Glen Innes and Trangie Research Stations in NSW.

The west coast herd features Brahmans from properties in Northern WA and Angus cattle from Vasse Research Station south of Perth.

According to Ms Cafe more than 2500 weaners were DNA tested for genetic markers associated with tenderness to find 400 animals which were genetically ‘tender’ or ‘tough’.

“Interactions between the genetic marker for tenderness and a number of commercial traits are being studied,” Ms Cafe said. “For instance, half of the herd will receive a growth promotant (HGP) to allow studies on the interaction between HGPs and tenderness in animals with different tenderness markers.”

“This should be interesting considering HGPs and the tenderness genetic markers work on the same protein system.”

Information on growth rates, temperament, feed efficiency and body composition will be collected on the cattle in addition to the biological data revealed from analysis of muscle samples.

Currently both herds have entered feedlots following a six month backgrounding phase. In the feedlot the herds will be finished on a standard grain ration for between 80 to 110 days. After grain finishing the WA herd will be slaughtered at Harvey Beef, and the NSW herd at John Dee in Queensland.

“Comprehensive carcase and meat quality data will then be collected, including specific measurements of objective meat quality after different ageing periods, and consumer sensory testing,” Ms Cafe said.

“The carcases with be hung conventionally or tenderstretched to allow us to look at the interactions between the processing option and the different tenderness markers.”

The study is supported by NSW DPI, AgWA, Victorian DPI, Murdoch University, University of New England, SARDI, CSIRO and University of Queensland.

For more information contact the Beef CRC on (02) 6773 3501 or visit www.beefcrc.com.au
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Cattle owners warned to vaccinate against botulism

ABC News online Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Queensland Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries (Qld DPI&F) says some stations in western Queensland have reported more than 100 cattle deaths due to botulism outbreaks. Veterinarians says the extended drought and a lack of protein and phosphorous in diets are among the reasons for the high number of deaths, with cattle foraging for bones and carcases where botulism bacteria live.

Biosecurity Queensland veterinarian Dr Binendra Pratap says vaccination can prevent the disease.

“In the last six to nine months we have been recording very high incidences of these deaths... they are probably losing five or six animals per property, up to 100 animals per property... usually these are the larger animals which are close to market age... all these deaths have occurred on properties which have not been vaccinated.”

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Producers warned of botulism rise

North Queensland Register 22/2/07

Western Queensland producers are urged to maintain their vigilance against botulism outbreaks in their stock through vaccination.

Over the past nine months, numerous properties across western Queensland have reported cattle losses from botulism. Losses have varied from a few cattle to more than 100 cattle deaths on reported properties.

Veterinarians insist that the disease is preventable with vaccination and stress that all cattle producers should include vaccination against botulism in their management plans.

‘We should have vaccinated’ – Botulism kills 98 cattle

From the July 2006 edition of Agriculture Today

NSW DPI regional animal health leader, Paul Freeman, said this was the second major botulism outbreak on the North Coast in the last decade. In 2000, 114 dairy cows died when they ate contaminated silage.

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Ken lived life to the full

North Queensland cattleman Ken Smith, Plattaway, Nebo was tragically killed on March 3 when his dragster crashed into a concrete barrier during a practice run at Willowbank Raceway. Ken was aged 59 and is survived by his wife Marni, children Lee and Sascha and grandchildren William and Michael. As well as being a respected Brahman breeder, Ken was an internationally recognised rodeo bullfighting champion, self-taught pilot and keen motor sports participant. His Keemawee Brahman stud regularly sold in-demand bulls at sales throughout Central and North Queensland. Keemawee stud topped the Elders Invitation Sale at Charters Towers in 2004 and sold eight red and grey bulls at the 2006 Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale for a top of $11,000 to average $6500.

Below is an edited extract from his eulogy, written by his son Lee Smith:

NEVER did I think that for my 40th birthday I would be burying my father. My depth of love and respect overwhelm my sorrow and allow me to breach the chasms of despair and say these words in celebration of his life.

Many say he died doing what he loved. That feels cold comfort to those who remain, but then again the supreme irony of life is that ultimately no one gets out of it alive. If one must go, as we all must do, better that way than any other.

From about age five, Dad nicknamed me “Mania”, which he said was half way between a manager and a maniac. I think the title would have been better bequeathed upon its creator as there is little doubt that dad had a maniacal component to his psyche. This disposition was displayed from early in his life. Dad was born on September 21, 1947, the middle child of three to Max and Dickie. His position in the birth order afforded him the opportunity to avail himself of his first test pilot – his younger sister Wendy. To this day Wendy bears a permanent scar on the end of her nose as a lifelong legacy of the numerous forays down one of Gympie’s many hills in one of Dad’s Billy-carts – obviously without brakes. His childhood affiliation with his other sister Maxine was of no more harmonious existence. She ultimately hit him over the head with a Flit spray can in response to one of his many mischievous pranks, resulting in a scar he carried with pride.

The name Kenneth is of Scottish heritage and means “to know”. I am sure my grandparents had no idea how apt the name they bestowed was until later in his life, for never have I known a man that knew how to do more things than my father. He could turn his hand to anything. He could build anything; he could overcome any hurdle; he was the most capable person I have ever met.

Dad grew up in the Gympie area and after completing his schooling he undertook an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic with Harry “The Breaker” Dunstan. From dad’s reports, what Harry lacked in machinery and facilities he made up for in ingenuity. He instilled into dad a philosophy of “there is no such thing as can’t”. Dad firmly believed he could do anything and, almost without exception, he was right. I was thinking just last week when we had the painful task of selecting a casket for today’s service: If Dad was here he would be saying “Mania, I could build that bloody thing out of split brigalow for a fraction of the cost”.

While completing his apprenticeship with Harry, Dad won the heart of a secretary of one of Gympie’s real estate offices. From all reports he drove his work van up and down the street in front of that agency so many times he almost incurred a roadwork’s bill from the local council. The Greek playwright Euripides said in around 400BC: “Man’s best possession is a sympathetic wife”. Anyone who knew dad can say he wholeheartedly concurred with the ancient scholar’s opinion. On December 17, 1966 he married his lifelong partner in Marni. A more sympathetic and devoted wife has not graced this earth. While Dad pursued his frequent incursions into adrenalin enclaves that only those of his ilk understand, mum dutifully (albeit nervously and anxiously) supported his every sortie. Mum, we honour you for the loyalty and love you gave to dad on his all too short but eventful journey to that journey’s end.

When mum met dad he was already an accomplished bull and saddle bronc rider, spear fisherman and surfboard rider. In 1967 dad embarked upon his speedway racing career. In 1970 he undertook a more sedate recreation in the form of rugby league football. In 1972 his promising football career was cut short by a choice that would ultimately shape his career as a cattleman and grazier. His father, Max, after 25 years of trying, won the “Plattaway” block in a land ballot. Dad temporarily abandoned his sporting ambitions and on the invitation of his father moved to North Queensland to develop Plattaway. A number of years later dad and grandad made the decision to purchase the neighbouring block “Gundaroo” and today the joint properties represent one of the premier grazing plots in North Queensland with over 3000 head of cattle being run. Upon grandad’s retirement, in...
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around 1997, dad continued to manage the properties in a hands-on capacity. Retirement never seemed an option for dad and certainly it would not have been on account of his age. My father always saw old age as someone 20 years older than him. If he had made it to 100 he would have said: “120 is old”.

After moving to Plattaway, dad’s sabbatical from adrenalin sports was short lived. In 1974 he embarked on rodeo clowning or bullfighting. Pitting himself against those hell-bound beasts with no regard for personal preservation, dad was awarded the 1983 and 1985 Australian Rough Riders’ Association Bullfighter of the Year. He was invited to participate in the World Wrangler Bullfighting Competition in America and was ranked number four in the world. He is honoured for his achievements in this sport in the Stockman’s Hall of Fame in Longreach and the Rodeo Heritage Centre in Warwick. At the time of his retirement from this sport I can honestly say it is the only time that my father ever conceded his age. “Mania, I’m just getting too slow,” he said. Never one to yield to the passage of time, dad decided to teach himself to fly. The normal course for any mere mortal would be to enrol in some form of pilot training. Not dad. He purchased an ultra-light aircraft and with the help of his friend Bill Gillham decided he would learn to fly. He had the plane for two days before he crashed it into the top of a tree. Undeterred, he sent to America and got the plans for a single seater aircraft and he built it from scratch. He then taught himself to fly it. One emergency landing and one crash from engine failure later he still had a plane in the hanger at Plattaway at the time of his passing.

In the late 1990’s I think dad found his most passionate pursuit: drag racing. I remember being no more than seven years of age when my father would pour over a book by Eldred Norman about supercharging engines. He read that book from cover to cover more times than I could ever count. He loved to think that he could make an engine perform beyond its expectations. He loved the speed which ultimately resulted in his earthly demise.

Death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone lives. Ken Smith lived. He lived every moment.

Climate change challenges the rural sector

by ABARE OUTLOOK 2007

CHANGES in rainfall and temperature, driven by long term climate change, could result in reductions in agricultural productivity in some regions in Australia, delegates at the 2007 Outlook conference in Canberra were told.

‘Adaptation options, which include improved farming technologies, diversifying crop varieties, pest management, changing enterprise mix and investing in non-farm assets, will play a vital role in reducing the adverse economic impacts of the changes,’ Karen Schneider, Deputy Executive Director, ABARE said.

However, the nature and extent of climate change impacts at the regional level remain uncertain, and improvements in agricultural productivity in some regions are also a possibility under some climate change scenarios.

‘Our analysis shows that the economic impacts of climate change are likely to be regionally differentiated, and will depend on the nature and extent of the climate change, the relative importance and structure of the agricultural sector in each region, and the level of adaptive capacity in the region,’ Ms Schneider emphasised.

Dr. Mark Howden, of CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, also emphasised the importance of adaptation at the farm level and mitigation strategies at the national level to address the challenges of climate change. ‘The business case for adaptation in agriculture is getting stronger,’ he said.

Dr. Neville Smith, Chief Scientist at the Bureau of Meteorology spoke of the importance of providing climate information to agricultural producers in order to promote optimal adaptation responses. He also discussed the on-going research and analysis in predicting future climates and highlighted the importance of integrating scientific information in agricultural decision making.

The importance of measuring evaporative demand when assessing the impacts of climate change on plant growth was highlighted by Professor Graham Farquhar of the Australian National University.

Professor Farquhar also emphasised the importance of adaptation measures such as improving water use efficiency and plant breeding as important strategies for reducing the adverse impacts of climate change in the agricultural sector.

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Kenrol Brahman stud took the “biggies” at the 143rd Toowoomba Royal Show in March, showing the supreme champion Brahman exhibit, grand champion bull and female, calf champion female and reserve champion bull calf.

The impressive 80 head line-up was judged by Gary Noller, Gunnadoo Charolais stud, Oakey. He chose Kenrol Condalessa as the supreme champion Brahman exhibit after earlier selecting the cow as senior and grand champion female. Shown by Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere, Condalessa is out of “wonder cow” and three times Dam of the Year Kenrol Kayla 02. The JDH Madison Man Manso (imp) daughter carried on her winning form from 2006 when she collected junior championships at Rockhampton, Ridgelands, Capella and Clermont shows. In Toowoomba Kenrol Condalessa won the five-head 24-30 months class, where her runner-up was Fern Hills Imogen 1648, a Wilangi Ochre cow shown by Fern Hills Grazing, Bajool. For the senior championship she had to triumph over the 21-24 months class winner Eureka Creek Misty, a fully imported-blood daughter of E3 Pathfinder (imp) paraded by Bowie and Wilson, Eureka Creek stud, Wowan; and the over 30 months class winner Abbotsford Gaylene, a red Abbotsford Mr Actor daughter shown by Stephen Lamb, Abbotsford stud, Biloela. It was Abbotsford Gaylene who was sashed the reserve senior champion female.

The junior female championship went to Loma Jessie May, a November 2005-drop heifer by JDH Mr Liberty Manso (imp) and out of Lancefield Jessica Manso. She won the 15-17 months class and was shown by the Tranberg family, Loma stud, Allora.
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Also contesting the championship were junior class winners Sha Ann Miss Super Ele (Mr V8 287/5), from the Raymont's Sha Ann stud, Tuchekoi; and the red Mogul Miss M Cindy 3rd (Mogul Masaratti), shown by Mogul stud, Maclean, NSW. However the reserve junior female championship went to second placegetter in the 15-17 months class, Mogul Miss I Wittlesea 2nd, a polled red heifer by Edenglassie Red Texan.

Another broad ribbon went Kenrol's way when Kenrol Miss Marri was sashed the calf champion female. The 12-15 months class winner is a daughter of JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) and out of the Mr V8 440/4 and Kenrol Miss Congeneality product, Kenrol Gene 0128. Charles Tranberg, Valkyrie stud, Allora, showed the reserve calf champion female Valkyrie Maggie May. The red daughter of Lancefield D Robinson was runner-up in the 12-15 months class.

Kenrol's exceptional ET breeding program extended the stud's winning run, with a full ET brother to the calf champion female going all the way to the top to be sashed grand champion bull. Along the way Kenrol Marri Manso won the largest class of the day, the 16 head 12-15 months bull class, before graduating to the bull calf championship. The reserve bull calf championship was awarded to his full ET brother.

Barry & Vera Fitzgerald, Blenheim Ridge stud are pictured with their Junior Champion bull, Blenheim Ridge Royal held by Adam Prendagast. Also pictured is Kath Burton, Petrie Park stud, Inglewood who sashed the Champion Calf be Nobby (right) sashed the Junior Champion female Loma Jessie May held by Chas Tranberg, Loma stud, Allora.
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brother and class runner-up Kenrol Sir Marri. Also contesting the calf championship were class winners Bioka Fine Ali, shown by Alan Oxlade, Bioka stud, Nobby, and Spenbar R Malibu, paraded by Russell Curran.

To claim the grand bull championship, the calf champion defeated the junior champion bull Blenheim Ridge Royal and the senior champion bull Willroy Toro. Blenheim Ridge Royal, shown by the Fitzgerald family, Blenheim Ridge stud, Blenheim is a son of FBC Wendell Manso and won the strong 17-19 months class. The reserve junior championship went to the winner of the eight-head 15-17 months class, Abbotsford Justice, a JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) son out of Abbotsford Jewel 2130.

The senior champion bull, Willroy Toro, was paraded by Ross Werth and sons, Willroy, Oakey and is a two-year-old son of Kabala Ricochet. The reserve senior bull championship went to the 30-36 months class winner Mogul Swagman Manso, a son of Mogul Oakwood from Dr George Jacob’s NSW-based stud.

Kenrol stud finished its winning roll in Toowoomba by taking the blue ribbons in the Breeder's Group and Sire’s Progeny Group Classes.


Mitch who has been with the Association for 3 1/2 years is moving to Townsville to pursue further studies. Mitch has been part of our Brahman Graphics team, responsible for the ABBA website, producing member websites and assisting with the production of Brahman News, posters and brochures for members.

The Association also welcomed Jan Nohejl as Mitch’s replacement. Jan is a qualified graphic designer with over 10 years industry experience.

Far Right: ABBA staff (left to right) Michele Jones, Robyn Bennett, Keri Arnott, Mitch Russell, Simone Dem, Jan Nohejl, General Manager John Croaker (front) Wilma Warcon and Nicole Callum

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The first results from research aiming to make northern breeding herds significantly more profitable and productive using genetics have been received.

The Beef Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) project is focussed on increasing weaning rates, one of the most important components of profitable northern cattle production.

Leading the research effort is Beef CRC researcher, Dr Rachel Hawken of CSIRO, who is currently pin-pointing the genes and gene markers which affect the age at which heifers reach puberty. Age of puberty is the earliest component of reproductive performance in Brahman cattle and hence, one of the most important.

"Ideally northern cattle producers want a female which reaches puberty quickly, allowing her to become pregnant and therefore calve earlier, but without compromising survival of the cow or the calf, or ignoring the cow’s reproductive performance after her initial calving" Dr Hawken said.

"Using genetics, the Beef CRC’s research is developing a selection tool to tailor production towards breeding females with a younger age of puberty, providing the potential to create significant production and profit benefits for the producer."

"Currently animals are selected for breeding purposes based on desired traits such as growth and carcase and beef quality," Dr Hawken said.

“But this new research will allow cattle producers to use a DNA test to remove some of the guesswork from selecting the best breeding females,” she said.

Using the Beef CRCs extensive database of accurate measurements in tropically adapted cattle, Dr Hawken was able to extract information from almost 600 Brahman animals which have been individually screened for 10,000 genetic markers. The genome for each of these animals will be analysed against the measured performance information to uncover the relevant DNA tests.

“Initial results, new to hand, have revealed a handful of markers closely associated with age of puberty. While we still have a long way to go, these initial results are extremely promising,” Dr Hawken said.

The next step according to Dr Hawken will now involve ensuring accuracy, determining how much earlier heifers reach puberty, discovering the associations between genes for puberty and subsequent cow breeding and re-breeding performance (to ensure no unfavourable consequences for either the cow or calf from earlier breeding) and validating the markers in other cattle breeds.

“The markers will now be validated against a larger population to ensure the results are robust. We will also take a closer look at these markers, in particular the neighbouring genome regions to identify any other variations in the DNA which may help explain the affect of age of puberty more precisely,” Dr Hawken said.

When completed, this research will form part of the Beef CRCs goal of increasing the gross revenue of Australia’s beef industry by at least $179 million per annum.

Project collaborators include CSIRO Livestock Industries, Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, Animal Genetics & Breeding Unit and University of Queensland.
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THE Northern Territory Brahman Breeders branch organised a very successful Cattle Selection and Handling Clinic in March.

The three day clinic at Henry and Maria Townsend’s Tanumbirini Station near Katherine attracted 24 participants of all ages, including nine representatives from Northern Territory Rural College and six from the host property. Other participants came from Bunda Station, Hidden Valley Station, Benmarra, Mallapunyah Springs and Katherine RAAF.

NT Youth Committee spokesperson Gillian Webster said the clinic was a huge success due to the efforts of the youth committee and all involved.

Central Queenslanders Terry Connor, Timbrel Stud and Fitting Service, Rockhampton and Brett Coombe, Roxborough Brahman Stud, Moura provided practical information over the three days on selection and structural correctness of Brahman bulls and females, as well as teaching breaking-in techniques for the show ring. Other presenters included Shaun Coutts and Doug Pollock from Livestock Nutrition Technologies who spoke on the importance of correct animal nutrition.
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Northern Territory clinic attracts strong turnout

The winner of the bull selection competition was Matt Davis from Katherine RAAF, followed by Lizzie Myers, Tanumbirini Station (2nd), Tanya Klan, Bunda Station (3rd), Tony Jensen, NT Rural College (4th) and Grayson Webster, Tanumbirini Station (5th).

Tony Jensen claimed first place in the female selection competition, followed by Zoe Townsend, Tanumbirini Station (2nd), Julie McGinnigle, Mallapunyah Springs (3rd), Tanya Klan, Bunda Station (4th) and Grayson Webster, Tanumbirini Station (5th).

The Jeff McCamley Youth Award winners for 2007 all came from Tanumbirini Station, with Grayson Webster placing first. Runner-up was Elizabeth Myers, followed by Daniel Lahiff who came in in third place.
Increase in FarmBis subsidy to 65%

The Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries has announced that the FarmBis subsidy in Queensland has increased to 65% for all training approved from 17 April 2007.

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A full Hudgins heifer from Les and Helen Donald’s El Ja stud at Theodore sold for $20,000 to top the Fassifern Valley Elite Female Sale in March.

Held at the Silverdale Saleyards near Ipswich, the sale grossed $245,750 to average a very strong $4468 for 55 registered females.

Bill and Sue Blakeney, Warraka stud, Theebine, paid the top dollar to secure El Ja Lady Dianna Manso ET, a two-year-old daughter of JDH Datapack Manso (imp). Dianna is from one of the stud’s top donor females, El Ja Elite Silhouette Manso, who is a product of JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp) and the Mr V8 777/4/Anna Bri 52 cow El Ja Miss Anna Power. El Ja’s seven heifers met with strong demand, averaging $6286.

Kearin and Beth Streeter, Palmvale stud, Marlborough, collected the next two best prices. Angelo Russo, Wattaview stud, Mourilyan paid $17,000 for Palmvale Princess Ray, a polled red daughter of three times US Show Bull of the Year BB Mr String Ray 10/0. The January ‘06 drop heifer is out of the Palmvale Tabasco 1230 female Palmvale Miss Prince.

Bonnie Keough, Blue Dog stud, Charters Towers, invested $12,000 in Palmvale Miss Pablo Font, one of the first heifers to be offered by the Streeter’s import Mr Fontenot 311 (imp). The 13-month-old heifer is out of the Tartrus Redmount cow Palmvale Miss Pablo 1710. Blue Dog also took home $4250 Palmvale Teena 2190, a polled daughter of Batandra Eric, helping set a $5864 avg for Palmvale’s 11 red females.

The Streeters reinvested some of their profits when they paid $9000 for Kariboe Valley High Five 01/06, bought in partnership with the Dunn family, Somerton stud, Mackay. The red heifer is by Kariboe Valley Elton who was the $45,000 equal top priced red bull at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale in 2005. Mark and Tarsh Allen’s Kariboe Valley stud, Thangool, averaged $5417
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El Ja “royalty” tops
Fassifern Valley female sale

for six head, other sales including $6000 Kariboe Valley Happie, a polled red daughter of Kandoona Republican, purchased by Somerton stud. Somerton also outlaid $6000 for Topline Miss Lady Grande Red De Manso 1124, a Mr JH 2000.com 10/0 daughter with a +26 EBV for 600-day weight. She was offered by Alan and Lee-Ann Thomas, Topline stud, Goovigen.

Palmvale stud bid to $6000 to secure Reldarah Rose Gum, a polled heifer by Roseborough L Red Monte 64/2, offered by the Schubel family, Reldarah stud, Coleyville. Wattaview Brahmans also snapped up a Reldarah heifer, paying $5500 for the polled heifer Reldarah Kym, by Lanes Creek Red Injector.

The reds continued their strong run with Joe Foxlee, Cedarvale stud, Laidley receiving $7000 for Cedarvale Ruby 2nd. The May 2005 daughter of Wilangi Ochre had been AI’d to BB Mr Sting Ray (imp) and was purchased by the partnership of Rod and Lyn Sperling, Rodlyn stud, Bell and the Boys family, Kallam stud, Rochester, Victoria. Kallam stud also purchased two heifers on its own bat, paying $4750 for Palmvale Sandra 2170 (Mr Fontenot 311) and $4500 for the grey JDH Norseman Manso daughter, Hamdenvale Miss Josie 040, offered by David Deguara, Hamdenvale stud, Mackay.

Bowie and Wilson, Eureka Creek stud, Wowan sold the imported blood heifer Eureka Creek Grace for $7000 to Nambour accountant Gordon Downing, Mt Hastings stud, Biggenden. The July ’05 drop heifer is by JJ Cuatro Didor 879 (imp) and out of the imported female Miss V8 940/5 (imp). Mr Downing also outlaid $5500 for Eureka Creek Vicrata, a JJ Ring Crata 688/1 heifer p.t.i.c. to JDH Mr Martin Manso, and bid to $4500 to secure Be Os Brielle Manso 218, a fully imported blood daughter of JDH Dynasty Manso 30/1 (imp) from Brion and Eunice Osborne’s Be Os stud, Mackay.

Stephen Sivewright, Diddine stud, Lismore, NSW outlaid $4667 avg for three heifers, paying $5000 for Palmvale Paloma (Batandra Eric), $5000 for Kariboe Valley Hester (Palmvale Warwick) and $4000 for Kariboe Valley Her Majesty (Kandoona Republic).

The JDH Fred Manso (imp) heifer, El Ja Miss Freda Manso, was knocked down for $6000 to John and Jill Young, Clembrook, with her stablemate El Ja Ellie May Manso (El Ja Sinbad Manso) going for $5500 to the Gelhaar family, Wallsend stud, Ingoldsby.

The polled red Valuce 716 heifer Kariboe Valley Helsa sold for $5000 to Rodlyn stud, and Jillian Pearson, Jill Maree stud, Minden, paid $4500 for David Deguara’s Hudgins-blood heifer Hamdenvale Sugar 5/015 (JDH Mr Manso 920/8). Also going for $4500 was El Ja Atlanta Manso, a JDH Mr Abel Manso (imp) daughter purchased by Brian Stewart, Nicholl Road stud, Bundaberg.
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CATTLE numbers were down but spectator numbers were up for the Brahman judging at the 2007 Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

Just two studs, Mogul and Queensland’s Jinghi Gully, battled it out for ribbons under the eye of judge Kim Weller, Blanco Ganada Brahman stud, Nabiac, NSW.

Breed captain Glen Pfeffer said the reduced numbers were due to drought conditions and a number of feature shows in Queensland that attracted strong entries from NSW.

The nine-head team from Dr George Jacob’s Mogul stud, Maclean, NSW took the majority of the broad ribbons in Sydney and the stud was named most successful exhibitor and best displayed Brahman team.

Ms Weller awarded the best exhibit title to the junior and grand champion female Mogul Miss I Wittlesea 2nd. She is an October 2005 daughter of Edenglassie Red Texan, a Tartrus Redmount son who was purchased as a Select Sire at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale in 2004.

The reserve junior champion female was Mogul Miss M Cindy 3rd, by the stud’s well-performed red sire Mogul Masaratti.

The grand bull championship also went to the junior winner, Jinghi Gully Valentino, the sole entry from Leona Labrie’s Jinghi Gully stud, based at Jandowae on the Darling Downs. Valentino, who won the 12-16 months class, is a son of Savannah Mr Manso 007 and the Mr International 50/1 cow, Kenrol Amie. The reserve junior bull championship was awarded to the Carinya M Red Icon son, Mogul Tesco, who won the 16-20 months bull class. He notched a number of regional championships last year and was the junior and grand champion bull at Guyra in 2007.

In the senior section, the bull championship went to the over 30 months class winner Mogul Swagman Manso. His sire, Mogul Oakwood, was himself a Sydney supreme champion in 2004 and this was his first progeny to be shown.
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The sash for the senior champion female was awarded to seasoned campaigner Mogul Miss Fontentot 8th, who was the supreme exhibit in Sydney the previous year and was the senior and grand champion in Brisbane in 2005. She is a red November '03 daughter of semen donor Mr Fontentot 125, who has placed third in the ABBA Sire of the Year contest for the past two years.

Mogul also won the Pair of Bulls class and Sire’s Progeny class as well as taking the blue ribbons in the two performance classes.
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The Brahmans were a star attraction for many of the local and leading papers, with the character and personality of the Brahman breed standing out from other types of cattle on display.

The judge on the day, Gary Noller, Gunnadoo Charolais stud, Oakey, awarded Nioka Emmerson, senior and grand champion bull while in the junior bull classes the Nioka Foron claimed the champion title.

Senior and grand champion female went to Langley Dale Astra, with a 3 month old bull calf at foot. Junior championship female was Nioka Fontaine. Nioka received the most successful exhibitor in the Brahman judging.

The group also had a promotional display stand, with their new range of clothing and stickers, providing to be quite popular. The group was strongly supported by active stud members devoting their time to manning the stand. Many thanks go to Michelle Klingner, Boobah Brahmans, Warialda; Mike Langdon, Kiowa Creek, Kingstown; Liz & Jim Robinson, Langley Dale, Dubbo and Tim, Vicki and Letitia Nicolle, Nioka Brahmans, Warialda.

The Beef Spectacular committee, The Land newspapers and the RAS and major sponsors are planning on making the show the major NSW Beef exhibition. The group is hoping that future shows will attract a larger number of Brahman cattle and support from the stud members.
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Rodger Jeffersis (right) presented the place getters in the female selection section with certificates, from left: Neil Harling (second), Claire Britton (third) and Jacqueline Curley (first)

Andrew Olive (second right) is pictured with place getters in the steer selection section (from left) Belinda Moore (equal second), Travis Harling (first), Doug White (third) and Neil Harling (equal second)

Shane Bishop (second right) is pictured with bull selection place getters, from left Phillipa Howard (third), Grant Jeffersis (second) and Doug White (first)

Right: Combined points place getters at the Elrose Selection Clinic (from left) Neil Harling (second), Travis Harling (third) and Doug White (first) are pictured with Rodger Jeffersis who presented the award certificates

Below right: Claire Britton and her mother Ann are pictured with Lorena Jeffersis

Below: Lachlan Radford, Jack Morris, Rob Duffy and Rick Britton caught up during a coffee break

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Graham, Bev and Craig Beissel, Baiden Stud, Wallumbilla, averaged $5100 for their five red bulls, their consignment including the $7000 highest priced Brahman, Baiden Bamboozle. The 23-month-old polled red son of Alma Park Lachlan was one of two Baiden bulls purchased by Dale and Kelsey Neilsen, Two Rivers Station, Boulia; the other going for $6000.

The Wilson family, Samari Plains, Roma, found a ready market for their 12 reds, averaging $3040 and peaking at $4500.

Nick Dudarko, Kangarin stud, Biloela, sold seven bulls to a top of $3500 to average $2857, while five head from the Johnson family’s Ge Jay stud at Alpha averaged $2800.

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*by Lindel GREGGERY*
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Red heifers to $15,000 at new Toowoomba sale

by Lindel GREGGERY

RED heifers from NCC stud attracted the two best prices at the Toowoomba Premier Brahman Female Sale in April, going for $15,000 and $14,000.

The inaugural South East Queensland event averaged $2600 for 140 females, with NCC recording the best sale average of $5212 for 13 head. Six semen packages were also sold, peaking at $5000 for 10 straws of semen from South African in-utero import NCC Zambezi, offered by Stephen Lamb, Abbotsford, Biloela.

The sale offering was judged pre-sale by Shane Bishop, Garglen stud, Gympie, with generous prizes up for grabs from local sponsors.

Brian and Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview, Charters Towers took home the highest priced heifer, $15,000 NCC Jill 449. The unjoined 17-month-old daughter of Letoken Revolution and Kandoona 3973 (Lancefield D Robinson) was catalogued by Nobbs Cattle Co, Inverrio, Duaringa.

Stephen Sivewright, Diddine stud, Lismore, NSW bid to $14,000 to secure two-year-old NCC Ms Firefly 417. The daughter of HK Visa Brasil and the VL Rojo Grande 9/11 (imp) cow, Tartrus Firefly 2946, was one of 10 red females purchased for $5150 average by Mr Sivewright. Firefly was also the third placegetter in the senior section (over 18 months) of the pre-sale judging, winning her vendor $150 in cash from Riverina Stockfeeds, Murgon.

Other high fliers in the NCC draft included $8000 NCC Belle 528, a September 2005-drop Letoken Revolution/Valuce 528 heifer; and $5000 NCC Belle 556, by Adamac 2125. Both were purchased by Sam Graham, Biloela, who took home four head at $5000 avg.

The highest priced grey was $8250 Kenrol Dream Gene 0236, a Mr International 50/1 daughter offered with two straws of semen from WR Mr Sid 305. The heifer was also the winner of the pre-sale judging, placing first in the junior section (under 18 months) and scoring $500 prizemoney from Butlers Toyota for the vendors. The well-bred female, who is a granddaughter of show champion Kenrol Miss Congeneality,
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was snapped up by the Eyles family, Katin stud, Rolleston. They also outlaid $5000 for Kenrol Miss DB 2034, who is by Mr D Bar 101/1 (imp) and out of a Brahrock female.

The nine head offering from Ken and Wendy Cole’s Kenrol stud, Gracemere, averaged $4556. The Bishop family, Garglen stud, Gympie, paid $7500 for Kenrol Miss Dream 2199, a Dream Boy 165 heifer out of a daughter of ABBA Register of Renown female and former Dam of the Year, Be Os Lady Bianca. New South Wales’ Mogul stud, Maclean, bid to $7000 to secure Kenrol Miss Alaska 2192, who is by Mr D Bar 101/1 (imp) and out of a Kabala Alaska female. Both were sold with two straws of WR Mr Sid 302 semen. Kenrol Miss Alaska placed second in the junior section of the pre-sale judging, collecting her breeders $300 worth of products from Ridley Agri Products.

Stephen Lamb received $6000 for the full Hudgins-blood Abbotsford Geisha Girl 2658, who placed second in the judging for senior females (over 18 months). As well as her healthy price tag, Mr Lamb also collected $300 in product from Better Blend Stock Feeds. The Abbotsford Mr Dominic daughter had been running with South African-bred bull NCC Lox 280, and will join Rodger and Lorena Jefferis’ Elrose stud, Cloncurry.

The Tranberg family, Loma stud, Allora, received $5000 for Loma Jessie Lou, a JDH Liberty Manso 166 (imp) heifer out of the JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) cow, Lancefield Jessica Manso 8876. She sold to Brian Stewart, Nicholl Road stud, Bundaberg.

The Angel family, Glengarry, Kunwarara, took home $5000 Carinya 5/997, a 14-month-old heifer featuring imported JDH Mr Rem Manso 433/JDH Karu Manso genetics. She was offered by John Kirk, Carinya, Gayndah, who averaged $3400 for five greys. The female also took the eye of judge Shane Bishop, who placed her first in the senior females section, which offered $500 in product from Prolix.

Glengarry also paid $5000 for Leany Vale Miss 851, an August 2005-drop heifer by Mooramin Panama, offered by Roger and Miriam Black, Leany Vale, Biloela.

Diddine stud’s 10 head buying spree featured five Hazelton Optimizer 0/93 daughters from Malcolm Davison’s Hatari stud at Greenmount. They included $5000 Hatari Marissa, who recorded eight stars for feed efficiency, five stars for tenderness and three stars for marbling; and $5000 Hatari Layla, who also had eight stars for feed efficiency. Mr...
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Sivewright also paid $5000 for Kangarin A Joey, a 14-month-old red Warraka Jared 1684 heifer from the Dudarko Families Kangarin A stud, Biloela.

The Burton family, Petrie Park stud, Inglewood received $5000 for Petrie Park Diedre De Manso, a JDH Mr Concordia Manso grand-daughter with seven stars for feed efficiency and six stars for tenderness. She was knocked down to Adams and Son, Darracourt, Blackall, who put together a draft of seven head for $3179 avg. Their lineup also included $4500 Petrie Park Oscella De Manso (Kenrol James Manso), who had eight stars for feed efficiency and five for tenderness.

Edenglassie Miss Magic, a polled red Edenglassie Magnum daughter offered by Don and Rodney Hohenhaus, Hillside, was knocked down for to Sam Graham for $4500.

The major purchasers on the day were Anthony and Sonia Donnelly who took home 35 heifers at $1150 avg to join their Donna Leigh Park stud at Manilla, NSW.
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Sale organizing committee members Norm Tranberg, Loma stud, Allora; Chairman Allen Oxlade, Bioka stud, Nobby and South Queensland Brahman Chairman Malcolm Davison, Hatari stud, Greenmount were pleased with the sale result.

Left: Volume buyers Stephen and Sarah Sivewright, Diddine stud, South Lismore and auctioneer Mark Scholes, Landmark, Toowoomba discuss the delivery arrangements for their 11 red Brahman females for a $51,500 outlay bought at the sale.

Betty & Roly Robertson, Coweki stud, Bell are pictured with Josh, Shane, Sandra and Matt Bishop, Garglen stud, Gympie. Shane officiated as judge and inspector for the sale entries.

Will Robinson, Better Blend Stock Feeds, Oakey (right) presented Steve Lamb, Abbotsford stud, Biloela with a voucher for a Better Blend product valued at $300 for second prize in the Senior section judging won by Abbotsford Geisha Girl 2659.

John & Dawn Kirk, Carinya stud, Gayndah are pictured with ABBA President Rodger Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry.

Brad Young, Butlers Toyota, Toowoomba presented Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere with a cheque for $500 for first prize in the Junior section judging won by Kenrol Dream Gene 0236.

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Rob Bonson, Ridley Agri Products, Toowoomba presented Andrew Hill, Shawnee stud, Nundle with a voucher for Ridelays product valued at $150 for third place in the Junior Heifer section won by Shawnee Juanita H Manso.
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battled it out at the Grafton Brahman Feature Show in May, vying for championship honours under the eye of Central Queensland judge Terry Connor, Timbrel Brahman stud, Rockhampton.  
The northern New South Wales show attracted 77 head from Queensland and NSW, with the grand championships shared by Jomanda and Kenrol studs.  
Max Johnson and family, Jomanda stud, Clarenza, NSW scored a win for the locals when their under-12 months bull class winner Jomanda Admiral 417 went on to be named calf champion and grand champion bull. The impressive calf is an October-2006 drop son of Dream Boy 165 (imp) and the JDH Databack Manso (imp) cow, Jomanda DP Kylie.  
The reserve calf championship went to Kenrol Marri Manso 0246, shown by Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere. The 12-14 months class winner is a son of JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) and the Kenrol Miss Congeneality daughter, Kenrol Gene 0128.  
For the grand championship, Jomanda Admiral defeated the junior champion bull Spenbar Tally Ho 840 and the senior champion Mogul Swagman Manso.  
Spenbar Tally Ho 840, paraded by the Curran family, Spenbar stud, Condamine, first came to prominence as winner of the eight head 17-20 months bull class. The JDH Madison De Manso (imp) grandson features a +35 EBV for 600-day weight.
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Mr Connor’s pick for senior champion, Mogul Swagman Manso, was paraded by Dr George Jacobs’ Mogul stud, Maclean, NSW. The Mogul Oakwood son, who has a +59 EBV for 600-day weight, was the winner of the over-30 months class.

The reserve senior champion bull was the polled Nioka Eccentric, who placed second to Swagman Manso in the over-30 months class. Shown by Tim and Vicki Nicolle, Bioka stud, Warialda, the distinctive mottled bull is a son of Aintree TX War Baron.

The Lockyer Valley-based Blenheim Ridge stud paraded the reserve junior champion bull, Blenheim Ridge Royal, who a month earlier was named junior champion at Toowoomba Feature Show. He is an August 2005 drop son of FBC Wendell Manso and is out of the JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) cow, Blenheim Ridge Bella.

Mr Connor selected the Toowoomba Feature Show supreme champion Kenrol Condaleesa (JDH Madison Man Manso) as the senior and grand champion female at Grafton. The daughter of Register of Renown cow and multiple Dam of the Year, Kenrol Kayla 02, has a +52 EBV for 600-day weight and a +2 for milk. The reserve senior female championship went to another successful show champion, Mogul Miss Fontenot 8th, who is a red daughter of Mr Fontentot 125 and Mogul Miss PN Myalla 2nd (Palmvale Napoleon). She was the winner of the over-30 months class.

The Robinson family, Langley Dale stud, Dubbo, NSW, were thrilled when their 14-17 months class winner, Langley Dale Flair, was sashed junior champion female. The red daughter of VL Rojo Grande 28/8 (imp) is out of the Palmvale Unicorn female Langley Dale Florin.

State Capital Property Pty Ltd, Helena stud, Bangalow, NSW, paraded the reserve junior champion female Helena Aurora. The daughter of Elrose Specialty was the winner of the 17-20 months class.

The biggest turnout on the day was for the under-12 months female class which attracted a strong roll-up of 15 head. Its winner, Kenrol Lady Nan 0279, who is a cross between JJ Didor Esto 204 (imp) and Be Os Lady Bianca Manso, went on to be named the calf champion female. The reserve calf championship ribbon went to her class runner-up Kenrol Serengetti, who is by Mr V8 189/4 (imp) and out of former show winner Kenrol Serendipity 042.

The Cole family ended the day on a winning note, also taking the blue ribbon in the Sire’s Progeny Group.

Demand and prices for Australian beef and lamb to remain strong

by ABARE OUTLOOK 2007

The average saleyard price of beef is projected to increase with herd rebuilding, before easing gradually as additional supplies come to market. The outlook for lamb was similar, with average saleyard prices projected to remain close to recent levels.

‘While the outlook for red meats is quite strong, the intensive livestock industries, pigs and poultry, are expected to be under pressure from relatively high feed grain prices,’ Ian Shaw, ABARE, told delegates at the OUTLOOK 2007 conference.

The drought is the primary cause of high grain prices in the short term, with US ethanol policies contributing to higher prices in the medium term.

‘The demand for Australian beef is expected to remain strong over the next five years. Underlying this is the assumption that the current Japanese import restrictions on US beef will not ease in the near term,’ Mr Shaw stated.

Dr Roberto Vazquez Platero, from the Uruguay meat industry, outlined his expectations for the industry, noting that in the first few months of 2007 about 70 per cent of Uruguayan beef exports went to the United States. He expects larger shipments to continue this year and through the medium term.

‘Uruguay is currently in negotiations with Korea and Japan for access to these markets. Brazil and Argentina will continue to try to gain access to the US market, and when successful, will also turn their attention to these north Asian markets,’ Dr Platero said.

Don Heatley, Meat and Livestock Australia, discussed the Australian meat and livestock producers’ dependence on export markets, and explained that different consumers want different products, using emerging markets such as Russia and China as examples.

MLA continues to run meat retail seminars, butcher accreditation programs and in-store demonstrations to promote the consumption of Australian meat in export markets.

‘There are three drivers of consumption – value, safety and quality – all underpinned by trust, and if we continue to build that trust among our customers, then there is no reason why we can’t expect to remain competitive in the world market,’ Mr Heatley concluded.
Brahmans top UPRA Bovine sale in New Caledonia

UPRA Bovine, the multi-breed beef cattle association in New Caledonia held its biggest sale of the year on 16 March. The sale of 42 bulls included Limousin, Charolais, Santa Gertrudis and Brahman from 20 different studs.

The 8 Brahman in the catalogue recorded the top breed average equivalent to AU$6000 and the top price of AU$9350. New Caledonia Minister of Agriculture, Eric Balin, sold the top priced bull, a son of Tartrus Magnate Manso produced from imported semen.

All the bulls in the sale enter the UPRA complex where they are fed for a 5 month period and are measured for growth rate and muscular development.

UPRA Bovine General Manager Christophe Verkimpe said the sale is popular with buyers because it provides performance records and good selection.
Understanding Bull Breeding

Soundness Evaluation (BBSE)

by The Australian Cattle Vets (ACV)

General
A BBSE can include evaluation of the Scrotum, other Physical attributes, Crush-side Semen assessment, laboratory evaluation of Sperm Morphology, and in many situations, Serving assessment. All components of a BBSE are important. Semen evaluation is critical because it is a bull’s genes that are really the objective in his purchase. Other aspects of a BBSE relate to a bull’s ability and willingness to deliver the semen.

Whether there is a requirement or not, semen may also have been submitted for Sperm Morphology assessment. If a bull fails such an assessment and, there is evidence of a defect that may persist and impair fertility, this must also be declared.

Scrotum and Physical
ACV standards for Scrotum are that the scrotal contents are normal on palpation, and that scrotal size is within normal ranges for the breed, age, and nutrition of the bull.

The standards for Physical require compulsory assessment of eight components. If a bull is noted to fail on any of these or any other component of Physical he fails this category.

The standards for Crush-side Semen and Sperm Morphology
Crush-side Semen evaluation and laboratory evaluation of Sperm Morphology are strong indicators of whether a bull is fertile or sub-fertile. If a physically-normal bull is rated as having passed these evaluations, he is expected to be fertile, ie, if mated, he can impregnate (pregnant at day 42 of gestation) by natural service at least 60% and 90% of 50 normal, cycling, disease-free females within 3 and 9 weeks, respectively.

The ACV has 2 pass levels for semen evaluation. The highest level –Tick – indicates that the bull is fertile with respect to the category assessed and has 60% or higher progressively forward motile sperm. Further, it is very likely that the semen of this bull will be fertile after freezing. The lower level – P – was introduced to indicate that a bull may be fertile under natural mating, but it is likely his semen is not suitable for freezing.

The P level is given to bulls with between 30 and 59% motile sperm in Crush-side Semen evaluation. Bulls have to pass thresholds for eight Sperm Morphology categories and 70% or higher normal sperm, as assessed by an accredited sperm morphologist, to gain a tick for this assessment category. For a P-level pass, this includes having between 50% and 69% normal sperm.

It is possible that physically-normal, P-level bulls, and especially those close to the lower threshold, may be shown to be less than fully fertile when mated. Such bulls are acceptable under multiple-sire mating, but veterinary advice should be considered before single-sire mating of such bulls.

A Fail on Crush-side Semen or Sperm Morphology
The word morphology means shape. Motility means movement. Research shows that when there is a problem with sperm formation and maturation in the testes, there is an increase in the proportion of defective sperm produced, which results in the bull either being infertile or sub-fertile. Defective sperm have reduced forward motility, and abnormal shape. The selected motility and morphology thresholds are based on research which has investigated the points at which fertilization and embryo survival are compromised.

Changes in semen quality in young bulls
Most bulls reach puberty between 6 months and two years of age. At puberty, a bull is sub-fertile, ie, he can achieve pregnancies, but not at the rate of fertile bulls. After puberty, semen quantity and quality increase until the bull is sexually mature.

Puberty to sexual maturity is a variable time but will usually take at least several months in high-growth bulls. Early in the process, a full range of sperm abnormalities are evident with all decreasing over time. The most persistent abnormality is proximal cytoplasmic droplets (and to a lesser extent pyriform heads), and for this reason this is usually seen as an indicator of immaturity in young bulls (NOT in sexually-mature bulls).

High-energy diets are known to reduce semen quality, especially in young bulls. This is because fat laid down in the scrotum may counter the temperature control mechanisms of the bull, and if testicular temperature rises, semen production is impaired.

Changes in semen quality in sexually-mature bulls
Once bulls are sexually mature and producing satisfactory quality ejaculates, testes function is relatively stable, ie, if the bull is tested 2 months prior to sale and passes a semen evaluation, then, if managed under the same conditions without experiencing conditions that cause problems with function of the testes, there is a high probability (based on research done in northern Australia) that if tested again on the day of sale it would produce an ejaculate containing a similar proportion of normal sperm.

If a bull experiences trauma, fever, inflammation, fat insulation or stress, that are sufficient to impair sperm formation and maturation, semen quality may be affected within days and may persist for months.
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It takes about 60 days for a sperm cell to develop and then a further 10 days for it to mature and be available for ejaculation. Therefore, a sperm quality assessment reflects function of the testes in the preceding 70-80 days. Conversely, if a bull experiences problems such as trauma, fever, inflammation, fat insulation or stress, which are sufficient to impair sperm formation, he may produce defective ejaculates for at least 2 months.

If a bull has passed a semen evaluation, and does suffer an event that causes temporary sub-fertility, it is most likely that fertility will be restored once the bull is returned to sound stable management.

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In some bulls, particularly over fat bulls, the recovery period may be longer. Semen quality will usually improve once bulls start working.

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**Bendigo Beef Week attracts 400 entries**

May 18th – 20th saw the 2nd running of the National Beef Week at Bendigo, Victoria. There were approximately 430 cattle representing 30 breeds and 160 exhibitors competing. A further 66 entries competed in the Steer Carcass Competition.

A purebred Brahman led steer from Henry Humphreys, Dundalee stud placed 2nd in the 501kg + class.

Of the 30 breeds represented Brahmans came in equal third with number of exhibitors and made up 10% of the 60 exhibits presented in the Carcass Competition.

Brahman judging was conducted by Anthony Coates, Eidsvold Station, Queensland.

Charles Ziebarth and Ross Wieland’s Lynton stud took out the Junior and Grand Champion bull award and Supreme Brahman exhibit with Lynton Bold Montarno. He is a son of the exported sire E3 Bold Future and Lynton Ansonia Zephirene who is a daughter of the Beef 2000 Supreme Champion Kabala Laureate.

The Junior and Grand Champion female award went to Jomanda Nita, a daughter of JDH La Normande Manso and the JDH Madison Man Manso female, Jomanda Miss Goldie who was shown by Amanda Basse and family, Wynnalee stud, Mangalore.

Dundalee Sampson, a son of Tartrus Able Manso shown by Henry Humphreys, Dundalee stud, Tallygaroopna took out the Senior Champion bull award. Dundalee also took out the Senior Champion female award with Dundalee Inca, a daughter of Amaroo Candyman.

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*Above Right:* Ross Weiland and Lynton Bold Montarno who won Junior Champion Bull, Grand Champion Bull and Supreme Exhibit

*Right:* Rebecca Humphreys and Reserve Junior Champion Heifer Bullova Miss Koolibah with Alisha Basse and Junior Champion Heifer Jomanda Nita
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The second Masbate Cattle Congress was held from April 17 – 19 in Masbate, Philippines.

The Congress programme included ranch tours, a conference and show. ABBA President Rodger Jefferis gave an address on “Breeding Strategies for the Brahman in the Wet Tropics”. He also judged the 6th Masbate Brahman Show and conducted a selection clinic after the show.

Other speakers included Department of Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap, Billy Badilla, Secretary of Federation of Cattle Raisers Association of the Philippines and Randy Favis, Executive Director, Masbate Brahman Breeders Foundation.

The Reserve Grand Champion award went to Fortuna Mr 1117/5 owned by Randy & Maria Favis, Fortuna Brahman being held by Rogelio Glavan. He is by a son of Lancefield Rocko and his dam is a daughter of Wilangi Klooster. Also pictured are Maria Favis, Rodger Jefferis and Randy Favis.

The Grand Champion bull was from the Burga families RPB Brahman. Pictured from left are RPB Brahman handler, Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association President and Judge, Rodger Jefferis, Rey Burga holding the plaque presented by the American Brahman Breeders’ Association, Rudy Burga holding the trophy presented by the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association and Kevin Bryant representing the American Brahman Breeders’ Association.

Pictured at the beach entrance to Fortuna Brahman in Barrio Tigbao, Milagros, Masbate Province. From left: Dr. Eugenio Dayag (Cagayan Cattle Raisers Association President); Alex Kitma (Hacienda Bigaa, Calatagan Batangas); Dr. Kevin Bryant (Director, American Brahman Breeders Association, Bryant Red Brahman); Max Gross (ANSA Genetics, Lipa City, Batangas); Maria Favis (Fortuna Brahman, Tigbao, Milagros, Masbate); Tessie Gommez (Rancho Consuelo, Canlubang, Laguna); Rodger Jefferis and Randy Favis (Fortuna Brahman).

Right: The purebred Brahman herd of Masbate Governor Kho (Now elected Masbate 2nd district Congressman) returning to their pasture after being shown to the congress participants in the yards. The ranch in Cavayam, Masbate has an area of 4000 hectares and a cattle population of 1500 head.
The awarding of plaques of appreciation to guests and sponsors from left to right: Dr. Kevin Bryant (American Brahman Breeders Association, speaker); Rodger Jefferis (ABBA speaker and Brahman Show Judge); John Campbell (speaker, Cydectin, Fort Dodge, Major Sponsor); Ferdinand Lim (ATL Ranch, Bangad, Milagros, Masbate); Dr. Orlando delos Santos, Red Mountain Farm, Milagros, Masbate); Rudy Burga (RPB Brahmans, San Juan, Mandaon, Masbate); Ely D. Lumberio (MBBF President and owner of Tri-C Ranch, San Juan, Mandaon, Masbate); Randy Favis, Fortuna Brahmans and Executive Director, Masbate Brahman Breeders’ Foundation; Judge Manuel Sese (Nene Ranch, San Juan, Mandaon, Masbate)

ABBA President Rodger Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry gave a presentation on “Breeding Strategies for the Brahman in the Wet Tropics” at the 2nd Masbate Beef Cattle Congress

Above: The audience took a keen interest in proceedings at the 2nd Masbate Beef Cattle Congress

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THE ABBA Council held its March meeting in Katherine to coincide with the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Territory Cattleman’s Association and a meeting of the NT branch of ABBA.

ABBA President Rodger Jefferis said the Council members were also able to attend the NTCA Industry Conference and MLA Beef-Up forum, which addressed topics of importance to the future of the cattle industry across the whole of northern Australia. He said the meeting in Katherine is part of the Council’s policy of ensuring Council members are in tune with industry issues and challenges.

Former Territorian, ABBA Senior Vice President Atkinson (centre) caught up with old acquaintances, NT Administrator Ted Egan (left) and Mick Maloney at the Northern Territory Cattleman’s Association Dinner

ABBA President Rodger Jefferis, John Underwood, John Atkinson and Ian McBean are pictured after the meeting with NT branch members

Henry & Maria Townsend, David McCamley and Glen Pfeffer enjoyed the NTCA dinner

Andrew Olive, Ken Cole and Paul & Debbie Herrod are pictured at the NTCA dinner
The Western NSW Brahman Promotional Group are featuring a new range of items including navy blue singlets which come in white and pink writing and also polled Brahman head stickers in black, maroon and purple.

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