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The Invitation
PB Fenech has held two successful on property sales. The industry has served us well, we felt it timely to conduct this sale and offer only the best genetics we hold in the form of this First PB Fenech Female Sale on Saturday, 30 June 2007.
The event will be a twilight occasion at the PB Fenech Sale Complex at The Chase, Sarina. Cattle viewing will commence from 2pm, and the sale begins at 5pm. It is highly recommended that accommodation is sourced early. There are Accommodation Houses in Sarina and Mackay, all within convenient distance.
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EDITORIAL

In today’s beef industry there can be no doubt that grass is money. Typically feed costs represent 60-65% of the variable costs of beef production and the prices being paid for grazing land demand that nothing is wasted.

Research into improving feed efficiency has been underway for many years and has resulted in the breakthrough release of 4 Genestar markers for Net Feed Intake (NFI) by Genetic Solutions.

NFI is the actual feed intake minus the expected feed intake based on the weight of the animals and its average daily gain. This means the more efficient animals eat less to achieve the same amount of gain as a less efficient animal.

Not surprisingly but nevertheless importantly the Brahmans have come out on top of the list with 86% of the animals tested being 7 of the maximum 8 stars.

The research also indicated that animals with 7 or 8 stars will eat 1kg per day less than animals with 3 stars or less.

It puts proof behind our claims about “profiting from Brahman efficiency” and underlines the real value of the Brahman cow herd.

Importantly NFI is correlated with feed conversion ratio and is equally relevant in feedlot and pasture grazing situations.

Now that commercial testing is underway, it will be interesting to monitor the gene frequency in the wider Brahman population. Assuming it remains at a high level, it will mean that it will not be easy to make significant genetic progress, however it will provide the tools to ensure we can maintain our position by identifying the very small number of less efficient animals.

Ultimately these tests may be used as a screening test at feedlot entry so that the higher performing cattle are more accurately identified.

Editor
YEAR 2007 is almost a quarter the way through with the blink of an eye. The unpredictable wet seasons certainly have changed the structure and planning our years once had.

The ABBA delegation to the World Brahman Congress in Medellin, Columbia provided an interesting and rewarding insight into Brahman cattle on the other side of the world. Columbia is a mostly mountainous high rainfall country and most of the cattle are pure Brahman. Cattle are grass fattened and the meat was consistently very tasty and tender.

My Colombian counterpart Mr Mauricio Moreno, President of ASOCEB said while addressing our meeting of World Brahman Federation: “Brahman breeders the world over face the same challenge and that is the perception that for a piece of meat to be tasty and tender it must first come from a black animal.” His comment is spot on and the beef to be eaten in Columbia from grass fed pure Brahman cattle prove just how wrong that propaganda is.

The show itself was a massive effort and a credit to the organizers ASOCEB. With about 1400 head on show, all judging under cover with excellent seating and viewing for over 3000 people, it was certainly an outstanding spectacle judging under cover with excellent seating and viewing for over 3000 people.

Three judges worked smoothly and each judge’s placings went to an electronic scoreboard for all to see. Classes of over 40 were common.

The ASOCEB president and I agreed to institute a Colombian Brahman exchange for a young person each year similar to the Hudgins Scholarship.

I was fortunate to meet with the Minister for Agriculture, Andres Filipe Arias and his message was that Columbia is now keen to trade genetics with Australia and he would do whatever it took to finalise protocols with Australia.

Finally all participants will never forget the hospitality we were afforded and the total commitment to making our trip an enjoyable one.

The season in the Eastern States has still only delivered in a patchy way and one can only hope for a better coverage before too long.

The first Brahman sale of the year, Big Country Sale at Charters Towers overcame a rain postponement to record a very strong result. I am sure this indicates another strong year for the breed.

My view is that while much of our market strength comes from Brahman breeders selling to each other, we must keep focussing on the commercial cattleman’s requirements to maintain our place in the industry.

Rodger Jefferis

Stars shine on

PBF Female Sale innovation

PAUL & Brigid Fenech of PB Fenech Brahmans, Sarina have announced details for their inaugural on property female sale. The sale of 40 lots will be held “under the stars of a northern sky” on Saturday 30th June 2007 at their beautiful sale complex at The Chase.

Sale time is scheduled for 5:00pm, however viewing of all catalogue lots is available on sale day from 2:00pm.

Following two highly successful on-property sales at their purpose built sale complex in 2005 and 2006, Paul & Brigid decided that a unique, female only sale was the appropriate medium to offer to the market, a superior selection from the growing number of heifers being produced in their extensive breeding programme.

Although catalogue details are not finalised, it is expected there will be heifers in the 12 month, 15 month, 18 month age bracket and also a selection of joined heifers with advanced pregnancies. “We want to ensure all studmasters in all price brackets are catered for,” Paul Fenech said.

Among the many features of the sale will be the first national offerings of females by three new sires – JDH Rigby Manso 603/3, JDH Churchill Manso 167/1 and JDH Furnari Manso 217/1. PBF is renowned for the intensity it puts into sire selection, with physical appearance of the bull only one criteria to be ticked off in a long line of credentials necessary for use in the stud. “I’ve got to say that in every case the fertility and production performance of a sire prospect’s damline carries the most weighting in our sire selections from Hudgins,” Paul Fenech said. “We study the full breeding records and endeavour to inspect their dams, granddams, sisters and half sisters right through the line, to ascertain the true picture of the genetic strength of the animal. We are confident these three new, first season sires will add enormous value to the Australian Brahman industry.”

Heifers by well known high profile sires such as JDH Palestimo R Manso, JDH Westin Manso, JDH Mr Shannon Manso, JDH Marri R Manso, JDH Brett Manso and JDH Mr Woodman Manso are also featured in the sale selection.

The stud’s emphasis on recognising the important contribution cowlines make to the success of a seedstock operation is evidenced by their publication in the catalogue of the full dam history of all lots. “We expect it in making selections, so we are pleased to provide it to everyone who may be considering investing in these lovely heifers,” Paul said.

“It is rare to see females with such breeding potential being made available to Australian studmasters from one stud,” sale co-agent Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said. “We believe the industry will recognise the value in this opportunity and start making plans to attend this unique sale event.”

Rodger Jefferis
THE innovative Roma-Bungil Saleyards Board in the Maranoa District of southern Queensland is introducing a store cattle index to provide vendors and buyers with an accurate indication of store market trends.

While a prime cattle index has been available for close to two decades in Queensland, the store market has not enjoyed the same forecasting tool. The Roma-Bungil Saleyards is trialling the new formula, which provides an index for five weight ranges of steers, four weight ranges of heifers and two weight ranges of cows. It uses figures from the last sale of 2006 as the basis of 100 points, then compares sale results and predicts trends. The index will become part of the regular Roma store sale reports and will also be displayed on the saleyard’s website www.romasaleyards.com.au

The Roma Store Cattle Market Index following the February 20 store sale was 109.8 points, up by 0.2 points on the previous week. Interestingly, 25% of the 6000-head yarding was drawn from New South Wales and Victoria.

On the domestic front, Queensland continues to be Australia’s dominant beef producing state, with adult slaughter levels rising 6% to a record 3.83 million head in 2006. The Sunshine State made up more than 50% of Australia’s beef production last year and saw a 7% increase in production to a record 1.11 million tonnes cwt. Australian Bureau of Statistics figures showed that national adult cattle slaughter during 2006 increased 4%, to 7.96 million head, largely due to drought conditions across south-eastern Australia. Interestingly, the statistics show that cattle are getting heavier at slaughter. The average carcass weight of adult cattle slaughtered during 2006 was a record 270.2kg/head, compared to 239.9kg in 1998 and around 205kg in the late 1970s.

Looking further afield, Australia accounted for 88% of total beef exports to Japan in 2006, of 405,620t swt, on par with 2005 levels. This year has kicked off strongly, with exports to Japan up 35% on January 2006 levels. Exports for January also increased to Taiwan, with shipments up 36% to 1,629 tonnes swt, and volumes to Indonesia more than tripled compared with January 2006 levels, to 1,291 swt.

I’m pleased to report that areas of north Queensland have received some solid rainfall, with some good rain along the coast and more patchy falls inland. Jacko Shepherd, Wesfarmers Mareeba said they had received “30 odd inches” up until late February. Much further south in northern NSW, David Farell from Elders Grafton said they had received “40 inches or better”, with Dorrigo getting more than “60 inches”.

A roundup of store and prime prices for the first quarter of the year follows:

NORTH QUEENSLAND

Charters Towers

The year’s selling kicked off on January 31 with some strong prices for store cattle. A pen of 140kg No.6 Brahman steers from Bluff Holdings made 230c/kg to realise $321 per head. A pen of 33 quality red Brahman heifers (197kg) offered by the Rutherford family, Kulbaroo, Ingham made 220.2c to average $434.

Rain forced the cancellation of the subsequent sale, however close to 3000 store cattle were drawn from the Tablelands, Einasleigh, Burdekin, Torrens Creek, Basalt, Charters Towers and Richmond areas for the annual Landmark Charters Towers Special Store Sale on February 23.

Landmark stock salesman Shaun Flanagan said the sale was so successful that a second special sale was being planned for September.

The yarding comprised 2092 steers, 670 heifers, 11 p.t.i.c. cows and 126 cows and calves, with buyers coming mainly from central, western and coastal areas.

One of the exceptional sales was a pen of 44 No.7 Brahman steers from Dixon Grazing, Bagstowe, which made 244.2 c/kg. They weighed in at 194kg to realise $473/hd. A pen of 42 No.6 steers from Bagstowe made up to 237.2 c/kg, to averaged 170.5c or $404. Their 265kg No.5 counterparts went for 175.2 c/kg to bring home $465/hd.

A quality pen of 34 No.6 Brahman heifers from the Kirkwood family, Luckybreak, made 199.2c/kg, weighing 233kg and averaging $463.

Brahman cows and calves offered by the Young family, Long Gully, Georgetown returned $865.50 per unit, said Shaun.

LIVE EXPORTS

John Souter, Landmark Townsville reported that early shipments were being sourced in north-west Qld for delivery to Mt Isa, with rates of around 180c/kg being paid for live export steers. He said boats were scheduled to leave Mourniy Harbour near Innisfail in early March and from Townsville Port in early April. Quoted rates for feeder steers 300-400kg were 180c; heavy steers 400-500kg, 170c; heifers 260-360kg, 165c; slaughter cows 130c; heifers over 360kg, 145c; bulls 120c/kg.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Gracemere

The February 9 store sale remained firm, with heifers up slightly and cow and calf prices easing due to reduced quality. The 2096 head yarding included a top quality pen

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of No.6 Brahman steers from the Quinn family, Voewood, Calliope. They sold to a top of 214c/kg or $665/hd. Joe and Rachel Olive, Nullegai, Marlborough received $541/hd (196c) for their 41 No.6 Brahman steers which weighed 276kg. Heavy Brahman cows from Joe Agnew and family went for $743 (143c) and the Agnew’s Brahman heifers made $774 (143c). No.5 joined heifers from the Olive family, Baralaba, were knocked down for 177c/kg, weighing in at 383kg to return $678.

Close to 2700 head were yarded at the February 16 store sale, with cattle drawn from Townsville, Collinsville, Nebo, Dawson Valley and local areas. Agents said lighter heifers lifted by 10-15c and all other store descriptions eased. Heavier steers lost around 5-10c and lighter steers were back 10-20c. Stud breeders Geoff and Scott Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara sold No.6 grey Brahman steers for 211c/kg, or $550.

Two decks of high grade Brahman steers from Nancy Nott and Liz Mahood, Darling Plains, Rannes sold for $574/hd. They weighed in at 240kg and were knocked down for 238c. Danny and Kim Cogill, Tanderra, Marlborough received 191c/kg for their two pens of 212kg No.6 grey Brahman heifers, realising $405/hd.

SOUTH QUEENSLAND

Roma

The prime sale on February 9 offered 721 head, with cows making up more than half the yarding. In the steer section Cunalam Cattle Co, Augathella sold 493kg Brahmans for $883 (179c). Brahman cows from Michael and Ali Jacobs, Chesterfield Cattle Co, Roma peaked at 151c/kg to realise $907. Neville Harland, Gladys Downs, Injune received $850 for his 573kg Brahman cows, and 421kg cows from David Chandler, Cobbadah, Injune made $714 (146c). Also offering Brahman females were Chiconi Grazing, Taylors Plains, Mungallala, who realised $823 or 147c/kg for their 562kg cows.

Biggenden

A rain reduced yarding of 562 head on February 19 included a high quality pen of grey Brahman steers from Paul Hofstetter, Gin Gin. They sold for 227c/kg to return $552/hd.

Silverdale

Competition was strong at the annual Hayes and Co Silverdale Prime and Store Cattle Show and Sale, held at the Silverdale Selling Complex near Ipswich in February. Doug and Louise Gelhaar, Wallsend, Ingoldsby had tremendous success with their pen of six pasture fed Brahman bullocks. The 585kg bullocks won their class and went on to be named senior champion pen of the show, winning their owners the Jack Hayes Memorial Trophy. Teys Brothers Beenleigh rewarded the Gelhaar’s efforts by paying $1123/hd or 192c/kg for the winning pen.

AUCTIONS PLUS

Close to 2500 head were marketed in mid-January, with highlights including the sale of 562 Brahman/Brahman cross heifers from Inverell, NSW. The 303kg 14-16-month-old heifers realised $530/hd at 175c/kg.

More than 5000 cattle were sold in the second week of February including a line of 138 Brahman steers from Muttaburra. The 14-22-month-old steers weighed 296kg and went for 183.8c/kg or $544/hd. A line of 310kg grey Brahman steers, the same age, from Rockhampton realised $559 (180c).

BRAZILIAN visitors Francisco Edilson Maia de Costa (second left) Francisco Eduar de Paulo (right) and Daniela Brandao (knealing) are pictured admiring Australia’s first cloned Brahman calf held by Will Fenech. Also pictured are from left Chris Fenech, Tony Fenech, Morgan Gronold, Qld DPI; Mayor of Biloela Shire Glen Churchill and Helen Newell, Qld DPI. The Brazilian delegation were representing the Embryogen company, a specialist animal genetics company based in central Brazil. The visit which was co-ordinated by Qld DPI trade development officers Morgan Gronold, Barcaldine and Helen Newell, Rockhampton was aimed to provide an appreciation of Australia’s tropical beef cattle genetics.
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RECORDING the date of birth, mothering up calves, weighing, measuring scrotal circumference & ultrasound scanning as all those who undertake it know; takes considerable time & effort. In regards to genetic evaluation you hope that this information is contributing to give a more accurate estimation of the animal’s genetic merit. A common mistake however is that once the physical work is done performance is submitted without due care to comparison groups, otherwise know as contemporary groups.

In the calculation of BREEDPLAN EBVs it is not the actual raw performance (e.g. weight) that is important but rather how the performance compares to the rest of the animals in the contemporary group. Thus the importance of getting these groups right.

Figure 1 shows an example of how a mob of weaners are divided to produce groups of animals that have had the same opportunity to perform & thus can have their performance directly compared against each other. The formation of contemporary groups relies on a number of automatic & breeder defined factors.

Most of the factors affecting contemporary groups are taken into account automatically from the animal’s pedigree information. These include the animal’s age, sex, or wether their AI or a natural calf. There are other factors however that can be influenced by the breeder. These factors are referred to as management groups (indicated by the green arrow in figure 1) and include for example differences in nutrition or identified disease.

It is important that you the breeder have a good understanding of the grouping process to ensure as they say “apples are compared with apples”. Difference in management groups should be recorded alongside any performance & submitted to BREEDPLAN to make sure this is the case. Some examples of where animals should be recorded in separate management groups are:

- Animals that have been sick
- Animals have been fed for show or sale
- Grain fed animals versus paddock reared animals
- Animals with growth promotants
- Animals from paddocks of different nutritional value
- A bull has been fighting & has clearly lost weight prior to recording
- Yearling bulls that have been joined
- Different stages of pregnancy for heifers (try to weigh prior to joining & certainly before 2 months)
- Spayed heifers versus non spayed heifers
- Calves weighed straight from the paddock compared to those that have been in the yard overnight.

In regards to different paddocks; the animals should be grouped separately if there was a significant difference in available nutrition. For example animals that have been grazing on a forage crop should not be compared against those grazing on native pastures. If paddocks are grouped separately then it is ideal to have more than one sire represented in each paddock. This allows the direct comparison between the different sire’s progeny which is of basis of the genetic evaluation. Having more then one sire represented in a calving grouped in a single sire operation is simply achieved by mixing the cows prior to calving.

Another area of consideration is with embryo transfer (ET) calves. ET calves are also grouped for comparison on the breed of their recipient dam. Thus using several different breeds of recipient dam’s can reduce your contemporary group size dramatically. In order for an ET calf’s own performance to be used the breeder must submit information on the recipient to BREEDPLAN i.e. age, breed & ident.

In summary the aim is to maintain good sized contemporary groups throughout recording but not to the expense of including animals that didn’t have the exact same opportunity to perform. Good comparisons produce increased accuracy of figures which in turn enables smarter selection decisions.

For any further information on contemporary groups or maximising your evaluation please feel free to contact TBTS at anytime on 07 4927 6066 or email craig@tbts.une.edu.au. Also look out for information in the mail soon on the TBTS workshops to be conducted across QLD. BREEDPLAN & related technologies: The Essentials, 2007 alternatively check out the website http://tbts.une.edu.au for more details.
THE identification of four DNA markers for feed efficiency has the potential to save the beef industry millions of dollars in feed costs over time by enabling the selection and breeding of animals that eat less without sacrificing growth performance.

The GeneSTAR Feed Efficiency 4 test was released in October 2006 by Genetic Solutions and adds to the suite of tests already available for marbling and tenderness. The Feed Efficiency markers have highly significant associations with both net feed intake (NFI), which is the difference between an animal’s actual feed intake and its expected feed requirements for maintenance and growth, and feed conversion ratio (FCR), which is the amount of feed required to produce an average daily gain.

“Seedstock breeders can use the test to select animals of high efficiency (low feed intake), and lotfeeders can use it to sort cattle for feed conversion efficiency,” said Genetic Solutions sales and marketing manager Jason Strong.

In a significant result for Brahman, 86 percent of the Brahman evaluated in a CRC for Cattle and Beef Quality trial showed 7 or 8 stars for feed efficiency (see Table 1), a frequency much higher than in other breeds tested.

Mr Strong said more than 1470 steers and heifers from seven breeds were tested in the original database and the NFI measurements were taken during the final phase of grain-based finishing for different domestic and export markets.

“Forty-six per cent of Brahmans showed seven stars and 40 per cent had eight stars and this compared to a much lower frequency of seven and eight stars in the British breeds,” said Mr Strong.

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Table 1. Frequency (%) of the favourable forms of the markers (STARs) based on 1255 net feed intake records from 7 breeds

The difference in daily feed intake between the two and eight star animals was more than 1.8kg of feed per day.

“The impact from these results are significant in terms of profitability on both pasture and in the feedlot.

“Animals with seven or eight stars would eat one kilo less feed daily in terms of NFI or the feed needed to produce the same weight gain as animals with three or less stars,” said Mr Strong.

Importantly, the new feed efficiency markers have no negative genetic associations to other traits such as average carcass weight, marbling and P8 (rump) fat. This is significant because lowering rump fat can reduce female reproductive performance, as well as resulting in less tender beef.

Australian and Canadian researchers have also suggested that by selecting for NFI, reductions in the amount of methane and manure released into the environment could also be achieved.

GeneSTAR Feed Efficiency 4 is sold as part of a 12-marker test that also tests for four markers for marbling and four for tenderness. For more information contact 1300 768 400 or visit www.geneticsolutions.com.au
RESPECTED Callide Valley pioneer Nick Dudarko (Senior) will be sadly missed after passing away in January at age 86.

Mr Dudarko, who was of Ukrainian parentage, was born in Russia in 1921 and immigrated to Australia in 1928 with his parents Vasileasa and Pavi Dudarko. The family was awarded a settler’s selection of 202 hectares in the Callide Valley in Central Queensland and named the property Kangarin. From the age of seven Nick worked alongside his parents clearing the land. He purchased his first tractor, a John Deere, at the age of 20 and soon paid it off by contract ploughing, also earning enough funds to purchase a property at Yarwun where he grew paw paws, bananas and pineapples.

At age 29 Nick met and married 17-year-old Biloela girl Helen Belousoff. The couple produced three children, Mary, Nick junior and John.

On his father’s retirement, Nick purchased Kangarin, which had doubled in size to 405ha, and turned his hand to dairy farming and cropping. Peanuts proved to be a very successful crop at Kangarin, and during the 1950’s Nick harvested some of the largest crops of peanuts in the Callide Valley, planting 120ha at a time. His success in farming enabled the purchase of Meribah, from Ray Hickson, in 1959, which became home to Nick’s Callide Poll Hereford stud. His aggregation expanded further in the 1960s with the purchase of an adjoining 400ha from the Preston family. One of the highlights of the 1960s was Nick’s Australian Citizenship, awarded in 1966.

Following the death of his wife Helen from asthma in 1974, Nick continued to work the properties alongside his sons and in 1981 the family purchased 5670ha Kariboe in the Monto Shire, conducting considerable land clearing and pasture improvements. The purchase of a Brahman bull by Nick Jnr in 1984 was the genesis of Kangarin Brahman stud, and the Poll Herefords were soon replaced by the Bos indicus breed. Three years later, 3800ha Ashfield on the Dawson River near Baralaba was added to the Dudarko’s aggregation, further expanding the family’s grazing interests.

One of Nick’s favourite sayings was: “You know cattle are still making you money while you are asleep.”

In 1984 Nick married Phillipa Fysch, a grazier’s daughter from Toowoomba, and the couple had 21 happy years together prior to Phillipa’s death in 2005. On their retirement, which didn’t happen until they reached their 80s, the couple traveled extensively around northern Australia. Throughout his life Nick had a love of tree planting and propagation, planting more than 900 mango trees and donating a large number of bottle trees and other Australian natives to the Biloela Shire Council.

Nick always put his best effort forward and will be remembered for working hard to achieve all of his dreams – and then some.

VALE:

Leeanna Prothero

Leeanna operated “Lanjimana” Brahman stud at McIntosh Creek, Gympie for many years.

Leeanna contributed in a very active way to the South Queensland Branch of the ABBA. She was secretary/treasurer for five years from 2001-2005. Leeanna assisted with Farmfest and various feature shows.

Leeanna did voluntary work for the Endeavour Foundation by doing the office work for Spring Valley Brahman stud.

She also provided voluntary assistance for disabled people.

She will be missed by her friends and the Brahman breeders.

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AUSTRALIAN Brahman breeders received a warm reception at the 13th World Brahman Congress in Colombia last December.

ABBA president Rodger Jefferis led the 11 head delegation which comprised his wife Lorena, Brett Nobbs, Mitch Greyson, Jenny McCamley, Tom Emery, Paul Fenech, Rosemary Robertson, Stephen Lamb, Russell Curran, Norm Tranberg and Jim Pola North Qld Register.

The congress was held in Medellin and hosted by the Colombian Brahman breeders’ association, ASOCEBU. More than 800 delegates from 16 countries were in attendance, with representatives from Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Brazil, Guatemala, the US, Argentina, Germany, Uruguay, South Africa, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, France and Bolivia.

The Australian contingent conducted a trade show stand at the showgrounds, supported by Austrade and the Qld Department of Primary Industries export marketing officer Henry Comacho, who is Colombian by birth.

“We had very good liaison and contact with the Austrade people from Lima and Bogota and they were very helpful,” said Mr Jefferis.

“We gave out a lot of information and received a lot of inquiries. I also had the privilege of having a personal meeting with the Minister for Agriculture, and the country is very keen to do business with the rest of the world.”

Austrade has worked closely with AQIS and the Colombian quarantine body ICA to draft protocols allowing the importation of Australian bovine embryos, and Australia hopes to have protocols in place in 2007 to allow for the importation of bovine semen.

Mr Jefferis said the Congress’ stud cattle show was a credit to ASOCEBU, attracting 1380 Brahmans from 162 studs and close to 13,000 spectators.
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“They put on an exceptional show. There were 40-plus head in many of the classes and the three Colombian judges were very strict and professional, with their individual scores displayed on a large electronic screen,” he said.

“I found the quality of cattle to be very comparable to here and I got the impression that there was a huge depth of quality over there.”

Five auction sales were conducted during the Congress, grossing $US2 million, with a further $US9 million of private sales negotiated.

“Sale averages were similar to here, however females are more valuable than the males over there,” said Mr Jefferis.

“At the night sale we attended, the junior and grand champion heifer sold for US$350,000 and they had already pre-sold 20 female embryos from her at US$11,000 each.”

The major differences between the Australian and Colombian beef industries were a lack of competition from other breeds, as Brahmans make up 95 percent of the national herd; high rainfall and abundant water supplies, which mean the large majority of animals are grassfed; and the Colombian’s reliance on domestic rather than export markets, due to Foot and Mouth Disease.

The Congress also incorporated a two day seminar with speakers including the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Andres Felipe Arias; the president of the Colombian Confederacy of Cattle Raisers, Jose Felix Lafaurie; the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Antioquia, Sergio Trujillo Turizo; former Congressman Bernando Alejandro Serna; Councillor Juan David Arteaga; Appointed Ambassador for the Holy See in Rome, Juan Gomez Martinez, and Australian feedlot nutritionist Vincent Posada, also a native-born Colombian.

Junior judging and parading competitors at the Congress attracted great interest

ABBA President Rodger Jefferis announced during the Congress Show that the Association will establish a Reciprocal Youth Scholarship with Colombia. Rodger is pictured with Juan Santiago Velez Hernandez, ASOCEBU Executive Director and ASOCEBU President Mauricio Marenco

Pictured at the Austrade trade stand are from left to right: Stand assistant Natalia Mora; Henry Comacho, Queensland DPI Trade & Investment Officer; Nicholas Baker, Consul General & Trade Commissioner, Lima, Peru; Carlos Castellanos, Austrade Business Development Manager, Colombia; Santiago Rubio, Austrade Manager, Argentina, Uruguay & Paraguay; Stand assistant Laura Henao
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Above: The Grand Champion Female of the show sold at one of the auction sales for the equivalent of US$30,000

Left: The auction sales were one of the social highlights of the Congress

Below: The fall of the hammer on the top priced lot was greeted by a common blast of confetti

The group inspected and parade of the El Halcon red Brahman cattle in the specially constructed parade pavilion

Brett Nobbs took time out to relax in the hammock during the visit to Vittoriana ranch

Caesar Meyer, Hasciendas Australia who accompanied the tour group as interpreter is pictured with Jaime Maroso, JM LA Vittoriana Ranch and Russell Curran, Spanbar stud. Vittoriana showed the Grand Champion Female at the Congress Show
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The World Congress Tour group visited Haciendas El Halcon. The group included the Australian delegation as well as visitors from Mexico, Venezuela and Ecuador.

Above: ABBA President Rodger Jefferis (right) discussed exchanging genetics between Australia and Colombia with the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Andres Felipe Arias (left) and the President of ASOCEBU, Colombia Mauricio Moreno.

Left: Marshalling at the Show

Jim Pola, it seems, has made his mark in Hollywood.

The group visited Haciendas Lustlania owned by Luis and Juan Cadavid, the oldest recorded red Brahman herd in Colombia.
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Rancho San Julian owner Alonzo Blanco (left) and Senora Blanco presented to Lorena & Rodger Jeffers a beaten copper sculpture to be auctioned to raise funds to support the Youth Reciprocal Colombian/Australian Scholarship.

Above: The tour group inspected the Rancho San Julian veterinary laboratory.

Left: Part of the excellent cattle facilities at Rancho San Julian.

Left: El Halcon is also famous for it’s Trocha Colombiana horses.

Right: Part of the Rancho San Julian red Brahman herd.

Right: The international tour group is pictured in front of the magnificent Rancho San Julian banner during the visit to the ranch.

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The third “Texas to Townsville” Brahman Sale at the Townsville Showgrounds last week drew a larger crowd than last year with potential buyers coming from all over Queensland.

The weather was perfect, with a cool south easterly breeze flowing, helping to create an upbeat and positive atmosphere for the sale.

The sale has become a keenly anticipated event being one of just two single vendor Brahman sales in the state.

The sale grossed $350,000 with a 98 per cent clearance for the 92 lots offered.

Registered bull sales achieved prices in line with last year’s sale but the purebred unregistered females and herd bulls sold to a very strong market.

The top pen of 10 purebred unregistered heifers sold to the Schultz family for $2200 per head. The 23 herd bulls achieved a total clearance with a $3087 average.

Sole vendors, John and Sue Joyce, The Orient, Ingham said breeders could purchase one of two decks of unregistered purebred Hudgins derivative heifers, a purebred Hudgins bull and have a calf drop on the ground within 12 months of a quality capable of competing in any part of the industry.

“Astute breeders are coming to realise this and we are anticipating even stronger demand at next year’s sale,” Mr Joyce said.

The sale flowed very smoothly with brisk bidding throughout the entire draft.

“The 10 per cent discount for repeat buyers was appreciated as previous supporters took advantage of this again this year,” Mr Joyce said.

“But it was good to see many new breeders in attendance from leading studs in both central and North Queensland.”

“The Showground staff had prepared the selling yards, ring and surrounds to a very high standard, drawing much complimentary comment from all who attended.”

The top embryo package price was for Lot 98, V8 440/4 (Imp US) out of a Powerstroke daughter, Tropical Cattle Lady Sarina Manso, made $5000. Ian Berryman, Charters Towers, bought the package.

Buyers included: Dan Beachamp, “Barenya”, Hughenden; Harold Alford, Nome; Noel Brownson, Charters Towers; Blue Dog Brahmans, Charters Towers; Bill & Lawson Camm, Proserpine; Michael Clark, “Mutation”, Mt Coolon; Happy

Kevin Currie, Ray White Rural, Townsville, John Joyce, Tropical Cattle, Ingham, with volume buyer Kingsley Wolff, Hurricane Station, Mt Carbine and Sue Joyce, Tropical Cattle, Ingham

Russell Byrne, Tropical Cattle, Ingham and Dan Beauchamp, Barenya, Hughenden talk cattle and prices at the sale.

Right: Tony Fenech, Fenech Brahman Cattle Co., Wowan, Jeff Watts, Bowen, Bill Camm, Cambil Brahmans, Proserpine, Steve Hartwig, Elders, Rockhampton and Lawson Camm, Cambil Brahmans, Proserpine.

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streeter’s summer sale success

Palmvale Aussie Sting 2001 (P)
purchased by Neal & Terri Ferris, Red Oak Brahman Stud Bororen

Palmvale Patti 2040 (P)
purchased by Lyn Walther & Wendy Green, Roseborough I Stud, Lowood

Palmvale Holly 2102 (P)
purchased by Russo Family, ‘La Montagna Stud’ Mourilyan

Palmvale Sandra 2072 (P)
purchased by Lyn Walther & Wendy Green, Roseborough I Stud, Lowood

Palmvale Miss Gambler 2145 (Imp US)
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Others attending the sale included! Terry Connor, Timbrel Brahman, Gracemere; Reg Underwood, Katherine; Mitch Cole, Lapunya Brahman; Lance & Karen Pope, Townsville; Scott Angel, Glengarry, Rockhampton; Paul Oates, Emerald; Tony Brown, Pleystoe; Ted & Brett Kirk, Hazelton, Gayndah; Tony Fenech, Wowan; George & Joan Harriman, Mt Garnet; Peter Chiesa, Ingham; Jeff Watts, Bowen.


Bonnie Keough, Tamika Fogarty, Dean Graham and Shane Keogh, Blue Dog Brahman stud, Charters Towers, quench their thirsts at the sale

Bill Smith, San Remo, Cairns and Lance Pope, Elders take a look at the cattle in the lanes

Some of the team from the Tropical Cattle Company, Ingham, Jamie Verney and Peter Chiesa

Above: Ed Chambers, Elders, Rockhampton, Stewart Nobbs, Yoman, Moura and Brett Kirk, Hazelton, Middlemount, make the most of the shade

Left: Joan and George Harriman, Reedybrook, Mt Garnet, take some time out in the shade of a tree
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Homemade silage has the potential to provide management flexibility and shorten the growing phase of the beef production pathway, according to Ken Rich, managing director of Quality Silage Systems (QSS).

“Silage made from grain crops can be the backbone of on-farm feeding systems,” said Mr Rich.

This strategy involves being set up for opportunity cropping, with the aim of conserving enough feed to provide for supplementary feeding requirements during three to four years of below average rainfall.

Typically a combination of silage, molasses, cotton seed, grain, hay and protein meal are fed in on-farm silage systems and the ingredients are usually mixed in a tractor-drawn or truck-mounted feed wagon and delivered to the cattle.

“The level of inclusion depends on the desired rate of gain, the quality of the silage and the relative cost of other feeds to balance the ration,” said Mr Rich.

Most of the silages produced in northern Australia come from irrigated corn and rain grown sorghums. Corn has highly digestible grain and fibre, requiring a large amount of water and management to reach its potential. Varieties are best chosen on their ability to produce grain in the local environment.

Mr Rich said it was preferable to choose “starch” type corns with soft endosperm rather than processing types with a hard glassy grain.

“Sorghums such as Graze’n’Sile, Chopper and MegaSweet are a little more forgiving under warm conditions, but have lower energy and fibre digestibility than corn in most cases,” he said.

“Conventional grain sorghums make great silage, with higher energy than other silage types, however some yield is sacrificed in the process. Winter cereals also make great silage, even if the yields under dryland conditions are less than the summer crops. Irrigation of these crops during winter can be cost effective when evaporation rates are much lower.”

The table below gives some indication of the sorts of yields expected across a range of soil types in an average year. The nutritional values represent an average figure from QSS feed tests and experience.

Introducing silage feeding required some planning and decision making about which classes of animals would be fed and for how long. Mr Rich said there were benefits to be gained from supplementary feeding animals during breeding, weaning and backgrounding.

“The body condition of Bos Indicus cattle, particularly females, is strongly correlated with fertility and performance levels of the herd,” he said.

“Optimum body condition will improve both pregnancy rates and weaning weights.”

In the case of replacement heifers, correct nutrition was vital as nutritional stress could delay puberty and decrease breeding performance in young breeding females.

“Supplementing replacement heifers to set them up for their first calf will have an impact on profitability for 10 years or more. This suggests heifers warrant better treatment,” said Mr Rich.

Silage feeding was also valuable during weaning, helping cows cycle quicker.

“With the assurance of an on-farm feed supply, weaning time can be managed effectively to assist the breeding females in regaining body condition to get back in calf when pasture quantity and quality is sub par.”

Mr Rich said the feeding practice also had a role to play during the growing phase, the period between weaning and finishing.

“This is an area of the business which can have tremendous influence on profitability. Trying to estimate what the cost is to the business to have cattle lose weight is quite difficult. Producers have been known to say, even if the value of the gain is equal to the cost of creating it, the impact on cash flow and profitability will justify the investment.”

Mr Rich said QSS offered a full range of products and services relating to silage production, including advice on planning and budgeting, agronomy, variety selection, harvest management, nutrition and training. He can be contacted on (07) 5451 0125 or email ken@silage.net

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Elrose sale 100% clearance to four states

A 2yo son of the high profile sire Lancefield Signature topped the 2nd Elrose Invitation Brahman sale at Cloncurry in late November. Elrose Spunk, a stylish sire type at 824kg sold for $48,000 to Noel & Dallas Daley, Caiwarra, Julia Creek.

Rodger & Lorena Jefferis of Elrose stud and their invited Vendor Bevan & Elizabeth Radel, Kandoona Red Brahmans cleared all 191 lots in their catalogue for a gross of $1,173,000 at an average of $6,140. Buyers came from as far away as Western Australia, New South Wales, Northern Territory and many areas of Queensland to the on-property event.

As was the case at the inaugural Elrose sale in 2005, Lancefield Signature sons were in high demand as studmasters competed for access to his bloodlines. At this year’s sale his 17 sons averaged $12,470.

Others to buy sires by Lancefield Signature were Roger & Roslyn Nobbs, Wingara, Moura who outlaid $24,000 for Elrose Sign Off, a mountain of muscle at 908kg, Happy Valley Brahman stud, Mackay who paid $21,000 for Elrose Sign Of Magic, Reg Underwood, Bunda Station, Katherine, Northern Territory who selected Elrose Peace of Mind for $18,000, his brother John Underwood and wife Terry, Riveren Station, Katherine who bought the rising 2yo high EBV sire Elrose Neon Sign for $15,000 and Colin Hewitt, Hewitt Cattle Company, Alpha who went home with two bulls by the sire at $18,000 and $11,000. “Signature consistently puts the body on his progeny and the breed style which makes his sons so attractive to the market,” Rodger Jefferis of Elrose said. “They are immediately identifiable when you walk into a yard of bulls as cattle with very desirable breed quality and optimum beef and carcase attributes.”

The Star Sire section included other top sellers. Local identities Stanbroke Pastoral Company, Fort Constantine, Cloncurry selected the 896kg Elrose Palatial, a son of JDH Palestimo R Manso out of a good Ambition cow for $24,000. He is a strong bodied, masculine type with appealing length and thickness and is certain to provide an impact in a herd.

Elrose Superbowl, a massive 972kg, 27 month old bull by Mr V8 Superstroke 287, which recorded a 141 sqcm EMA was a $27,500 purchase for Eric Slack-Smith, Gladevale, Richmond while another sire by Palestimo and a full brother to Stanbroke’s Palatial realised $18,000 selling to Reg Underwood of Bunda Station, Northern Territory.

Sisters Dallas Daley, Caiwarra, Julia Creek and Lorena Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry with Elrose Spunk, the $48,000 top price bull of the Elrose Invitation sale. Dallas and her husband Noel purchased this 2yo high quality sire
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Ted Kirk, Hazelton stud, Gayndah bid to $14,000 to land Elrose World Class, a superbly bred, strong bodied sire by JDH Navasota Manso. Alistair & Jo McClymont, AJM Pastoral Company, Richmond selected at $16,000 Elrose Account, one of the first by Kenrol Alianz to be offered. This bull was one of seven the McClymonts purchased out of the sale.

The Kandoona run of red Brahman bulls peaked at $30,000 for Kandoona Barkly, a big, masculine, 868kg son of Letoken Bachelor Boy. This good, even red coloured sire went to Eric Slack-Smith, Gladevale, Richmond. Stewart & Stephanie Nobbs, Yoman, Moura also purchased a Kandoona red sire at $19,000. Their choice was the 25 month old HK Passport son, Kandoona Prophet. The first of the Kandoona draft, Kandoona Redwing, a smart, poll brother to $85,000 and $42,500 bulls of Rockhampton Brahman Week made $16,000 selling to a client of McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing.

Keiran & Beth Streeter, Palmvale stud, Marlborough selected the rising 2yo Kandoona Ukraine from the draft at $12,000.

Early in the sale Michael & Brenda Bulley, Bindooran, Julia Creek paid $13,000 for the strong EBV performance bull Elrose Kenton. Eric Slack-Smith added Elrose Superman at $12,000 to his sale buys which totalled 5 bulls averaging $18,500. $12,000 was also needed by Edge Webber, Nardoo Station, Cloncurry to purchase the attractive poll sire Elrose No Comment, a youngster by homebred sire Elrose Commitment, while repeat buyers Fogarty Holdings of the Northern Territory also paid $12,000 for a 2yo sire, Elrose Miles.

Peter Woodhouse, Beeantha Station, Nelia invested in two grey sires paying $11,000 and $9,000.

The small but very high quality offering of stud heifers was in strong demand. Damien Sturdy, Happy Valley Brahman stud, Mackay won a bidding duel for Elrose Spotlight at $34,000. This Palestimo daughter is a sister to Elrose Palatial sold earlier in the Sale for $24,000. Scott Angel, Glengarry Brahmans, Rockhampton selected the 13 month old FBC Union Pack Manso daughter Elrose Miss Didor for $13,000, while Happy Valley added Elrose Myra, a poll by Lancefield Moreton to their Sale purchases at $8,500. $7,500 heifers were purchased by Tim & Lynette Olive of Apis Creek Brahmans as well as Janice Allison, Broadlands, McKinlay.

Happy Valley Stud’s Stephen Kemp and Damien Sturdy admire their $34,000 heifer Elrose Spotlight with Brooke Jefferis of Elrose stud
Cambil Stafford

$32,000

Sold to KJ & CA Randell, Crinum, Tieri

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We would also like to thank all bidders and underbidders.
A very special thank you and congratulations to
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Sold to Welcome Downs Cattle Co, Lyndhurst, Einasleigh

Cambil Solomon

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Sold to J & M Stevens, Cremorne Station, Julia Creek

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$6,500

Sold to T & L Bethel, Lake Garlo Station, Georgetown

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Charbray bulls sold well topping at $19,000 for a poll Elrose bull by Lancefield Signature weighing 904kg at 27 months and scanning a huge 142 sq cm EMA. He sold to Dulacca West Charbrays of Yuleba.

A number of commercial cattle enterprises took advantage of the good value buying available in the herd bull section.

Hurricane Station of Mareeba, with the bull buying handled by Russell Wolff of Ray White Rural, Emerald, secured 17 bulls averaging $3,325; Brodie & Company, Cloncurry paid an average of $3,735 for 15 bulls, Tom Keats & Company, Gleeson, Cloncurry took home 6 excellent bulls averaging $5,250, the McLaughlin Family, West Mathison Station, Northern Territory put together a good line of 21 bulls for an average of $3,165 through Elders stud stock manager Blake Munro, McMillan Pastoral Company, Cloncurry purchased 6 bulls ($3,500 average), Landmark, Broome, Western Australia bought 9 bulls at $2,500 each while Elders Brisbane purchased 7 Kandoona Charbray bulls for a client.

Sale Agents: Landmark, Elders, Brodie & Company and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing.

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Three generations of the Kirk Family of Hazelton Pastoral Company were on hand at the Elrose Invitation sale, bidding and buying. Left to right: Logan Kirk, his father Brett and grandfather Ted appreciated the quality of bulls on offer.

Roseborough studmaster will be missed

Ron Walther 1926 - 2007

LOCKYER Valley Brahman breeder Ron Walther has left behind a large legacy, being survived by two children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ron, who was known as Butch to his mates, died in Esk Hospital in February, aged 80. He was born in Lowood in Queensland’s Lockyer Valley in 1926, the seventh of 10 children of Julius and Olga (nee Bichel) Walther. After attending the local Lockrose State School he worked on the family’s properties where they grew crops and ran cattle. Ron was also a skilful cricketer, playing at different levels of competition around south east Queensland.

After five years of courtship, Ron married Margery Profke in 1951. Thirteen years later they moved to Roseborough at Lowood and it was here in the late 1960’s that Ron chose to give up farming after suffering from chemical poisoning. He decided instead to breed Brahmans and registered stud number 389, Roseborough Brahman stud, which he enjoyed immensely. In January, just weeks before his death, Roseborough stud topped the heifer portion of the Laidley and District Invitation Female sale at $4750 and recorded the best sale average of $4083 for three head.

Since 2005 Ron had been a resident of Alkira Home for the Aged at Toogoolawah, due to ill health. He is survived by wife Marge, daughter Helen, son Lynn who operates Roseborough L Brahman stud, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
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The Association’s trade mission to Thailand in December saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association and the Beef Cattle Association of Thailand.

ABBA General Manager John Croaker said the MOU would forge a closer relationship between the two Associations through the exchange of information and training and assistance identifying Australian Brahman genetics for BCAT members.

The MOU was signed on December 10 at the BCAT Annual Show and field day held at the Kasetsart University Kamphaeng Saen Campus.

The show was aimed at recognising the 50th Anniversary of the importation of Brahman cattle to Thailand however the show was impacted by extensive flooding in neighbouring areas and an outbreak of FMD which restricted entries.

The seminar sessions featured an address by Supote Sinnes, former head of the Department of Livestock Development Beef Cattle section on the history of Brahman cattle in Thailand.

ABBA General Manager John Croaker gave an address on the Australian Brahman industry and this was following by a short presentation by each member of the tour group on their individual studs. The group included Dr George Jacobs, Janice Hirshorn and Glen Pfeffer, Mogul stud, Maclean.
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NSW; Margaretta Fahey, Bizzy stud, Copmanhurst NSW; Rob Walker, Chudley stud, Cooroy Qld; Michael and Susan Lytton-Hitchins, Kyabra stud, Kentucky NSW; Bruce Curran, Spenbar stud, Condamine NSW; Joy Deguara, Hamdenvale stud, Mackay Qld; John and Nola Croaker; and live exporter Fraser MacFarlane.

The group also took the opportunity to learn first hand about the beef cattle industry in Thailand and opportunities for Australian Brahman genetics by visiting a number of farms who have been recent importers of Australian Brahman cattle. A number of the group have had cattle represented in recent shipments.

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Following the seminar presentations Nola and John Croaker lunched with Kanok Khatikarn, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operatives; Soonthorn Nikomrut, President, Beef Cattle Association of Thailand; Sitthiporn Boorananath, Secretary of BCAT & Manager of KU Kamphaeng Saen Beef Co-operative and Associate Professor Dr Choinarang Kanthaponit, Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand and formerly head of the Livestock Development at Kamphaeng Saen.

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Ancharlie Na Chaingmai, Department of Livestock Development; Thai Brahman breeder Rachit Somrudee; Bruce Curran, Spenbar stud and Glen Pfeffer, Mogul stud enjoyed a steak at Cowboy Land steak house at Kamphaeng Saen.

Pictured at the front gate to Mt Ranch are (from left) Rob Walker, Fraser MacFarlane, Rachit Somrudee, Susan Lytton-Hitchins, Glen Pfeffer, Michael Lytton-Hitchins, Margaretta Fahey, Mrs Sompracha and her husband Montien Sompracha who was presented with a copy of The Australian Brahman: A Livestock Revolution book by Dr George Jacobs, Bruce Curran, Nola Croaker and Joy Deguara.

Above: Joy Deguara took her turn in the buffalo ploughing competition at the Buffalo Research Station at Surin.

Left: Loong Chow Farm includes a 5000 head feedlot and meat processing plant.
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Susan Lytton-Hitchins was pleased to see two of her Kyabra Stud Gyr heifers doing well in Khun Pakorn’s herd at Surin.

Left: Nola Croaker, Janice Hirshorn and Joy Deguara are pictured in front of the Loong Chow Farm confinement breeding herd.

Below: Salin, Lek and Rewat Watcharathai, Loong Chow Farm were presented with a copy of The Australian Brahman book by Margaretta Fahey, Bizzy stud, Copmanhurst during the visit.

Michael Lytton-Hitchins, Kyabra stud, Kentucky NSW is pictured inspecting a pen of the Loong Chow Farm sale bulls.

Stud cattle show judge Glen Pfeffer gave an appraisal of this Brahman bull with the help of interpreter Jeena Brady.

Margaretta Fahey, Bizzy stud, Copmanhurst is pictured at Loong Chow Farm with a Bizzy heifer exported to Thailand in January 2006.
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The Australian trade show booth had a steady flow of visitors throughout the event.

Dr George Jacobs, Khun Pakhorn and Glen Pfeffer admire the Mogul heifer imported to Thailand in November 2005.

Montien Sompracha, MT Ranch, Dr George Jacobs, Mogul stud principal and Mogul Manager Glen Pfeffer are pictured with Mogul Ranger who was imported in Thailand in 2009.

Michael Lytton-Hitchins presented Khun Pakorn with a Brahman history book in recognition of the visit to his ranch at Surin.

A familiar sight in north eastern Thailand, a herd of Brahman cattle returning to their village compound as the sun sets after a days grazing.

Above: Montien Sompracha and Fraser MacFarlane are pictured in the MT Ranch AI Collection Centre laboratory.

Left: The importation of 6 Australian red Brahman heifers to Loong Chow Farm in March 2007 made the front cover of Thai Cowboy magazine.

Far Left: A familiar sight in north eastern Thailand, a herd of Brahman cattle returning to their village compound as the sun sets after a days grazing.

Left: Montien Sompracha, MT Ranch, Dr George Jacobs, Mogul stud principal and Mogul Manager Glen Pfeffer are pictured with Mogul Ranger who was imported in Thailand in 2005.

Right: Michael Lytton-Hitchins presented Khun Pakorn with a Brahman history book in recognition of the visit to his ranch at Surin.
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A 40% rise in sale gross to a record $2,124,500 had vendors smiling after the highly successful Wilangi Invitation Brahman sale at Charters Towers in November.

Principal vendors Ron & Bev White of Wilangi stud and their invited vendors Ken & Pam Roche of KP stud; Tim & Lynette Olive, Apis Creek stud; Les & Helen Donald, El Ja stud; Royce & Beryl Sommerfeld, Brahrock stud; Andrew & Roxanne Olive, Raglan stud; Ross & Natalie Olive, Olive stud; Tony & Joanne Fenech, FBC stud; Alistair & Pam Davison, Viva stud and Stewart & Kerry Wallace, Wallace stud worked hard with their selling agents Landmark and McCaffrey's Australian Livestock Marketing implementing a new sale format to better service the stud and commercial market of the north. Buyers were obviously pleased with the changes to the sale as they arrived in droves ready to support the offering, described as the biggest and best ever catalogued in the 19 year history of the Wilangi sale.

“It was an extremely high class selection of stud sires and heifers underwritten by outstanding pedigrees,” Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said, “and the herd bull offering remains the north’s premier sale of choice for leading bullock producers because of its consistency of beef type, very large selection and excellent value buying.” “Sale vendors have tremendous bulls and heifers in the pipeline which will ensure this Wilangi Invitation event develops to even greater heights for its 20th Anniversary,” he added.

The Managing Director of Acton Super Beef Mr Graeme Acton delivered the sale’s opening address and spoke most positively about the value of Bos Indicus cattle through the beef industry chain. His glowing assessment of the production efficiencies of good quality Brahmans from the paddock to the plate was worth lots of dollars to his cattle and beef enterprises, however, Mr Acton considered misplaced breed bias was still evident among some, mainly southern based, beef processors, wholesalers and food service industry personnel.

Graeme Acton and his company had been buying bulls from the Wilangi sale for many, many years however he had no hesitation in saying the 2006 sale draft was the best line-up he had ever seen at a grey Brahman sale.
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STUDS UNDER THE STARS SIZZLE TO $105,000

It took only a minute or two for Graeme Acton’s words to be reinforced by sensational sale ring bidding during the night time Studs Under The Stars section. Lot 1, KP Monty, the Beef 2006 Grand Champion, set a new sale record selling for $105,000 to Jennifer McCamley, Tartrus Brahman, Marlborough. His price was for a 50% share and 50% semen marketing rights. Jennifer bred Monty’s sire Tartrus Redmount and was particularly keen to secure the Redmount/ Datapack cross of bloodlines represented in his pedigree. After the sale a joint announcement was made by Tartrus and Ken & Pam Roche of KP stud that semen from this high profile and well credentialed sire was for sale immediately, priced at $60 per straw in 20 straw packages. Dan Beauchamp, Barenya, Hughenden was underbidder on this lot and, not to be outdone, he remained in the selling ring to secure FBC Constable Manso for $60,000, which also eclipsed bull prices of previous years. A 2yo by FBC Anchor De Manso he is backed by awesome figures. 818kg, EMA of 134 sqcm, breed leading growth, weight and carcase weight EBV’s and descending from ABBA Brahman Dam of the Year, JDH Jewel Manso 954, Constable looks a sire of the future.

Graeme Acton himself was in the bidding action outlaying $32,000 for Wilangi Vitamin and $24,000 for Wilangi Viscount, two 2yo blue grey sires by Wilangi Quiz showing strong muscling and desirable weight and finish for age.

Early in the night sale Rob Oates, Mt Brett, Comet also bid $32,000 for El Ja Mr Playboy Manso from Les & Helen Donald’s draft. This full Hudgins bloodline, blue grey son of JDH Mr Boswick Manso competed with distinction at Beef 2006.

Alec Hyden, Hyden Pastoral Company, Dalbeg took home the 990kg Raglan Bailey at $14,000. He scanned a EMA of 132 sqcm and shows exceptional body volume.

Northern Territory Brahman breeder Reg Underwood was pleased to select Wilangi Varnish, a very long 893kg sire for $13,000 while the sale’s Principal Vendors Ron & Bev White of Wilangi stud invested $10,000 in the 1,002kg Kabala Laureate sire Apis Creek Ambrose. This beef powered sire from the Viva draft was runner up for championship honours at Beef 2006.

An incredible average of $19,315 was recorded for the 19 sires sold at night.

Bidding was no less active on the quality line of 22 stud heifers offered at the sale. An Australian Brahman female sale price record was set when South Burnett Brahman breeders Paul & Donna Taylor, Paulonna, Goomeri paid $60,000 for the magnificent, white grey FBC Lady Lyn Manso. The Fenech Brahman Cattle Company offered this daughter of JDH Lincoln De Manso and were excited when her sale price broke a record which has stood in the industry for nearly 20 years. Demand for the appealing sale heifers was so strong that nearly half of them climbed into five figures of $10,000 or above, and an average of $12,205 was set.

Jesse Atkinson, Gunnawarra, Mt Garnet paid $26,000 for the full Hudgins bloodline El Ja Miss Diva Manso, a 19 month old daughter of JDH Madison Man Manso. This same price was also paid by Steve Turner, Wilarandy S stud, Woolooga for KP Kimberley Rose, a 13 month old sister to the $105,000 sire KP Monty.

Kelly Farming Company of Ayr outlaid $20,000 for El Ja Jade Manso, a stylish heifer by El Ja Romeo De Manso while Terry & Susan Connor, Timbrel stud, Rockhampton selected the well...

Paul & Donna Taylor, Paulonna, Goomeri admire their $60,000 purchase FBC Lady Lyn Manso with Will Fenech of the FBC stud

National Bank again supported the Wilangi invitation sale. Key personnel at the sale were Agribusiness Managers from left to right: Greg Roberts, Gavin Baartz and Darren Kuhl.
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Sold to lan Berryman of Charters Towers for $8,500
bred young heifer Wilangi Jessaru for $16,000. Bill & Lawson Camm, Cambil stud, Proserpine also paid $16,000 to take home FBC Lady Brony Manso, a classy white grey heifer by FBC Anchor De Manso. Ken & Pam Roche re-invested some of their sale proceeds to secure Wilangi Gloria, a lovely, roomy heifer for $15,000.

Di Brabon, JLV Pastoral Company, Black River also invested in a quality young heifer paying $14,000 for the full Hudgins bloodline FBC Lady Alice Manso.

$10,000 heifer sales were also recorded by El Ja to Lee Wallace of Char Walla stud, Pentland and by the Brahrock Stud to Ross & Natalie Olive, Olive Brahmans, Gogango.

**GREY SELLABRATION SETS BIDDING PACE UNDER A MINUTE/LOT**

Every selling pen was full prior to the commencement of the Wilangi Invitation sale’s daytime Grey Sellabration ’06. 89 Select Sires and 227 herd bulls were penned for buyers’ inspection. The first pen of bulls entered the ring at 8:50am, the last lot was knocked down at 1:56pm and in the intervening 5 hours and 4 minutes, 316 bulls were sold, a total clearance, to gross $1,470,000. Auctioneers Ken McCaffrey, Garth Hughes, Peter Brazier, Michael Lawton and Brendan Wade appreciated the spirited bidding competition of buyers, to set a cracking selling pace never before paralleled in a stud sale in northern Australia.

The strong stud sire market evident in the previous evening’s sale continued through the day’s selling reaching a peak of $33,000. This price was paid by Ruan Grazing, Clermont for El Ja Cupid Manso, an 880kg rising 2yo long and strong bodied sire with Datapack bloodlines.

Andrew & Roxanne Olive, Raglan Brahmans, Raglan have been on the lookout for a sire for some time and settled on Brahrock Details, a full Hudgins son of JDH Madison De Manso for $28,000. He scaled 830kg on sale day and traces back to the highly successful cow Anna-Bri 52.

Paul & Linda Oates, Borilla Creek Brahman stud, Emerald were impressed with the quality of the young JDH Lincoln De Manso sire FBC Lennox De Manso and bid to $27,000 to secure him. He is a big, heavy boned and square bodied rising 2yo.

Ted & Brett Kirk, Hazleton Brahmans, Middlemount were in attendance at the sale. They like the style of the JDH Madison Man Manso youngster Brahrock Dynamite and paid $19,000 for him while Noel & Dallas Daley, Caiwarra, Julia Creek outlaid $16,000 for the 2yo Wallace Eldorado, a well bred son of Lancefield Paramount.

The Jochheim Family, Hillrise, Proserpine bought well, paying $14,000 for FBC Tyson Manso at 832kg, a heavy muscled sirey type, again by Lincoln. Gavin Scott, Rosetta Pastoral Company, Collinsville paid $12,000 twice for two sires by Hudgins bulls out of the El Ja draft while Stewart Nobbs, Yoman, Moura selected a 2yo Wilangi sire prospect for $11,000.

Jim Bauer, Elanora Park, Gin Gin paid $11,000 for Raglan Blockbuster a big volume JDH Sir Leno Manso son while Stuart Nobbs, Yoman, Moura also paid that price for Wilangi Vandyke, an impressive 2 year old strong boned sire type.
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Ian and Leisa Goodwin, Mentone, Alpha hopped into the bidding early securing for $10,000 FBC D Jameson Manso, a son of Mr V8 900/4.

The backbone of the sale again was the tremendous buying support of Northern Territory and Queensland cattle producers on the large line of young, beef builder herd bulls catalogued by Wilangi, Apis Creek, Raglan, Olive and Viva studs. Landmark Key Accounts Manager Jim Matthews showed his buying expertise to put together a great line of 76 young bulls at a $2,930 average for Barkly Pastoral Company, Northern Territory.

Rob Flute, Wairuna, Mt Garnet was amongst the bidding action all day and his line of 24 bulls was most impressive. They average $3,940. Craig Buchanan, Forest Home, Georgetown shopped well in both the registered and herd sections to select an attractive line of 22 bulls averaging $4,511 while Neil Arnold, Giru took home 23 bulls at an average of $3,490.

Taking a high quality, strong beef line of bulls back to the North West was Mrs Margaret Fisher, Tallawanta Station, Normanton. She put together a great line of 15 bulls averaging $5,765. Among Mrs Fisher’s purchases was the $5,750 Top Price Herd Bull of the sale sold by Tim & Lynette Olive’s Apis Creek stud.

David & Judy Camm, Natal Downs, Charters Towers and Hurricane Station, Mareeba were also among the volume buyers. Blair & Josie Angus, Kimberley, Clermont purchased a strong line of 11 bulls and Peter & Dal-Marie Glenwright, Laroona, Charters Towers paid an average of $5,500 for their 8 bulls.

“It was pleasing to see the ongoing support we get from a large number of repeat buyers,” Ron White said. “Many cattle producers say they

Joining in the Wilangi Invitation sale success were left to right Rob Flute, Wairuna, Mt Garnet, Keiran Streeter, Marlborough and Stewart Nobbs, Yuma, Moura

Gavin Scott, Rosetta, Collinsville is admiring El Ja Cupid Manso, the $33,000 Top Price Bull of the Day section of the Wilangi Invitation sale

Lyn & Brett Coombe of Roxborough Brahman stud at the Wilangi Invitation sale with their children Georgie and Lara
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A trailblazer for the stud sale industry in northern Australia, Wilangi is looking forward to celebrating its 20th Anniversary sale in 2007 at Charters Towers. “Already we have plans in place to ensure the Wilangi Invitation sale next year continues to focus the nation’s beef industry spotlight on good quality Brahmans,” Ron White said.

Sale Agents: Landmark and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing.

SALE RESULTS

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Interest in Brahmans at Ag-Quip

by Lindel GREGGERY

WESTERN New South Wales branch members again flew the flag for Brahmans at the annual Ag-Quip Field Days in Gunnedah, NSW, last August.

The breed has been represented at the massive rural expo for more than two decades, last year exhibiting eight head of stud and commercial cattle from Tim and Vicki Nicolle and family’s Nioka stud, Warialda and Liz and Jim Robinson’s Langley Dale stud, Dubbo.

Mr Nicolle said about 100,000 people attended the three-day field day each year, with 2500 businesses represented, including a number of cattle breed organizations.

“We get a lot of people through the site every day including a lot of school kids who are researching the different breeds,” said Mr Nicolle.

“We like to focus our time and resources in promoting the breed and we talk to interested people about the Brahman’s unique functions in the beef industry,” he said.

The region boasts about 12 active stud members, many who kindly devoted their time to manning the stand over the three days.

“We get a lot of follow-up enquiry out of Ag-Quip and a lot of interest in F1 Brahman/Hereford and Brahman/Angus cross females, with people wanting to know where they can buy them,” Mr Nicolle said.

The next Ag-Quip field day will be held on August 21-23, 2007 and the enthusiastic NSW branch members are planning another impressive display which will again include penned cattle, Brahman breed information and merchandise.

Above right: Vicki Nicolle, Nioka stud makes friends with one of the display animals

Right: The Brahman site at Ag-Quip is set up with a permanent shed as the base for the display
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RED females captured the hearts of buyers at the annual Laidley and District Invitation Female sale in January, with a record price of $11,000 paid for a cow and calf from Rob Walker’s Chudley stud, via Cooroy.

The Lockyer Valley sale, held at Silverdale Saleyards near Ipswich, averaged $2039 for 72 females, recording a 79 per cent clearance.

Taking sale honours was Chudley Razzamattazz, a three-year-old daughter of VL Rojo Bravo 9/172 (imp), out of the Chudley Rob Roy cow Chudley Arabella. The red female had been paraded by Nudgee College at a host of Queensland shows, picking up a number of class wins. Mr Walker said her impressive heifer calf at foot was by Chudley Main Street, whom he had sold to NCC stud. Chudley averaged $2861 for nine head, other sales including $4000 Chudley Red Chilli, a five-year-old polled Rob Roy daughter who was pregnancy tested in calf to US import Bacardi 730. Both lots sold to Elders, Brisbane.

Second top price of $6500 was paid by Chris McCarthy, Stockman stud, Boonah for the polled red female Roseborough L Raven. The seven-year-old Palmvale Night Rider cow had been artificially inseminated to HK Passport and was offered by Lynn Walther and Wendy Green, Roseborough L stud, Lowood.

Topping the heifer portion of the sale was $4750 Roseborough Meg 1249, offered by Ron Walther, Roseborough stud, Lowood, who recorded the best sale average of $4083 for three head. The pollen red March 2005 drop Palmvale Night Rider daughter was purchased by Wilson Plains Pastoral Co. The Geddes family, Haigslea paid $4500 for the polled red cow Roseborough Millie 1231, offered with a stylish calf at foot. The Geddes invested in five females, including the $3750 red heifer, Graadu Miss Holly, one of 10 females offered by the Craig family, Graadu stud, Gympie.

The top priced grey female, Bremer Vale Platinum Manso, came from Mike Peters’ Bremer Vale stud, Rosewood, going for $4000 to Pat Sharpe, Cherryfield stud, Weringa, Guluguba. The August 2001-drop cow is a daughter of JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp) and had a calf at foot by FBC D Hoss Grande De Manso. Bremer Vale also sold a heifer for $2750, one of four head purchased by B. and J. Johnson.

Jim and Viv Flanagan, L Vee stud, Minden averaged $2417 for three females, peaking at $3000 for the 11-month-old heifer L Vee Miss Heritage Nadi. The daughter of Mr Heritage Manso 133 (imp) and Tartrus Nadine Manso went to the Drynan family, Rathdowney.

Ross Werth and family sold two cows and calves at $2750 each from their Willroy stud at Oakey, with other vendors including Laramee stud (10 head), Barkly stud (seven head) and Droonoodoo (six head).

Bulk buyers included Sullivan Livestock and Rural Services, nine head; Geoff & Sherrell Tate, Red Sky stud, Highworth, three head, Creekside Nursery, six head to $2500; and Stephen Sivewright, Diddine stud, Lismore, NSW, four head.

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FBC D tops in Rocky again

by Lindel GREGGERY

In what is becoming a familiar theme on the central Queensland sale circuit, a Hudgins blood bull from FBC D stud has taken sale honours, topping the bull section of the Rockhampton February Summer Brahman sale.

FBC D Armstrong Manso 596D, a Mr V8 900/4 (imp) son out of the JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp) cow FBC D Miss Bonny Jo Manso 392, went for $22,000 to the Bishop family, Garglen stud, Kandanga. He was one of three bulls sold by Tony and Joanne Fenech, FBC D stud, Craiglea, Wowan, for $14,000 average.

Losing bidder on Armstrong Manso, Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela, paid second top price of $20,000 for @enda Tycoon 476/5, offered by Ron and Daphne Kirk, @enda, Gayndah. The polled grey two-year-old is by JDH Mr Manso 35/1 (imp) and out of the JDH Mr Manso 540/9 (imp) cow Yenda Miss 324/7.

Scott and Vicki Hayes, @enda V stud, Mundubbera, received $12,000 for their JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) bull Yenda V 52/5. The April 2005-drop son of the full Hudgins blood cow Yenda Miss Cameo 168/0 was purchased by Cloncurry cattleman Peter Hall. Mr Hall also invested $9000 in Double C 38/5, a polled red son of Kandoona Polo offered by Cameron and Liz Coggill, Double C stud, Gogango.

Alan Oxlade, Bioka stud, Nobby paid $11,000 for the highest priced used sire, eight-year-old Wilangi Profit. Profit was offered by Michael and Ali Jacobs, Chesterfield stud, Roma, who purchased the JDH Sir Gregory Manso (imp) son back in 2000 for $32,000.

The top selling red was $10,000 Palmvale Aussie Sting, a polled son of BB Mr Sting Ray 10/0 (imp) and Palmvale Miss Pablo (Yoman 447/6). The 22-month-old will join the Ferris family’s Red Oak stud, Bororen.

FBC D recorded the highest sale average, their draft also featuring two sons of JDH Lincoln De Manso 818 (imp) which sold for $10,000 each. FBC D Mr Rancher De Manso (IVF), who is out of FBC D Ms Jeanette Manso (JDH Madison De Manso), was purchased by Welsh Cattle Co, The Five Mile, Taroom, and FBC D Mr Flinders De Manso was purchased by Brian Kent, Gin Gin.

Ian and Anne Galloway, Duarran, Roma paid $9000 for the six-year-old polled sire Kandoona Roc 3440. The Rockley 620-son was offered by Paul Lever, who is dispersing his Leverdale stud, Euramo.

Rod and Miriam Black, Leany Vale, Biloela, averaged $6500 for three ET brothers by Mr V8 189/4. Their top seller, Leany Vale Mr 837, sold for $8500 to J. and S. Horne, the others going for $5500 each to Colin Kirby. However, Mr Kirby’s top purchase was a $6500 red Abbotsford Duracell son from the Allen family’s Kariboe Valley stud, Thangool.

Top: With the $22,000 FBC D Armstrong Manso on the opening day of Rockhampton February Summer Brahman sale was Will Fenech, FBC D stud, Wowan and the purchaser Shane Bishop, Garglen stud, Kandanga

Above: Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Moura paid $20,000 for Yenda Tycoon from the Kirk family’s @enda stud
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Yandaburra Pastoral Co bid to $8500 to secure Starbra Count Kar Manso, a two-year-old JDH Karu Manso (imp) son offered by the Davey family, Starbra stud, Gunalda.

The three-year-old Yenda Dynamic son, Yenda Dylan, went for $7500 to Greenleaf Pastoral Co, Casino, NSW and the Hoch family, Westwood, Alpha paid the same price for Rathlyn Regent (by JDH Mr Manso 733/3), who led the draft from Charles Lund’s Rathlyn stud, Laglan, Clermont.

A full Hudgins son of Karu Manso from Yenda V stud sold for $6500 to Cedar Bend stud, Proserpine. Colwil Cattle invested in six head, paying a maximum of $6500 for a light red 27-month-old Lancefield D Regatta son offered by Double C stud.

A Kabala Laureate son with a double cross of WHS Andy Imperator (imp) was the top seller from Andrew and Roxanne Olive’s Raglan stud. He sold for $6500 to Granitevale Partners. Angela Sant paid $6000 for Palmvale Atlantic Sting, a BB Mr Sting Ray 10/1 (imp) son with a +45 EBV for 600-day weight.

A line of 19 herd bulls from Lee Collins’ Wandilla stud, Marlborough averaged $3474 and included two bulls at $5000 who shared the equal top herd bull price with Double C and Beakay studs.

Volume buyers were commercial Brahman breeders John and Kate McLoughlin, Scott Creek Station, Katherine, NT who paid $2438 avg for 16 new sires, and Johnson Pastoral Co who took home 16 head at $3031 avg. Ten head at $3000 average were knocked down to Proserpine Pastoral Co, and the Elrose Family Trust (the Wells family), Boulia paid $2611 avg for nine bulls. A $3625 avg was paid by the Comerford Brothers, Nebo, for their eight new sires, and K. and C. Jones paid $2750 avg for eight head. Other buyers included Wooroona Grazing Co, seven head; Spenbar stud, Condamine, eight head; Ross Ford, seven head to a top of $4000, and Jones Cattle Co, six head to $3500.

Glengarry sets female record at Summer Brahman Sale

A full Hudgins-blood heifer from Scott and Geoff Angel’s Glengarry stud set a record female price at the annual Rockhampton February Summer Brahman sale, selling for $23,500.

The female section of the Gracemere fixture met with strong demand, with 188 Brahman heifers averaging $2809.

The record setter, Glengarry Le Countess Manso 1388, is a daughter of the JDH Madison Man Manso (imp) bull, FBC W Jordan De Manso, and out of Glengarry Le Countess Manso 772, who carries JDH Mr Largo Manso and JDH Sir Rem Manso 95 genetics. The 14-month-old heifer was purchased by the Pace family, Blue Water Hills stud, Mackay.

They also paid $16,000 second-top price for the October 2005 drop heifer Glengarry Le Countess Manso 1350, who is by the same sire as the sale topper and is out of the Largo/Ernesto cow Glengarry Le Countess Manso 811. She boasted a +33 EBV for 600-day weight and a +3 EBV for milk.

Glengarry’s third Countess heifer, Glengarry Countess De Manso 1366, helped set a $16,167 average for three head, selling to William and Tracey Tapp, Lonesome Dove, Wowan for $9000. She is by the Register of Renown sire JDH Le
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Blanc Manso 971/3 (imp), and out a fully imported blood daughter of JDH Madison Man Manso (imp). The Tapps outlaid $8182 avg for 11 heifers, their draft including $14,000 Kenrol Parker Manso 0225, from Ken and Wendy Cole’s Kenrol stud, Gracemere. The two-year-old imported blood heifer is a daughter of JDH Sir Parker Manso (imp) and out of Kenrol Cindy 084 who carries Mr V8 189/4 and Elefante breeding. The Tapps also took home $7500 Kenrol Lady PJ 0230, by the stud’s latest US import MSP Sir Petty John 588 (imp), and $5000 Renco Alexa Dakota S Manso, a JDH Mr Exchange MSO (imp) daughter from Justin and Steven Ensysby’s Renco stud, Dululu.

Lynn Walther and Wendy Green bid $10,000 to secure the 17-month-old polled red heifer Palmvale Patti 2040 for their Roseborough L stud, Lowood. Offered by Kearin and Beth Streeter, Palmvale, Marlborough, Patti is a daughter of Palmvale Tabasco and is out of a Rathlyn RM Rega female. Roseborough L also outlaid $7000 for Palmvale Sandra 2072, a polled 16-month-old daughter of Palmvale Vortex, and paid $5000 for Kangarin Miss Riza 736, a polled daughter of Edenglassie Magnum from Nick Dudarko’s Kangarin stud, Biloela.

The Brownson family, Brownsons stud, and Ian Berryman, Wind Dancer stud, Charters Towers, joined forces to pay $8500 for Kenrol Miss PJ Manso 177, a MSP Sir Petty John 588 (imp) daughter out of a Savannah Mr Manso 007 cow. She boasts a +48 EBV for 600-day weight. The Brownsons also took home three heifers on their own bat, paying to $6500 for Hamdenvale Windy 943, a FBC E Power Pak daughter offered by David Deguara, Mackay.

Kangarin Voodoo Doll 939 was the top seller from Kangarin at $7500. The Palmvale Voltaire 1611 daughter, out of a Valuce Red Rocket cow, will join the Streeter’s Palmvale stud. Angelo Russo, Wattaview stud, Mourilyan paid $7000 for Palmvale Holly, the first daughter of $23,000 Bungoona Red Emperor 610/1 to be offered for sale. The polled red 18-month-old heifer is out of the Billabong Robbo cow Palmvale Holly 1228.

Solo F Miss Kitty, at $6500, was the pick of the heifers offered by the Noonas family’s Solo F stud, Marlborough. The FBC W Sir Joe De Manso heifer will join the Randell’s Crinum stud, Tieri.

Paul Herrod, Ponderosa stud, Katherine, NT invested $4750 average in three heifers including two JDH Mr Ebenezer Manso (imp) daughters at $6500 and $4500 from Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld’s Brahrock stud, Maryborough.

The Dunn family, Somerton stud, Mackay, paid $5000 for Kangarin Armada 753, a Yoman 447/6 heifer with five stars for tenderness and two for marbling. Major buyer at the sale was Dan Beauchamp, Bumble Creek stud, Barenya, Hughenden, who took home 20 head at $1738 average.

Bulk buyers were plentiful, with Blair and Adelle Hansen, Batbam, Mt Larcom, investing in a dozen head at $1813 avg, and 12 heifers at $1771 avg knocked down to Ranmoor Grazing Co, Ranmoor, Richmond.

Taking home 10 head at a healthy $2700 avg were Landtasia Organic Foods, Bungendore, NSW while nine heifers at $1778 avg were purchased by Kyle Ogle for his Rusty Red stud, Monto.

Other buyers included Dennis and Kay Franks, Namlum, Milman, seven heifers to a top of $3500; Paul Weir, Myrington stud, Roma, five head to a top of $4000, and the Graham family, Bargray stud, Rockhampton, six new breeders to a top of $3000.

VALE:

Kevin John McCulkin

The Association lost one of its long standing members with the passing of Kevin John McCulkin of Nivek Pastoral Coy, Fernvale on 27th January at the age of 72 years.

Mr McCulkin joined the Association in 1975. He loved his Brahman cattle and was very supportive of the breed, even though in later years his ill health restricted his activities with the Brahman stud.
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THE Big Country Brahman sale went ahead under threatening skies at Charters Towers on February 19th & 20th and upheld its position as the breed’s leading multi-Vendor sale of bulls and females. The event again recorded averages for its sire section above all other multi-vendor sales held in Australia in the last 12 months, the fourth successive year it has done so. Correspondingly stud heifer section average prices also ballooned to nearly $6,900, the best of any multi-vendor markets in the country. Records were set for top price grey sire, grey sire average and top price heifer and a big boost to a record 62 lots made $10,000 and over. Prices peaked at $100,000 for grey sires, $40,000 for red sires and $40,000 for stud heifers. The top 20 sires of the sale averaged $27,250 while the top 10 heifers averaged a remarkable $17,400. A 97% clearance was recorded and gross receipts totalled $2,326,500.

Selling Agents Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing were stymied in their sale lead up as a massive rain influence across much of the northern areas in early February caused a two week sale postponement. “The postponement cost the sale a little support, perhaps 5 to 8%,” Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said. “So to achieve these exceptional sale results was extremely satisfying.”

Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing pointed out that a total of 480 more Brahman bulls had been sold to the market in the Spring/Summer of 2006/07 prior to Big Country than had been sold the year before. “That’s a massive impact on the market to happen in just one year and for Big Country, coming at the end of the line, to weather that impact with results just short of its record smashing sale last year, is testimony to the outstanding quality Brahman studmasters are supporting the sale with,” Ken McCaffrey said.

“We knew we had the best offering of Brahms in overall terms ever catalogued for the north and that’s how our wonderful line up of buyers assessed them as well,” he added.

Jim Geaney said the sale registered over 220 bidders who took the postponement and very sloppy yard conditions in their stride. “We are very thankful to all our buyers, some of whom had to re book flights, change forward plans, come a long way round to the sale because of road flooding just to attend Big Country,” he said. “They all commented they were pleased they did because of the tremendous selection of top quality lots.”
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THE Nobbs Cattle Company shook the Australian beef industry awake early in 2006 with its record breaking sale of six figure red Brahman bulls at the Big Country sale.

Move forward 12 months – same sale, same vendor and the magic $100,000 mark is reached again in sale bidding, however, this time it’s for a grey sire, NCC Lox Rex 369. Brett Nobbs has a high opinion of this 908kg, 28 month old full African import. He retained a one quarter semen share in this big beef volume, long bodied sire prospect and his enthusiasm was backed by leading studmasters in the bidding. Although starting low, bidding climbed under the competition of Matthew Kirk, Carinya stud, Gayndah, Jennifer McCamley of Tartrus stud, Marlborough and eventual buyer Peter Dowling of Dowling Livestock Ray White Rural, Cloncurry who was acting for purchasers the Tipperary Group of Stations and Saneta Cattle Company. Mr Dowling had inspected the bull at Inverrio, Duaringa in 2006 and followed his progress to the sale. “Following his development over a period of 6 to 8 months, this bull just kept getting better, his beef qualities are as good as I’ve seen in the industry and his outcross bloodlines offer a new exciting dimension for Brahmans in Australia,” he said.

Immediately following his purchase Peter Dowling announced that a small number of semen packages would be offered to the public immediately. “The Tipperary Group will be utilising the bull in a large scale A.I. programme later on so he is being collected, and a small amount of semen will be sold,” he said.

The 369 $100,000 bull was one of an impressive draft of 16 full African import grey bulls offered by the NCC stud which averaged $17,970. Also investing in these African genetics were leading studs and commercial producers Consolidated Pastoral Company, Newcastle Waters Station, N.T. ($26,000), Kelly Creek Pastoral Company, Wandilla stud, Marlborough ($25,000), Scott & Geoff Angel, Glengarry stud, Kunwarara (2 bulls $23,000 and $5,000), Reg Underwood, Bunda Station, N.T. (3 bulls $19,000, $15,000 and $5,000), Geoff Johnson, Ge-Jay stud, Alpha ($15,000), Reddie & Wallace, Lakelands ($13,000), David Dennis, Walthum Investments, Clermont (2 bulls $11,000 and $8,000), Peter Hall, Cloncurry ($10,000), $100,000 Dëjà Vu to Nobbs at Big Country

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Northern Grazing Company, Charters Towers, Arafura Cattle Company, Normanton and David Collyer of Hughenden. “They went to good stud and commercial herds far and wide so these genetics will get an excellent try-out in the industry,” Ken McCaffrey said.

A poll bull by high profile sire Lancefield Signature from Brian Hughes, Lanes Creek stud made the second highest price in the grey section, $40,000. A high performance youngster, Lanes Creek Sydchrome attracted spirited bidding before being knocked down to the Farman & Turner Partnership of Mundibah stud, Innisfail. Poll Brahman enthusiast Darren Pedracini, Lornevale, Georgetown was the underbidder. The Lanes Creek stud, Georgetown again found ready acceptance to their draft of 11 grey sires recording an average of $11,230. Brett Nobbs, NCC stud, Duaringa invested $16,500 in Lanes Creek Calvalcade Manso, a dozen lots from the end of the sale. He’s a rising 2yo full Hudgins prospect, bred out of a Lancefield cow. Mutation stud paid $11,000 for an 18 month old Lanes Creek son of JDH Leberation and Reddie & Wallace, Lakeland outlaid $12,000 for the young El Ja Ripper bull, Lanes Creek Ryder Manso. Pluto Pastoral Company, Proserpine also shopped in the Lanes Creek draft paying $9,000 for Lanes Creek Superior, a rising 2yo son of Mr V8 Superstroke. The Cambil stud is always among the sale topspers at Big Country. This year they secured $32,000 for Cambil Stafford, a high quality 26 month old son of proven sire Mr V8 690/4. John Randell bid strongly to secure Stafford for his Crinum stud at Tieri.

Doug & Helen Keough, Welcome Downs Cattle Company were at the sale and put together a lovely draft of 5 grey sires at an average of $8,200. They paid $11,000 for Cambil Preston De Manso, one of the stud’s first sale sons of Tartrus Rembrantd Manso.

The Keoughs also selected, for $12,000, Lancefield D Federal, a heavy muscled, young, white grey sire sold by David & Julie McCamley of Lancefield stud. Lancefield also realised $20,000 for Lancefield D Deangleo, a 2yo JDH Dynasty Manso sire prospect with excellent length and sire style. This bull was purchased by Jumba Holdings of Charters Towners who also secured excellent value when paying only $4,500 for the JDH Sir Reno Manso son, Lancefield D Rycroft Manso. The FBC studs under their individual divisions recorded a highly successful sale result averaging $8,820 for their 14 young sires. The 890kg, blue grey JDH Floyd Manso son, FBC M Fitzpatrick Manso topped their draft at $23,000 selling to Les & Helen Donald of the El Ja stud, Theodore. Astute Brahman breeder Bob Clark, Mutation stud, Clermont bid to $17,000 for FBC R Peter Manso by JDH Gardner Manso while John Kirk & Company, Carinya stud, Gayndah selected the JDH Roman Manso, 800kg plus son FBC W Jiver De Manso for $12,000. Welcome Downs was also in the bidding for FBC sires taking home FBC B Sir Oxley Manso, another impressive Gardner son for $11,000. The Lyons family of Alligator Creek outlaid $10,000 for FBC Linden De Manso, a big strong, well muscled bull by FBC D Hoss Grande De Manso.

First time sale vendors Eureka Creek Brahmans of Wowan recorded a $15,000 sale for the imported bloodline bull Eureka Creek Sigucan. This very growthy and deep bodied sire sold to Lynn Toohey, Toohey Farming, Ravenshove. $15,000 was also paid for Pioneer Park Colonel Manso, the lead bull out of Tony & Trish Brown’s draft. This rising 2yo by JDH Palestimo R Manso was purchased by Doug Cowe of Mossman. Herberton district cattle producers the Wieland Family paid $9,000 for Pioneer Park General Manso, a full brother to the $15,000 sire.

Bill & Sue Blakeney, Warraka stud, Theebine presented an attractive line of six excellent, well bred beef sires at the sale. Their draft topped at $13,000 and $12,000 for two well muscled sire types purchased by Stirling O’Sullivan, Jumba Holdings, Charters Towers. $13,000 also topped the draft of 10 bulls offered by Mooloo stud of Jandowae. Tony Haine of Northern Vet Services, N.T. paid that amount for Mooloo Equity, an 868kg, 2 tooth, full Hudgins bull by JDH.
Norseman Manso. Mooloo also secured $7,500 for Equity’s brother Mooloo Eclipse, a 904kg white grey sire purchased by John Stevens & Family, Julia Creek.

Les & Helen Donald’s El Ja stud draft of 5 grey sires averaged $8,000 topped at $12,000 for El Ja Data Boy Manso, a 2yo JDH Datapack Manso, heavy boned sire prospect. Dan Beauchamp, Barenya, Hughenden purchased this bull. Well known Bowen district breeder of high quality Brahman’s Don Large also invested in El Ja sires at $9,000.

A strong quality JDH Floyd Manso 2yo grey sire, Crinum Clyde Manso topped John & Cheryl Randall’s draft at the sale selling to the Watt family of Kuttabul.

Bob Clark of Mutation stud, Clermont presented a very exciting young sire prospect to lead his draft. Mutation Highway Man sold accordingly, at $10,500 to fellow Clermont district studmaster Lance Faint & Family of Karmoo stud.

$10,000 sires in the grey section were also presented by Ron & Grace & Kelvin Harriman of GI stud, Muttaburra, Barry & Tammy Hughes, Tambar stud, Forsayth and Mick & Jess Clews, Windy Hill Stud, Ravenshoe.

The large draft of grey bulls from John & Matthew Kirk’s Carinya stud, Gayndah sold to $8,500 with David Dennis, Walthum Investments, Clermont adding this JDH Macquarie Manso well muscled bull to his purchases.

“It was pleasing to see so many highly respected cattle producers freely supporting this great quality grey bull section, from the start to the finish,” Jim Geaney said. “Buyers such as Jack Smith, Bulleys, Toohey Farming, Marcus Green, Stirling O’Sullivan, Keoughs, Dave Collyer, Blacklocks, Sheahans, Borgs, Glenwrights, Dan Beauchamp, Matthews, David Dennis, Bethels, David Core, Zandonadis and a heap of other stud and commercial producers really appreciated the large selection of well bred and high quality bulls.” “A measure of the strength of the bidding is that our sale's grey average is $945 better than the Brahman Week greys,” he added.
2yo bull considered by studmasters Eddie & Debbie Streeter of Fairy Springs stud, Monto as good a poll sire prospect as they have ever bred topped the Red section of the Big Country Brahman sale. Fairy Springs Epic by Huonfels Jacob Rio, a sire Fairy Springs had purchased out of the very same Big Country sale in the 1990’s made $40,000 selling to Noel & Dallas Daley, Caiwarra stud, Julia Creek. Just an hour earlier the Daleys had outlaid $32,000 for Somerview Humphrey, a scurred Tartrus Matrix sire offered by Brian & Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview Red Brahmans, Charters Towers. Both sires will complement the breed and beef quality evident in the Caiwarra bull breeding herd for many years.

Five of the nine top selling red bulls are poll, continuing a strong demand for these attributes apparent at all the Brahman sales of last spring.

It was the powerful five bull draft from Alan & Lee-Ann Thomas of Topline stud, Goovigen however which topped averages for the section. These strong and sirey looking bulls bred on a red/grey bloodline cross created considerable interest averaging $13,700 and selling to highly regarded cattle producers from central and northern Queensland.

Topline Corporal Manso, one of three full brothers at the sale by HK Passport 777 out of Brahrock Bonnie 2842 topped the draft at $21,000 selling to the Harrington Family, Ashton Station, Prairie. His brothers made $18,000 and $15,000 selling to Alan Williams, Riverside Pastoral Company, Nebo and Bill & Lawson Camm, Cambil stud, Proserpine respectively. Gipsy Plains Cattle Company, Cloncurry invested $10,500 in Topline Dejavue Red Manso, a 27 month old, 793kg son of Mr JDH 2000.Com 10/0 backed by good EBV’s.

Following up their $40,000 red section topper Fairy Springs also realised $12,000 for another Huonfels Jacob Rio sire. This bull, a poll also, sold to Corlis Cattle Company, Hazelwood, Richmond.

Somerview Sombrero, a growthy bull by Tartrus Matrix made $21,000 selling to Bezuma Pastoral Company, Lindfield, Julia Creek. These purchasers also took home another Matrix son from the Somerview draft, the strong bodied sire Joshua at $9,000. Brian & Glenda Kirkwood can be well pleased with the performance of their Tartrus Matrix sire as his five sale sons average $14,100.

It was however, Lanes Creek Red Ranger who flew the flag for Australian sires at the sale. His five progeny sold averaged an incredible $16,400 topped only by the import, HK Passport 777.

Lanes Creek stud’s two sires in the red section, both by Red Ranger, both made $19,000. The poll, Lanes Creek Renegade sold to A, G & K Bethel of Georgetown while Clermont studmaster Bon Wall of Wallton Downs stud selected the young, high quality, sire type, Lanes Creek Repitition.

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Debbie Streeter, Fairy Springs Red Brahmans, Monto was delighted that her lead sire Fairy Springs Epic made $40,000 and sold to Noel & Dallas Daley at the sale

Jacqueline & Robert Curley, Gipsy Plains, Cloncurry were both sellers and buyers at the Big Country sale

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Northern season should suit Brahman Championships

THE good season in the north should suit cattle producers looking to exhibit at the 2007 Brahman Country National Livestock Championships at Charters Towers on Friday 11th May.

Event organisers Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing have turned their attention to driving the Championships to greater levels of success and are seeking entries of Brahman Prime and Store Cattle over nine classes. Over $20,000 in prizemoney and trophies has been committed to the event with each class competing for cash prizemoney of $1,600. Feature trophies are awarded for Championships, Most Successful Exhibitor and the prestigious Golden Nugget Pen, the exhibitor of which wins a beautiful, unique gold nugget.

“It is a very valuable marketing opportunity for studmasters who run commercial herds,” Jim Geaney said. “Look at the success Somerview, Koon Kool, Cambil, Mutation and many others enjoy with their bull sale teams because bull buyers have become more aware of their ability to consistently produce optimum commercial cattle for premium markets, through their success at these Championships.”

All classes are for deck lots. The event carries the backing of the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association and the Dalrymple Shire Council.

“This is the premier show and sale of Brahman commercial cattle in Australia,” Ken McCaffrey said. “It promotes the breed enormously at the grass roots commercial level and shows the suitability of high quality Brahmans to supply a wide diversity of premium markets.” “All Brahman breeders should back their breed and support the event,” he added.

To allow a strong marketing and promotion campaign of the Brahman Country Championships organisers are requesting early advice of entries from producers. Schedule of classes and full event details are available from Geaney’s 07 4787 4000, McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing 07 4922 6311 or John Croaker at the ABBA 07 4927 7799.
Creek snapped him up for $17,500. Another poll Redmount son from the Char Walla draft made $8,000 selling to David & Jenny James, Hidden Valley Station, N.T.

Strong Big Country sale stalwart John Bethel of Huonfels stud, Georgetown had a highly successful sale with his reds. His draft was topped by the 21 month old poll, Huonfels Sento Rio, again by Tartrus Redmount, at $16,000. Robert, Jacqueline & Clayton Curley, Gipsy Plains, Cloncurry purchased this bull and also gave $10,500 for Huonfels Sergent Rio, a 20 month old, attractive breed quality son of Fairy Springs J Red Rio.

Gipsy Plains’ introduction as vendors to the Big Country sale was also successful. They sold a young stud sire, Gipsy Plains Star for $9,500 to LD Knuth & Company Trust, St Pauls Station, Charters Towers and their very even line of four, 16 to 19 month old red herd bulls made from $3,500 to $5,500.

Tony & Beth Kendall, Koon Kool, Hughenden secured a $15,000 sale of their lead bull Koon Kool Bing. This bull, purchased by Rhys & Shae Collins, Jarvanie Pty Ltd, Charters Towers, is a tremendous bodied bull, scaling 796kg at 26 months and displaying exceptional carcase appeal. Lake Elphinstone Partnership of Nebo took a liking to the Koon Kool bulls purchasing three for $7,000, $6000 and $5,000. First time Vendors Patrick & Sally Curley, Royston Park stud, Charters Towers had a great introduction to the market with their first sale bull, Royston Park Dirty Water, a poll son of Tartrus Redmount making $14,000. GD Graham & Son of Biloela purchased this solid beefy bull.

Wallton Downs Brahman stud of Clermont sold two young red sires at $8,000 and $7,000 to John Kirk & Company, Carinya, Gayndah and David & Jenny James of the Northern Territory respectively while $7,000 topped the red draft of bulls which commenced the sale for Nobbs Cattle Company. John Kirk & Company, Carinya, Gayndah took home the top NCC bull, a 915kg, 2 ½ yo son of Lanes Creek Red Ranger.

George & Joan Harriman, Reedybrook Brahmans, Mt Garnet had an attractive draft of four red bulls which sold to a top price of $8,000.

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The Brahman breed attraction promoted towards the stud heifer and genetic package section of the Big Country sale struck a chord with studmasters across a wide section of the industry, as they backed their assessment of the appealing diversity of proven and new bloodlines with spirited sale bidding. Average prices rose over 10% for stud heifers compared with 2006 and a new sale record price of $40,000 was established.

It was the unique 3 in 1 package of a 16 month old, full Hudgins bloodline heifer and her embryo by new release sire Mr V8 The Rock 846/5, already implanted into a recipient cow, which brought the $40,000 record. Vendors were Tony & Trish Brown, Pioneer Park Brahmans, Mackay and the buyer was Lee Wallace, Char Walla stud, Pentland. Tony Brown said he decided to sell the package combination in this way so the buyer was on the way to an earlier return for their investment. “She is a magnificent female from a wonderful family line, so valuable in today’s industry,” Tony said. “I have all the confidence in the world she’ll produce at the leading edge of the breed.” It was a fitting change of fortune for Tony & Trish Brown whose Pioneer Park property west of Mackay, and their Big Country sale lots, had been drenched with 1,100mm of rain in the three weeks leading up to the sale.

A polled red heifer by Lanes Creek Red Ranger offered by Brian Hughes, Lanes Creek stud, Georgetown made the second top price of the section at $24,000. This stylish female was purchased in partnership by the Lornevale and Tambar studs. Paul Fenech of PBF Brahmans, Sarina was at the sale and invested $19,000 in FBC W Jubilee De Manso, a smart quality FBC D Mandrake Manso daughter. FBC V Mia Manso, a very stylish, full Hudgins heifer by JDH Nieto De Manso, the first by this sire to be offered in Australia, was drenched with 1,100mm of rain in the three weeks leading up to the sale.

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Highly successful in the female section setting a $13,250 average for four heifers.

Steve & Sharon Turner, Wilarandy S stud of Woolooga presented four beautiful red heifers. Brett Nobbs of NCC stud, Duaringa purchased their top seller, a JCC Radical daughter for $13,000. Lanes Creek stud outlaid $11,000 for Wilarandy S Mistress by the same sire, while Damien Bethel of Georgetown paid $10,000 for a rising 2yo long bodied VL Rojo Bravo daughter from the stud. Also making $13,000 was the second of the Lanes Creek red heifers bred from the proven Lancefield Diamond damline. Steve Turner re-invested some of his sale proceeds to purchase this heifer.

Recording an exceptional return for their 12 month old full Hudgins heifer was Terry & Susan Connor of the Timbrel stud, Rockhampton. Very happy with the $13,000 sale price, they were however, just as pleased to see the heifer go to leading stud breeders Bill & Lawson Camm of Cambil stud, Proserpine. Cambil stud will also be the new home for Warraka Latoya, at $13,000 the top price heifer from Bill & Sue Blakeney's stud.

The El Ja stud heifer draft topped at $10,000 for El Ja Menishka Manso, a stylish, blue grey heifer backed by a brother/sister pedigree. Local studmaster Lee Wallace purchased this female. Shane & Bonnie Keough, Blue Dog Brahmans, Charters Towers also sold their young, well bred JDH Sir Parker Manso heifer to Lee Wallace for $10,000.

The first full African import grey bloodline heifer offered by Nobbs Cattle Company failed to live up to market expectations selling for only $9,000 to Tony Fenech, Fenech Brahman Cattle Company, Wowan. “The sale ring was packed with studmasters, however it was very difficult to inspire them to recognise the value in her offering,” Auctioneer Ken McCaffrey
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said. “Tony Fenech and Doug Cowe, who purchased the second of them took home very cheap females and that was reiterated when we sold the African grey bulls up to $100,000 the next day.”

Bill & Julie Moull, Mt Lewis Brahmans, Julatten invested in four quality grey heifers at the sale, Dan Beauchamp, Barenaya, Hughenden took home seven heifers while Doug Cowe of Mossman purchased three heifers at $5,000 each. The sole embryo offered was a Tartrus Aristotle x FBC Lady Olga 168 mating due to calve in late May. It made $6,500 selling to Jesse Atkinson of Mt Garnet.

In the Semen Package section of the catalogue it was the two 10 straw packages of Lancefield Signature which created the most interest and spirited bidding. One package sold for $11,500 to R & G Ford & Family of Peachester while Stewart & Kerry Wallace, Wallace Brahmans, Marlborough purchased the other for $9,000. Five straw packages in El Ja Romeo DP Manso sold to Char Walla and Lanes Creek/Tambor Partnership for $4,500 and $4,000 respectively while JDH Federation five straw packages realised $4,000 to Tim & Sally North and $3,000 to the Viva stud.

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