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Editorial

Congratulations to all our exhibitors who participated in Beef 2009 on a great effort, particularly Rodger & Lorena Jefferis and family for taking out the champion crop or pasture fed pen at the Australian Beef Cattle Championships with their pen in the 560 – 740kg maximum 4 teeth class, also winning the crop or pasture fed 380 – 640 minimum 2 teeth class and placing third in the 500 – 740kg 2-4 tooth grain fed class and Ross & Natalie Olive placing third in the vealer class.

The 430 head of pure bred Brahmans entered in the competition certainly demonstrated the capabilities of Brahman cattle to suit commercial market requirements on both grass and grain feeding.

The stud show judging attracted one of the largest crowds ever at a beef expo. The 225 head paraded before the judges together with the 410 head on display at trade show stands made us easily the largest breed display at Beef 2009.

While overall international visitors were slightly down compared to 2006, we received excellent interest in our cattle from visitors from Malaysia, Indonesia, New Caledonia, Brazil and Thailand.

The development of another elite herd project in Malaysia reported on page 14 is a significant development that should provide long term benefits.

I believe all of our exhibitors can feel proud of their efforts and their contribution not only to the promotion of their own cattle but also the Brahman breed in general.

Editor

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Another Brahman Commercial Show and Sale held in April has proven to be a successful promotion agenda for our breed.

I thank all the vendors for supporting the event over the past two years and would ask other breeders to join in next year.

Geoff Warriner travelled down from Carlton Hills Station in W.A. to judge the event. Geoff is Pastoral Inspector for Consolidated Pastoral, a company that runs many thousands of Brahman cattle in the Top End.

One of the largest industry events in Australia, Beef 2009 has again proven to be a premier beef exposition. Congratulations to all breeders having success in the Beef Cattle and Stud Cattle Championships. It was pleasing to see the magnificent line up of Brahman in the Beef Cattle section, with the Elrose pen of steers catching everyone’s eye. The steers were bred in the north and finished in the Moura district and snagged Champion Male Pen for crop or pasture fed. One spectator was heard to comment, “why would you bother crossbreeding when you can produce brahman steers like these?”

Another highlight for the Commercial cattle was the Beef 2009 report in the Country Life which read:- Brahman genetics dominated seven of the twelve class winners, featuring some element of Brahman content in the cattle.

The Kirk families were in the winning circle again, with Yenda taking out the Female Grand Champion and Carinya the Male Grand Champion. Fingers were crossed for both in the Interbreed Championships. Judges Brett Kirk, Ian Galloway and Reade Radel had the mammoth task of judging 224 head of stud Brahman and I must say, did a sterling job. Great to see the Kinnon family back in the show ring winning ribbons after the devastating floods of 2008.

There was a tremendous amount of effort put into members trade stands around the grounds and one that really stood out for craftsmanship was the Kenrol-Raglan exhibit.

Rumours go that Ryan Olive did the majority of the work and others were seen to be looking on, drinking cups of tea.

Congratulations to our General Manager on receiving the R.W.Vincent Award, which was established by the Australian Cattle Breeders Association to recognise outstanding contributions to the cattle breeding industry over a sustained period of time. John has been involved in the development of Tropical Beef Technology Services, has a 20 year association with the Rockhampton Show Beef Cattle committee. He also was a member of the D.P.I. Beef Breeding Services Committee and 15 years as Vice-President of ARCBA and involved in Beef Expo organizing committees in 1988, 1991, 2006 and 2009, so it was well deserved.

John Atkinson
Charters Towers topped the prime section Bullocks from Calcott Investments, Lowholm, 181c/kg or $351 for their pen of 194kg steers. Local vendors the Zandonadi family received whole of Australia”.

Centre has the “best Brahman prices in the Charters Towers. He believes the selling challenges and the much-hyped “GFC”. Troy Williams, Landmark, said there was to prepare cattle in spite of seasonal Chair of Dalby Regional Council Saleyards Advisory Committee, Councillor Mick Cosgrove, said one of the key outcomes from the conference was the strong support for the establishment of a national industry body.

“To date there has been a lot of discussion around the move to a national association. At the conference a model was agreed to by Queensland based operators, which will now be taken to other state based associations across Australia. Hopefully in the next couple of months we will have a nationally supported model,” Cr Cosgrove said.

“If agreement is reached on a national model this would be a significant milestone for the saleyards industry.”

Congratulations to all the Brahman breeders who participated at Beef Australia 2009, especially those who overcame the odds to prepare cattle in spite of seasonal challenges and the much-hyped “GFC”.

**NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**CHARTERS TOWERS**

Troy Williams, Landmark, said there was strong demand for stores at the April 1 sale in Charters Towers. He believes the selling centre has the “best Brahman prices in the whole of Australia”.

Local vendors the Zandonadi family received 181c/kg or $351 for their pen of 194kg steers. Bullocks from Calcott Investments, Lowholm, Charters Towers topped the prime section of the sale on April 22. The $34kg bullocks returned $847/hd or 145.2c/kg. A week later Calcott Investments sold the top priced trade heifers, the 313kg females making 139.2c/kg to return $435/hd. Troy said the Von Wald family, Gainsford, sold the top priced prime bullocks on May 6. They weighed in at 614kg to return close to $904 at 147.2c/kg.

Hyden Pastoral Co, Eight Mile Station, Dalbeg, offered 367 grey Brahman steers at the store sale on May 13. They averaged 183c/kg, weighing 214kg to return a $393/ hd average. One run of 101 steers sold for 193.2 c/kg, weighing in at 189kg to realize $365/hd.

At the same sale, a quality pen of grey 226kg heifers from D. and K. Torkington made just over 141c/kg to return $320/hd.

At the May 20 sale Shane Hyden, Victoria Downs, Charters Tower offered 398kg trade heifers. They sold for $498 or 125.2c/kg & were the top priced heavy heifers on the day.

**CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

**GREAMERE**

At the April 3 sale meatworks and feeder cattle remained firm, while weaner prices eased. Roslyn Murray, Norwood, Marmor received 172c/kg or $610/head for her pen of No.8 red Brahman steers.

On April 17, 350kg No.8 grey Brahman steers from the Mylrea family, Calliope made $612 (175c).

The May 22 sale yarded 2798 cattle including 939 heifers for which prices remained “firm across the board”. DBCC Pty Ltd, Old Gordon, Dingo, sold 103 No.8 Red Brahman speyed heifers for an average of 145.6c/kg, weighing in at 189kg to realize $365/hd.

**LONGREACH**

One highlight of the mid-April sale was a line of 236kg weaner steers from the Neilson family’s Iisford property, Albilbah. They made 172c/kg or $406/hd.

**SOUTH QUEENSLAND**

**BUNDABERG**

Neil Callaghan, Callaghan’s Livestock, said selling kicked off strongly in April with F. Davey, Branyan, Bundaberg receiving 193.8c/kg for No.9 red Brahman steers. They went to A. and S. Howlett, Bundaberg for $533/hd. CT Dawson Holdings, Teebar, Rosedale offered red Brahman cows which sold to Teys Bros, Lakes Creek for $671.

At the April 21 sale No.9 red Brahman steers from EmDee Enterprises, Branch Vale, Mt Perry cracked the $2 mark, selling for 209.8c/ kg or $413/hd to J. Peek, Bundaberg. Finlay Farms, Gin Gin paid $351 or 179.8c/kg for No.9 steers from R. Slean and Sons, Murton, Rosedale.

**TOOGOOLAWAH**

A yarding of 1859 head was offered on April 3. Daddamarine Pty Ltd, Coominya sold two-year-old Brahman heifers to Sam Vella, Mt Walker for $805 and to Peter and Faye Buhle, Frazerview for $780.

**BEAUDESERT**

Prices were firm to dearer for a small yarding on April 18. Ray Cavanagh, Springbrook paid $500 for 16-month-old Brahman heifers from a Canungra vendor.

**DALBY**

Bullocks dropped by 2c/kg at the 4954 head yarding on April 15. Heavy Brahman bullocks from Taroom sold for 160c/kg, peaking at $1029/hd.

**GIN GIN**

Prices were slightly easier at the April 27 sale which offered 600 head. Bundaberg Sugar marketed 64 quality red No.9 steers which made $473/hd. A line of 54 quality grey No.9 steers from Elanora Park studmasters Jim and Jenny Bauer, Lorrndale, Gin Gin sold for $460. Phil and Kay Spencer received $460 for their polled red Brahman weaner steers, and the Bettens family, St Kilda, Tirroan received $510 for their “well grown and fresh” red weaner steers.

**ROMA**

Fleetwood Grazing Co, Aramac offered 625kg Brahman steers at the prime sale on April 30. They were knocked down at $163c/kg or $1021.
Brahmans proclaimed their contribution to the Australian beef industry loud and proud at the nation's biggest beef expo, held in Rockhampton in May.

Beef Australia 2009 (Beef 09) consisted of stud cattle judging, prime cattle championships, trade shows, seminars, social events and much more.

It is 21 years since the first triennial Beef Australia expo was staged in Central Queensland, and the 2009 event easily eclipsed its previous attendance record of 60,000, recorded at Beef Australia 2006.

The Brahman breed presented 1073 head of its finest to the 65,000 Beef 09 attendees, which included 500 international visitors from 30 countries.

The stud cattle judging alone attracted 2060 entries from 31 breeds, featuring 292 Brahman entries from 61 studs. A panel of three judges – Brett Kirk, Reade Radel and Ian Galloway – deliberated long and hard to select the best entries from the outstanding Brahman turnout. They awarded the tri-colour ribbons to senior and grand champion bull Carinya Riddell, shown by John and Dawn Kirk, and the senior and grand champion female, Yenda Celeste, who was the sole entry from Ron and Daphne Kirk’s Yenda stud. Both enterprises are within kilometres of each other at Gayndah, in Queensland’s Central Burnett district.

Dr Mohd Azid Kabul, Manager Sawit Kinabalu Farm Products Company, (left) led a delegation of 27 from Sabah to attend Beef 2009. Delegation members who are pictured with ABBA General Manager John Croaker and President John Atkinson included: front row Muslianshah Masrie, Datuk Manof, Haidir Tahir, Wong King Chuong, Dr Tan Lye Huat, Voon Tze Vun, Yussup Nannong, 2nd row Dr Azid, Ramli Bin Salikan, MD Taha Marali, Munandar Tahir, Samsudin Labandu, Norbayah Abdul Rasak, Aiyah Ambo Marasi, Marciana Lim, Abd Mubin Bin Abdul Razak, 3rd row Goh Swee Kok, (tour guide) David Peddle, Sahrimin Mohd Imam, Vun Chi Onn, Jinus Tahir, Zaharah Ibrahim

ABBA General Manager John Croaker (third from right) is pictured with Brazilian visitors Guilherme Junqueira, Antonio Prata, Enrico Volpon, Guilherme Prata, Marcello Vezuzzo and Benjamin Guimaranes
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Of the 800 cattle displayed in Beef 09’s trade show sites, 420 were Brahmans, including 110 head from 21 studs exhibited in the Brahman Compound, plus 430 purebred Brahmans entered in the 2232-head Australian Beef Cattle Championships, with the Jefferis family, Elrose, Cloncurry collecting the national championship for grassfed steers. The champion pen of 658kg steers sold for 200c/kg to Terry Nolan, Nolan Meats, Gympie, who was one of the championship’s judges.
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If ever there was a Brahman bull close to faultless it would have to be the Beef 09 senior and grand champion Carinya Riddell.

With five grand championships last year, including the Royal Brisbane Show and Rockhampton interbreed championship, the experts agree that there’s nothing not to like about the mighty Carinya Riddell.

Beef 09 judges Brett Kirk, Hazelton Brahman stud, Middlemount; Reade Radel, Kandoona Brahman stud, Injune and Roma Brangus and Hereford breeder Ian Galloway, selected the impressive grey as the pick of the 224 head line-up from 60 studs at Rockhampton’s triennial beef expo.

The son of JDH Riddell Manso (imp) and the 2005 Rockhampton senior and grand champion female Carinya Monica (JDH Navasota Alan Manso/Carinya Melody) was exhibited by John and Dawn Kirk and family, Carinya stud, Gayndah.

Described by judge Brett Kirk as “hard to fault”, Riddell won the 30-36 months bull class against four opponents before graduating on to the senior and grand bull championship.

Carinya also exhibited the calf champion bull Carinya Mario, part of the enormous 18-head 12-15 months bull class. Mario is a son of FBC W Jiver De Manso (JDH Roman Manso) and the JDH Mr Manso 433 cow, Carinya Remona.

The reserve senior bull championship went to the 24-30 months class winner Elrose Significantly 5538, an Elrose Significance son from Rodger and Lorena Jefferis’ Elrose stud, Cloncurry. Significantly, who is out of the Lancefield Armada cow Elrose 3029, boasts a +73 EBV for 600-day weight and a +46 EBV for carcase weight.

One of the true success stories of the day was Bungoona Bon Fire who claimed the junior bull championship despite being given up for dead early last year. The red bull, owned by Brett and Jane Kinnon and family, Bungoona stud, Clermont, was washed 35km downstream from the Kinnons’ Alinya homestead and was missing for more than six weeks in the early-2008 Belyando River flood. The Kinnons lost 50 per cent of their calf drop and 26 of their 38 weaners by Bon Fire’s South African sire NCC Zulu. However there were no signs of stress from Bon Fire in his first show outing, the placid red winning the 11 head class for 19-21 month olds before taking the broad ribbon.
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The trio of judges awarded the reserve junior bull championship to Bon Fire's class runner-up, Kenrol Sir Marri 0137, from Ken and Wendy Cole's Kenrol stud, Gracemere. He is an AI son of JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) and Kenrol Gene 0128, who was the 2008 Dam of the Year and runner-up in 2007.

The reserve calf champion bull Wallton Downs Red Ringer, was exhibited by the Wall family, Wallton Downs stud, Peakview Station, Clermont. The red son of Letoken Red Ringer won the strongly contested 11 head class for 9-12 month olds.

Ron and Daphne Kirk, Yenda, Gayndah went for quality over quantity at Beef 09, a tactic that paid dividends when their sole entry, Yenda Miss Celeste, was sashed senior and grand champion female. The February-06 daughter of JDH Mr Manso 391/3 (imp) and Yenda Miss Celebrity (Yenda Impact) is one of the stud's leading donor females and was paraded with a three-week-old calf at foot.
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The reserve senior female championship was presented to the 30-36 months class winner Fern Hills B Red Lady, from Brett McCamley’s Fern Hills stud, Bajool. She is a red daughter of $45,000 Karboe Valley Elton, who was runner-up in the 2008 Sire of the Year contest.

Tim and Lynette Olive, Apis Creek, Marlborough paraded the junior champion female Apis Creek Lady Chanel, who earlier triumphed in the strong 14 head class for 19-21 month old heifers. Lady Chanel’s win reinforced the sire power of JDH Riddell Manso (imp), as well as reflecting favourably on her dam, Carrinyah Park J Lady Jewel Manso, who is by JDH Sir Andre Manso (imp).

Two red daughters of Whitaker Maggie claimed significant awards for Clint and Robyn Whitaker’s self-titled stud, based at Mundubberra. Whitaker Miss Ruby Plum, sired by SRS Mr Profiler 729, won the 17-19 months class and was sashed reserve junior champion female; while the Mr JH 2000.Com 10/0 product, Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com, took the broad ribbon for calf champion female.

Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan paraded the reserve female calf champion, Raglan Miss Dana 758. She won one of the biggest classes at Beef 09, the 18-head section for 12-15 month old heifers. Miss Dana is a daughter of Brahrock Details (JDH Madison De Manso) and Raglan Miss Donna (Apis Creek Maximus).

In the group classes the Exhibitor’s Group was won by Carinya; the Sire’s Progeny Stakes by Kenrol (JDH Sir Marri Manso); and the Dam’s Progeny Stakes by Whitaker (Whitaker Maggie).

Two red bulls, imported as embryos from South Africa, picked up interbreed awards for Willie and Rachel Kaschula at the 2009 Kilcoy Show in April.

The Kaschulas, who operate Kacshula Brahman stud at Cedar Creek, showed the junior champion and reserve junior champion interbreed bulls, Kaschula Prince Karl and Kaschula Prince Louis, respectively. Eight-month-old Prince Karl is sired by Chrisel CVA 97 188 and Prince Louis is sired by Rio Red King.

Kaschula Prince Karl then went on to be sashed reserve grand champion bull of the show.
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ABBA President John Atkinson, General Manager John Croaker and Past President Rodger Jefferis held discussions with Dr Abu Hassan Muhammad, Director of Veterinary Services, about establishing an elite Brahman herd on a government breeding station in peninsular Malaysia.

The Malaysian state of Sabah has established an elite Brahman herd at its Mile 16 breeding station in the Tawau district of Sabah. The herd includes a number of cows selected from all of the Sabah breeding stations and 23 heifers imported from Australia in June 2008.

The herd which is under the control of Dr Punimin Abdullah, Dept Veterinary Services and Animal Husbandry, is now recorded on Breedplan and are all joined to imported Australian Breedplan recorded bulls to calve this year.

An elite Brahman herd project is also being planned with the Malaysian state of Sarawak.

The development of the third elite Brahman herd on peninsular Malaysia will commence with a project assessment undertaken by livestock consultant Peter Cory in July. The project assessment has the support MLA/Livecorp.

ABBA President John Atkinson said the development of another elite Brahman herd project in Malaysia was a major achievement.

“The calves born in all of the Malaysian herds will be analysed in our Brahman Group Breedplan” Mr Atkinson said.

“These herds will be able to demonstrate the capability of our cattle for the Malaysian environment and demonstrate the benefits of selection for genetic improvement and provide bulls for use in the oil palm breeding herds” Mr Atkinson said.

Inaugural Bizzy Invitational Bull and Female Sale

After providing NSW cattle producers with Brahman bulls for the last 33 years, the Fahey Family of the Bizzy Brahman stud will this year launch the Inaugural Bizzy Invitational Bull and Female Sale.

Invited vendors include Mogul, Jomanda and Lorimar Park Brahman studs – all based in the Clarence region of northern NSW. The sale will be held on Saturday 5th September 2009 at the Grafton Saleyards. There will be approximately 60 Brahman bulls and 30 registered Brahman females on offer at the sale, giving buyers a chance to secure functional, commercially focussed cattle with a combination of new and proven genetics.

Bizzy will be offering 30 red and grey registered Brahman bulls and 4 registered Brahman females. Sires represented in the draft include the first sons of Lancefield Magnetism, homebred sires in Bizzy Drover and Bizzy Bonno, the last sons of Kandoona Romeo, Kandoona Cosgrove and Glengarry Hallmark. This year, for the first time, the Bizzy stud will offer 4 quality, red, unjoined registered heifers, featuring the first offered progeny of Lancefield Magnetism (top priced bull at 2005 Tartrus/Lancefield sale).

The Fahey family also operate the Nettle Creek Brangus and Charbray studs and will be presenting 10 Brangus and 10 Charbray bulls.

Invited vendors include Warren & Christine Newcombe, Lorimar Park who will offer 9 bulls and 3-5 heifers. Sires represented include El Ja Razzle Dazzle, JDH Karu Manso and JDH Mr Manso 946. The heifers being offered are also by El Ja Razzle Dazzle.

Max & Dawn Johnson, Jomanda will offer red and grey bulls with excellent EBV’s and an impressive line of heifers by new sire Carinya Langlo. Jomanda’s red heifers in the sale are by the famous Tartrus Redmount, Lancefield Robinson and homebred sire Jomanda Ransom (sold RBWS $20,000).

Mogul stud will offer a team of 10 grey and red registered bulls and 15 grey and red registered heifers. Grey sires represented include Kenrol Montanna Manso, Lancefield D’Kayle Manso, Jay-W Press Junior and home bred sire Mogul Sultan. One of the star lots to be offered by Mogul is this year’s full JDH pedigree Sydney Royal Easter Show senior and grand champion bull and supreme Brahman exhibit Mogul Woomera Manso. Sires represented in Mogul’s red offering include K-C Mr Winchester Magnum 999, Mr Fontenot 125 and Lanes Creek Revolution. Polled genetics are included in both the
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Carinya and Kenrol share Feature Show honours

The 2008 Brisbane grand champion Carinya Riddell carried on his form into 2009, taking the senior and grand bull championship at Wandoan Brahman Feature Show in April.

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Judge Matthew McCamley, Lancefield M stud, Eulogie, Dululu is pictured with the Grand Champion Bull Carinya Riddell held by Keith Hair. Also pictured are Maureen Olive who presented the perpetual trophy, John Kirk, Carinya stud, Gayndah; chief steward Marian Randell and Gwen Riddell representing GML Pastoral who sponsored the trophy.

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Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere, exhibited the senior and grand champion female Kenrol Lady Marri 0251. Lady Marri, who won the over 30 months class, is impeccably bred, being out of the 2008 Dam of the Year Kenrol Gene 0128 and by two times Sire of the Year JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp).

The reserve senior female championship was awarded to the winner of the 21-24 months class, Timbrel Mr Remedy, paraded by Terry and Susan Connor, Timbrel stud, Rockhampton. The son of Roxborough W Denominator is out of the JDH Floyd Manso (imp) cow Timbrel Miss Odenco Manso 194.

In the junior classes Ross and Natalie Olive, Olive stud, Gogango collected the junior female championship and a blue ribbon in the 15-17 month class with Olive Barbie Doll 181. There was nothing plastic about the attractive Hudgins blood female, who is by FBC D Jacko De Manso and out of Brahrock Wise Doll 3313.

Eureka Creek Mulan 251 placed first in the 17-19 months class before claiming the sash for reserve junior champion female. The US-blood JDH Martin Manso/SRS Miss Kay Karu 141 heifer was bred by Bowie and Wilson, Eureka Creek stud, Wowan.

Kenrol collected the junior bull championship with Kenrol Sir Marri 0317 who is a full ET brother to their Wandoan grand champion female, Kenrol Lady Marri 0251. Mr McCamley awarded to reserve junior bull championship to Sir Marri’s runner-up in the 19-21 months class, Warraka Garrison 2460. Shown by Bill and Sue Blakeney, Warraka stud, Coondoo, Garrison is a JDH Rigaud Manso bull out of the JDH Madison Man Manso (imp) cow Warraka Lissane.
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John Kirk claimed a second broad ribbon when Carinya Mario was sashed calf champion male. The winner of the 12-15 months class, Mario is by FBC W Jiver De Manso and out of Carinya Remona. Second placegetter in that class, and reserve calf champion male, was Kenrol Mr Altman 0326, a JDH Mr Alton Manso (imp) son out of the esteemed Register of Renown female Kenrol Miss Congeneality.

The quirkily named Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com was winner of the 12-15 months class and the calf female championship. The IVF daughter of Mr JH 2000.Com 10/0 and Whitaker Maggie was paraded by Clint Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera. Whitaker also won the Dam’s Progeny Stakes with progeny of Whitaker Maggie.

Ross and Natalie Olive scored the reserve female calf championship with their August 2008-drop daughter of Mr V8 846/5 and Brahrock Wise Dainty 3315, Olive Miss Alize.

Progeny of JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) earned the blue ribbon for Kenrol in the Sire’s Progeny Stakes, the stud also placing first in the Exhibitor’s Group.

Carinya and Kenrol share Feature Show honours

Molly’s on a roll

Brahman female Blenheim Ridge Molly claimed the supreme interbreed honour at the 2009 Oakey Show, adding to her impressive list of wins during the year.

Exhibited by Vera Fitzgerald, Blenheim Ridge stud, Blenheim, Molly is a May 2006-drop daughter of JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp). She was sashed the senior and grand champion Brahman female at Oakey, before taking out the interbreed championship against 13 head.

Her other major wins for the year include the senior and grand female championships at Allora and Bell. Molly was also the senior champion female at Toowoomba; the champion tropical breeds female at Pittsworth and Goombungee; and the senior champion Brahman female and grand champion interbreed at Crows Nest.

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Qld shows off its finest commercial females

by Lindel Greggery

Seven hundred and twelve impressive Brahman females were assembled at Gracemere Saleyards on April 7 for the second annual Brahman Commercial Breeding Female Show and Sale.

The heart-warming line-up was judged by Consolidated Pastoral Co pastoral inspector Geoff Warriner, Carlton Hill, Kununurra, WA who selected the winning pen of p.t.i.c. heifers, under three years, as the show champions. The 12 two-year-old grey heifers were bred by first time contestants Russell and Anita Smith and raised on Seca stylo and spear grass pasture at Strathmuir, Marlborough. The Smith family, which trades as Gibham Pty Ltd, runs 2200 commercial Brahmans plus a small herd of cows used to breed bulls for their commercial herd.

The pen went on to top the sale, selling for $2200/head to Nick Mather, Manumbar Station, Goomeri, who outlaid $103,000 on six pens (72 head). The sale grossed $567,950 for 712 head to average an excellent $798, on par with the inaugural event. In the final breakup, cows and calved averaged $981; p.t.i.c. cows $800; p.t.i.c. heifers $1170; yearling heifers $610 and weaner heifers $684.

The reserve championship was awarded to the first placed pen of Brahman cows and calves, under 10 years, entered by Rodger and Lorena Jefferis. The Jefferis’ took first and second placing in that class with pens of eight grey cows and calves, bred at Artesian Downs, Richmond. The reserve champion pen also sold to Nick Mather, going for $1100/hd. His other purchases included $1900/hd for a pen of 12 grey p.t.i.c. EU-accredited heifers from Fenech Grazing, Craigleigh, Wowan, which placed third in class three.

The Jefferis family picked up a swag of awards for their cattle, which had been trucked 1200km and come off country that had received in excess of 1000mm of rain this year. Their p.t.i.c. cows, under 10 years, placed first and second in class two; their 14 grey yearling heifers, less than 380kg, placed second in class four; and they collected a third placing in class five for weaner heifers under 300kg.

Peter Howard, Nogoa Pastoral Co, Emerald exhibited the winning pen of yearling heifers less than 380kg. The 14 head were knocked down to Peter and Rosie Freegard, Nardoo, Injune for $800 apiece. The Freegards also paid $1025/hd for the winner of class five, 18 weaner heifers (under 300kg) from the Randell family, Crinum, Tieri; and $600/hd for the second placegetters in that class, 18 grey heifers from Alistair and Pam Davison, Lumeah, Middlemount.
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David Degaura, Hamdenvale stud, Daunia, Nebo received $1750/hd for his pen of 12 grey p.t.i.c. heifers which placed second in class three. They sold to New Moonta Pastoral, Gin Gin who also paid $900/hd for pregnancy tested heifers from Mt Stuart, Capella. Mt Stuart placed third in class one with its nine grey cows and calves.

The biggest class at the show and sale was for yearling heifers less than 380kg, which attracted a whopping 26 entries. Third placing in that class went to EU-accredited heifers from the Larsen family, Cedars Park, Banana, which sold for $750/hd.

Major buyers included Bill and Kay Geddes, Doonside, Rossmoya who outlaid $83,600 for nine pens and D. and G. Brennan who paid $67,350 for six pens, including a pen of 12 p.t.i.c. heifers from Carrinyah Pastoral Co, Nebo, at $1250/hd.

G. and T. Robertson took home five pens of cows and calves, paying $1000-$1100 for three pens from Eloose and up to $950 for two pens from Mt Stuart.

Another of the bigger buyers was Tanya (pictured) and Glenn Robertson, Lindleigh, Capella, bought 42 head for $996 average

Jarrod Degaura, Hamdenvale Brahman, Daunia Station, Nebo with his 12 second place getters in Class 3 (Heifers under three years PTIC) bought by New Moonta Pastoral, Gin Gin for $1,750 each

Stewart Wallace, Brigalow, Marlborough with his run of 98 grey yearling heifers from Class 4 (not more than 380kg), which sold for a top of $700

Rodger & Lorena Jefferis, Eloose, Cloncurry, are pictured with their Reserve Champion pen, the winner of the Cow and Calf Class which sold to Nick Mather, Manumbar Station Goomeri, for $1,100

Peter & Vicki Howard, Nogoa Pastoral Company, Duckponds, Emerald with the winners of the pen of 14 yearling heifers in Class 4 (yearling heifers not more than 380kg) which sold Peter and Rosie Freegard, Nardoo, Injune for $800 each

Terry Randall, Crinum, Tieri with his pen of 18 red weaner heifers that claimed first place in Class 5 (weaners not more than 300kg) which sold also to Peter and Rosie Freegard, Nardoo, Injune, for $1,025 each
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Top level buying support came from Injune district producers, Peter and Rosie Freegard, Nardoo, Injune. They are here with their agent Brian Fisher, Grant, Daniel and Long, Roma. The Freegards bought 50 head for $809 average.

Qld shows off its finest commercial females

Championship recipients Russell Smith, Strathmuir, Marlborough and Lorena Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry and judge Geoff Warriner, CPC, Carlton Hill Station, Kununurra, WA

Ken Roche, KP stud, Marlborough (right) presented the awards for Class 5 (weaners not more than 300kg) to Terry Randall, Crinum, Tieri (first), Alistair Davison, Lumeah, Middlemount (second) and Lorena Jefferis, Elrose Cloncurry (third).

ABBA President John Atkinson and Judge Geoff Warriner, Consolidated Pastoral Co, Carlton Hill Station, Kununurra, WA are pictured after presenting the trophies for first and second in the PTIC cow class to Rodger Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry.

ABBA President John Atkinson (right) presented the trophies for the Cow and Calf class to from left Lorena Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry (first & second) and Charlie Randall, Mt Stuart, Capella (third).

Winners and place getters in Class 3 PTIC heifers were William Fenech, Craigleigh, Wowan (third), Jarrod Deguara, Daunia Station, Nebo (second), and Russell Smith, Strathmuir, Marlborough (winner and champion pen) with Rodger Jefferis Elrose, Cloncurry, Chairman of the Commercial Breeding Female Sale Organising Committee.

Peter Larsen, The Cedars, Banana claimed third prize in Class 4 (Heifers not more than 380kg) with Rodger Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry. Taking second with their pen from Artesian Downs, Richmond while first spot was claimed by Nagoo Pastoral Company, Duckponds, Emerald represented by Peter Howard, Duckponds, Emerald and committee member, Ken Roche, KP stud, Marlborough.
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Pioneering Central Queensland Brahman breeder Bob Clark will be sadly missed following his death on March 29 from a rare immune system disorder.

Christened Robert Anthony Carr Clark, but better known as Bob or Bobby, the popular Brahman breeder was born in Cunnamulla on June 3, 1936. His family moved to Nunbank, Taroom and Bob was educated at Slade College in Warwick. After finishing school he spent a short time at Fitzroy Vale, Rockhampton, droving cattle to Lakes Creek Meatworks, before returning home to work.

His big break came at age 21, when Bob was successful in a land ballot for 2430 hectares at Kilcummin in the central highlands of Central Queensland. He arrived at the development block on December 14, 1957 with little more than a horse, saddle, an axe, a pair of pliers, and a fly tarpaulin for shelter. Bob named the property Mutation to reflect the momentous changes taking part in his life. His first task was to build a shed-cum-homestead, which was so well built that it survived the 1958 cyclone and remains standing today.

Bob married wife Margot in Clermont in 1967 and the couple raised two children, Mike and Annie.

He purchased his first purebred Brahman bull in 1963 and registered Mutation Brahman stud with the Australian Brahman Breeders Association in March 1967, as member number 273.

Mutation bulls have been sold regularly at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale and in Townville, where they achieved a top price of $18,000. In recent years Mutation bulls have been offered through the Big Country and Gold City sales at Charters Towers, the stud last year selling the top priced grey bull at Gold City, $14,000 Mutation Immortal, and averaging $7563 for their draft. The stud also sells 80-100 bulls a year in the paddock and Bob’s strict culling policy has ensured that only those with quiet temperaments are offered for sale.

ABBA general manager John Croaker said Bob was highly respected within the association and served for a number of years on the Gold City organizing committee.

Neighbour John Burnett, Bendemeer, who delivered the eulogy at Bob’s funeral, said Bob was meticulous in everything he did.

“Since the early times at Mutation, all cattle bought or sold have been meticulously recorded, and pedigree accuracy is exceptional,” John said.

Bob is survived by his wife, Margot; children Annie Finger and Michael Clark, and eight grandchildren.

“Mutation Brahmans, ‘Home of the Big Greys’, have been a strong influence in our northern cattle herds for many years.”

Beef Australia awards honorary life memberships

Beef Australia Chairman Geoff Murphy (right) presented Honorary Life Membership certificates to Ken Coombe, Chairman and Maurice Binstead, Treasurer of the original organizing committees for Beef 88 and Beef 91.

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Kenrol S Tammy 2279 was knocked down for $5500 and was one of six heifers purchased at $3458 average by Geoff Angel, Glengarry stud, Kunwarrara. Tammy is sired by JDH Mr Manso 537/9 (imp) and was described by her vendor Sandy Cole, Kenrol S stud, Gracemere, as being a “mirror image of her illustrious grandmother”. She was offered with two straws of semen from WR Mr Sid 305 (imp).

Mr Angel’s other purchases included $5000 Petrie Park Olivia Manso from the Burton’s Petrie Park stud, Inglewood. The 23-month-old is a granddaughter of Mr V8 434/5 (imp) and is out of the E3 Bold Future cow Petrie Park Castinette Manso. Glengarry stud also bid $4000 to secure Kenrol Sugar Lady 2274, a 17-month-old heifer by Kenrol Sir Sugar 0112 and out of the Mr V8 690/4 (imp) cow Kenrol Tinkabelle 1864; and paid $3500 for the US-blood Kenrol Miss Manso 2281, by MSP Sir Petty John 588 (imp).

Kenrol averaged $2785 for seven head, with Kenrol S’ two head averaging $3750.

Peter and Rosie Freeguard, Nardoo, Injune, paid second top price of $5250 for Milldale Kimberley 19/7, a 19-month-old daughter of Brahrock Ascent and Milldale Kimberly 840 (Apis Creek Godfrey), offered by the Miller family, Milldale stud, Mt Whitestone. She was one of six head bought for $2417 avg by the Freegards, who were purchasing on behalf of daughter Bridget who is forming Karanchi Brahman stud at Injune.

Two red heifers realized $3250. Rod and Lyn Sperling, Rodlyn, Bell received that amount for Rodlyn Miss 1/07, a 27-month-old Abbotsford Mr Action daughter who had been running with Crystal Vale Governor. She was one of 8 head purchased by Hatari stud principal Malcom Davison, Greenmount on behalf of South Sea Plantations. The polled red, GI La Bamba also went to South Sea Plantations. The daughter of GI Alvin was offered by Ron, Grace and Kelvin Harriman, GI stud, Muttaburra. The 8 head purchased averaged $2125.00.

Kenrol reinvested some of its profits by paying $3000 for Bioka Miss Goldilocks, a polled 31-month-old daughter of Kenrol Levin who had been running with $32,000 Wilangi Profit. She was catalogued by Alan Oxlade, Bioka stud, Emu Creek.

The Marsh family, Oakleigh stud, Gympie bid $3000 to secure Kenrol Lady Manso 2286, a 16-month-old US-blood heifer by
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TCB Mr 203 (imp); and Craig Polsen, Oakum stud, Baralaba paid the same amount for Kenrol Miss Batchie 0311, by WR Mr Sid 305 (imp) and out of top donor female Kenrol Batcholette 0126.

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South American cattle producers have embraced Fixed Time Artificial Insemination (FTAI) technology enabling them to adopt cost-effective large scale artificial breeding programs achieving 50-55 per cent pregnancy rates.

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Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Beef Breeding Services coordinated a March 18 presentation at Rockhampton by internationally recognised Argentinean cattle reproductive physiology specialist Professor Gabriel Bo, president of the Institute of Animal Reproduction, Cordoba.

Dr Bo addressed 30 Central Queensland stud cattle producers and industry representatives involved in artificial breeding and embryo transfer technology.

"Adoption of FTAI technology in South America’s major beef producing countries of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Colombia has fast-tracked the genetic influence of superior animals identified through gene markers and performance testing," Dr Bo said.

"In 2001, there were 100,000 females involved in Argentinean FTAI programs and by 2007-08 the industry acceptance of FTAI technology resulted in a 16-fold increase to 1.6 million head.

"There was a similar response during the past seven years in Brazil where FTAI usage in predominantly Nelore (Bos indicus) females also reached a high of 1.5M head in 2007."

Dr Bo said the major FTAI advantages were that it eliminated the need for accurate oestrus (heat) detection and greatly reduced the high cost of time and labour. Cattle were handled just three times in the 10-day program through to insemination.

Field trials funded by the commercial partner Bioniche Animal Health Aust/Asia were underway in Queensland. The objective was to fine tune the FTAI management protocols to optimise oestrus synchronisation for use in extensive Bos indicus and Bos indicus infused breeding herds throughout northern Australia.

Dr Bo was providing expert input into the FTAI trials to accelerate genetic improvement in Bos indicus and Bos indicus infused breeding herds being overseen by DPI&F principal research scientist Dr Brian Burns who was working in collaboration with a team of University of Queensland researchers.

South American experience showed that FTAI was equally effective in lactating cows 55-70 days postpartum and for heifers.

"Each female is impregnated with a Cue-Mate device fitted into the vagina which releases progesterone during an eight day period to bring all the animals into synchronised heat," Dr Bo said.

"These treated females are then brought back into the crush for a hormone injection to induce ovulation and are returned the following day to be inseminated within the ensuing 18-24 hour period."

Dr Bo said FTAI had been used commercially in South America’s 300 million head of cattle for some years and its use had lifted pregnancy rates early in the four-month breeding season from 30pc to 50pc.

"Research has shown that for every 21-day cycle that the female misses getting into calf, it represents a 15kg liveweight loss in weaner weight turnoff," Dr Bo said.

"From a major trial involving two herds of lactating cows, one herd was naturally mated and another herd was artificially inseminated using the FTAI protocol.

"The AI program achieved close to a 50pc pregnancy rate before the non-pregnant females were returned to the paddock to be naturally mated.

"As is always the case, the early season calves performed well and this was reflected in the trial outcome where the weaners from the FTAI herd recorded an average liveweight gain advantage of 34kg."

Dr Bo said cattle producers must take into account all factors influencing pregnancy rates and this included body score condition (nutrition); stock handling facilities and the personnel involved; the number of animals in the AI project; females actually cycling; and use of alternative treatments.
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Qld loses one of its favourite auctioneers

Vale: Steve Hartwig

by Lindel GREGGERY

The Queensland stud stock industry lost one of its most popular auctioneers in March following the death of Steve Hartwig at age 57.

Steve, who lost a tough battle with cancer, will be remembered as someone who embraced life, laughed often, cherished his family and friends and accomplished great things.

Steve began his agency career in 1976 when he joined Australian Estates in Wallumbilla in south-west Queensland. The following years were spent in Quilpie, Eidsvold and Townsville were he gained broader experience and knowledge as a stock and station agent. A transfer to Dalby saw Steve move into a stud stock position, under the mentoring of Gary Greer. Steve sold his first bull at Dalby Braford Sale, igniting a life-long passion for auctioneering.

Steve remained in the stud stock division through mergers which saw Australian Estates change to AML&F and later Elders. A move to Rockhampton in 1990 had a major impact on Steve’s auctioneering style, thanks to the influence of legendary auctioneer Dave Watkins.

Steve rated one his most memorable sales as the Burnside Stud Dispersal Sale at the Bohle Saleyards in Townsville in 1994. The sale grossed over the $2 million mark, creating a benchmark at the time.

In delivering Steve’s eulogy, Elders Queensland state manager Blake Munro said Steve’s contribution to Elders was huge and he also made a significant impact on the cattle industry.

“He got their attention and was personally requested to sell at sales by many clients,” Mr Munro said.

“His selling calendar easily outdid the rest of us and he had the ability to achieve the best possible price for the vendor.”

Mr Munro said Steve would be remembered for his great one liners in his auctioneering spiel, including “Who’s cutting the cat?”, “An endless esky of bitterly colds” and “You buy one, you try one, and you’ll be back for more.”

“His ability to keep the sale moving with his own style is something a lot of us agents and auctioneers in this room today only aspire to achieve,” Mr Munro told the funeral goers.

ABBA president John Atkinson said Steve would be missed by the Brahman industry.

“Our thoughts go out to Steve’s wife Debbie and his immediate family.”

Argentinean insight into Fixed Time AI benefits

He said the South American cattle industry accounted for 13-15pc of embryo transfer (ET) technology practiced throughout the world and FTAI was now playing a major role in the ET programs.

In Argentina, 70pc of the ET work was with beef cattle and 30pc with dairy animals. Most embryos involved Angus, Brangus and Branford breeds and were frozen and export ready.

Dr Bo said Nelore cattle dominated Brazil’s 200M head beef herd and as these embryos did not freeze well, the bulk of the Nelore ET work was done fresh on-farm.

Based on early results from FTAI research, Northern Australia’s beef industry was set to follow South America and meet a producer-backed demand to take advantage of performance tested animals to improve herd productivity and profitability.

Dr Burns recently completed a Bioniche-funded trial involving 43 lactating Droughtmaster females aged three to 12 years at Robert and Donna Rea’s Lisgar Pastoral Company’s Home Hill property.

“All the cows were inseminated within a 24-hour period and the mid-March pregnancy tests returned a 56pc positive in-calf result,” Dr Burns said.

University of Queensland led research involving 66 purebred Brahman heifers at the DPI&F Brigalow Research Station (Theodore) tested various oestrus synchronisation treatments.

Dr Burns said the research objective was to gain a better understanding of why Bos indicus and Bos indicus infused genotype herds experience low and highly variable AI results. The findings would contribute to the design of an effective FTAI synchronisation program to accelerate genetic improvement strategies in these genotypes.
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The Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association Inc (ARCBA) has established the R.W. Vincent Award to recognise outstanding contributions to the cattle breeding industry over a sustained period of time. It is the cattle seedstock industry’s highest award given infrequently.

In 2009, ARBCA is proud to announce two recipients – John Bertram who is one of the beef industry’s most accomplished extension officers and John Croaker who has made outstanding contributions to the development of Australia’s tropical beef cattle genetics.

John Bertram has been a beef cattle extension officer in Northern Australia for over three decades and has developed a huge following among beef producers for his ability to convert research outcomes into practical management systems. As a property owner he employs the latest technology in his herd and has serves a 3 year term as Chairman of the Belmont Red Association. He is highly respected in overseas beef industries for his technical knowhow. His untiring service to the beef industry has been recognised by a wide range of organizations including Government, the Australian Veterinarian Association, breed societies, the Beef Improvement Association and now ARCBA – demonstrating the breadth of his influence.

John Croaker spent 6 years with the Murray Grey Society before joining the Brahman Association 27 years ago. John has made a significant contribution into developing the Australian Brahman into one of the best populations of the breed worldwide with a good balance of selection for breed type, fertility and BREEDPLAN performance evaluations.

John has a fine reputation as an ‘industry player’, repeatedly contributing to major initiatives that will benefit the beef industry as a whole. This includes being a member of the committee that established the National Beef expo and serving on the committee that ran the expos in 1988, 1991, 2006 and 2009.

He has played a key role in the development of Tropical Beef Technology Services, has a 20 year association with the Rockhampton Show Society Beef Cattle Committee, was a member of the DPI’S Beef Breeding Services Management Committee under the then Institute structure, a research advisory role to AGBU and 15 years as Vice President of ARCBA.
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Mogul Brahmans most successful in Sydney

Mogul stud dominated the Brahman judging at the 2009 Sydney Royal Show, also claiming the Premier Breeder Award (for the second time) for the most successful beef cattle exhibitor at the Easter show.

The small Brahman line-up was judged by David McCamley, Lancefield stud, Palmalmal, Dingo, who selected the grey Mogul Woomera Manso as the senior and grand champion bull and best Brahman exhibit. A class winner in Sydney in 2008, Woomera Manso is a son of Kenrol Montana Manso and the JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) cow Mogul Miss Skye.

Dr George Jacobs’ Mogul stud, Maclean, NSW also exhibited the senior and grand champion female Mogul Miss LC Fontenot, who was the junior champion female in Brisbane last year. She is a red daughter of Lanes Creek Revolution and the former Brisbane and Sydney grand champion female, Mogul Miss Fontenot 8th.

The stud’s ribbon haul continued with the reserve senior champion female Mogul Miss A Doreen, a light red cow by Brahrock Atlanta; and the reserve junior female championship with Mogul Miss LC Dianne 3rd, a September-2007 drop daughter of Lanes Creek Revolution.

Leona Labrie, who operates Jinghi Gully stud at Jandowae on Queensland’s Darling Downs, collected the junior female championship with Jinghi Gully B2. The heifer, who is a daughter of Kenrol Lord Emperor and Kenrol Amie (Mr International 50/1), was the winner of the 9-14 months class.

Mogul claimed the junior bull championship with the red 14-20 months class winner Mogul Ward, a full US-blood son of DB Valentino 48/3; and showed the reserve junior champion bull Mogul Witchita (HK Visa Brasil) and reserve senior champion bull Mogul Vigilanti (Mogul Sultan).

The northern NSW stud also took the blue ribbon in the pair of bulls class.

Michelle Jacobs, Mogul stud, Maclean sashes the Grand Champion Bull, Mogul Woomera Manso held by studgroom Brian Wright. Photo courtesy of The Land

Pictured with the Junior Champion Female, Jinghi Gully B2 are Ed and Lee Labrie, Jandowae and Sue Joyce, Tropical Cattle Company, Ingham. Photo courtesy of The Land

Junior Champion Bull, Mogul Ward held by Glen Pfeffer, manager Mogul stud, Maclean. Photo courtesy of The Land
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Quality heifers sold to $16,000 at the Fassifern Valley Elite Brahman Female sale in March, which posted a near 100 per cent clearance.

The annual South Queensland event, held at Silverdale Saleyards near Ipswich, averaged $4004 for 61 heifers and sold seven semen packages for $2114 avg.

Top price of $16,000 was paid by Charles and Carmel McKinlay, Chasmac Park stud, Comet for El Ja Danni De Manso, an unjoined 23-month-old daughter of JDH Datapack Manso (imp) and the JDH Madison Man Manso (imp) cow El Ja Lady Shakeria 3689. She was offered by Les and Helen Donald, El Ja stud, Theodore who averaged $5325 for 10 head.

The McKinlays took home three El Ja heifers, paying $6250 for El Ja Diana Miss Manso, a JDH Mr Manso 757/2 (imp) daughter out of a JDH Max Manso (imp) cow; and $5000 for the 757/2 heifer El Ja Dixi Lee Manso, out of the Elefante cow El Ja Nicki El Manso. Both had been joined to JDH Mr Abel Manso 517/6 (imp).

Colin McLean, Warwick, was the winning bidder on $7500 El Ja Dannika Manso, a full-Hudgins daughter of FBC D Calvin De Manso, also joined to Abel Manso.

The second top price of the sale was $11,000 Reldarah Kashmere, offered by Daryl and Lorelle Schubel, Reldarah stud, Gin Gin. The 19-month-old polled red daughter of Roseborough L Red Monte and Reldarah Karri (Alma Titan) was one of three head at $6500 avg knocked down to Rod and Lyn Sperling, Rodlyn stud, Bell.

Reldarah averaged $6083 for six reds, their draft including $7500 Reldarah Bron, a polled Kandoona Polo heifer purchased by Gavin and Rebecca Rawlings, Locabran stud, Coleyville; and $6750 polled red, Reldarah Bonnie Doon (Roseborough L Red Monte), bought by Samuel Holdings Pty Ltd, Brisbane.

Samuel Holdings invested in eight lots, including three head from Kearin and Beth Streeper’s Palmvale stud, Marlborough and three from Jason and Regina Donald’s El Ja J stud. Their top outlay was $8250 for the six-month-old embryo calf Palmvale Berkeley Rose, offered with a surrogate dam. Palmvale Berkeley Rose is a polled daughter of Palmvale Berkley, and her dam, KP Rosemont, is a full sister to $105,000 KP Monty. Samuel Holdings also took home $7750 Palmvale Dianne 2490, the first daughter to be offered by Palmvale Atomic Sting. The polled 13-month-old red was out of the Palmvale Tabasco cow, Palmvale Dianne.

Tim and Sally North, NBS stud, Gympie bid to $6500 to secure the unjoined 22-month-old Palmvale Miss Pablo Font 2407, a Mr Fontentot 311 (imp) daughter with a +47 EBV for 600-day growth.

The joined El Ja Samson DP Manso daughter, El Ja J Miss Daisey Manso, was the best seller from Jason and Regina Donald’s El Ja J stud, Theodore, going for $6500 to John and Bill Claydon. El Ja J averaged $2937 for eight head.

Tim Neville, South Sea Plantations, invested in 10 head, paying a top of $5500 for Palmvale Beauty 2466, a 16-month-old unjoined daughter of Lancefield Claridge.

Mark and Natasha Allen, Kariboe Valley, Thangool averaged $4500 for five head, selling a daughter of Palmvale Warwick to L. and T. Davis for $5000 and a Mr Winchester Magnum 999 (imp) daughter for $5000 to Palmvale.

Allan and Leonie Trail, Elmo stud, Baralaba, sold six red heifers, peaking at $4500 on two occasions with daughters of Palmvale Valdez and Palmvale Zephyr.

Muan Pastoral Co, Biggenden and Rathlyn stud, Clermont offered two semen packages from South African import NCC Mboma, which averaged $6000. Semen from multiple show champion Palmvale Absolute Sting peaked at $5500, and two packages from $75,000 Samari Plains Wexford, offered by Kariboe Valley, went for $1800 each.

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Jodi and Craig McLennan (nee Caton), MCL Brahman stud, Goovigen were married on the 7th March 2009 at Gracemere Saleyards. The bridal party included (back) Andrew McLennan, Peter Hill (front) Tammy Dorfett, Renee Rutherford, Stacey Caton and Brett McCamley.

Margaretta & Cye Travers (nee Fahey) were married on the 4th April 2009 at Nettle Creek, Copmanhurst, NSW.

Innes and Jessica Fahey (nee Donovan) were married on the 25th October 2008 at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton NSW. The bridal party included from left to right: Burnett Fahey, Rachel Donovan, Colin Johnson, Angela Cameron, Amanda Brown, Rhys Innes, Kate Smith, Mitchell Donovan. Innes and Jessica have made their home at “Newbold”, Copmanhurst NSW.

ABBA staff member Robyn & Hayden Bennett welcomed with much love the arrival of twins, Oliver Thomas and Griffin Alex and on the 1st May 2009.
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Elders
Pictured sashing the Grand Champion Bull Carinya Riddell held by Keith Hair are from left, judges, Reade Radel, Kandoona stud, Injune & Brett Kirk, Hazelton stud, Middlemount, Anne Galloway & co-judge husband Ian, Duarran, Roma and Brett’s wife Susan. The trophy presentation group included Les Smith, Delta Grove stud, Baralaba who sponsored the Championship trophy. John Kirk, Carinya stud, Gayndah who received the trophy and the plaque presented by Chris Shivers, Executive Vice President American Brahman Breeders Association and Will Detering DB Red Brahman, Texas, USA.

Andrew McCamley, Lancefield Brahman sashed the Senior Champion Bull Carinya Riddell held by Keith Hair and presented the trophy sponsored by Lancefield.

Liz Radel, Kandoona stud, Injune sashed the Reserve Senior Champion Bull Elrose Significantly held by Dean Rasmussen and presented the trophy sponsored by Jenny McCamley, Tartrus Brahman to Rodger Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry.

Ken Warriner, Managing Director Consolidated Pastoral Co sashed the Junior Champion Bull Bungoona Bon Fire held by Brett Kinnon, Bungoona stud, Clermont and presented the trophy sponsored by Consolidated Pastoral Co.

Chris Shivers, Executive Vice President of the American Brahman Breeders Association presented the trophy for Reserve Junior Champion Bull won by Kenrol Sir Marri 0317 on behalf of the sponsors George and Lorraine Bartolo and family, Carrinyah Park stud, Nebo. The champion is being held by Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere.
Pictured sashing the Grand Champion Female Yenda Celeste are from left Shelly Hansen holding the champions calf, Dean Rasmussen holding the Champion, Jill Radel with the Championship sash and husband co-judge Reade, Kandoona stud, Injune, Suzette Smith Delta Grove stud, Baralaba, sponsor of the Championship trophy, Co-judge Brett Kirk, Hazelton Brahman, Blackwood, Middlemount, Ted Kirk, Hazelton Brahman, Hazelton, Gayndah who presented a plaque on behalf of the American Brahman Breeders Association and co-judge Ian Galloway, Duarran, Roma.

Brett Coombe, Roxborough stud, Moura and daughter Georgie presented the Championship sash and trophy for Senior Champion Female won by Yenda Celeste. The Champion is being held by Dean Rasmussen and her calf by Shelly Hansen.

Margaret Maloney, Kenilworth stud, Mt Coolon sashed the Reserve Senior Champion Female Fern Hills B Red Lady 1821 held by Brett McCamley, Fern Hills, Bajool and presented the trophy sponsored by Kenilworth.

Jane Kinnon, Bungoona stud, Clermont sashed the Junior Champion Female, Apis Creek Lady Chanel held by Tim Olive, Apis Creek stud, Marlborough. Jane also presented the trophy sponsored by Bungoona.

Will Detering, DB Red Brahman, Texas, USA presented the trophy for Reserve Junior Champion Female on behalf of George and Lorraine Bartolo and family, Carrinyah Park stud, Nebo to Clint Whitaker who is pictured holding Miss Ruby Plum.
Anne Kruger, ABC Landline is pictured sashing the Calf Champion Female Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com held by Clint Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera.

Beryl Sommerfield, Brahrock stud, Maryborough presented the trophy for Reserve Calf Champion Female won by Raglan Miss Dana 758 to Jacqui Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan.

Peter Tuxworth, Halgenaes Red Brahmans, Innisfail sashed the Reserve Calf Champion Bull, Wallton Downs Red Ringer and presented the trophy which he sponsored to Mary-Ellen McEvy.

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Dr Mohd. Azid Kabul, Manager Sawit Kinabalu Farm Products, Sabah, Malaysia presented the first place ribbon in the Bull 21 months & under 24 months class won by Bungoona Mombazo held by Nikki Robertson. Sawit Kinabalu is running 8000 Brahman and Brahman cross breeders with Brahman bulls imported from Australia under palm oil trees in the Tawau district of Sabah.

Braziilian visitor Marcelo Vezozzo presented the first place ribbon won by Elrose Significantly in the 24-30 month bull class to Dean Rasmussen.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Tony Burke presented the ribbons for the winning entries in Class 10 Bull 15 months and under 17 months. He is pictured with the Class winner Rockley Abercrombie 2600 held by Geordie Elliott.

Saudi Arabian livestock importer George Assaf presented the first place ribbon for Class 7 Heifer 17 months & under 19 months won by Whitaker Miss Ruby Plum who was held by Clint Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera.

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Purebred Brahms made up 430 of the 2232 head contesting the Commonwealth Bank Agribusiness Australian Beef Cattle Championships, held during Beef 09 in Rockhampton in May.

With Central and North Queensland Brahman breeders entering a total of 42 pens, the breed was well represented in 11 of the 12 classes. Again proving its versatility and production characteristics, the breed collected two class wins, two third placings and was awarded the champion male crop/pasture fed pen.

The Australian Brahman Breeders Association also presented $1000 to the exhibitors of the best Brahman entries in each class, as judged by the Australian Beef Cattle Championships’ judges Terry Nolan, Nolan Meats, Gympie and Anthony Coates, Eidsvold Station, Eidsvold.

The champion pen of 10 grassfed steers was entered by Rodger and Lorena Jefferis and were bred at Elrose, Cloncurry and Artesian Downs, Richmond. After backgrounding in the bullock paddock at Artesian Downs they went onto buffel grass at Baryugal, Moura, before being finished on leucaena at Badminton, Moura.

The steers won the 560-740kg (maximum four teeth) class for crop or pasture fed steers suitable for the Japanese market. They weighed an average of 685kg and comprised three milk tooths and seven two tooths.

Elrose Enterprises also entered the winning pen in Class 3, for 380-640kg crop or pasture fed steers (maximum two teeth) suitable for open market and local trade. Their pen of 10 averaged 616kg and included three milk tooths. They received the same preparation as the champion pen.

The Jefferis family was the most successful Brahman exhibitor, also collecting a third placing in Class 7 for grainfed Japanese market steers, 560-740kg, two to four teeth. Their pen of 10 two tooths had been backgrounded at Baryugal, Moura before being fed for 114 days at Malbric feedlot, Mundubbera. Only about half the steers had been treated with hormonal growth promotants and the pen averaged a 1.9kg/head/day weight gain on an average intake of 13.8kg. Their highest gaining steer, with a 2.2kg average weight gain, had not been HGP treated.
Thank you to all buyers, bidders and underbidders at Big Country Sale 2009.

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  Sold to Battlin Pastoral Enterprises for $3,000

- Pioneer Park Coolibah Manso
  Sold to Mervyn Hancock for $8,500
  Sold to Drew Curtis for $8,500

Pioneer Park

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Ross and Natalie Olive, Olive Brahmans, Gogango were thrilled with their results from their debut appearance at the championships. They received a third placing in Class 6 with their pen of 18 steers, 220-320kg, suitable for the vealer market. Ross Olive said the vealers were bred at Clifton, Marlborough using their home bred stud bulls over purebred Brahman cows. They were weaned in the yards on hay a week before entering the competition. The couple also entered two pens of Brahmans in the grainfed bullock class, plus a pen of grainfed Brangus bullocks, a pen of grainfed Charbray bullocks and a pen of grassfed Charbray steers. All were bred from their purebred Brahman cows. The couple also entered four pens of three head in the carcase competition, picking up a fifth placing for their Angus/Brahman steers.

“We’re now looking at Beef 2012; this was our first time and we got so much out of it, it was such a big thing … and we are learning more and more,” Mr Olive said.

The Schultz family, Hillview, Mt Larcom picked up an ABBA award for the Best Brahman Entry in Class 5 with their pen of 12 local trade heifers, crop or pasture fed. The 18-month-old heifers averaged 368kg and included six milk teeth. Glen Schultz said all were natural polls, bred using Hillview sires, and prepared on improved pasture. The pen sold to repeat heifer buyer Murray Stevens, Sugarloaf, Westwood for $1250/hd.

Andrew and Anna McCamley, Lancefield A stud, Jaydena, Capella entered three pens into the championships including the best Brahman pen in Class 11 for EU steers, 500-740kg. Their pen of 10 EU steers were grainfed for 120 days at Barmount Feedlot and averaged 610kg, the draft including one milk tooth and seven two teeth.

Mr McCamley said their steers were usually finished on buffel grass at Barwon Park, between Middlemount and Dingo, but the property had only received 175mm of rain since last October, so the steers had been lot fed for the competition.
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Other Brahman breeders to be awarded Best Brahman Entry awards were Matthew and Janelle McCamley, Lancefield M stud, Eulogie Pastoral Co, Dululu, for their pen of Japanese market steers entered in Class 1; Barnett Pastoral Co, Blackwater for their pen of export heifers in Class 4; Wallace Cattle Co, Brigalow, Marlborough, for their grainfed local trade steers in Class 9; and MacGibbon Holdings, Bridge Creek, for their grainfed local trade heifers in Class 10.

Best Brahman entry Class 1. Pen of 10 steers, 500-740kgs suitable for the EU market. The steers were entered by Andrew and Anna McCamley, Lancefied Brahmans, Jaydenva, Capella. The steers included 1 milk tooth, 7/2 tooth and 2/4 tooth and averaged 610kg

Best Brahman entry Class 4. Pen of 10 Heifers 450kg plus, maximum 6 teeth, crop or pasture fed. Suitable for the export market. The Heifers were exhibited by Barnett Pastoral Co. The 1 milk tooth, 1 ¼ tooth and 8/6 tooth heifers weighed 491kg

Best Brahman entry Class 5. Pen of 12 Heifers 360-520kgs, maximum 2 teeth, crop or pasture fed, suitable for local trade. The heifers were exhibited by Glen and Ken Schultz, Hillview Brahman stud, Mt Larcom. The 6 milk tooth and 6/2 tooth Heifers weighed 368kg

Best Brahman entry Class 9. Pen of 10 steers, 360-640kgs, maximum 2 teeth, minimum 70 days grain feeding, suitable for local trade. The 10 milk tooth steers were exhibited by Stewart & Kerry Wallace, Wallace Cattle Co, Marlborough and weighed 515kgs

Best Brahman entry Class 10. Pen of 12 Heifers 350-560kgs, maximum 2 teeth, minimum 60 days grain feeding, suitable for local trade. The 12/2 tooth heifers were exhibited by MacGibbon Holdings, Nebo and weighed 527kg
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Timed to coincide with the feature industry event Beef 2009, the launch of Tartrus Organic Beef and Mackenzie River Beef by nationally acclaimed chef and owner of Pure Food Cooking, Dominique Rizzo, was held at Cassidy’s Restaurant, picturesquely situated on the banks of the Fitzroy River.

Principals of the new beef enterprise Jennifer McCamley and Tom Emmery hosted a crowd of 130 Queensland and interstate beef industry and food industry guests at the event, which featured the products prepared in 12 individual hot and cold styles.

The establishment of Tartrus Organic Beef and Mackenzie River Beef follows many years of research by Jennifer and Tom and comes as a result of their genuine desire to focus on more healthy production systems for beef. Tartrus Station, situated on the Mackenzie River, north west of Rockhampton, is regarded as one of the finest cattle producing properties in Australia. Over the last 55 years the McCamley family has driven the Tartrus herd towards producing high quality, optimum beef performance cattle. It is these bloodlines which now back the introduction of these two brands to the food market of Australia.

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Attending the launch of Tartrus Organic Beef are interstate visitors left to right: Henry Pisaturo, Mendooran, New South Wales; Reg Underwood, Bunda Station, Katherine, N.T. together with Jason Purcell, Allawah, Banana and Andrew Olive, Raglan Station, Raglan.

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A sample of the new beef products was served at the launch in twelve different hot and cold styles.

All smiles at the success of Tartrus Organic Beef and Mackenzie River Beef launch are Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Brad Carter, acclaimed chef Dominique Rizzo and WIN Television’s Samantha Heathwood.

Catherine Dunne, Duaringa; Jennifer Acton, Wilpeena, Dingo and Joy McCartney of Rockhampton enjoyed the address given by Guest Speaker Dominique Rizzo at the launch of Tartrus Organic Beef.

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The key economic objective of most beef enterprises is to improve the profitability of the business (i.e. maximise returns over costs) through the use of superior genetics and efficient management.

Studies show that a major way to increase profits is to improve the genetic merit of the herd through the selection and introduction of economically relevant traits (ERT’s).

Careful selection contributes more improvement in a beef herd than any other single practise. Alternatively continued use of seedstock that lack good beef characteristics results in a decline in genetic merit and ultimately reduced productivity, profitability and market acceptance.

“The quality & competitiveness of a breed is determined by its genetic merit”

Producing the most suitable replacements (bulls/females) requires that seedstock providers accurately assess the current genetic merit of the herd and select traits that meet the expectations of their breeding goals and the requirements of the market.

**SELECTION BIAS**

Bull selection in conjunction with progeny selection and culling represents the quickest opportunity to increase profitability through positive changes in the genetic merit of the herd.

Most producers however, raise their own replacement heifers which can limit the opportunity for rapid genetic change for several reasons.

Firstly, in most herds, the amount of genetic variation amongst potential replacements is relatively small. Additionally, the availability of the very best heifers is restricted resulting in the retention of heifers that are representative of the herd average. Finally, since a large proportion of potential replacements are necessary to maintain herd size and meet ‘forced culling’ requirements, a large number of heifers retained invariably are representative of the average herd genetic potential.

Given these circumstances and the frequently limited availability of objective information to select heifers there is an increased importance and emphasis on bull selection. That is, since a relatively small number of bulls cover a large number of females (30-50 per bull) bull selection provides the most practical opportunity to improve the genetic merit of the herd.

**PERMANENT AND LONG TERM CHANGE**

Genetic change through selection is long term since the change is permanent until additional new genetics are introduced to the herd. Whether selecting for growth, carcass traits or maternal performance, traits once established in the herd are automatically passed onto the next generation, i.e. the side effects will remain in the herd for a considerable period of time.

“Introduction of desirable or undesirable traits has long term implications”

For instance, if a sire is used for 4 years and the daughters are retained, the sire impact will extend into the next decade. Whilst each generation dilutes the sires contribution, the grand daughters and great grand daughters may remain in the herd for a considerable period. The use of sons of sires in the herd can accentuate the genetic imprint. After three generations up to 87 per cent of the genetic change can be attributed to the sires used (Diagram 1).

Subsequently, the selection and acquisition of bulls should not be viewed as a short term investment since the impacts on genetic merit of the herd and the profitability of the beef enterprise are far reaching (i.e positive or negative).

**UNIQUE ASPECTS**

It is re-emphasised that the most powerful tool available to beef breeders to bring about change that leads to genetic improvement is careful selection.

‘Change need not necessarily be progress if the wrong decisions are made’

For effective selection to take place it is necessary to set breeding goals and prioritise ERT’s since these will determine the plans and strategies the breeder puts in place. In setting breeding goals and selecting traits some key areas that are important to the effectiveness of the selection process include:

- If the heritability of a trait is high, genetic change is increased and the converse also applies.

**DIAGRAM 1 : GENETIC CHANGE AFTER 3 GENERATIONS OF BREEDING**

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The progress of selection and genetic improvement involves the:-
• Accuracy of selection (reliability)
• Intensity of selection
• Genetic variation
• Generation interval

ACCURACY OF SELECTION
This relates directly to the heritability of the trait and the information available about the trait. If heritability and reliability are high, selection will achieve the desired genetic change reasonably rapidly. If the trait is not measurable, selection will need to be based on correlated traits and the performance of relatives.

INTENSITY OF SELECTION
This depends on what percentage of a group of animals is included in the group retained. A high intensity of selection is when a small percentage of animals is selected or a high percentage is culled.

“Genetic change is most rapid with high levels of selection intensity”

With heifers, intensity of selection is dependent on the reproduction rate in the particular herd which places an upper limit to the number of replacements available for selection. It is generally accepted that where conception rates fall below 70 percent, selection intensity in heifers can be too low. Assuming 70 percent conception and a 50 percent male:female ratio only 35 heifers are available for selection in a herd of 100 breeders. If the replacement rate in the herd is 20 percent and infertility in heifers, mortalities and forced culling are considered there may be 20 heifers (or less) to select replacements from.

With bull selection the intensity can be much higher at similar reproductive rates because less bulls are retained.

GENETIC VARIATION
The larger the gene pool, the greater the probability of finding animals with the superior traits. Size of the gene pool is influenced by the herd size and genotype range in the herd.

With closed herds (ie small or large herds practising inbreeding and linebreeding) the genetic variation can be severely restricted.

Large herds that outsource numerous sires generally have relatively high levels of genetic variation. Small herds using a restricted number of bulls generally have lower genetic variation. However, small herds using a wide range of AI sires can have quite a high level of genetic variation. Additionally, small-medium sized studs can have equal if not superior genetic merit due to high levels of selection intensity.

GENERATION INTERVAL
This is defined as the average age of adult. The major affect on generation interval is the replacement rate in the breeding herd. Replacing 20 percent of the cows in a herd annually will imply that the cows remain in the herd for 5 years from the date of first calving. Replacing 25 percent of the cows annually will mean that cows remain in the herd for 4 years from the date of first calving thus reducing the generation interval by one year.

In high genetic merit herds, the replacement rate can be as low as 10 percent. In herds with superior cows producing superior progeny the generation interval can be quite high due to the number of older cows.

INHERITANCE
As outlined in an earlier ABBA Journal (2009) publication, qualitative traits are mainly related to simply inherited traits involving one or two genes (eg coat colour, horned v’s polled cattle).

Most traits of economic significance (eg growth rates, muscle definition) are multigenic in character (ie quantitative) involving several genes in conjunction with environmental factors.

There are 3 practices commonly used when selecting multiple traits:-
• Tandem selection - one trait of an array of traits is selected for and once a trait is established within the herd to the breeders satisfaction then a further trait receives attention. The process continues until all the selected traits are addressed.
• Independent selection- several traits with a certain standard are considered at one time. Any individual falling short of the target levels are culled. Alternatively, the high achievers are selected.
• Index selection - all the selected traits are examined concurrently and the relevant measurable data is included in the calculations (eg Breed Plan).

In herds not involved in index selection programs, independent selection is the next best option. The main advantage over tandem selection is that where an individual is weak in one trait but strong in other traits, consideration can be given to its retention or otherwise. With tandem selection, the practical problem is that when there is selection for additional traits the previously selected traits may be compromised.

Where there are numerous ERT’s to consider it is generally accepted that selecting for a large number of traits at one time is very ambitious and could provide negative outcomes. Not only does it impair genetic progress it makes selection and its implementation difficult.

“No more than 3 - 5 traits should be considered at any one time”

Due to the number of genes and possible environmental interactions involved in the assessment of quantitative traits, special selection processes using mathematical models were developed (eg BreedPlan). These programs, however, are dependent on suitable decision support systems and the accuracy of measured data.

SEEDSTOCK PROVIDERS
The Australian beef industry has a triangular structure. The point of the triangle consists of a relatively small number of stud breeders servicing the bulk of the triangle ie the commercial breeders.

Subsequently, the breeding policies of stud herds needs to be aimed a the selection and production of stock that satisfy the requirements of commercial breeders.

“Sire selection should focus on traits important to both stud and commercial breeders”

Sire selection needs to match the market requirements, productions systems and the resources available. For instance, excessive size and the need for high feed
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requirements may not be the most suitable cattle for a range of grazing systems using limited amounts of supplements. High milk yields can also be a problem in nutritionally constrained environments (e.g., an increase of 2 litres in milk production increases the energy requirement by 15 per cent, protein intake by 21 per cent and key macro minerals (calcium and phosphorus) by as much as 37 per cent.

Bull purchasers are interested in acquiring stock that enhance the genetic merit of the herd through the introduction of economically relevant traits (ERT’s) that improve the profitability of their operations in specific environments (e.g., climate, economic and nutritional).

Since beef operations exist in a wide range of environments the challenge is to select and produce bulls for various operational systems. Increasingly seedstock producers need to proactively react to the signals from the client base to provide bulls that meet both environmental and market requirements.

Obviously producing bulls suitable for all circumstances is difficult. Nevertheless, it is important that providers of seedstock identify with traits that improve the profitability of operations conducted by their clients. (Table 1)

**MARKET DIVERSIFICATION**

Selection for genetic change depends on a number of factors such as market suitability, breeding goals, enterprise resources and environmental constraints.

These factors introduce variation in the type of bull required for specific operations and environments.

“Genetic change must meet industry needs & client requirements”

**TABLE 1 : EXAMPLE OF PRODUCTION AND TRAIT CHECKLIST**

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Note: Whilst this is not a complete list it focuses on examples of production traits that are important to both stud and commercial operations.
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Visual assessment also allows the assessment of length, depth, width, legs and feet, overall structural correctness and frame score. Certainly there is scope for growth factor but remember the catch phrase – a cm in height is worth cents but a cm in width is worth dollars.

SELECTION OUTCOMES

Breeding plans for genetic improvement are designed to combine genes in a population into the most advantageous combinations. Subsequently, mating systems need to be conducted in conjunction with selection and culling. A combination of these procedures can then result in genetic progress.

The implementation of the efficient selection and mating systems will result in genetic change (i.e., the presence of the desired genes). Once the breeding goals involving trait selection are achieved the breeder may introduce a new set of goals and the whole process starts again.

The challenge for all breeders is to maintain the level of desirable traits at a suitable level whilst continually trying to introduce additional economically relevant traits that enhance productivity, profitability and market acceptance of the derived seedstock.

Eventually, the selection for a trait reaches a point where further improvement is slow but because genetic variation continues with new genetic material, breeders will always face new challenges.

A key challenge to stud breeders will be to ensure that the introduction of new genetic material enhances genetic progress and further contributes to the requirements of the main breeding goal, i.e., the production of bulls with the capacity to improve ERT’s that increase the productivity and profitability of beef enterprises based on pasture systems.

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BOTTOM LINE

A major goal of beef producers is to maximise profitability. A way to achieve this goal is to have a genetically superior herd. Progressive genetic change is permanent and is the foundation of a profitable herd. Genetic change is dependent on four major factors i.e.

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\text{GENETIC CHANGE} = \frac{\text{Accuracy of Selection}}{\text{Generation Interval}} \times \frac{\text{Selection Intensity}}{\text{Genetic Variation}}
\]

To achieve positive genetic change the accuracy of selection must be high and the parents must be genetically superior to the average population. More progress will be made with a restricted number of highly heritable economically relevant traits and shorter generation intervals.

“By keeping the four factors in the formula right, genetic change accumulates over time”

Langley Dale does well in Dubbo

by Lindel GREGGERY

Brahmans were well represented at the NSW Beef Spectacular and Trade Show, held in the New South Wales city of Dubbo in March.

The expo exhibited 560 stud cattle from 28 breeds and featured 25 bulls in pens, 22 penned steers and 45 led hoof and hook steers. A heifer show drew more than 50 entrants, and the two day event also featured a large number of trade seminars.

In the stud cattle judging the junior and grand champion bull was Langley Dale Rayban, a dark red son of BB Mr Sting Ray 10/0 (Imp), shown by Jim and Liz Robinson, Langley Dale stud, Dubbo. The Robinsons also exhibited the senior champion bull, Langley Dale Garth, a July 2007-drop son of Abbotsford Enamel. The stud also collected the broad ribbons for the senior and grand champion female Langley Dale Flair, a red VL Rojo Grande 26/8 (Imp) daughter.

The junior champion female was Destys Beth, a red Palmvale Ace cow from John, Julie and Bryan D’Este’s Destys stud, Lower Quipolly.

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Judging took place on April 3-5, with a presentation dinner held in Bendigo on May 22 in conjunction with the Bendigo Beef National.

Jane Boys, Kallam stud, Nanneella, Victoria, said the concept allowed those not normally able to show cattle to showcase their best, and would most likely become an annual event.

"It has been a worthwhile event in creating interest in the Brahman breed in southern Australia," she said.

"I’m confident that our breeders will see increased enquiry and demand in coming months."

Cattle were judged in a yard or small paddock, with points awarded for different breed traits and characteristics. The senior champion bull, with 193 points, was Coweki Easy Does It, exhibited by Amanda Basse and family, Wynmallee stud, Mangalore, Vic. Madeline Stanton exhibited the junior champion bull Kallam Robbie, who scored 187 points. The senior and grand champion female was Grampians Coffee Break, with 192 points. She was entered by Henry Humphreys, Dundalee stud, Tallygaroopna, Vic, who also won the group of three class.

Rebecca Humphreys, Eureka Park stud, Tallygaroopna showed the junior champion female, Eureka Park Dakelh, who tallied a total of 190 points. Rebecca also exhibited the best F1 female, with 185 points.

The junior exhibitor class was won by Madeline Stanton, with Dale Chappel second and Neil Boys third.

Copies of the power point presentation featuring all the animals in the challenge, as shown at the presentation dinner, are available for $15 by emailing jane@kallambrahmans.com.au.

RESULTS

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE
Eureka Park Dakelh 190pts Exhibited by Rebecca Humphries

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE
Grampians Coffee Break 192pts Exhibited by Henry Humphries

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
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Rod Watt, Tony Brown, Pioneer Park stud, John Harbison and Fritz Attard are pictured at the Pioneer Park trade show site.

Pictured at the Blue Dog Brahmans display are from left Bonnie Keough, Blue Dog Brahmans, Charters Towers, Cate Dunbar & Jess & Ryan Crawford, Ag grow, Emerald.

Beth Streeter and Paula Wilton are pictured with Palmvale Atlantic Sting at the Palmvale/Elmo/Eureka Creek trade show site.

Andy & Marg Olsen, Neslo stud, Wandoan (centre) are pictured with their son Marcus and his wife Tracey at their display at the Brahman compound.

Raelene & Justin Ensby, Renco Cattle are pictured at the Renco trade show site.

Roxanne Olive & nephew Cody Mortimer, Raglan stud, Raglan is pictured with from far left. Wyatt Judd, Matt Kime, Clayton, Richard and Beth Judd at the Raglan trade show display.

Christine Walz, FBC W stud, Sarina is pictured at the Solo stud display in the Brahman compound with Fiona Noakes, Solo F stud, Marlborough and daughters Sarah & Sally (front) and Teah Beak.
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Benjamin Guimaraes, Austrade Brazil, Marcello Vezzozzo, Araucarua Genetica Bovina, Brazil and Morgan Gronold, Qld DPI and F Trade Investment Officer are pictured with Scott McCamley, Lancefield, Dululu at the Lancefield trade show site.

John, Richard and Nick Brownson, Burdekin stud, Charters Towers are pictured inspecting the bulls at the Kenrol trade site.

Rosie Robertson (front) and Western Australian visitor Paul Williams discuss arrangements for Paul to take a Bungoona bull back to WA, while Brett Kinnon talks feed and supplements with Maria Fenelon, Performance Feeds and Fiona Lawrence ANAPRO.

Sally and Tim North, NBS stud, Gympie were part of the Brahman Classic Sale trade site.

Robert White, Wilangi stud, Marlborough and stud groom Rebecca Miller are pictured at the Wilangi display in the Brahman Compound.

Martin Long, Felicity McCamley, Jennifer McCamley and Tom Emmery at their Tartrus site.

Rob Walker, Chudley stud, Cooroy is pictured with Ron Wall, Wallton Downs stud admiring one of the sires on display at the Wallton Downs site in the Brahman Compound.

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Dennis and Stacey Franks, Gavial, Midgee are pictured with, David, Sam and Clint Dunn, Somerton stud, Lavinia Park, Marlborough at the Somerton stand in the Brahman compound.

Brett Kirk, Hazelton stud, Blackwood, Middlemount is pictured with the Hazelton display in the Brahman compound with Robyn and Clint Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera.

The amazing post and rail fencing project at the Raglan/Kenrol trade show site, largely the work of Ryan Olive attracted plenty of interest. The Kenrol team was all smiles with Wendy Cole, Nick Curran, Tara Dieckmann, Ken Cole, Sandy Cole, Nathan Ryan and Trish Draper are pictured outside the site.

Pictured at the Elrose display in the Brahman compound were Rhett Mobbs, Pip Howard, Brisbane and Grant Jefferis, Lorena and Rodger Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry.

Brett McCamley, Fern Hills stud, Bajool is pictured at his display in the Brahman Compound.

Lawson Camm, Cambil stud, Proserpine was part of the Brahman Classic Sale trade show site.
Phillip Lamb, Abbotsford Brahman stud is pictured at the Abbotsford display in the Brahman compound.

Brahman Classic Sale site included Fenech Brahman Cattle Co, NBS Brahmans, Topline Brahmans, Cambil Brahmans, Borilla Creek Brahmans and NCC Brahmans.

Becky Wilson, Eureka Creek stud is pictured with Tess Camm, Mystery Park, St Lawrence and Greg Chappell, Dulverton, Glen Innes at the Eureka Creek/Palmvale/Elmo trade show site.


Margaretta Travers, Bizzy Brahmans (centre) is pictured at the Bizzy display in the Brahman compound with from left David Camm, Natal Downs, Charters Towers, Josie Angus and Blair Angus (far right), Kimberley-Clermont, and Greg Chappell, Dulverton, Glen Innes.

Taminmin High an ABBA member and in addition to its own cattle prepares cattle for other Northern Territory members. From back left to right: Jordan Bishell, Anthony Richards, Ashlee Smith, Ashlee Modra, Tara Walsh. Front left to right: Danielle Brown and Jessica Cannons.

Liam MacFarlane, Jan Trail, Remy Streeter and Camille Trail are pictured with Alan & Leonie Trail, Elmo stud at the Elmo/Palmvale, Eureka Creek trade show site.

Phillip Lamb, Abbotsford Brahman stud is pictured at the Abbotsford display in the Brahman compound.
Northern Australia’s premier stud cattle sale, the Big Country Brahman Sale, was an event well worth waiting for according to sale agents, vendors and buyers at Charters Towers in early March. After being put on standby for a month due to wet weather, the sale slotted into a window of perfectly fine weather with conditions at the Dalrymple Saleyards ideal for the conduct of this feature sale event.

“Results exceeded all our expectations,” sale co-agent Jim Geaney of Geaney’s said. “We pushed hard to get the sale on, as our vendors had supported it with an offering of high quality Brahman s. We were running out of options time wise, however the key was to remain positive and focused as we know there are a lot of cattle producers in the Central and North who rely on Big Country to source bulls every year.” They came from New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Gympie, the South Burnett and the Darling Downs in the south of the state, Winton and Cloncurry in the west, north to Cairns, Mareeba and Julatten, most of the recognised cattle breeding areas of Central Queensland and of course local Northern districts. “We and our Vendors are very grateful to all those bidders and buyers who made the effort to support Big Country,” Jim Geaney said. “It was a sale where vendors and buyers were pleased with results so that’s an ideal outcome.”

A total of 260 lots were sold for gross receipts of $1,286,750 at an average of $4,950, up 6% on last year. Bidding competition was buoyant throughout, resulting in a very high clearance rate of 97%.

The strength and support for high quality stud prospects pushed 26 lots in the sale to prices of five figures ($10,000) and over. Auctioneer Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said the top end of the market was markedly stronger than last year’s sale, a reflection of the high standard throughout the catalogue. “We just missed a few middle market buyers who, had they been able to get to the sale, would have strengthened the prices achieved in the $3,000 to $5,000 range,” he said.

A grey sire, Pioneer Park Carfax, whose semen had already been exported to leading studs in the USA, topped sale proceedings at $42,000. A strong, sire quality type of impeccable bloodlines, he was sold by Tony & Trish Brown, Pioneer Park Brahman, Mackay to Darwin studmaster Tony Hayne of Northern Veterinary Services.

A number of commercial cattle producers from northern areas selected lines of well bred, high performance bulls for premium steer production. Foremost among these was Bill Darcy of Battlin Pastoral Enterprises, Tennant Creek, N.T. He shopped astutely throughout the sale selecting 19 bulls at an average of $2,420. Appleton Pastoral Company, Bulliwallah Station, Charters Towers (10 bulls), Rosetta Grazing Company, Collinsville (9 bulls), The Bluff Holdings, Charters Towers (8 bulls) and Ouchy Alva Pastoral Company, Richmond (7 bulls) also accounted for smart drafts of herd bulls at prices between $2,000 to $3,500. “This sort of buying highlights the capacity of the Big Country Sale to service all ends of the market with seedstock with the credentials to have a positive impact on herd performance in the north,” Ken McCaffrey said.
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A big imposing grey sire, Pioneer Park Carfax, bred by Tony & Trish Brown, Pioneer Park stud, Mackay took sale top price honours at the Big Country Sale, making $42,000.

Backed by a breed blueblood pedigree, Carfax is sired by the high priced Tartrus Aristotle Manso and bred out of an ultra successful damline which traces to Lancefield’s famous line of Meryl cows. The Browns believe the bull will have a good future at stud level and were delighted to recently export his semen to one of America’s leading studs. The purchaser of Carfax, Tony Hayne of Northern Veterinary Services, Darwin settled on the bull after searching for a sire at sales in the spring of last year. He will be keen also to follow the outcome of his genetic usage in the U.S.A.

A dozen lots into the Big Country Sale’s second day the sale ring came alive with the $37,000 sale of the JDH Martin Manso son, Lanes Creek Masculine Manso. A beautiful carcase type with obvious sire style, this youngster was “knocked down” to Rodger & Lorena Jefferis, Eloise stud, Cloncurry who were bidding by phone.

The man who handled the phone bidding for the Jefferis’ was Noel Daley, Caiwarra, Julia Creek who himself invested in a top quality grey sire prospect. His purchase at $18,000 was Clukan Webke Manso offered by Steve & Therese Taylor’s Clukan stud of Jambin. At 28 months, Webke scaled 948kg and scanned an EMA of 133 sqcm.

Darren Pedracini, Lornevale Pastoral Company, Georgetown was attracted to the qualities of the scurred sire Lancefield D Quest. A long and strong bodied bull he made $17,000.

First time Vendors Lance & Karen Pope, Glenborough Brahmans, Yabulu had a single entry in the sale. Their well bred young sire Mr Jetson Manso, caught the eye of many studmasters and was the subject of spirited bidding before being sold to the Downing Family of Black River Brahmans, Deerragon for $17,000.

Pioneer Park Cooma Manso, a strong pigment bull by Tartrus Aristotle Manso and a brother-in-blood to the sale topper, was selected by John & Diane Brownson & Family of Charters Towers for $16,000. Four impressive Aristotle sons from the Pioneer Park draft averaged $16,250 at the sale.

Greg Jenkins & Margie Atkinson of Tajiri Brahmans, Mareeba purchased two sires, full brothers, from the draft of Eureka Creek Brahmans. They were led by Eureka Creek Mel, a son of JDH Martin Manso at $15,000.

John & Matthew Kirk’s Carinya Jake, the only lot in the sale by JDH Grande Arman Manso and a half brother to multi-show grand champion Carinya Riddel, made $13,000 selling to Rodger & Lorena Jefferis of Eloise stud, Cloncurry.

Carl Morawitz, Stewart Park, Comet outlaid $10,000 for Lanes Creek 69er, a Mr V8 690 son which, at rising 2yo, shows great beef power and sire potential. Another 2yo, Windy Hill Charleville Manso by Eloise Significance, made $9,000 and was purchased by Brian &
Cindy Hughes, Lanes Creek, Georgetown. Geoff Carrick, Maitland, Einasleigh also purchased from the Windy Hill draft, taking home the poll Carrington Manso at $6,500.

Seven thousand five hundred dollar bulls from Carinya and El Ja studs were purchased by BJ & BL Holcombe of Proserpine and Lascelles Pastoral Company of Charters Towers respectively. A smart scurred bull from the Lancefield stud was selected by Welcome Downs Cattle Company of Einasleigh for $7,000 while RE & RE Lyons, Rhondelle stud, Alligator Creek paid the same price for the first bull of the day, Signature Sir Cassanova Manso, a long, big boned son of JDH Mr Cavalier Manso.

John & Beryl Murray, Uanda, Prairie paid $6,500 each for two bulls both 27 months of age. His Lancefield purchase is an easy doing, well muscled bull with plenty of softness and his buy from the Akama stud also shows abundant depth and length.

A young Full Hudgins bloodline, 2 tooth bull from the Clukan team, by the high profile sire JDH Karu Manso and weighing 919kg, was a $6,000 purchase for Geoff Fry, Arafura Cattle Pty Ltd, Inverleigh West, Julia Creek, one of four bulls they purchased at the sale.

Western Australian Brahman breeder Kathy Lovelock has been awarded life membership of the Australian Brahman Breeders Association.

Kathy accepted the award from ABBA president John Atkinson at Beef Australia 2009 in Rockhampton in May and said she appreciated the honour and had done it for the love of the breed.

Kathy has played a major role in the activities of the Western Australian branch of the ABBA for more than 30 years as an officer bearer. She is the current chairman and a past secretary/treasurer.

Kathy is currently secretary/treasurer of the WA Bos Indicus Group, which is responsible for arranging the annual combined Bos Indicus Bull Sale at Narngulu.

She was one of the founders of the Broome Brahman Sale, established in 1988, and continues to play a major role in coordinating the ABBA-sponsored sale which is now run under the Western Australian Livestock Salesmens Association banner.

Kathy is the cattle judging co-ordinator at the Perth Royal Show, where she also coordinates the junior judging activities for beef, dairy, sheep and wool. She also coordinates the junior judging at Wagin, Woollarama, Bevely, Bindoon and Carnamah shows and the Brunswick Youth Cattle Handlers Competition.

Kathy started her Canterbury Brahman stud at New Norica in 1972 with the purchase of five cows from Allawah and Arkana studs and a bull from Avondale. In its heyday the stud ran up to nine single sire herds but this has been reduced to five single sires herd of 45-70 females, due to three years of drought.

“I got involved with the industry organisation in the late ’70s because I wanted to look after the interests of the breed and it grew from there,” Kathy said.

“If it wasn’t for Brahmans we wouldn’t have a property. They have kept us going because we’ve always been able to sell our bulls.”

In the early 1990s Kathy was instrumental in setting up a three-year live feeder steer awareness program in the Kimberley region, garnering support from the ABBA, Northern Territory Live Exporters Association and the Department of Agriculture.

Her other major industry involvement includes being elected as the first woman president of the United Beef Breeders Association; being a delegate from 200-2007 of the Western Australian Southern Beef Research Council; secretary/treasurer of the Midlands Cattle Country Open Day and founding member and co-ordinator of the Pilbara Beef Expo from 1993–1997.

Kathy was the WA state representative at the Women in Agriculture World Congress in Melbourne in 1994, and was recently elected to the executive committee of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia. She is also active in a number of local community organizations.
The pre-sale inspection and interest along the lanes of Dalrymple Saleyards on the first morning of the Big Country Sale was an indicator that leading studmasters and bullock breeders had arrived at the sale in a serious bull buying mood.

A little over three hours after sale start, the indicator had turned to reality with a healthy result to the sale’s red bull section. Every bull offered was sold. The average price was $5,465, up 8% on 2008 sale figures for the section, and reds had gone to breed investors as far away as New South Wales, and Katherine in the Northern Territory.

The magnificent 14 lot draft of red sires catalogued by Brian & Cindy Hughes, Lanes Creek stud, Georgetown was very popular with buyers. The line averaged $11,215, an outstanding result, and attracted widespread studmaster and leading bullock breeder support. It included the $24,000 section topper as well as the second and third highest red bull prices at $23,000 and $22,000 respectively. Lanes Creek Magnify, an attractive, heavy muscled son of Mr Winchester Magnum topped proceedings selling to Noel & Dallas Daley, Caiwarra, Julia Creek.

Two year old polled sire, Koon Kool Eddie, was a $17,000 purchase for Brett Hick, Bezuma Pastoral Company, Julia Creek while Koon Kool’s lead offering, Koon Kool USA, a masculine 31 month old son of Caiwarra Spot On Grande was purchased by Ashley Kirk, Rockley Red Brahmans, Bajool. Rockley also purchased a rising 2yo sire from the Blue Dog stud for $11,500. Red/grey bred, he shows excellent beef and bone.  Two year old polled sire, Koon Kool Eddie, was a $17,000 purchase for Brett Hick, Bezuma Pastoral Company, Julia Creek while Koon Kool’s lead offering, Koon Kool USA, a masculine 31 month old son of Caiwarra Spot On Grande was purchased by Ashley Kirk, Rockley Red Brahmans, Bajool. Rockley also purchased a rising 2yo sire from the Blue Dog stud for $11,500. Red/grey bred, he shows excellent beef and bone. Early in the sale Brian & Glenda Kirkwood’s Somerview stud sold a young poll son of NCC Bryan for $16,000 also to a Central Queensland studmaster, Mark Allen, Kariboe Valley, Thangool.

Greg Jenkins & Margie Atkinson, Tajiri stud, Mareeba bid to $15,000 to secure Lanes Creek Revalor, a 3yo scurred son of renowned sire Tartrus Redmount. This strong bodied bull is very quiet and very long.

Regular Big Country supporters and buyers of high quality bulls, Doug & Helen Keough, Welcome Downs Cattle Company, Einasleigh were also in the bidding action on top level, strong beef performance bulls. They outlaid $11,000 for the well bred sire prospect Lanes Creek Theodore, a 21 month old bull whose weight and carcase performance is reinforced by breed leading EBV’s. They also took home Lanes Creek Terminal by Mr Fontenot 311 for $8,000. $11,000 was also needed by the Elliott Family, Belfast Investments, Winton to secure Lanes Creek Turbo, bred from Brian & Cindy Hughes’ top cowline.

Murray & Gillian Webster, TMG stud, Katherine, N.T. also invested in a Lanes Creek sire paying $10,000 for Timezone, a very quiet, long bull, bred out of a half sister to the high profile sire Lanes Creek Red Ranger. The Websters added a further two young sires to their purchases at the sale at $6,500 and $4,500.

The Jochheims of Hill-Rise Pastoral Company, Proserpine set their sights on an eye catching Tartrus Redmount son from the Char Walla stud. An impressive beef type of good temperament and strong breed character, he cost them $10,000.

One of the top sires in the Somerview draft, Somerview Amigo, a poll by Kandoona Porter showing excellent natural muscling, was an $8,000 purchase for D Elliott Investments of Winton, one of four red sires they selected at the sale averaging $5,250.
Bidding brisk for quality heifers

The Big Country Brahman Sale enhanced its reputation as the Brahman breed’s leading multi-vendor sale of stud females by recording excellent results for its select offering of Brahman Belles. There was significant interest for greys and reds resulting in a $5,360 average.

A lovely, poll grey heifer, Lancefield D Chantal, was the sale highlight realising $21,000. Considered one of the best polled females to be offered in recent years, she sold to a partnership of Mick & Jess Clews, Windy Hill Brahmans, Ravenshoe and Don & Rita Condon, Conjuboy, Mt Garnet. Tony Hayne, Northern Vet. Services, Darwin was also in the heifer market paying $17,000 for Pioneer Park Samantha Miss, the first heifer to be offered in Australia by Mr V8 The Rock. He also bid to $8,000 to secure a Full Hudgins bloodline heifer by JDH Mr Echo Manso from Lancefield.

Jason Hampson of Innisfail purchased three heifers at the sale averaging $5,335. His top buy was a young poll heifer with a bull calf at foot, offered by Les & Helen Donald of El Ja stud, Theodore. Bull Oak Brahman stud of Bowen also paid $6,500 for a 15 month old grey, Eureka Creek Delila by JDH Mr Deeds Manso.

Young Brahman enthusiast Kerri-Ann French, Spinnaker Brahmans, Einasleigh invested in 5 heifers, paying up to $6,000 for a quality grey from Blue Dog Brahmans. This heifer was the first of the SMG Monumental progeny to be sold.

Two full sisters from the Lanes Creek stud topped the red heifers at $10,000 each. One sold to David & Julie McCamley of Lancefield Brahmans, the other to Amy Atkinson, Farnham stud, Hughenden.

Lee Wallace, Char Walla Brahman stud, Charters Towers paid $6,500 for an attractive poll heifer from the Rockley stud of Bajool while Tim & Sally North, NBS stud, Gympie invested $6,000 in a superbly bred Winchester heifer from the Lanes Creek stud.

Lanes Creek reinvested a portion of their sale proceeds bidding to $5,500 for Huonfels Udina Manso, a quality grey daughter of JDH Martin Manso.

Ian & Debbie Frampton, Little Creek stud, Widgee purchased 3 heifers paying to a top price of $5,500 for FBC W Jarne De Manso by JDH Gardner Manso.

Georgetown Brahman breeders John Bethel and Geoff Brown also purchased heifers at $5,500. Eureka Creek Phoebe carrying Full Direct Import bloodlines is headed to Huonfels while a 2yo red, Lanes Creek Reflection has her new home at Long Gully.
Big bids for exclusive semen

Semen from Australia’s highest price bull of 2008, PBF Harper Manso sold to $1,700 a straw to top the semen packages at Big Country.

Two five straw packages offered by the Pioneer Park and Chesterfield studs realised $8,500 each, selling to Mervyn Hancock of Aitkenvale and to Drew Curtis, Coes Creek stud, Gympie.

Hamdenvale and Carrinyah Park studs in partnership received $7,250 for their five straw package of imported poll sire Mr V8 51/6. Caiwarra stud of Noel & Dallas Daley purchased this package. A once only 2009 offering of 5 straws of the $240,000 sire Lancefield Billionaire Manso made $7,000 selling to the Cocos stud while the Daleys of Caiwarra paid $6,000 for five straws of Lancefield Burton Manso, the highest price bull ever sold in Australia.

Agents: Geaney’s & McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing.

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LANCEFIELD RICHMOND FIELD DAY BRAHMAN BULL SALE
19 June at Richmond Racecourse
Ray White Rural, Richmond; Landmark, Richmond; Matthew & Janelle McCamley, Lancefield M

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26 September at Tamworth Saleyards
Landmark Tamworth

GREAT WESTERN FEMALE SALE
5 October at the Great Western
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ROCKHAMPTON BRAHMAN WEEK SALE
5, 6 & 7 Oct at Gracemere Saleyards
Elders, Landmark

GOLD CITY BRAHMAN SALE
15 & 16 October at Charters Towers
Elders, Landmark

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19 October at Gracemere Saleyards
Landmark, SBB, GDL, Queensland Rural

NCC ANNUAL SALE
20 October at Inverrio, Duaringa
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ROMA TROPICAL BREEDS SALE
22 & 23 October at Roma Saleyards
Elders, Landmark, GDL

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