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Editorial

As we approach another bull selling season, there are a number of negative factors likely to influence buyers thinking, however there are certainly also plenty of positives.

Our major promotions earlier in the year were successful. The Brahman Commercial Female Show and Sale put a focus on the value of the Brahman commercial female and recorded an excellent average of $798 per head with PTIC heifers selling to $2200.

The display at Beef 2009 was outstanding with a strong presence in the stud show ring, and trade displays as well as an excellent line up in the prime cattle competition, which was capped off by Rodger and Lorena Jefferis taking out the Grass Fed Championship.

The live export market has been particularly strong with 893,158 head being exported for the year to June 30, an increase of 16%. This was made possible by an increase of 29% in shipments to Indonesia, a market that strongly favours Brahman.

Live export prices were well above 2007-2008 levels and the average for the past five years (July 2003-June 2008).

For the past year light cattle ex Darwin destined for Indonesia average 1884 kg LWT – up 7% on the previous year.

Almost all indicative live cattle prices ex Darwin for Indonesia averaged higher in 2008-2009 with heavy steers (173c/KG LWT) up 5%, light heifers (172c/KG LWT) up 7% while heavy heifers averaged 6% lower (151c/KG LWT).

MLA publication Landlink reports the outlook for the second half of 2009 looks positive based on the continuation of demand from Indonesia and the Middle East. They forecast total exports to contract 3% for the year to 840,000 head based on continuing strong demand and a tightening in supply due to herd rebuilding after drought followed by floods in early 2009.

The variability in recent seasons and the present dry spell will leave producers in no doubt about the need for adaptability in their breeding herds and the part an increases Brahman content plays in risk management over wide parts of northern Australia, not just the extensive northern and central area.
Carinya Riddell has taken out his fourth Ekka Grand Bull Championship and there were many onlookers thinking this could be the bull to take out the Inter-Breeds Championship.

Now the system for selecting the Interbreed Section is for each judge to place their bulls one to ten and the bull with the lowest score wins. Unfortunately 2 judges didn’t place Riddell in their top ten selection. Riddell was placed 2nd. but maybe with some extra points he could have taken out the Championship.

Another ‘bull sale’ season is upon us and we are challenged to maintain our market share and stay as the number one breed. Vendors may have to look at vaccinating for Tick Fever in future progeny, as one buyer in the Northern Territory mentioned to me that he would be looking to purchase bulls vaccinated for Tick Fever. Also we have heard of ticks increasing in the north-west Gulf area, due to other breeds of cattle being introduced to the area.

The annual ABBA Rocky Junior Beef Show continues to be a huge success, catering for participants from all states of Australia.

The annual event is helped with funding from the Jeff McCamley Youth Development Fund. This year the Artificial Insemination School, conducted by Greg Fawcett was put to more practical skills with the purchase of a training aid called ‘Breeding Betsy.’ This rear end of a cow was a contestant on the New Inventors program earlier this year.

The Commercial Brahman Promotion Committee has set the 13th April 2010 for our next Female Show and Sale. The Committee has noted that while the sale was a success, the level of support from members with both cattle and personal attendance was disappointing. Despite the loss of $17000.00 to stage the event, we still believe it is a worthwhile promotion. The event should not be relying on the committee members to be transporting cattle from far away places to make up the numbers. So Members closer to the event, please make an effort to put aside females for next year.

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The Association thanks Henry for his input over the past years and we all wish Henry, Marie and family all the best in their new venture.

To finish up I wish all members a rewarding selling season and those looking for sires find the one that suits their requirements.

John Atkinson
Riddell hits another high note

The undefeated Carinya Riddell finished his show career on a high note in Brisbane by taking his second consecutive grand championship at the Ekka, following on from his ultimate win at Beef 2009 earlier in the year.

The 89 head Brisbane line-up was judged by Lawson Camm, Cambil stud, Proserpine, assisted by associate judge James Kent, JK stud, Goovigen.

Mr Camm said Riddell had “a lot of sire appeal, with an extreme amount of length and muscle in the hindquarter”. Riddell’s stats backed up those claims, the 35-month-old bull weighing 1118kg with an eye muscle area of 136 sq cm.

Riddell, who won the seven head 30-42 months bull class before being named senior and grand champion bull, was shown by John, Dawn and Matthew Kirk, and will now take up duties in their Carinya stud at Gayndah.

The reserve senior bull championship was awarded to Timbrel Mr Remedy, winner of the 24-30 months class. The son of Brahrock Achiever was paraded by Terry and Susan Connor, Timbrel, Alton Downs and will go...
under the hammer at Brahman Week. The Connors also showed the reserve junior champion bull, 13-month-old Timbrel Mr Safari Manso who is by Roxborough W Denominator.

Carinya stud demonstrated its consistency by parading the junior champion bull Carinya Mario, who was also the calf champion male at Beef 2009. The 780kg son of FBC W Jiver De Manso won the 16-18 months class.

Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere were thrilled when Kenrol Lady Marri 0251 was sashed senior and grand champion female. The daughter of JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) and Kenrol Gene 0128 won the nine head 30-48 months class and was paraded with an impressive heifer calf at foot.

Mr Camm said the grand champion was a fantastic female, showing good thickness and bone.

The reserve senior female championship went to the Beef 2009 senior and grand champion female, Yenda Miss Celeste. The February ‘06 daughter of JDH Mr Manso 391/3 (imp) and Yenda Miss Celebrity (Yenda Impact) is one of the leading donor females in Ron and Daphne Kirk’s Yenda stud, Gayndah and was runner-up to Kenrol Lady Marri in the 30-48 months class.

The junior champion female was Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com, who was the calf champion female at Beef 2009. The daughter of Mr JH 2000 Com 10/0 won the five head 18-20 months class before claiming the
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championship. She was exhibited by central Burnett stud breeders Clint and Robyn Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera.

The Elrose Trademark daughter Starbra Miss Rosemark picked up a blue ribbon in the 14-16 months class before graduating to reserve junior champion female. She was shown by the Davey family, Starbra stud, Gunalda.

In the group classes, Carinya showed the winning breeder’s group and group of three bulls; Kenrol won the progeny stakes and Whitaker showed the blue ribbon pair of females.

Air shipment to New Caledonia

A shipment of Brahman bulls and heifers departed from Sydney for New Caledonia on August 31.

The shipment was co-ordinated through UPRA Bovine, the united cattle breeders association in the country and exporter Angus Adnam, AAA Livestock Services.

The cattle were selected on behalf of UPRA Bovine members.

The studs supplying the cattle include Kyabra, Mt Callan, Alma Park, Bizzy, Samari Plains, Mogul, Broandah, Jomanda, Coweki, Tangalooma, Neslo, Jacana, Zam Bese and Dungil.

This is the first shipment of live cattle to New Caledonia for a number of years. The previous shipments travelled in container as deck cargo on regular shipping services between Australia and New Caledonia, however this method of transport is limited to small numbers and is no longer able to be used.

A number of shipments of embryos and semen have been exported to New Caledonia in recent years.

New Caledonia has a beef cattle herd of about 120,000 to produce beef for the domestic market.

The herd was originally based on Limousin and Charolais bloodlines and has increasingly been using Brahman genetics to improve adaptability, reduce age of turn off and improve fat cover and meat quality.
Meat and Livestock Australia is confident that the Australian beef industry has weathered the worst of the turbulent trading conditions arising from the global economic and financial crises.

The association’s 2009 Cattle Industry Projections Mid Year Update, released in August, says there are early signals that beef demand is staging a comeback, arresting the slide in consumer demand for beef.

Tighter production and an increased portion of beef heading for export markets is expected to see Australian beef consumption fall by 5% in 2009.

MLA economist Tim McRae said that some of the necessary pre-conditions required to re-ignite demand were starting to surface.

“World economic bodies are forecasting improved economic conditions for later this year, beef stocks in key markets are dwindling, lower import prices are starting to be passed through to consumers in Japan, and the Korean market is recovering from the period of instability created by the return of US product,” Mr McRae said.

“MLA predicts that export demand will start to rally in the second half of 2009, further aided by a seasonal increase in demand from Japan and Korea.”

However Mr McRae said the export market wouldn’t stage a full recovery until next year, due to tight livestock supplies, the appreciating Australian dollar, weak co-product prices and low import prices.

Overall, MLA predicts that average cattle prices for 2009 will be close to those of 2008.

“The volatility in cattle prices witnessed last year – which saw prices peak in October and then fall 10-18% over the remaining months of the year – is unlikely to be repeated this year, assuming no unanticipated shock.”

The Australian cattle herd is forecast to expand to 28.4 million head by June 2010, up 2.3% from 2009 and building towards 30 million by 2013.

Reduced cattle availability in 2009 will also take its toll on the live export trade, with exports forecast to fall 3% despite strong demand, particularly in Indonesia and the Middle East. However, as cattle supplies are restored, exports are expected to rise to 925,000 head by 2013, up 8% on 2008.

A roundup of saleyard prices follows:

**NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**CHARTERS TOWERS**

Tony Bowen, Landmark said they had been selling some good Brahams through the yards in recent months. The July 22 combined agents sale offered 1165 prime cattle and 1553 stores. KA Knuth Investments sold 25 prime 562kg Brahman bullocks for $895 (159.2c). The Terry family, Einasleigh offered 40 high quality 188kg store steers which cracked the $2 mark, selling for 200.2c/kg or $377/hd. A pen of 279kg steers from the Henderson Group made $467/hd at 167.2c/kg.

At the July 29 prime sale the top priced trade heifers were presented by G. Poole, Olderfleet, making $334 (134.2c). The Hoolihan family, Gum Flats, Einasleigh sold 16 store steers, 311kg, for $495 (159.2c). A week later, store steer values were up by 10-15c/kg and heifers by 5-8c. D. Bolton, Walkamin, marketed 39 154kg steers that were knocked down for 207.2c/kg to realize $320.

Brahman bullocks from Box Grove Pastoral, Pyramid Station, Collinsville topped the prime market on August 12. The No.6 bullocks weighed 574kg and returned $908 at 158.2c/kg. In the store section of the sale, the Quinn family, Nunkumbil received $348 or 152.2c/kg for their 228kg steers.

Brahman bullocks from Corinda, Aramac sold for $1024 at 169c/kg. The Hartley family, Coopermurra, Mitchell offered 154 Brahman steers at the July 9 prime sale. They weighed in at 661kg to average $1133, peaking at 175c/kg. A draft of 605kg steers from Fleetwood Grazing, Corinda, Aramac sold for $1024 at 169c/kg. Prices remained firm at the August 6 prime sale which yarded 2600 head. The Radel family, Yebna, Injune sold 648kg steers for $1136 or 175c/kg. A line of 151 heifers from Coopermurra made $867/head, the 522kg females knocked down for 166c/kg.

The top priced prime bullocks on August 19 were offered by Welcome Downs Cattle Co. They weighed 648kg and made $980 at 151.2c/kg. A pen of 230kg store steers from the Henderson Group made 155c/kg to realize $356/hd. Neil and Vicki Douglas, Ingham, marketed 20 Brahman heifers, 258kg, which went for $195/hd at 132c/kg.

The prime sale on August 13 featured a pen of 643kg Brahman steers from Eric and Kaye Crosby, Hiddendale, Roma. They sold for $1056 or 165c/kg. The Dyer family, Rosclare, Tambo received $678 (148c) for their 457kg Brahman heifers. At that week’s store sale, 448kg steers from Tony Simmons, Clarafiel, Nelia made $819 (181c).

**CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

**BLACKALL**

The market was firm for most descriptions at the July 9 sale, where W. Hartley, Mellew, Barcaldine offered 665kg Brahman bullocks. They sold for 160c/kg to realize $1066.

At the combined agents’ prime and store sale on July 30 a quality line of 613kg Brahman cows from Mellew sold for $817/head or 133c/kg.

**SOUTH QUEENSLAND**

**ROMA**

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The July 21 store sale offered 6400 head with prices remaining “steady” for most descriptions. A line of 174 438kg steers from Fleetwood Grazing peaked at 167c/kg to average $726/hd. Georgia Livestock Partnership trucked in 524 Brahman steers from Keerongooloo, Quilpie which averaged $682. The line averaged 406kg and 168c/kg, peaking at 178c/kg.

The Hartleys sold a line of 527kg Brahman heifers at the prime sale on July 30. They averaged 164c/kg or $863. At that week’s store sale, Fleetwood Grazing Co, Aramac marketed 415kg Brahman steers for 175c/kg or $727. A line of 191 Brahman heifers, 355kg, from Murray and Zita Bonisch, Linga Longa, Injune made $567/hd at 160c/kg.

Prices remained firm at the August 6 prime sale which yarded 2600 head. The Radel family, Yebna, Injune sold 648kg steers for $1136 or 175c/kg. A line of 151 heifers from Coopermurra made $867/hd, the 522kg females knocked down for 166c/kg.

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Neil Callaghan, Callaghan’s Livestock was on hand at the July 28 sale where Brahman heifers sold to 169.8c/kg and steers to 188.8c/kg.

Emdee Enterprises, Branch Vale, Mt Perry sold red Brahman steers for $430 (188.8c) to W. and J. Swann, Bundaberg and for 175.8c/kg to V. Lollbach, Gympie. Emdee’s red cows went to Teys Bros, Beenleigh for $735, peaking at 138.8c/kg.

No.8 Brahman steers from K. Goatham, Bundaberg, made $663, knocked down to D. King, Bundaberg for 165.8c/kg. R. Western, Bundaberg, received $750 or 169.8c/kg for grey Brahman in-calf heifers which sold to N. Hansen, Maryborough and the Garlich family, Bundaberg.

AUCTIONS PLUS

In mid-August, a Richmond vendor received 162.9c/kg or $380/hd for 196 Brahman EU steers, aged 12-16 months and weighing 233kg. A line of 90 EU steers from Rockhampton, aged 18-22 months and weighing 375kg, sold for $593 (158c).

A Clermont vendor sold 84 grey Brahman heifers, 18-24 months and 385kg, NSM, for $554 and 12-18 month old heifers, 315kg, for $422.

In late July, 105 p.t.i.c. Brahman heifers from Goondiwindi, 22-34 months and 428kg, sold for $696 (162.6c).

Bulls to $9000 in NT

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Inspirations Welcome
Brahrock heifer best in Gympie at $20,000

The Sommerfeld family, Brahrock stud, Maryborough was all smiles after achieving the $20,000 top price at the 2009 Gympie Brahman Female Sale in June.

Brahrock Miss Bos Empress 3852, an unjoined 19-month-old grey heifer by JDH Mr Boswick Manso (imp) and out of Brahrock Data Miss Empress 2463 (JDH Datapack Manso), was purchased by Brett Nobbs, NCC stud, Duaringa.

The Sommerfelds averaged $4250 for their 17 lots, their draft including Brahrock Miss EB Empress 3670, who sold for $7000, to Ced Weis, Besanther Vale stud, Goomeri; Brahrock Miss Atscamila 3832, who sold for $6000 to Justin and Steven Ensby, Renco stud, Dululu; and $5000 Brahrock Miss Mitch Empress 3938, purchased by Bill and Sue Blakeney, Warraka stud, Gympie.

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The top priced red was $9500 Tralin Miss Sapire, a 13-month-old heifer from L. and T. Davies’ Tralin stud, Bundaberg. The daughter of Mr Winchester Magnum 999 and Tralin Ruby (VL Rojo Bravo) will join Gael Dawson’s Letoken stud, Attunga, NSW.

Miss Sapire’s full sister, Tralin Red Garnet, was knocked down for $5500 to Bill and Vicki Braun, Coomoo Coomoo Station, Blackville, NSW, who purchased four heifers for an average of $3625.

Colin and Julie Dodd, Talfield stud, Moolool paid $9000 for the 20-month-old unjoined heifer, Starbra Miss Rigaud Manso, from Norm and Gregg Davey, Starbra stud, Gonalda. The JDH Rigaud Manso (imp) heifer was out of Starbra Countess Boswick Manso who is out of the noted female Brahrock Anna 1471.

Shane and Sandra Bishop, Garglen, Upper Kandanga topped the sale averages with $7916 for three red females. Their best sale was $9000 for 16-month-old Garglen Ashanti, a daughter of NCC Mboma (imp) and Garglen 6173. She was purchased by repeat buyer, Greg Schonknecht, GML Pastoral, who took home three females for an average of $4166.

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Brahrock heifer best in Gympie at $20,000

sold nine females for an average of $4166.

Elanora Park Brahman stud principals, J. and J. Bauer, Gin Gin brought a draft of five females and sold three to average $4083. Their top sale was $5000 Elanora Park Miss Ida 558/7, a grand-daughter of JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp), purchased by Sandi-Lee Weis, Furtile stud, Goomeri.

Biloela vendor, Nick Dudarko, Kangarin stud, averaged $2416 for his draft of six females, which peaked at $4000 for Kangarin A A347. This 26-month-old red heifer, sired by Warraja Jared 1984 and out of Kangarin A A234, was purchased by G. and R. Rawlings, Locabran stud, Coleyville.

The Godden family, Myeden stud, Bundaberg received $6500 for Myeden Bella, a two-year-old daughter of JDH Mr Manso 757/2 (imp), purchased by for $6500 to J. and H. Titmarsh, JNH stud, Chinchilla. Their second heifer offered, Myeden Karla, by JDH Mr Manso 258/4 (imp), was knocked down to D. and L. Sullivan, Bedrock stud, Gympie for $4000.

Daryl and Lorelle Schubel, Reldarah, Gin Gin averaged $5250 for their two red females by Roseborough L Red Monte 64/2. Their 20-month-old heifer Reldarah Bree sold to A. Newcombe for $6500, while 23-month-old Reldarah Livinia sold for $4000 to Locabran stud.

The Godden family’s Ego Brahman, Gympie, received $4250 for their daughter of JDH Martin Manso (imp), Ego Tahnalee May, purchased by NCC.
Manuel and Tracey Mifsud formerly known as Fenech Brahman Cattle Company – Mifsud Division (FBC M) will now be operating under their new Brahman stud identity ‘MARU’ (MRU).

We appreciated being part of FBC - going right back when asked to be one the original members who then went on to purchase JDH Elefante 272 Manso from the JD Hudgins Ranch (USA). We have never taken for granted the shared and made available genetics from the USA, offered by the Fenech Family which brought us much success.

Still maintaining an alliance selling along side the rest of the Mifsud and the Fenech family at the Brahman Classic Sale, and Maru will also be heading north to the Big Country Sale.

We were honoured to part of FBC selling Brahman cattle at renown calender auction sales. A special thank you to respected Brahman Breeders who purchased our cattle.

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MANSO 263
Brahman Week 2007
$18,000
Sold to DN & JG
McCamley, Dingo

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MANSO 239
Brahman Week 2006
$24,000
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Thangool vendors, the Dunn family, sold two greys, Kamir Holly and Kamir Bliss, for $3750 and $3250, to the Rapmund family, Star Valley stud, Bajool and B. Howard, Coonabarabran, NSW, respectively. The Howard family was one of the volume buyers, taking home eight females for an average of $2156.

Other volume buyers were Barry and Bev Hannam, Batandra Stud, The Caves, who purchased eight females for $2031 avg, including four heifers from Kangarin and four from Bungarribee.

Noel Granshaw, Mackenzie Land Development, Gympie put together a draft of six females and Henry Gosper, Benally stud, Narrabri, NSW took home four females for $3187 avg.

Major vendor Royce Sommerfeld, Brahrock stud, Maryborough is pictured with the first of his draft of 17 which topped the sale at $20,000 to record an average of $4250.

New South Wales visitors Francis Bennett, Narrabri and Joe Gosper, Benally stud, Narrabri are pictured after the sale. Joe bought 4 heifers for $3188 average.

Charles McKinlay, Chassmac Park stud, Comet caught up with Clint Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera after the sale.

Dennis and Denis Quinn, Voewood stud, Calliope, Qld are pictured with Norm (left) and Greg Davey, Starbra stud, Gunalda.

Ivan Naggs, Spring Ridge stud, Gympie is pictured with Shane and Sandra Bishop, Garglen stud, Gympie. Ivan bought 2 heifers for $1650 average and Shane and Sandra sold 3 red heifers for $7917 average.
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PROFILE: “Rugged good looks”  
LOT 233

NAME: PALMVALE DYNASTY (P)  
LOOKING FOR: Long term relationship  
PROFILE: “For girls that love bald guys”  
LOT 237

NAME: PALMVALE CONGO 2379  
AGE: 21/01/2007  
LOOKING FOR: Strong and independant heifer that likes romantic dinner.  
PROFILE: “Beautiful smooth skin, likes long walks on the beach, pina coladas, and getting caught in the rain.”  
LOT 228

NAME: PALMVALE DIABLO  
LOOKING FOR: Fun in the sun... : )  
PROFILE: “Great legs”  
LOT 232

NAME: PALMVALE DAMASCUS  
LOOKING FOR: Long term relationship  
PROFILE: “Easy going nature”  
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Lots 226 - 247 Monday 5th October  
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Ground breaking findings by an international consortium of scientists who sequenced and analysed the bovine genome, could result in more sustainable food production.

The findings, published in two reports in the journal Science, will have a profound impact on Australia’s livestock industry.

CSIRO scientists were among the 300 researchers from 25 countries involved in the six-year Bovine Genome Sequencing Project designed to sequence, annotate and analyse the genome of a female Hereford cow called L1 Dominette.

The scientists discovered that the bovine genome contains 2,870 billion DNA building blocks, encoding a minimum of 22,000 genes. Of major interest to scientists are the differences in the organisation of the genes involved in lactation, reproduction, digestion and metabolism in cows compared to other mammals.

One of the lead authors of the report on the project’s latest findings, CSIRO Livestock Industries researcher Dr Ross Tellam said the bovine genome has about 14,000 genes which are common to all mammals and these constitute the ‘engine room’ of mammalian biology.

“The team found that cows share about 80 per cent of their genes with humans, also providing us with a better understanding of the human genome,” Dr Tellam said.

“One of the surprises in the analysis was that cow and human proteins have more in common than mouse and human proteins, yet it is the mouse that is often used in medical research as a model of human disease conditions.”

Dr Tellam said the research provides an insight into the unique biology and evolution of ruminant animals and helps explain why they have been so successful as a species.

One of the major findings was that the cow has significant rearrangements in many of its immune genes and presumably an enhanced natural ability to defend itself from disease.

“This may be an evolutionary response to an increased risk of opportunistic infections at mucosal surfaces caused by the large number of bacteria and fungi carried in the rumen (the largest of the four compartments that make up the bovine stomach),” Dr Tellam said.

“The second possible explanation is that ruminants and cows are typically found in very large herds, and in these herds there is a greater propensity for disease transmission, so you need to be better equipped to withstand diseases.”

These new findings will point the way for future research that could result in more sustainable food production.

Dr Tellam said the $53 million Bovine Genome Sequencing Project – led by the Human Genome Sequencing Centre at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM-HGSC) in Houston, Texas – is an example of major achievements that can only be realised by substantial international scientific cooperation.

The implications of the genome project for the beef and dairy industries are enormous.

“The availability of very large numbers of single nucleotide polymorphisms (DNA changes in the genetic blueprint) has allowed the development of gene chips that measure genetic variation in cattle populations and will allow the rapid selective breeding of animals with higher value commercial traits.

“This technology is quickly transforming the dairy genetics industry and has the potential to dramatically alter beef cattle industries as well,” Dr Barendse said.

These new genetic tools may provide a means to select more energy-efficient animals with a smaller environmental footprint, particularly animals that produce less greenhouse gas.

A full listing of participants can be found in the article at www.sciencemag.org

The resulting bovine HapMap – a literal map of genetic diversity among different populations – is also published in the same edition of the journal Science.

“Domestication and artificial selection appear to have left detectable signatures of selection within the cattle genome yet the current level of diversity within breeds is at least as great as that found within humans,” CSIRO Livestock Industries scientist and one of the project’s group leaders, Dr Bill Barendse, said.

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Vendors Matthew and Janelle McCamley, Lancefield, Dululu offered 30 bulls, selling to a top of $8000 on two occasions.

AJM Pastoral Co paid $8000 for the Mr International 50/1 grandson, Lancefield M Ironbark, one of six purchased. Euthulla Grazing Co also purchased six new sires, including $8000 Lancefield M Pegunny who is by Lancefield M Profiler.

Vendor Matthew McCamley, Lancefield M Brahmans, Eulogie, Dululu Qld and buyer Jeff Forster, Euthella Grazing Co, Euthella, Munwilton Qld are pictured with the $8000 equal top priced bull, Lancefield M Pegunny

Reasons to feel good about eating red meat

Cutting red meat consumption is not the answer to reducing your environmental footprint.

Delivering the keynote address to the Rural Press Club of Queensland’s breakfast at the Brisbane Exhibition, Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) Managing Director David Palmer refuted claims that consumers should reduce red meat consumption to lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

“In fact Australia’s livestock industry has already reduced its emissions by 7.5% since 1992,” Mr Palmer said.

“During the same period, GHG emissions from electricity generation increased by 47.3% and transport by 26.9%.” (*Source: Department of Environment and Climate Change)

The current rules for measuring GHG emissions also fail to take into account the positive contribution that livestock producers make by storing carbon in the soil.

“There is 7% more carbon stored under a healthy pasture-based grazing system than under forestry, however currently the industry is not credited for providing this benefit. This must be addressed,” Mr Palmer said.

Mr Palmer said that the industry has also been the subject of unjust claims regarding its water use.

Independent research has shown that it takes between 27 and 540 litres of water* to produce a kilogram of beef, contrary to some of the inflated figures that have been quoted. (*Source: University of NSW).

Mr Palmer said that it would also be irresponsible of Australia to reduce red meat production with so many of our own families’ livelihoods dependent on the industry, and the looming challenges to feed a growing global population.

“Red meat production occurs on 43% of the Australian landmass, most of which is not suitable for plant-based food production,” he said.

“To replace the equivalent amount of red meat protein in the diet with plant-based proteins would require an additional productive area the size of Victoria and Tasmania combined. Red meat is an efficient source of critical nutrients. In fact it is the largest contributor of readily available iron and zinc in the Australian diet.”

Mr Palmer said the industry was committed, investing millions of dollars in research and development into producing high quality and affordable food for Australian and global consumers while preserving the environment for future generations.

For more information see www.mla.com.au/ourcommitment

*Source: University of NSW*
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Grey powerhouse, Hamdenvale Summer Dream Boy, showed his supremacy at this year’s Rockhampton Show, taking home the broad ribbons for senior and grand champion Brahman bull and grand champion of the breed.

Exhibited by David and Joy Deguara, Hamdenvale stud, Mackay, Dream Boy won the 21-26 months class before blitzing all before him in the show ring.

By Dream Boy 165 (imp) and out of PBF Summer Manso 497, the impressive 748kg grey will be offered for sale at Brahman Week.

The reserve senior champion bull, Raglan Hayden, was exhibited by Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan. He is a November 2006-drop son of JDH Mr Manso 479/1 (imp) and Kabala Tallahassee.

They also picked up the reserve male calf championship with Raglan Mr Gallagher, a WHS Andy Imperator (imp) son who placed first in the 9-12 months class.

Kenrol Sir Marri 0317, shown by Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol stud, Gracemere, was sashed junior champion bull. Sired by JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) and out of 2008 Dam of the Year, Kenrol Gene 0128, the growthy young bull boasts an EBV of +60 for 600-day weight.

Sir Marri’s full sister, Kenrol Lady Marri 0251, took out the reserve senior female championship for the Cole family.

Red heifer Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com, from the Whitaker family’s stud at Munduberra, scooped the pool in the female judging, being named calf champion and grand champion female. By Mr JH 2000. Com 10/0, out of Whitaker Maggie, the 17-month-old heifer followed up from her success at Beef 2009 where she was calf champion female.
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(+)(+) JDH REMINGTON MANSO 784/2

JDH MISS JUANITA MANSO 155/3

(+)(+) JDH SIR LIBERTY MANSO 847/5

JDH LADY NELDA MANSO 485/5

(+)(+) JDH DATAPACK MANSO 563/5

JDH LADY MAINE MANSO 183/4

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Tim and Lynnette Olive, Apis Creek, Marlborough, also had a successful outing in Rockhampton. They exhibited the senior champion female, Apis Creek Matilda, who is a daughter of FBC D Special Edition Manso and out of the Lancefield Signature cow Elrose Ribot. Their bull, Apis Creek Sir Houston, was runner-up to Kenrol Sir Marri in the 17-19 months class and went on to be sashed reserve junior champion bull. Sir Houston is by JDH Mr Manso 258/4 (imp) and out of a JDH Datapack Manso (imp) cow from Brahrock.

Apis Creek continued on their ribbon haul by taking out the junior female championship with Apis Creek Lady Chanel, by JDH Riddell Manso (imp). The Olive’s red heifer by Mr Winchester Magnum 999 (imp), Apis Creek Comanche, snared the reserve female calf championship.

The male calf champion, Glengarry Sub Zero, was exhibited by Scott and Geoff Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara. Sub Zero is the son of Tropical Cattle Amos Manso, out of Mooramin Miss Hannibal, and has an EBV of +56 for 600-day weight.

The FBC D Jacko De Manso heifer, Olive Barbie Doll, exhibited by Ross and Natalie Olive, Olive stud, Gogango, was named reserve junior champion female.

Kenrol won the sire’s progeny group with progeny of JDH Sir Marri Manso and took out first and third placing in the dam’s progeny group, and first place for the group of four head.
MOGUL
PERFORMANCE BRAHMANS

2009 ROCKHAMPTON BRAHMAN WEEK SALE OFFERING

DAY ONE

MOGUL WHISTLER  SELECT SIRE  LOT 29

MOGUL WOMBAH (P)  SELECT SIRE  LOT 30

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DAY TWO

MOGUL WHARTON  SELECT SIRE  LOT 361

MOGUL WILL W348  SELECT SIRE  LOT 362

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Krystal & Boaz Weis (nee Moon) were married on the 16th May 2008 at Gladstone

Val & Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela celebrate their 60th Anniversary in September

Ted & Grace Kirk, Hazelton Brahmans, Gayndah celebrated their 60th Anniversary in August

Krystal & Boaz Weis welcomed with much love Matilda Isabella Weis, born 14th May 2009 weighing 7lb 1oz. Matilda is the first grandchild for Caleb & Sandra Weis of Besanthervale Brahmans, Goomeri

Amanda & Chris Howie (nee Herrod), Ponderosa Brahman stud, Katherine NT were married on the 24th July 2009 at East Point Reserve, Darwin NT. The bridal party included (from left) Gavin Howie, Lorre Herrod, Shayne Smith, Melissa Miller, Cheyenne Craft, Connor Keelan, Angela Thompson, Chris Littlejohn, Letasha Young and Matthew Dennis

Trevor & Rozeta Kerim, Tre-Ker Brahmans, Biloela congratulated their eldest son Alban Kerim after he graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, UQ, Gatton. Rozetta and Alban are pictured after the graduation.

Alban is looking forward to future research on his Masters in Cattle Invitro Fertilisation and Nutrition under the supervision of Dr Richard Fry.

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LOT 93
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LOT 91
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LOT 94
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LOT 41

NBS Elate Manso
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MR V8 189/4 (IMP US)
MR V8 900/4 (ET)
MISS V8 287/3
MISS V8 202/3 (IMP US)
MISS V8 843/4
MISS V8 22/3
JDH PRESCOT MANSO 82/6
JDH MR ABEL MANSO (IMP US)
JDH LADY MIE MANSO 764/5

Dam: EL JA AMY SILHOUETTE MANSO (ET)
JDH NAVASOTA MANSO 55/1 (IMP US) (ET)
EL JA SILHOUETTE MANSO (ET)
EL JA MISS ANNA POWER (ET)

NBS STUD BRAHMANS

Mon 19th October, Gracemere, ROCKHAMPTON - 9am
NBS RASCALLY MANSO
DOB: 10/04/07

Sire: JDH RIDDELL MANSO (IMP US)
JDH SIR JULIO MANSO
JDH LADY MCADOO MANSO
JDH MS MONTEQUE MANSO
JDH MR ELLIOTT MANSO (IMP SA)
JDH FEDERATION 76/1 (IMP US)
JDH ADELAIDE MANSO

Dam: LANCEFIELD D LADY VIOLA 2062/D (AI) (ET)
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Juniors hone their cattle skills

by Lindel GREGGERY

The 2009 ABBA Rockhampton Junior Beef Show attracted 110 kids from four states, combining fun, education and hands-on experience in cattle showing and judging.

Held at the Rockhampton Showgrounds from June 30-July 2, the action packed event featured educational sessions, prime cattle judging, junior judging of stud cattle, junior parading, led steer judging and social events.

The Jeff McCamley Memorial Youth Development Fund was used to cover the expenses of branch representatives from Victoria, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and Southern Queensland. The contestants, who ranged from the tiniest Pee Wees through to 24-year-olds, were put through their paces by the judges. Matthew Noakes, Solo F stud, Marlborough adjudicated over the prime cattle; Greg Chappell, Dulverton Angus stud, Glen Innes, NSW handled the junior judging and stud cattle classes, and the junior paraders were judged by Isaac Belleau, Moura.

Participants gained a wealth of knowledge from the educational sessions on show preparation, handling, cattle photography, Herdmaster and NLIS scanning. The purchase of a Breed’N Betsy training aid was a very useful addition to the training sessions on artificial breeding and pregnancy testing.

The hotly-contested Landmark Scholarship for the 18-under 25 years age group champion went to Nicole Hartwig, who was second in the under-18 class last year. She won $1000 towards the expenses involved in competing in the Junior Judging and Junior Parader events at the 2009 Brisbane Royal Show.

For the second year in a row, Monique Bauman was named the 16-under 18 champion, and received an AI kit and AI training course sponsored by Beef Breeding Services.

The 14-16 year champion, and proud owner of a new swag sponsored by Georges, was Chloe Gould. Lauren Angus was named 12-under 14 years champion after an impressive win in the prime cattle junior judging scored her valuable championship points.

The under 12 years championship went to Breanna Cook, who accrued maximum points when she won the prime cattle junior judging in her age group. Nanci Wilson, Eureka Creek stud, Monto was the champion Pee Wee and received a $150 gift voucher from Georges for her efforts.

Shaun Kendall, Chesterfield stud, Roma picked up the herdsman’s award for his cattle handling skills.
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2. Kate Connor
3. Patrick Luck
4. Montana McCamley
5. Edward MacKenzie

**Under 12 Years**
1. Breanna Cook
2. Lucie Anne Kirk
3. Amy Birch
4. Creedon Weir
5. John Angus

**12 & Under 14 Years**
1. Lauren Angus
2. Jed Currie
3. Jack Griffiths
4. Tallon Creber
5. Lachie Shephard

**14 & Under 16 Years**
1. Chole Gould
2. Madison May-Thomas
3. Bryan Deste
4. Georgie Griffiths
5. Courtney Olive

**16 & Under 18 Years**
1. Monique Bauman
2. Tom Delahunty
3. Sarah Packer
4. Jessica Vlodrmans
5. Jack Kidd

**18 & Under 25 Years**
1. Nikki Robertson
2. Nicole Hartwig
3. Zac McInerney
4. Shaun Kendal
5. Nick Curran

**B. STUD CATTLE**

**Peewee**
1. Nanci Wilson
2. Courtney Walz
3. Amber McLauglan
4. Edward MacKenzie
5. Andrew Macarthur

**Under 12 Years**
1. Isabella Fernie
2. Sarah MacKenzie
3. Jordan Labuschewski
4. Braydon McInally
5. Lucie Anne Kirk

Steve Little gave a demonstration on shed manners and knot tying

Greg Chappell, Dulverton Angus stud, Glen Innes judged the stud classes and the stud cattle junior judging

Isaac Billau judged the parading classes

Nikki Robertson won the karaoke competition on Wednesday evening and gave another rousing performance at the Presentation Dinner

Matthew Noakes, Teys Bros cattle buyers and Solo F Brahman stud judged the Prime Cattle Judging competition

Greg Fawcett, Beef Breeding Services, gave a presentation on AI

Philip Mann, Tropical Beef Technology Services gave a presentation on Herd Master PC software and Index Selection

Kent Ward conducted a practical session on stud cattle photography
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1 Jack Myles  
2 India Doe  
3 Tyson Dahiter  
4 Lauren Angus  
5 Sarah Birch

14 & Under 16 Years
1 Nikki Iverson  
2 Emily Pelling  
3 Chloe Gould  
4 Madison May Thomas  
5 Tamara Finger

16 & Under 18 Years
1 Chris Turner  
2 Lysandra Petrie  
3 Will McCamley  
4 Monique Bauman  
5 Jack Kidd

18 & Under 25 Years
1 Nicole Hartwig  
2 Nikki Robertson  
3 Zac McInnerney  
4 Shaun Kendal  
5 Nick Curran

SHOW CLASSES
Bull Under 6 Months
1 Kenrol Karnarri Manso 2445  
2 Rocky High Mr Olympia  
3 Brytar Oaycheck  
4 Kenrol Leeman 2461  
5 Kenrol Mr PJ Manso 2444

Bull 6 & Under 9 Months
1 Abbotsford Dominance  
2 Abbortsford Richy  
3 Tanic Dillon  
4 Wolfgang Inserminator  
5 Ooline Solomon

Bull 9 & Under 12 Months
1 Colinta Dudley  
2 Bungoona Botswana  
3 Wolfgang I-Spy

Bull 12 & Under 15 Months
1 Colinta Denham  
2 Kenrol Mr Altman 0326  
3 Rockley Marlow  
4 Callioran Geronimo  
5 Colinta Duaringa

Calf Champion Bull
Colinta Denham

Reserve Calf Champion Bull
Kenrol Mr Altman

Heifer Under 6 Months
1 Kenrol Lady Kayla 2406  
2 Kenrol Allie 2460  
3 Kenrol Serensis 2466  
4 Glenlands D Opera  
5 Karingal Izzy

Heifer 6 & Under 9 Months
1 Tilpara Hills Miss.Csonka  
2 Ooline Freestar  
3 Abbotsford Twilight  
4 Marlegoo Dainty  
5 Lonesome Dove Bronze

Heifer 9 & Under 12 Months
1 Aois Creek Comanche  
2 Hazelton K Janya 2050  
3 Marlegoo Dove  
4 Glenlands New Moon  
5 Apis Creek Poccahontas

Heifer 12 & Under 15 Months
1 Rockley Miss Elly  
2 Rockley Datakwai  
3 Rocky High Resolution  
4 Tanic Dawn  
5 Mylington 244 Vicky D10

Calf Champion Heifer
Apis Creek Comanche

Res. Calf Champion Heifer
Hazelton K Janya 2050

Heifer 15 & Under 18 Months
1 Eureka Creek Mulan  
2 Eurekz Creek Dimity  
3 Boombah Chloe  
4 Birch Inca Gold  
5 Raglan Miss Amethyst 692

Heifer 18 & Under 21 Months
1 Birch Isla  
2 Glenlands Nicolette  
3 Kenrol Lady K 0314  
4 Palgrove Digit 74  
5 Kenrol Miss Magnum 0333

Heifer 21 & Under 24 Months
1 Kenrol Lady Elegance  
2 Eureka Creek Luletta  
3 Burnt Creek Quintessa

Junior Champion Heifer
Kenrol Lady Elegance

Res. Junior Champion Heifer
Eureka Creek Mulan

James Kent tried his hand at the “BreedinBetsy” AI and pregnancy testing training unit purchased by the ABBA

Megan Kent, Ooline stud sashed the Calf Champion bull, Colinta Denham shown by Zac McInnerney

Kate Chapman, Rowanlea Pastoral Co, Calliope sashed the Junior Champion Heifer, Kenrol Lady Elegance shown by Nick Curran
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D. BUNGONA MISS CASTALE 413/3

LOT 848 RBWS
BUNGONA B LOYDON MANSO 2609/8
S. TIMBERL ME PACKOY MANSO 215 (AI F.B.)
D. BUNGONA MISS NOBEL MANSO 884/3

LOT 842 RBWS
BUNGONA CADILLAC 2177/8
S. JDH MR COOPER MANSO (IMP US)
D. BUNGONA MS TRENT 5017/0

LOT 845 RBWS
BUNGONA CARDINAL 2500/8
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1 Simple
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3 Rockhigh Roy
4 Sniffles
5 TCC Freckles

Milk Tooth Led Steer or Commercial Heifer over 500kg Liveweight
1 Connor Daisey Duke

JUNIOR PARADING
Peewee
1 Kate Connor
2 Riley Conner
3 Leah McBride
4 Andrew Macarthur
5 Patrick Luck

Under 12 Years
1 Brendon Childs
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AGE CHAMPIONS
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4 Courney Walz
5 Patrick Luck

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HERDSMAN’S AWARDS
1 Shaun Kendall
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3 Nikki Robertson
4 Montana McCamley
5 Tamara Finger

Julie McCamley, Lancefield Brahmans sashed the Calf Champion Heifer, Apis Creek Comanche shown by Courtney Olive

Roxanne Olive, Raglan Brahman stud sashed the Reserve Junior Champion Heifer, Eureka Creek Mulan shown by Leonie George

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Lynette Olive, Apis Creek Brahman stud sashed the Reserve Calf Champion Heifer Hazelton K Janya 2050 held by Stuart Kirk

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A STRONG TEAM OF REDS

Kick off, late Monday afternoon
Selling RBWS Lots 336-341
Also two select sire Tuesday morning Lots 351-352
Selling five bulls at Gold City Sale Charters Towers

Kariboe Valley
Red Brahmans
Brahman females to $18,000 at first 2Up Sale

A red Brahman in-calf cow, Wilarandy S Dancing Queen, sold for $18,000 to top the first ever multi-vendor 2Up Brahman and Droughtmaster Female Sale held at Gracemere in August.

Dancing Queen is a daughter of JCC Radical (by Billabong Round Tree) from Steve and Sharon Turner’s Wilarandy S Brahman stud, Woolooga and was purchased by Agfin Rural, Yeppoon.

Wilarandy utilized the 2Up sale to disperse their female herd, and Agfin Rural took advantage of the opportunity by securing Dancing Queen’s sister, Wilarandy S Jo Jo, for $12,000 and a Wilarandy S Mystical Lady 9025, a Fairy Springs Red Leader/Elorse Red Robin heifer, for $12,500.

Wilarandy offered Elrose Red Robin for sale at the fixture, achieving second top price of $14,000. The well performed daughter of Lancefield D Robinson and Tartrus Fairy Tales is the dam of $80,000 bull Wilarandy S Branson, and will join Cye and Margeretta Travers’ Bizzy M stud, Copmanhurst, NSW. The recently-wed couple also paid $5000 for the red heifer, Shilla Park Shiraz 367, with a bull calf at foot by Lancefield Conway.

A Dancing Queen daughter, Wilarandy S Venus 9036, was purchased by the Godden’s Ego stud, Gympie for $10,000, with her full sister, Wilarandy S Athena 9040 selling for $11,000 to the Rose family, Rose Valley stud, Barambah.

Gary and Katrina Lynch, Gracemere stud, Rockhampton purchased 10-month-old Wilarandy S Mighty Aphrodite, also out of Dancing Queen, for $7000, and intend to use the heifer in their embryo transfer program early next year.

Brahmans continued to attract top dollar at the sale when a six-embryo package from grey Brahman donor female, FBC T Miss Jess De Manso, offered by Will and Tracy Fenech, FBC T stud, Wowan, sold for $11,000 to Ray and Leah Vella, Bald Hills, Marlborough.

Steve and Theresa Taylor, Clukan stud, Jambin averaged $3025 for their 10 grey Brahman females, their draft including $5000 Clukan Mia 165/7 (JDH Mr Manso 258/4), purchased by William and Helen Tucker, Garuda stud, Bouldercombe.

A grand-daughter of JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp), Kamir Miss Remgirl Manso, offered by the Dunn family, Kamir Brahmans, Thangool was purchased for $5000 by Paul and Catherine Mackenzie, Arizona, Dingo.

Glen and Ken Schultz, Hillview, Mt Larcom sold a trio of Brahman females to a top of $3250, averaging $2583 and four head from Terry and Susan Connor, Timbrel stud, averaged $3062.

Overall, the 2Up sale averaged $2879 for 185 females Brahman and Droughtmaster females, with an 86 per cent clearance rate.

Ray Vella, Bald Hills, Marlborough, pictured with Will Fenech, Fenech Brahman Cattle Co, Wowan, purchased a six-embryo package for $11,000 from FBC donor FBC T Miss Jess De Manso 021T
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BUNGARRIBEEN CALLAGHAN 1288

LOT 933 - RBWS
BUNGARRIBEEN COSTELLO 1330

LOT 70 - GOLD CITY
BUNGARRIBEEN CAMBRIDGE 1306 (P)

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SELLING RBWS LOTS 266 - 268
GREY SELECT SIRES LOTS 23 & 24

Lot 266
Lot 267
Lot 268

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Awaits the nations seedstock and commercial sector at the forthcoming NCC Brahman Sale. This explosive offering is the largest of its type ever assembled by a single vendor prefix and encompasses 60 red heifers accompanied by 50 red bulls. The blend of genetics and the forces of the Brahman gene pool gleaned from three countries have been brought together for this stellar book of impressive youngsters for your competition. We would strongly recommend your attendance and your inspection of the sale team that is the product of the very best that the red American, South African and Australian Brahman herd has to offer.

These youngsters represent the best of their years and we’re sure they’ll impress. The ‘bull power’ represented in the 2009 fixture includes the $140,000 NCC Zulu, the powerful homebred product, NCC Serengeti, the colonial sire in Letoken Revolution and
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...Envisage the next generation ...

Lot 54  Ellen 861
Lot 30  Viking (Sc)

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The profitability of a business is highly dependent on efficient reproductive performance and the capacity of fertile bulls to successfully service cows for several seasons.

A deficiency in the bull’s breeding ability has a large impact on net income and the costs of production. Using sub fertile bulls leads to lower calving percentages, extended calving intervals, reduced genetic progress and the expense of carrying empty cows. Additionally, cow wastage may increase due to fat cows which can be difficult to get in calf. The impact of these factors are further accentuated if the beef operation relies on a limited breeding season of 60-90 days.

The actual service capacity of a bull is the result of a combination of the reproductive soundness, genetic potential and environmental (eg nutrition, climate, health) factors and the level of herd management. Subsequently, it is not possible to determine the “true” breeding soundness before a bull is used in the herd.

“Breeding soundness evaluations assist in the assessment of bulls”

Both pre and post sale evaluations are necessary to determine the reproductive soundness of bulls. Ongoing assessment is also necessary on an annual basis 60-90 days prior to turning bulls out to allow time to replace ineffective bulls.

HERITABILITIES

Heritabilities are moderate-high for most of the semen traits (Table 1) and high for testes size and scrotal circumference. This has major implications for bulls with poor semen traits and below average semen testes/scrotum measurements.

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<td>Scrotal Circumference</td>
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<td>Volume</td>
<td>0.24 - 0.44</td>
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<td>Mobility</td>
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<td>No. of sperm</td>
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Note: Repeatability 0.41 - 0.64 (ie high)

FACTORS AFFECTING REPRODUCTIVE SOUNDNESS

There are 7 main factors which can affect bull fertility and performance. These are:

- Age of the bull
- Capability of reproductive organs
- Semen quality
- Level of libido
- Plane of nutrition
- Structural soundness
- Environment

AGE OF THE BULL

Puberty is related to age, body weight, testes size and feed management. Increasingly bulls are being purchased at a younger age (18-24 months) with the expectation that they can effectively service cows. Age and bodyweight at puberty can vary across bulls but scrotal circumference at puberty remains relatively constant.

Bulls exhibit sexual interest about 3 weeks prior to puberty and attain mating ability about 6-8 weeks after puberty. Certainly young bulls can breed but reproductive efficiency increases up to maturity.

Producers may believe that after a successful season that bulls are of sound breeding value for the next season. Unfortunately this can be incorrect. Mature bulls that do not settle their share of cows in a prescribed breeding period are contributing to reproductive inefficiency. Subsequently a breeding soundness examination should be carried out annually to ensure that the bull is basically sound.

REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

Figure 1 illustrates the various parts of the bulls reproductive tract. Sperm is produced continuously by the testes and stored in the epididymis. The prostrate gland, seminal vesicles and cowpeas gland secrete the fluid component of the semen. The seminal fluid contains substrates, buffers, inorganic ions (sodium, chlorine, calcium etc) and proteins. These proteins (known as fertility associated antigens) are particularly important since they bind to certain compounds in the female tract that increased the chances of fertilisation. Factors that affect the quality of sperm cells also impact on the efficacy of the seminal fluid.

The scrotum supports and encloses the testes. Its main function is to regulate testicular temperature through perspiration and muscular contraction that raises the testicles in cold weather and relaxation that lowers them in warm weather.
Inside the scrotum (Fig 1) and attached to each testicle is the epididymis, a 3 metre long tightly coiled tube made up of three sections (head, body, tail). The functions of the epididymis are concentration, storage, maturation and transportation of sperm cells. Immature sperm cells are immobile when they enter the epididymis and become mobile after maturation.

**TESTICLE SIZE AND CONSISTENCY**

Testicular consistency refers to the firmness and resilience (or springiness) of the testicles and is a reasonable indicator of testicle function and semen quality. Soft testicles with low resilience are associated with high percentage of abnormal sperm and low reproductive performance. Normal testicle function and good semen quality are indicated by firm testicles with high resilience (tendency and return to normal shape after squeezing) Table 2.

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**TESTICULAR CONSISTENCY SCORE**

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Bulls with testicle consistency scores of 2 or 3 generally produce good quality semen. Bulls with 4 or 5 scores are likely to produce poor quality semen. Bulls with very firm testicles (hard) may have suffered fibrosis and may have unsatisfactory semen.

Testicle size is the main factor determining the number of semen and volume of ejaculate. Since testicular development in bulls is a highly heritable characteristic (0.68) it is important to monitor the testicular development of bulls.

**SCROTAL CONFORMATION**

Scrotal circumference is the most accurate indicator of testicle size and its measurement is directly related to the total mass of sperm producing tissue, sperm cell normality, the onset of puberty in bulls and the fertility of female progeny. Table 3 shows the average scrotal circumference of Brahman bulls at various ages.

The appearance of the scrotum and its contents can vary widely (Figs 2 & 3). Lateral rotation of the testicular axis (Fig 2c) & incomplete separation of the scrotal septum (Fig 2d) whilst not functionally important often raise discussion amongst producers.

**FIGURE 2**

Scrotal conformation: (a) normal (elongated), (b) Normal (round), (c) north-south, and (d) Y-balls/cleavage.

“Major faults and abnormalities reduce fertility”

Bulls with their testes close to the body (Fig 3a) should receive fertility checks whilst excessive elongation of the testes can result in serious injuries.

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**TABLE 3**

**COMPARISON BY AGE OF AVERAGE SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE (CMS) FOR PASTURE FED BRAHMAN BULLS (PERSONAL COMMUNICATION., I TUCKER, QLD)**

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Note:

(i) Several factors affect scrotal size (SS) measurements (eg nutrition, growth, environment).
(ii) Where available use SS-EBVs in preference to raw SS scores.
(iii) Scrotal size can be 3 - 6 cms higher when bulls are fed concentrate rations.

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A persistent frenulum is a heritable condition in which the tip of the penis remains attached to the sheath and cannot be extended. It can be surgically corrected.

**FIGURE 4**

Persistent frenulum

**FIGURE 5**

Spiral deviation of the penis
Kamir BRAHMANS

SELLING LOTS 571 - 573  DAY 2  AT RBWS 2009

LOT 572 Rimfire
JDH Liberty Manso 847/5
S: JDH MR DAVID MANSO 231/1
JDH Lady Diane Manso 52/1
JDH Navasota Manso 55/1
D: CLUKAN RICHELLE 117/4
Lancefield M Shanoa Manso 8578

LOT 571 Rempack
JDH Karu Manso 800
S: TARTRUS REMBRANDT MANSO 4382
Tartrus Miss Rem 3666
JDH Datapack Manso
D: PIONEER PARK SUNLINE MANSO
Lancefield Marybelle Manso 8884

Kamir Makybe Diva Manso
- Progeny of Sunline producing quality
- Won 2 Champions and her class at Beef 2009

Ric, Michele & Matt Dunn  Thangool Q 4716
p: 07 4995 1139  e: kamir@activ8.net.au
Penile hair rings (band of hair encircles the penis) are most often seen in young bulls. If the condition remains untreated, infection and scarring may result. Warts on the tip of the penis are commonly found on young bulls.

Injuries to the penis usually occur during the breeding season. Old lacerations and adhesions can prevent full extension of the penis or cause pain during breeding reducing reproductive performance.

The shape and anatomy of the sheath are heritable and selection against poor structure will result in immediate and longer term benefits. The sheath should be medium size with strong attachments. It is important to avoid extremes (ie too tight or too loose).

"Both sheath structure and sheath size are important"

A thick prepuce is often related to excessive membrane within sheath and is prone to injury. Prolapsed eversion of the sheath mucosa and pendulous prepuces are conditions which make bulls more prone to injury and prolapsed.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The purpose of an internal examination (rectal) is to detect any abnormalities (eg inflammation, adhesions, fibrosis) in the seminal vesicles, prostate, ampullae. Rarely are there problems with the prostate but infection can occur in the seminal vesicles and ampullae which characterised by enlargement of the seminal vesicles (seminal vesiculitis).

An external examination involves the palpation of the testes, epididymis and scrotum. The upper portion of the epididymis should be soft pliable and free from any lumps or enlargements.

SEmen QUALITY

Sperm cell concentration, motility and morphology evaluations are the basis of scoring semen (Table 4).

- Concentration (the number of normal sperm cells present in each cc of ejaculate) and volume (the number of cc’s of ejaculate) represent the total seminal output. Some bulls do not respond well to electrical stimulus and the collection can be inconclusive.

- Motility of individual sperm is an important factor in determining the breeding soundness of bulls. Whilst >30 per cent motility is the acceptable standard (Society of Theriogenology), the figure of 60-70 per cent provides a more confident value since active moving sperm cells are essential for fertilisation. Semen with high motility has vigorous swirls whilst poor activity represents limited motility.

- Morphology or the shape of the sperm cells is important since normal cells are necessary for fertilisation. Minimal values are set at 70-75 per cent normal with abnormal cells less than 25 per cent. Sperm cell abnormalities can either be primary or secondary conditions.

- Colour is also an indication of semen quality. The semen should be milky-creamy in appearance and free from contaminants such as blood, pus or urine.

Semen tests for young bulls may be inconclusive and subsequently not totally reliable indicator of semen quality. Semen quality improves dramatically up to 4 months following puberty and bull maturity (4-6 years).

"Semen quality tests are important "snapshots" at a particular point of time"

Semen quality tests need to be considered in conjunction with other aspects of breeding soundness examinations, ie visual assessment of mounting, internal and external examination and monitoring pregnancies.

LIBIDO (MATING ABILITY)

Libido, or sex drive, is important in the bulls ability to service a large number of cows. There is no practical way to estimate a bulls potential mating ability except to observe the bull servicing cows.

"Up to 20 per cent of reproductive failures are due to low mating ability"

Semen production, scrotal size or hormone levels do not relate well to mating performance. It is possible to get good semen bulls with a low desire to mate and vice versa.

Irrespective of whether formal evaluation tests are conducted for reproductive soundness, producers would be wise to test a new bull with a group of females (ie trial group post sale). These observations should be supported by heat observations and monitoring and pregnancy testing.

NUTRITION

Nutrition is important for the development and maintenance of the reproductive system. Balanced rations (ie energy, protein, fibre, minerals) are necessary for semen health, semen production and physical activity.

"Feeding practices can have a profound effect on reproductive performance"

Underfeeding causes delays in puberty of young bulls and reduced libido and sperm quality of mature bulls. Overfeeding, on the other hand, can cause irreversible testicular damage & low libido. Excessive fat deposits in the scrotum interferes with temperature regulation although the degree of fatness to cause deteterious effects is yet to be fully determined. Studies in Canada have shown that high carbohydrate diets with low levels of exercise reduces the fertility of bulls. The study showed that bulls with 4mm of fat compared to 10mm had 60 per cent more sperm cells and also had higher quality semen.
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“Young bulls should be well grown but not in a fat condition”

Fertility can be negatively affected by certain feedstuffs (eg excessive gossypol from white cotton). Certainly, cottonseed byproducts can be fed to bulls but they should be fed at low to moderate rates (ie 1-2kg/day for a limited period of time (3-4 months). Fertilisers (eg MAP/DAP) are not recommended for cattle feeding as a source of phosphorus due to the presence of heavy metals. The presence of cadmium has also been shown to produce adverse effects on sperm quality. Apparent toxic effects include membrane impairment, lower maturity and reduced fertility.

High levels of soluble carbohydrates (eg fast grains) greatly affects the breeding soundness of bulls. It is suggested that producers when obtaining a bull acquire information on the type of diet & level of feeding.

In addition to balanced intakes of protein and energy (ie energy to protein ratio), adequate intakes of mineral (trace and macro) are necessary for reproductive performance eg zinc deficiency causes lower fertility, due to reduced sperm quality. Selenium deficiency in bulls decreases the development and maturation process for sperm (spermatogenesis). Calcium and phosphorus are necessary for skeletal development and the latter essential for efficient metabolism of feed nutrients. Zinc, copper and manganese are also needed for skeletal development and hoof integrity for walking and mounting.

The administration of trace minerals and inclusion of key macro minerals can stimulate mineral dependent reproductive processes where there are mineral deficiencies in certain diets and environments.

The best approach to mineral supplementation is to determine the levels of intake & potential shortfalls then provide strategically timed intakes of balanced mineral supplements prior to the breeding season. Imbalances of minerals or excessive levels of intake have an antagonistic effect eg zinc and copper become antagonistic if either mineral is oversupplied and extreme ratios of phosphorus and calcium can limit the absorption of these minerals.

Exercise is important for bulls fed on high grain-low fibre diets. Physical activity strengthens the feet, legs & back ie physical attributes essential for walking and servicing cows. Prolonged periods of lying down also negatively impact on semen quality.

**STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS**

The bull needs to be able to effectively source and service females and any factor that reduces walking and mounting ability impacts negatively on the bulls breeding performance.

The structural soundness of feet and legs is paramount if the bulls are expected to seek and service cows. Structural defects of feet and legs can seriously impact on mating ability and longevity of the bull. A conformation problem commonly associated with poor breeding performance is extreme straightness of the rear legs. A moderate angle in the hock is necessary for the bull to thrust properly after mounting. Proper angulation in the leg joints also helps to absorb the shocks produced when walking, and increases the life span of the bull. Most structural faults (eg sickle hock, cow hock, post legged) are heritable (0.12) and subsequently defects can be passed onto both female and bull progeny.

In the preparation of bull for sale, overfed bulls may have been foundered (acute and sub acute laminitis) to some degree in their growing phase. The effects of laminitis (Brahman Journal June 2001) may not be fully expressed for some time after purchase (ie swollen joints and deformed feet). The long term effects however is reduced walking, servicing capacity, lameness and foot problem, lower reproductive efficiency and reduced bull longevity.

**ENVIRONMENT**

Degeneration of the testes may occur at any time and can be caused by prolonged hot weather with high humidity levels, extreme cold weather with severe frosts, poor blood circulation, age, trauma and stress, bacterial diseases and general ill health. A general sign of degeneration is either excessive swelling or a decrease in testicular size.

“External and internal heat can be detrimental to semen quality and bull fertility”

In locations experiencing severe winters (eg Tablelands NSW) a bull’s scrotum may be damaged. Low temperatures & frostbite can damage the epididymis permanently & prevent the passage of semen.

Excessive heat and humidity can reduce semen quality due to inadequate thermo regulation of the testicles. Respiratory problems also have a negative effect on breeding ability.

Sources of internal heat include ill health, infections and disease (eg 3 day sickness) which can reduce bull libido, mating ability, semen production and quality.

Studies to evaluate the important environment and physiological status on semen quality (volume of ejaculate, sperm concentration, sperm maturity and morphology) found that semen characteristics improved up to 6 years of age. Cooler temperatures and lower humidity improved all semen quality traits in young bulls and most traits in mature bulls. Several factors were involved in these seasonal effects including feed quality and intake.

**REPRODUCTIVE OUTCOMES**

The importance of bull reproductive soundness cannot be underestimated. Besides the potential economic losses due to reproductive failure, the bull is responsible for 50 per cent of the genetic base of the calf drop and the genetic improvement of the herd. This means the bull to cow ratio of 30-40+ cows to 1 bull is an underestimate of the importance reproductively of sound bulls.

Reproductive unsoundness is caused by a variety of factors including poor health, disease, poor nutrition, unsuitable environments and genetics.

It is subsequently essential that bulls undergo breeding soundness assessment at purchase and pre and post seasonal matings. Breeding soundness assessment by qualified practitioners in conjunction with visual evaluation can assist in the elimination of bulls with a less than satisfactory breeding potential and allow the selection of bulls that will improve profitability and productivity through effective reproductive performance.

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"ROCKLEY", WARIALDA

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D. ALINTA PRESTIGES
Alma Winkle 00/46

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"ROCKLEY", WARIALDA

AGENT

Gwydir Valley Junior
S. NIOKA CALIBRE
Gwydir Valley 206
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D. TARRAMBA 1294 (AI)
Tarramba 765

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AGENT

Tartrus Redmount 2365 (ET)
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JH Mr Nihash 52/4
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AGENT

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SRS Mr 581
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2009 Junior Beef Presentations

Joan Newton, presented the Ken and Joan Newton Award to Nanci Wilson for winning the Peewee Age Group Championship

Martin Bauman presented the Philip Bauman Memorial Shield to Laura Angus for winning the 12 and under 14 years Age Group Championship

Colby Ede, Landmark Rockhampton (right) presented the Landmark Scholarship of $1000 to Nicole Hartwig for winning the 18 and under 25 years Age Group Championship

Tara Dieckmann presented the trophy sponsored by Tartrus Brahman stud for Reserve Junior Champion Heifer won by Eureka Creek Mulan to Leonie George

Andrew Chapman (right) presented the award for Reserve Calf Champion Bull sponsored by the Santa Gertrudis Association and won by Kenrol Mr Altman to Jack Griffiths

Julie McCamley, Lancefield Brahmans (right) who sponsored the award for Calf Champion Heifer presented the trophy won by Apis Creek Comanche to Courtney Olive

Darren Kent, Ooline Brahman stud who sponsored the award for Calf Champion Bull presented the trophy won by Colinta Denham to Zac MacInnesley

Tara Dieckmann presented the trophy sponsored by Geoff and Karen Streeter, Lazebo Brahman stud for Junior Champion Heifer won by Kenrol Lady Elegance to Nick Curran

Tara Dieckmann presented the trophy sponsored by Palmvale Red Brahmans for Reserve Calf Champion Heifer won by Hazelton K Janya 2050 to Lucie-Ann Kirk
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Branch representatives sponsored to the Rockhampton Junior Beef Show by the Jeff McCamley Memorial Youth Development Fund are Neil Boys (Victoria), Brian D’Este (NSW), Tara Walsh (NT) and Carla Pereira (SQ).

Placegetters in the 12 and 14 years Prime Cattle Judging class were from left Tallon Creber (4th), Jack Griffiths (3rd), Jed Currie (2nd), Lauren Angus (1st).

Placegetters in the 16 years and under 18 years Prime Cattle Judging class were from left Monique Bauman (1st), Tom Delahunty (2nd), Jessica Vloedmans (4th), Jack Kidd (5th), Sarah Packer (3rd).

Andrew Chapman (at rear) Rowanlea Cattle Co, Calliope Qld sponsored the Pewee (under 10 years) Junior Judging class and presented the ribbons to from left David Angus (1st), Patrick Luck (3rd), Kate Connor (2nd), Montana McCamley (4th), Edward Mackenzie (5th).

Rene Rutherford (centre) presented the Herdsmans Awards & Graham Coben Memorial Trophy sponsored by the Charbray Society to placegetters from left Tamara Finger (5th), Nikki Iverson (3rd), Montana McCamley (4th), Nicole Hartwig (2nd), Shaun Kendall (1st).

Placegetters in the 18 years and under 25 years Prime Cattle Judging were from left Nick Curran (5th), Shaun Kendal (4th), Zac McInnerney (3rd), Nicole Hartwig (2nd), Nikki Robertson (1st).

Greg Fawcett (left), Beef Breeding Services Rockhampton presented the AI kit and AI training course sponsored by Beef Breeding Services. The award was won by Monique Bauman, who gave it to second place getter Tom Delahunty as she had won the award last year.
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Placegetters in the 14 and under 16 years Prime Cattle Judging were from left Brian D’Este (3rd), Chloe Gould (1st), Courtney Olive (5th), Georgie Griffiths (4th), Madison May-Thomas (2nd)

Placegetters in the under 12 years Stud Cattle Judging class were from left Lucie-Ann Kirk (5th), Braydon McNally (4th), Jordan Labuschewski (3rd), Sarah Mackenzie (2nd), Isabella Ferney (1st)

Jason Childs, Glenlands Droughtmasters (at rear) who sponsored the 12 years and under 14 years Stud Cattle Judging presented the awards to from left Tyson Dahlter (3rd), Sarah Birch (5th), Lauren Angus (4th), India Doe (2nd), Jack Myles (1st)

Placegetters in the 16 years and under 18 years Stud Cattle Judging class were from left Chris Turner (1st), Lysandra Petrie (2nd), Monique Bauman (4th), Jack Kidd (5th), Will McCamley (3rd)

Brett McCamley, Fern Hills Brahman stud who sponsored the 14 & under 16 years Stud Cattle Judging class presented the awards to from left Emily Pelling (2nd), Tamara Finger (5th), Chloe Gould (3rd), Nikki Iverson (1st), Madison May-Thomas (4th)

Placegetters in the 18 and under 25 years Stud Cattle Judging class were from the left Nick Curran (5th), Shaun Kendal (4th), Zac McInnerney (3rd), Nikki Roberston (2nd), Nicole Hartwig (1st)

Placegetters in the Peewee (under 10 years) Stud Cattle Judging class are from left Andrew McKarthur (5th), Amber McLaughlan (3rd), Edward Mackenzie (4th), Courtney Walz (2nd), Nanci Wilson (1st)

Placegetters in the Under 12 years Age Group Championship are from the left Jordan Labuschewski (5th), Cheyenne McCamley (4th), Amy Birch (3rd), Lucie-Ann Kirk (2nd), Breanna Cook (1st) Breanna also received the Ross Warner Memorial Shield
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Placegetters in the 12 and under 14 years Age Group Championship are from the left Madeline Angus (5th), Lauren Finger (4th), Jack Myles (3rd), Jack Griffith (2nd), Lauren Angus (1st).

Placegetters in the 14 and under 16 years Age Group Championship are from the left Nikki Iverson (2nd), Georgie Griffiths (3rd), Emily Pelling (4th), Madison May-Thomas (5th), Chloe Gould (1st).

Placegetters in the Age Group Championship 18 and under 25 years are from the left Zac McInnerney (5th), Nick Curran (4th), Shaun Kendal (3rd), Nikki Robertson (2nd), Nicole Hartwig.

Georgie Coombe (front right), Roxborough Brahman stud who sponsored 16 and under 18 years Age Group Champion class presented the awards to placegetters from right Tom Delahunty (2nd), Jessica Vloedmans (5th), Chris Turner (4th), Will McCamley (3rd), Monique Bauman (1st).

Placegetters in the under 12 years Parading class were from left Isaac Newton (5th), Isabella Fernie (4th), Sarah Mackenzie (3rd), Creedon Weir (2nd), Brendon Childs (1st).

Placegetters in the under 12 years Parading class were from left Andrew McCamley (3rd), Cortney Walz (4th), Patrick Luck (5th), Kate Connor (2nd), Nanci Wilson (1st).

Placegetters in the Pewee (under 10 years) Age Group Championship are from left Montana McCamley (3rd), Cortney Walz (4th), Patrick Luck (5th), Kate Connor (2nd), Nanci Wilson (1st).

Placegetters in the Pewee (under 10 years) Parading class are from left Andrew McCamley (4th), Patrick Luck (5th), Leah McBride (3rd), Riley Connor (2nd), Kate Connor (1st).

Placegetters in the 14 and under 16 years Parading class are from left Chloe Gould (2nd), Nikki Iverson (3rd), Courtney Olive (4th), Isaac Kent (5th), Georgie Griffiths (1st).
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Placegetters in the 12 & under 14 years Parading class were from left: Jack Griffiths (1st), Tyson Dahler (5th), Emma Jamieson (4th), Lauren Finger (3rd), Jack Myles (2nd)

Grant Sainsbury Rytargra Pinzaguer stud (3rd from left) who sponsored the 18 and under 25 years Parading class presented the awards to placegetters from left: Zac McInerney (5th), Shaun Kendal (4th), Nick Curran (1st), Nikki Robertson (3rd), Nicole Hartwig (2nd)

Brahman carcases come up trumps

by Lindel GREGGERY

Brahman genetics performed exceptionally well in the Callide Dawson Beef Carcase Competition in June, collecting two championships and two reserve championships.

Entries were up by 25 percent for the competition, which attracted 367 carcases from 47 exhibitors.

The cattle were killed at Teys Bros, Rockhampton and grainfed entries were prepared at Warnoah Feedlot, Moura.

Peter and Joy Wishart, Coolamon, Goovigen were thrilled with their carcase competition debut when one of their three entries was named champion grainfed steer carcase. The milk tooth steer was by a Clukan Brahman bull and out of a Brahman cross cow.

The Wisharts operate a three-property aggregation in central Queensland, turning off cattle for the EU market. The cattle are bred at Goovigen and fattened on river country at Baralaba.

“We use Brahman bulls a lot and also use Charolais bulls over our Brahman cross cows,” Mr Wishart said.

“We always buy bulls at Brahman Week and have been buying bulls from Steve and Theresa Taylor for some time.”

Their champion steer entered the feedlot at 470kg and achieved an average daily weight gain of 2.1kg over the 100 days on grain. It had a HSCW of 369.4kg and dressed out at 54.32 percent, with a P8 fat depth of 15mm, rib fat depth of 10mm and eye muscle area of 81sq cm.

David and Lyn Anderson, Tindarra, Banana picked up the champion grainfed heifer and reserve champion grainfed heifer awards from two different pens of females. They have been breeding Brahmans for 28 years and usually fatten their heifers on grass and kill them through Teys Biloela or Swift Rockhampton.

“The champion was a black Brahman heifer who did really well in the feedlot and the other was a red heifer from a different pen,” Mr Anderson said.

The milk tooth heifers had been grainfed for 70 days.

“They were born and bred on forest country here and then they get taken down the road to some forest country that has been improved with stylo, and grown out. That’s why we’ve got Brahmans, because they’re better at it,” he said.

The reserve champion grassfed steer carcase was entered by Roger Nobbs, Wingara, Moura and was out of a red Brahman cow and by a Charolais bull. The milk tooth steer had been running on pasture and leucaena since weaning and was selected because of his eye appeal.

“He looked good, had good eye appeal and eye muscle and looked like a steer that could do alright in the carcase competition,” Mr Nobbs said.

The reserve champion grassfed steer dressed out at 283kg with a meat yield of 61 percent, 80 sq cm EMA, 10mm of fat at the P8 site and 7mm of rib fat.
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Astute Northern Territory buyers were out in force at the 10th annual Ponderosa Brahman Bull Sale, held in Katherine on May 29.

Mataranka buyers, Ian and Laura Hoare, paid the top price of $17,000 for Ponderosa Locky, who is a son of Wilangi Nathan and Jay W EJL Lea.

A grandson of JDH Mr Boswick Manso (imp), the top priced bull was the single purchase for the Hoares at the 254-head multi vendor invitation sale.

Speaking on ABC Radio after the sale, Mrs Hoare described Locky as a “beautiful balanced bull with a nice backline and really awesome hindquarter”.

Major vendors, Paul and Debbie Herrod, Ponderosa Brahman stud, Katherine, were happy with the sale, selling a total of 134 bulls for an average of $4139.

The sale recorded a 100 percent clearance, grossing $911,750 to average $3590.

Other vendors at the sale were Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan Brahman stud, Raglan, who sold 30 bulls for a gross of $95,500, averaging $3183. Tim and Lynette Olive, Apis Creek, Marlborough sold 30 head for $2741 avg and Ross and Natalie Olive, Olive stud, Gogango sold 30 bulls for an average of $3033. Alastair and Pam Davison, Viva stud, Middlemount also sold 30 head, to average $2941.

Mr Herrod said it was great to see the number of repeat buyers who supported the sale.

AA Co were the volume buyers at the sale, taking home 89 new sires for their Victoria River District properties. Chief operating officer, David Connolly, and Camfield manager Mick Tasker selected 54 bulls for Delamere Station, paying an average of $4240, and 35 bulls for Montejinni Station, for an average of $3371.

A draft of 28 bulls purchased for S. Kidman and Co by their Adelaide pastoral manager, Will Able-Smith, averaged $3419. They were destined for the company’s 11,612 sq km property, Helen Springs, via Tennant Creek.

Another volume buyer, Barkly Pastoral Co, purchased 20 bulls for an average of $2375.
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Bulls to $17,000 at Ponderosa sale

Rod Dunbar, Nutwood Downs, invested in 20 bulls for an average price of $2950, while Rosewood Station manager, Doug Struber, outlaid $57,750 for his draft of 16 bulls.

Brunei Meat Exports’ Willaroo manager, Dave Bauman, put together a line of 10 bulls for an average of $3535; while Middle Creek Pastoral Company, purchased eight bulls at $2781 avg.

Anthea Henwood, Buchanan Downs, Daley Waters took home six bulls at $3000 avg, and John and Helen Armstrong, of Gilnockie, purchased six bulls for $3833 avg.

Other buyers included Henry and Maria Townsend, Labelle stud, Katherine, who purchased seven bulls at $6250 avg; B. and C. Lester, Sturt Plateau, six bulls at $5958 avg, and Hot Springs Pastoral Company, six bulls for $2500 avg.

New Brahman sale for Tamworth

A grey bull sure to attract interest is Lot 1, Destys Banjo Enamel. The Hudgins-blood son of Abbotsford Enamel was the junior champion at Dubbo this year.

The Nicolle family’s Nioka stud is offering nine red females including six polled heifers, and four red heifers have been catalogued by Anthony and Sonia Donnelly, Donna Leigh Park, Manilla.

Other sale vendors include Chadwick Downs, Kyabra, Broandah, Boobah, Petrie Park and Langley Dale stud.

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Life Source lobbies for a better image for farmers

A group of young and enthusiastic Queensland landholders has decided there is a need for a more proactive approach to spreading the message of the importance of the agricultural sector to this country. That group is called Life Source.

The group was formed less than six months ago, born out of frustration and annoyance at the State Government’s proposed Vegetation Management Bill which potentially affects more than one million hectares.

One of its core values is to actively counter the misrepresentation of the agricultural industry’s land management credentials.

The Life Source board is headed up by interim board president, Michael Hewitt, from Central Queensland. Other members include Peter Mahony, Theodore; Ian McCamley, Rolleston; Justin MacDonnell, Arcadia Valley; Sarah Cox, Cracow; Rob Baines, Toowoomba and Sarah Guilfoyle, Clermont.

The mission of Life Source is to reshape and rebrand the image of Queensland and Australian fresh food producers as dynamic, professional, productive and sustainable managers of the environment.

While the organization is still very much in its infancy, Mr Hewitt and other board members have met with ALP backbenchers, opposition leaders and union members in their plight to get their message across.

“We have contacted environmental groups such as the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) and invited them out to our properties to see firsthand how we manage our land, and that there is no environmental, ecological or economical benefit from this proposed new regrowth legislation, but the response has been very disappointing,” Mr Hewitt said.

In fact, not one group took up the invitation.

“We congratulate AgForce, however, on organizing a meeting with the Queensland Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson recently. We believe it is the first time his advisors had ever seen brigalow in its true state, so it is a real worry,” he said.

“This legislation will affect a lot of Brahman breeders and livestock producers in general, as it is aimed at brigalow country specifically.”

Mr Hewitt sees this legislation as a continuation of the erosion of land rights in Australia.

“There is a minimal understanding of what agriculture means to this country, and that is what Life Source plans to change,” he said.

“However, we want to be proactive and positive in our promotion of a new image of agriculture. We don’t want to get involved too much in the politics.”

Mr Hewitt believes landholders have not helped their cause in the past, by not helping urban dwellers realize that livestock producers and farmers are themselves environmentalists.

He explained that the legislation to place a moratorium on the clearing of regrowth vegetation proposed to lock away large parcels of brigalow country or “endangered ecosystems” to be “rehabilitated”, therefore not allowing landholders to fully utilize their country.

“Australian landholders do a lot of good work in looking after their land and we don’t need the added pressure of this type of legislation, which may reduce the wonderful work they do.

“We are talking serious areas of land that are involved – many properties have thousands of acres that have been mapped out by the Government.”
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Mr Hewitt said they had received strong support from certain sectors of the agricultural industry, which they were very appreciative of. However, Life Source is currently funded purely by private donations, and they thanked all those who had contributed in such a large way.

“We will now be targetting corporate groups and companies with a strong affiliation with agriculture,” he said.

Just recently, Mr Hewitt and two other Life Source board members flew to Sydney to meet with television presenter, Don Burke, who offered his wholehearted support to their mission.

“Don Burke is very much aligned with agriculture and is a strong supporter of the agricultural sector,” Mr Hewitt said.

“He believes, as we do, that the promotion of a positive image of agriculture is long overdue.”

Life Source plans to work with high profile figures such as Don Burke to get their message across to the urban public.

“We want to promote the image of professional, progressive agribusiness families who are producing wholesome, healthy food in a sustainable way,” Mr Hewitt said.

“Australian producers are intelligent, experienced, passionate and trustworthy managers of our land. If we can’t deliver effective and sustainable solutions, we should be very concerned about who can.”

Members of Life Source, however, believe the learning process is a reciprocal thing.

“We have to understand city people and how they earn their living. We can’t expect urban dwellers to understand us if we don’t understand them and their way of life,” Mr Hewitt said.

Nudgee College Cattle Club were once again prominent at Brisbane Show, this year, showing Rob & Robbie Walkers, Chudley Brahman stud cattle.

The club members were complemented on the standard of presentation of the cattle, their interaction with other exhibitors and the public.

The team included (back row): Devon Tarpencha, Ryan Gunderson, Daryl Garde, Cormack McCarthy, Joel Turaga, Matt Higgins, Jack Kidd, Tom Delahunty (front row) Parrish May, Jack Poulter, Lachlan O’Reilly, James Lunney, Kerryn Tombe
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The Tropical Beef Technology Services (TBTS) and Southern Beef Technology Services (SBTS) team recently completed a national workshop series titled “Know Your Genes – An update on DNA technology for the Seedstock producer”.

A total of 20 workshops were run across Australia with each state visited except for the Northern Territory. The workshops were well attended with 374 people benefiting from the information provided during the half day workshops.

There have been rapid advancements in the field of DNA technology for the beef industry in recent times. As such, the “Know Your Genes” workshop was developed to help producers better understand this technology and answer some of the questions surrounding it - how can it be used in my herd, what are the advantages and disadvantages of using it, what questions should I ask before investing in this technology and what direction will it go in the future? While there was sponsorship of the workshops by the Beef CRC, the workshops provided a completely independent assessment of the of the DNA technology that is available as no funding was received from the genomics companies or DNA testing laboratories.

The workshop commenced with a short questionnaire to gauge participants understanding of DNA technology before moving into a theory session where some of the terminology surrounding this technology e.g. DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid), SNP (Single nucleotide polymorphism), Alleles, Genes and Gene markers, was defined.

The uses of DNA technology for beef cattle were explained in depth to workshop participants. DNA technology currently has many uses in the beef industry and has the potential to have a much greater impact in the future. Some of the current uses of DNA technology include parent verification, identification of carriers of genetic diseases (refer table 1), identification of animals possessing favourable genes for type traits such as coat colour e.g. homozygous black or horn/polled e.g homozygous polled and the identification of animals carrying genes that are superior for a number of production traits (refer table 2). While genetic diseases and type traits are controlled by one or two genes, production traits are controlled by 100’s or 1000’s of genes. As such, DNA tests for genetic diseases and type traits provide a high level of accuracy while the DNA tests for production traits currently only identify a small proportion of the genes responsible for controlling the trait and therefore offer a lower level of accuracy in identifying animals with superior genetics for that trait.

Pfizer animal genetics is the only company currently providing DNA tests for production traits in Australia with their 56 marker panel (a marker is a difference in the DNA sequence at a known location along the bovine genome that is associated with genes responsible for influencing the trait of interest). These production traits include Marbling, Feed Efficiency and Tenderness. A DNA test using the 56 marker panel provides a prediction of an animal’s genetic merit or breeding value for each of these traits and is expressed as a Molecular Value Prediction (MVP). This is also known as a Molecular Breeding Value (MBV). Whereas a BREEDPLAN Estimated Breeding Value (EBV) is derived from performance and pedigree records, a MVP or MBV is derived directly from a measure of the animal’s genes. The ability to predict the performance of an animal from its DNA is potentially one of the greatest advantages of this technology over current methods for genetic improvement of production traits. DNA can be collected very early in an animal’s life and allow selection and management decisions to be made at an early age rather than waiting to evaluate an animal’s genetic merit based on performance measurements on itself and relatives

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much later in life. This is particularly important where these performance measurements are expensive or difficult to measure e.g. feed efficiency and tenderness.

While DNA technology offers potential for distinct advantages over current methods of genetic improvement for production traits, workshop participants were also made aware of some of the disadvantages. Current DNA tests for production traits account for a very small proportion of the genetic variation (<10%) of individual traits and offer limited scope for genetic improvement as a stand alone selection tool. DNA markers used for DNA tests may have a different relationship with trait of interest both across and within breeds i.e. a DNA test that is associated with identifying cattle for favourable genes for a particular trait may work in one breed or production system but may not necessarily work in another breed or production system within the same breed. The potential for genetic improvement is also limited by the frequency of the favourable genes in the population you are testing e.g. Brahmanas as a breed already have a very high frequency of the favourable genes identified for feed efficiency and selecting Brahmanas on high feed efficiency values to cross with other Brahmanas will have no impact on genetic improvement of this trait.

Additionally, DNA tests are presently very expensive for identifying superior genetics for traits that are easily measured by other methods e.g. growth identified through weighing cattle.

Participants were also advised of the various organisations that provided independent assessment of the DNA tests to identify if they worked in relevant cattle populations. The National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium (http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/nbcec/) provides independent assessment of DNA tests on North American cattle populations while the Beef CRC (http://www.beefcrc.com.au/) through the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU) provide assessment on Australian cattle populations.

It was strongly advised that producers identify if an independent assessment of the DNA test had been conducted on a population of cattle that was relevant to their own breed and production system and to ensure they understood what the results meant before investing in the test. By having this information, a cost/benefit analysis could be performed to determine if the genetic gain that could potentially be achieved outweighed the cost of performing the tests.

The workshop concluded with an insight to the future direction of DNA technology. It is likely that other genomics companies e.g. Igenity, will enter the Australian market with the benefit of reduced prices for DNA tests through additional competition.

Many more DNA markers will be identified and included in DNA tests for production traits which in turn should explain more of the genetic variation of specific traits than current tests and provide a higher level of accuracy. It is envisaged that DNA tests will also be available for a wider range of traits.

It was also advised that the best way for information from DNA tests for production traits to be used in the future will be to incorporate it with performance and pedigree data to produce Marker assisted EBVs providing an EBV of higher accuracy at a younger age. This has already been achieved with the release of the marker assisted Trial Shear Force (Tenderness) EBV for Brahmanas in 2008. This EBV incorporates results from DNA tests for tenderness, performance measurements of shear force and flight time and pedigree details to determine an animal’s genetic merit for this trait.

In summary, workshop participants who provided with some key questions they needed to ask of DNA tests before deciding to utilize it to achieve genetic improvement

1. How big of an effect (phenotypic & genetic) does the MBV have on the trait of interest (for my breed)?
2. Does the effect provide a cost-benefit?
3. What level of accuracy will the MBV provide (relative to an EBV)?
4. Has the effect of the MBV been independently assessed and published?
5. Has the MBV information been incorporated into BREEDPLAN EBVs?

Before departing, participants were asked to complete the same questionnaire they answered before the start of the workshop. Once analysed, it was revealed that the overall understanding of DNA technology by workshop participants had improved by 80% from the start of the workshop and this illustrated a successful learning outcome for the workshop series.

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Bunda Sign proclaimed he was the best bull at the 2009 Katherine Show, being awarded the junior and grand bull championship and supreme exhibit.

He first caught the eye of judge Michael Fahey, Bizzy stud, Copmanhurst, NSW in the 15-18 months class before graduating through to the ultimate champion. The son of Elrose Sign is owned by Reg Underwood, Bunda stud, Katherine, NT, who was named most successful exhibitor.

The reserve junior bull championship was presented to Flying Fox Dot Au Junior, a Delorae Dot Au 399 son from Joe Tapp’s Flying Fox stud via Katherine.

Mr Fahey awarded the senior bull championship to last year’s junior and grand champion, Glengarry Blue Hawk, owned by Douglas Jenkins, Brolga stud, Katherine and paraded by students from Charles Darwin University’s Katherine Rural College campus. Blue Hawk, who is by Elrose Eagle Hawk, collected the blue ribbon in the 21-24 months class. The reserve senior bull championship went to his class runner-up Bunda Lochlan, who is by Ponderosa Satan.

The female grand championship was awarded to the senior champion cow Glengarry Belle, paraded by the Rural College students. The reserve senior champion female was Rural College Alexis, a Ponderosa Neptune daughter shown by Charles Darwin University.
Glengarry McDuff Select Sire lot 39

Glengarry White Hawk Select Sire lot 38

Glengarry G Sir Ellis Select Sire lot 18

Glengarry Hawkins lot 588

Glengarry Bombolas lot 590

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Stylo Milkyway, winner of the 15-18 months class, was sashed junior champion female. The Bungoona Informative Manso heifer is owned by the Macfarlane family, Stylo stud, Mataranka and her dam, Stylo Milk Maid, placed second in the over-36 months class. The 6-9 months class winner Rural College Edie, by Glengarry McLoud Manso, claimed the reserve junior female championship.

Other exhibitors in Katherine included Coodardie and NVS studs who each picked up class wins with their females.

Edgar Hudgins Scholarship

Geordie Elliott, (centre) the 2009 Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship winner is pictured with, from left interview panel member Russ Boodle, QPIF, Rockhampton, runner up Emma McCamley, Jaydena, Capella and interview panel members Kay Becker, Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service Rockhampton and Jo Rodney, Beef Australia, Rockhampton.

Geordie runs his own Uphill Brahman stud and Corumbene Brangus stud on his parents property at Mt Eccles, Leongatha, Victoria.

He completed a Certificate IV in Beef Production at Longreach Pastoral College in 2005/06 and then worked for a period at Tartrus Brahman Stud, Marlborough. He attended the Weekly Times Junior Handlers Comp from 2000-05 and was invited back in 2008 as an instructor.

He attended the Rockhampton Junior Beef Show in 2008 where he won the Commercial Cattle judging, placed second in the Parader’s class and second in the Senior Age Group Champion class.

At the 2008 Royal Melbourne Show his Brangus cow Corumbene Bindi won the Bos Indicus Interbreed Supreme Champion Female award.

He is currently Chairman of the Southern Branch of the ABBA and in June was responsible for organizing a Bos Indicus awareness field day at Kyneton in Victoria in June.

Geordie said he is looking forward to the opportunities the Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship will provide to broaden his knowledge of Brahman cattle and to show his enthusiasm for the Brahman breed in America and Australia.
SELLING ROCKY BRAHMAN WEEK SALE 2009
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LOT 937 MUAN A JESSIE JAMES 2572 (P)
S: MR WINCHESTER MAGNUM 999

LOT 938 MUAN A JOCK 2576
S: NCC MBOMA

LOT 940 MUAN A JUDGE 2567 (P)
S: NCC MBOMA
Anticipation is high for Australia’s biggest and best value Brahman Bull auction, the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale, which kicks off on Monday, October 5.

The legendary three-day event at Gracemere Saleyards has catalogued 1048 bulls including 77 Select Sires. Monday’s selling commences with 197 grey bulls including 45 Select Sires, followed by 144 red bulls. On Tuesday, October 6, 151 reds will go under the hammer, including 32 Select Sires, and then 204 grey bulls will enter the ring. The final day of selling, on Wednesday, October 7, will offer 205 grey bulls and 147 reds.

A Select Sire preview and happy hour barbecue will be held at the saleyards from 4pm on Sunday, October 4.

As usual, generous freight rebates of $55-$110/head apply to purchasers of five bulls or more travelling further than 800km or to the Northern Territory of Western Australia.

Last year’s sale cleared 879 bulls for an impressive $5,766,875 result, averaging $6561 overall, with an exceptional clearance rate of 99.4 percent. The 817 registered bulls peaked at $60,000 to average $6747 and 62 herd bulls sold to $10,000 to average $4101.

The result reiterated the quality, affordability, consistency and reliability of the outstanding RBWS offering.

Vendors of last year’s sale topper, Chris, Sally and Ashley Kirk, Rockley stud, Bajool are again offering in Rocky, cataloguing 15 red bulls. Included in their draft is the Beef ’09 class winner Rockley Abercrombie, who is by $68,000 NCC Kwai (imp ET) and out of a full sister to the dam of last year’s $60,000 sale topper Rockley 2391.

You can view the sale catalogue online at www.brahman.com.au

**BROOKS BLOODLINES FROM AHERN**

Sons of JDH Mr Brooks Manso (imp) feature in the four head RBWS draft from Paul and Melissa Ahern’s Ahern stud, Gayndah.

Their three greys sell as Lots 52-54 and include Ahern Mr Brookster who is by JDH Mr Brooks Manso (imp) and out of a cow by JDH Madison De Manso (imp).

“Brookster is well muscled, big boned, tight sheathed son of JDH Mr Brooks and has great thickness and a very sirey head,” Mr Ahern said.

The Ahern’s red Select Sire, Ahern Mr Redman, is a growthy, pink-pigmented son of JDH Mr Deeds Manso (imp), out of a Madison/Kabala cow.

Three of their four bulls are out of Madison cows, and one bull is sired by JDH Mr Manso 506/2 (imp) who is a JDH Mr Charley Manso son.

**EIGHT BULLS FROM BATANDRA**

Batandra Brahman stud is offering four reds and four grey bulls in their 31st year of selling at RBWS.

On day one, Lot 317, Batandra Truelton, is the pick of the draft in their line-up of red sires.

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Their top grey bull on offer is Lot 599, Batandra Mr Sid, who is a deep, well muscled sire with a strong top line. He is by the imported sire, WR Mr Sid 305, out of Batandra Miss Kate.

This will be the first time Mr Sid’s bloodlines have been offered by stud principals, Barry and Bev Hannam, who run their operation at Milman, north of Rockhampton.

In June this year the Hannams conducted a successful IVF program using semen from JDH Mr Manso 506/2 (imp), JDH Brandon Manso (imp) and Tartrus Redmount, with 36 embryos transferred.

BIOKA MAKES RBWS DEBUT

First time vendor at Brahman Week, Allan Oxlade, is offering two bulls including a multiple show champion.

His Bioka stud, Emu Creek, has catalogued a pair of greys, including Lot 606, Bioka General Goodwill, who was the interbreed champion at Gatton Show and Brahman champion at Oakey, Blackbutt and Crows Nest in the lead-up to his class win in Brisbane last year. Three-year-old Goodwill is by Kenrol Levin and out of a Chesterfield cow.

“He has been described in the show ring as hard to fault, and is an outstanding bull with great muscling, a neat sheath, beautiful top line and a quiet nature,” Mr Oxlade said.

Bioka’s other Brahman Week entry is sired by the JDH Sir Gregory Manso (imp) son, Wilangi Profit.

FIRST BIZZY DROVER SONS DESTINED FOR ROCKY

Leading the Bizzy Brahman stud team at Brahman Week is Lot 344, Bizzy Stormboy, by Winchester Magnum 999.

A red Select Sire, Stormboy was on display at Bizzy stud’s site in the Brahman Compound at Beef 2009.

Vendors, Michael and Elizabeth Fahey and family describe him as an exceptional sire with a combination of natural muscling, length, bone, an excellent top line and tremendous temperament.

Stormboy is out of one of the stud’s leading donor cows, Bizzy Juliet, whose four sons have been sold for an average of $11,250 to date.

Lots 345 and 346, Bizzy Red Gum and Bizzy Red Skin, are by Lancefield M Magnetism who was the top priced bull at the 2005 Tartrus Lancefield sale.

Lot 347, Bizzy Stock Man is by homebred sire, Bizzy Drover, from the Bizzy Delphine line whose grandsons have sold at RBWS for $25,000, $15,000 and $8000. Stock Man is the first son of this sire to be offered at Rockhampton.

The stud has ranked in the Top 20 Vendors’ List at Brahman Week for the past two years.

The Fahey family has had a successful 12 months in their Copmanhurst, NSW-based stud, with the introduction of two sales: The Bizzy Invitational Bull and Female Sale, and the inaugural Nettle Creek Commercial Female Sale held in Grafton in February.

Recently the stud exported cattle to New Caledonia, and this will be their fifth year of selling at RBWS.

SUPERIOR DAM LINES FROM BRAHROCK

The Sommerfeld family’s Brahrock stud, Maryborough has five lots on offer at Brahman Week out of their very successful dam Brahrock Anna-Bella 2781, who goes back to JDH Mr Manso 855/8 (imp).

One son of Anna-Bella is Brahrock Sandboy 3736 who enters the ring as Lot 493. Sandboy is the first JDH Mr Brandon Manso (imp) offspring to be offered by the stud.

A total of 21 grey bulls have been prepared for Rocky and will be marketed under the family’s Brahrock, Brahrock N and Brahrock MT prefixes.
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Lot 343

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Other sires represented in their draft include the imported bloodlines of JDH Mr Mitch Manso, Dream Boy 165, JDH Sir Marri Manso and JDH Sir Kemper Manso.

Brahrock sold the top priced heifer at the Gympie Brahman Female Sale this year, with Brahrock Miss Boswick Empress 3852 going for $20,000. The stud is offering three full brothers to Empress at RBWS, selling as Lots 504, 509 and 512.

**BREMERVEALE BRAHMANS**

With all the classic traits of a great sire, Bremer Vale Gran Choice Manso 139, is the first son of Wilangi Verb to be offered at RBWS by Michael and Jenelle Peters of Bremer Vale Brahmans, at Mt Walker.

At Lot 40, this bull is one of the grey select sires being offered by Mr Peters in his third year at RBWS, after last year selling bulls to a top price of $35,000.

“Gran Choice Manso was a very successful show bull, placing as Supreme Champion at two shows and Grand Champion at the rest,” Mr Peters said.

“Our leading sire is Wilangi Verb, son of Wilangi Quiz, and Gran Choice Manso is out of Gralei Lady Gran Manso 143/7.”

The next pick of the five sale bulls is Bremer Vale Power Verb Manso 135, who is the brother to last year’s Bremer Vale Boss Manso which was the day one sale topper.

Power Verb Manso is out of Bremer Vale El Power Anna Manso (ET), who was the highest priced embryo at the time. This dam also proved herself by being the dam of Bremer Vale Boss Manso which sold last year for $35,000 to Ron Kirk.

“Lot 41, Bremer Vale Datapress Manso 137 (ET) has full American breeding and heaps of sire appeal,” Mr Peters said.

**INTERESTING DUO FROM CALLEMONDAH**

At only their second outing at RBWS, Gavin and Donna Boardman, Callemondah stud, Kooralgin, will be offering one polled and one horned bull.

The Darling Downs stud has catalogued Callemondah Mr Romeo and Callemondah Playboy, both sired by Allawah Jack, who is by JDH Mr Manso 267/9 (imp).

Playboy is a very solid sire with natural growth and has been finished lightly on grain.

Mrs Boardman said their polled sire, Mr Romeo, was “an exceptional bull with no faults”.

“He has a good body and head, nice temperament, good growth and bone,” she said.

Mr Romeo is out of the well-bred cow Brahmara Kasey May Manso, who is a product of Kabala Madison Rem Manso and Brahrock Karu Lady.

Mrs Boardman said they were still growing their herd, having only established their stud four years ago.

“It takes a fair while to acquire a good breeding herd, however we made quite substantial purchases last year of females to acquire some new bloodlines,” she said.

“We also purchased a NCC South African sire which was one of the first offered.”

**POLLED BREEDING FROM CONDOR**

Wal Shepherd, Condor stud, Christmas Creek has prepared three polled grey Select Sires for Brahman Week.

All are aged 18 months and are natural calves out of full sisters from the stud’s leading Wattle line of females (by JDH Elefante R Manso).

Each is sired by Condor Sir Rio Manso, who is by Huonfels Jacob Rio and out of a JDH Mr Boswick Manso (imp) cow.

“In 2004 we foresaw the increased demand for polled Brahmans and sought to breed a grey polled sire with a focus on ‘sireyness’, bone and muscle,” Mr Shepherd said.

“We bred our best six breeders to Huonfels Jacob Rio and in 2005 Condor Sir Rio Manso was born.”

Unfortunately, Sir Rio Manso died of snakebite earlier this year, but one exceptional son, Condor Calibre Manso, has been retained and will take up stud duties in 2010.

Mr Shepherd said their sale bulls, which have five generations of polled breeding, go under the hammer as Lots 9, 10 and 11. More information about the stud is available at www.triplecee.com

**RARE BLOODLINES FROM EUREKA CREEK**

Eureka Creek Brahmans at Monto have a very even line of five US-blood grey bulls for sale at Brahman Week, including the Select Sire, Eureka Creek Midas.

Midas, who enters the ring as Lot 13, is a well grown bull with a tremendous amount of bone.

Stud principals, Becky Wilson and Barry and Pauline Bowie, describe Midas as “a real sirey type with a unique pedigree”.

“He has full American bloodlines, three-quarter Hudgins, with an infusion of Sugarland and Mayronne,” they said.

Three of the bulls in their sale draft are sons of JDH Martin Manso 879/3 (imp). Only a limited amount of Martin progeny have
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been offered for sale in this country, with sons selling to $37,000 at this year’s Big Country Sale and to $24,000 at last year’s RBWS.

Another bull on offer is by JDH Mr Brandon Manso (imp), a Liberty Manso son whose genetics have not yet been offered extensively in Australia. Yet another interesting sire line is that of Mr Bo Dimayro Manso 818 (imp), who is a pure Mayronne bull from a foundation Brahman stud now dispersed in the US.

Lot 92, Eureka Creek Mecca, and Lot 93, Eureka Creek Brik, are both out of the same cow, Eureka Creek Ladycra, who was imported as an embryo from the US.

Lot 94, Eureka Creek Major, is a full brother to the stud’s highest selling bull at last year’s sale, Eureka Creek Marksman, who went to Whitaker stud for $24,000. Lot 95, Eureka Creek Mr Mayro is out of JDH Lady Manso 791/3 who is the dam of the 2007 Ekka grand champion, Eureka Creek Candy Girl.

Last year, Eureka Creek stud moved to Monto from Wowan, and the prefix has been selling at RBWS since 2004. In 2007 the stud’s draft averaged an excellent $18,333 and peaked at $30,000.

Becky Wilson said the stud was continuing with its ET programs, both in Australia and the US.

NEW GENETICS FROM FERN HILLS

Fern Hills Lone Star 2024 is possibly the first son of the International champion red bull, DB Valentino 48/3, to be offered at RBWS.

He is part of the 13 strong sale team from Fern Hill Red Brahms, which goes under the hammer as Lots 435 to 447.

Lone Star’s dam is the multiple show winner, Fern Hills Sally-Anne 1598, who is by Rockley 1573.

However stud managers Brett and Janice McCamley’s said their pick of the draft was Fern Hills Lexus, who is a polled son of Lancefield D Robinson 416.

“His dam is a full sister to the dam of Fern Hills Kingston 1840, one of our leading resident sires,” Mr McCamley said.

“Lexus is a powerfully built sire that is structurally correct with a beautiful smooth carcase and plenty of bone – a definite sire prospect,” he said.

Also of interest are the next two bulls in the catalogue, the first an ET son of $25,000 Fern Hills Crackerjack 894 and out of the JDH Datapack female, Rockley 1995, whose full sister produced last year’s sale toppler ($60,000)

“Another top sale bull is Fern Hills Lockyer, who is a massive sire that stands on good bone with an exceptional sheath and temperament. We have retained two brothers from a different flush,” Mr McCamley said.

“The next bull in, Fern Hills Long Haul, is the only son of sire sensation Kariboe Valley Elton in the draft, and his dam was multiple show champion, Fern Hills Miss 1367.”

This is the 22nd year that Fern Hills has sold at RBWS. Their show success in the past 12 months includes exhibiting the reserve senior champion female at the Brisbane RNA in 2008, reserve senior champion female at Beef ‘09 in Rockhampton, and winning the group of three carcases, grassfed, 300-420kg at the 2009 Central Queensland Carcase Classic, as well as being awarded the Reserve Champion Grassfed Pen.

FIRST DOONSIDE CARBON SON FROM FIREFLY

Quality breeding is the key to the two red Select Sires on offer from Bernie and Jodi-Lee Schneider’s Firefly Brahman stud at Tipperary, NSW.

Lot 367, Firefly Harold, out of the exceptional cow Fairy Springs Irresponsible 1434, is a pink nosed bull with outstanding beef qualities and tremendous bone.

Harold has proven dams on both sides, with Irresponsible producing a Sydney Royal
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Lot 368, polled bull Firefly Nitrogen, is the first son of Doonside Carbon to be offered. Nitrogen is out of the $15,000 top priced red heifer at the 2006 Gympie Female Sale, Fairy Springs Miss Jody 2769.

The stud has been investing in quality females, paying $20,000 for Fairy Springs Jan 3267 (in-calf to Fairy Springs Rio Zebo 3139) at Beef 2009.

“This outstanding female will have a significant impact on our stud’s genetics in the future,” Mr Schneider said.

GLENGARRY BRAHMANS

Glengarry Iron Eagle is the standout lot in the RBWS draft from Glengarry stud principals, Scott and Geoff Angel.

Mr Angel described the Elrose Eagle Hawk son as a bull with a lot of length, muscling and good underline.

“We are currently using two half brothers in the stud herd with excellent results,” he said.

The Kunwarara-based stud is offering 17 bulls at the 2009 sale, including three Select Sires on Monday, Lots 18, 38 and 39. Their registered bulls go up for grabs on Tuesday as Lots 585 to 598.

Lot 18, Glengarry G Sir Ellis is a top young sire with a pedigree to match, being by JDH Ellis Manso (imp), out of Carinya 5/997 who is a full sister to the dam of the calf champion bull at Beef 2009.

Lot 38, Glengarry White Hawk, is a very impressive beef machine.

“He was placed in the top end of the line-up in his class at Beef 2009 and is sired by the successful sire, Elrose Eagle Hawk,” Mr Angel said.

“Eagle Hawk sired our top selling bull at last year’s RBWS, selling to Roger Nobbs for $40,000. He also sired the grand champion female at the Katherine and Darwin Shows in 2009 and sired our champion led steer at Rockhampton Show this year.”

Eagle Hawk has 12 sons in the sale draft.

All Glengarry sires will be semen tested, muscle scanned, have Breedplan figures, and daily live gain figures.

GRACEMERE BRAHMAN STUD

Gary and Katrina Lynch, Gracemere stud, Rockhampton, are offering two ET brothers as Select Sires in their first year of selling at RBWS.

Lot 36, Gracemere Longfellow is a beefy son of JDH Mr Deeds Manso (imp), with excellent conformation and exceptional sire appeal. Longfellow and his full brother are out Kenrol Maxine 2040, who was the reserve champion female at Brisbane Royal Show in 2004.

In July the Lynchs purchased a 10-month-old red heifer from Wliarandy at the inaugural 2Up Female Sale, which they intend to use in their embryo transfer program in early 2010.

FIRST DRAFT FROM IRON BARK

Two grey polled bulls will be on the truck and heading to Brahman Week 2009 from the New South Wales stud, Iron Bark, located at Lawrence.

First time vendors Peter, Rhonda, Jessica and Brian Wright, are hoping there will be big money early in the sale for their Lots 4 and 5.
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**LOT 165**

**LOT 166**

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**LOT 167**
Their pick of the draft is Iron Bark Congo, described as a neat and tidy polled bull with excellent temperament. By Jomanda Mr Rock and out of Mogul Miss Indy Manso 20th, Congo is a quiet bull with a tidy sheath.

Their second bull, Iron Bark Charlie, is also by Jomanda Mr Rock, whose bloodlines are being offered for the first time at RBWS.

**DODGE MANSO SONS FROM JACANA**

Brahman Week’s Lot 266, Jacana Mr Dodge Manso 13/07, is the pick of the draft from Jarrod and Rachelle Wohlsen’s Jacana stud, Jondaryan.

They are offering four bulls at RBWS, plus one red bull from their parent’s Tanami stud.

Mr Dodge Manso 13/07 is a soft red bull by the full Hudgins sire, Renco Dodge Manso (JDH Casa Grande Manso), and has “a faultless temperament, good bone, a long body, good top line and very neat sheath”.

“He is a Hudgins type bull in a red coat,” said Jarrod Wohlsen.

Out of Jacana Miss Matador 25/9, Mr Dodge is one of the first bulls for sale by Renco Dodge Manso. Another son to go under the hammer is the polled grey bull, Lot 23 Jacana Mr Dodge Manso 11/07.

“Lot 24, Jacana Brandon 34/07 is a 23-month-old grey bull with plenty of length, depth, bone and very thick hindquarters,” Mr Wohlsen said.

Jacana Brandon is by JDH Brandon Manso (imp) and out of the FBC D Webke S Manso daughter, Clukan Hope 803.

Lot 268, Tanami Zulu is sired by $105,000 NCC Zulu, and is out of Kandoona 4191 whose progeny to date have averaged $10,000. One of these, Jacana Dot Com, set up an impressive Brahman Week debut for the stud last year, selling for $15,000.

**KAMIR ARE FIRST TIME VENDORS**

First time vendors at Rockhampton since moving to Queensland in 2003, the Dunn family of Kamir Brahmans, Thangool, are offering three quality grey bulls.

Ric, Michele and Matt Dunn believe the pick of their draft is Kamir Rempack, who has potential to be an exceptional sire with his excellent pedigree, structural correctness and free, easy movement.

The Tartrus Rembrandt Manso son has great length of body, an extremely tidy underline and very quiet temperament.

His dam, Pioneer Park Lady Sunline Manso, goes back to the Lancefield Meryl Manso line, and she is consistently producing quality, structurally correct animals.

A full flush brother of Sunline made $32,000 at the Big Country Sale, and a 13-month-old heifer out of a full sister to Sunline made $40,000 at the same event.

Sires represented in Kamir’s sale draft are Tartrus Rembrandt Manso, JDH Mr David Manso 231/1 (imp) and FBC D Webke S Manso.

Having been breeding Brahmans since 1990 in South Australia, the Dunns started their Queensland stud in 2003 with the purchase of a Lancefield heifer in partnership with Steve and Theresa Taylor, Clukan, Jambin.
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They purchased another Lancefield heifer for the partnership the following year, and with ET work began capitalizing on some quality genetics.

“We have since branched out on our own, and have moved along using ET and IVF work and have gone from our first batch of six calves to 33 calves due this season,” Mr Dunn said.

Kamir stud tasted success at Beef 2009 in Rockhampton with their eight-month-old heifer, Kamir Makybe Diva Manso, winning her class. She also placed first in five other shows and was awarded two broad ribbons.

“We were first time vendors at the Gympie Female Sale last year, where we sold two JDH Deeds heifers for above sale average,” Mr Dunn said.

“Our IVF program in December broke fertilization records at the A.R.T. Centre, which resulted in a 65 per cent pregnancy rate in 120 days.”

**MAGNUM SON THE STANDOUT FROM KARIBOE VALLEY**

Kariboe Valley Red Brahmans at Thangool have prepared eight reds for this year’s Brahman Week sale including two polled bulls.

Stud principals, Mark and Tarsh Allen, believe Lot 336, Kariboe Valley Jackson, is the pick of their 2009 draft.

A son of Winchester Magnum 999, Jackson has a strong polled head and has been an eye catching bull since he was a calf. He stands on good bone and has plenty of muscle.

Their Select Sires, Lot 351, Kariboe Valley Jedi, and Lot 352, Kariboe Valley Jeopardy, are both sons of Kariboe Valley Grandstand who sold for $18,000 at RBWS in 2007. Both bulls have their sire’s muscle pattern and thickness and are a good even colour.

The Allens have been selling at RBWS for the past 10 years, achieving the top money of $45,000 with Kariboe Valley Elton in 2005.

Last year they sold a Winchester Magnum 999 son for $30,000 to Billabong stud, and at the Fassifern Female Sale they sold five heifers for $4500 average.

**SHOW CHAMP HEADS KENROL DRAFT**

Junior champion bull at the Wandoan Feature Show and reserve junior champion at Beef ’09, Kenrol Sir Marri 0317, is Lot 20 and number one in the sale draft of from Ken and Wendy Cole’s Kenrol stud, Gracemere.

With a +49 EBV for 600-day weight, Sir Marri is by JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp) and out of Kenrol Gene 0128, who was Dam of the Year in 2008.

Kenrol is offering four grey sires including Kenrol Marri Man 0318, who is another son of JDH Sir Marri Manso, out of the show champion Kenrol Serendipity 042.

Lot 22, Kenrol Mr Sid 0308, is a son of WR Mr Sid 305 (imp) and is sure to attract interest.

Lot 16, Kenrol Altman 0326, is out of 2004 Dam of the Year Kenrol Miss Congeniality, and was judged reserve champion calf at the Wandoan Feature Show.
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**RBWS LOT 603**

JDH Remington Manso 784/2
JDH Gotham Manso
JDH Lady Santos Manso
S : MR V8 846/5 (IMP US)
  JDH Mr Manso 288/1 (Imp US) (H)
  Miss V8 653/5
  Miss V8 983/3
  Mr V8 202/3 (Imp US) (H)
  JDH Madison De Manso (Imp US) (ET) (H)
  JDH Lady Rem J Manso 2
D : PIONEER PARK MARGATE MANSO (ET) (H)
  JDH Datapack Manso (Imp US) (H)
  Pioneer Park Miss Belle Manso (ET) (H)
  Lancefield Marybelle Manso 8884 (AI) (ET) (H)

**RBWS LOT 604**

JDH Mr Charley Manso 590/6 (Imp SA)
JDH Charley’s Jazz 946/1
  JDH Lady Manso 76/1
S : JDH ATLAS MANSO 328/3 (IMP US) (ET) (H)
  JDH Mr Manso 627/8f
  JDH Lady Manso 251/9
  JDH Miss Vanessa Manso
  JDH Madison De Manso (Imp US) (ET) (H)
  JDH Madison Man Manso (Imp US) (H)
  JDH Lady McAdoo Manso
D : LANCEFIELD MARYBELLE MANSO 8884 (AI) (ET) (H)
  JDH Mr Manso 537/9 (Imp US)
  Lancefield Mary Lou Manso 7308 (H)
  Lancefield Meryl Manso 541 (AI) (ET) (H)

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The Coles have offered bulls at Brahman Week for more than 30 years and have sold bulls to a top price of $30,000 at RBWS.

Their show ring success this year includes grand champion interbreed cow and breeder’s group at the Wandoan Feature Show, and reserve junior champion bull at Beef ‘09.

“We are concentrating on breeding a grey polled line,” Mrs Cole said.

QUARTET OF SELECT SIRES FROM MOGUL

After winning the Kyabra trophy for the most successful show exhibitor in NSW for the 19th time, Mogul Brahman stud at Maclean is heading to Rockhampton with a quality draft of four Select Sires.

Stud principal Dr George Jacobs is offering two red bulls, one polled grey and one horned grey bull.

Their standout entry is Lot 30, Mogul Wombah, a polled sire with an immaculate temperament.

Stud manager Glen Pfeffer said Womah was smooth muscled, deep flanked with an excellent hindquarter, and reproductively very sound. Wombah also has an impressive pedigree, being by the deceased sire Lancefield D Lamont and out of Mogul Miss Indira Manso 2N, who is by JDH Dynaty Manso 30/1 (imp).

Other bulls being offered include Lot 29, the heavily muscled Mogul Whistler, who is by the deceased sire Jay W Press Junior.

Lot 361, Mogul Wharton, and Lot 362, Mogul Will, are fully imported blood ET brothers by DB Southern Style 73/3 (imp). Dam lines include imported embryos from Dettering stud in Texas, US.

Mogul has had a highly successful year in the show ring, being awarded the 2009 Premier Breeders Award at the Sydney Royal Show, as well as the most successful exhibitor in all breeds.

JUKE LOOKS LIKE A WINNER

The Gibbs family is offering a half brother to $50,000 Muan A Hercules at Brahman Week.

Lot 936, Muan A Juke 2559, is a polled red bull from Len and Peter Gibbs’ Muan stud, Biggenden. The two-year-old is by noted sire HK Mr America 435/2 (imp) and out of the stud’s best producing dam, Muan Matilda 2nd.

Ten of the 16 bulls in the Muan draft are polled. Sires represented include NCC Mboma (imp), whose sons averaged $14,500 at last year’s RBWS, HK Winchester Magnum 999 (imp), Kandoona Emperor, Muan Arnold and Muan Goliath.

NATAL/OLD COWS BRAHMAN STUDS

Dr Barbara StClair Matheson will be selling under two prefixes at this year’s sale – Natal Brahmans, with Claude Wernicke, at Haly Creek, Kingaroy, and her own Oldcows Brahman stud.

Oldcows has three red Brahman bulls on offer, two of which are polled.

Dr Matheson believes the pick of the draft is lot 963, Oldcows Wobbegong, by BB Mr Sting Ray, who sired the 2008 Royal Brisbane Show grand champion Brahman, Palmvale Absolute Sting.

“Wobbegong has sound structure and a big body capacity necessary for maximum performance and durability,” Dr Matheson said.

“His very high carcass merit will impress any beef producer. He is a very thick bull with a desirable smooth muscle pattern, and a desirable cherry red coat colour,” she said.

On his dam’s side, Wobbegong features great grandsires, Huonfels Jacob Rio and Jaffra Magnum.

With a stud motto of “Oldcows and bulls with guts”, Dr Matheson said she bred bulls to be three dimensional (length, depth, and width) in body capacity and to have good structural traits and high carcass merit.

Natal also have three bulls on offer, including one red polled and two greys.

The pick of the draft from Natal stud is the genetically and physically impressive, lot 575, Natal Pie Oh My.

He carries predictable bloodlines on both sides featuring iconic bulls, Lancefield Signature ($87,500 Australian Brahman record), Lancefield Ambition ($60,000), MR International 50/1, and JDH Karu Manso 800.

His dam, Firefly Opal, is a Lancefield Signature daughter of Natal’s highly productive donor cow, Elrose Amy.

Together with Natal Brahmans, Oldcows have recently transferred 13 South African embryos and achieved eight pregnancies.

The partnership has also purchased an additional 29 South African red Brahman embryos for transfer in November this year.
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**MORE BILLABONG CAMPBELL SONS FROM NESLO**

Neslo R 2058 Red Rancher De Manso has four sons being offered for the first time at RBWS.

Lots 306, 307, 315 and 316 are by Red Rancher who is a polled sire with a GeneStar rating of 6 for tenderness.

Andy and Marg Olsen, Neslo stud, Wandoan, have 11 red bulls in the sale catalogue. Six are older bulls, aged 33 months, and five are aged 23-months-old at sale time.

There are two polled bulls. Lot 308, Neslo Calibre, is a red nosed son of Billabong Campbell, whose sons averaged $12,000 at last year’s RBWS. Calibre is a very tidy sire with good colour and a tidy underline. Billabong Campbell has three sons in the sale draft.

Lot 315, Neslo Rafferty, is a 23-month-old lighter red polled bull, by Neslo R 2058 Red Rancher. Other sires represented include Alma Park Tom, Lancefield Kalbar and Neslo R C Redford.

“All our bulls are well grown and display qualities of length, bone, depth, muscling and beefiness,” said Marg Olsen.

“All the bulls are from consistently fertile dam lines except for Lot 306, who is the first calf of a heifer by Kandoona Chirac.”

Selling at Brahman Week since 1979, Neslo Brahmans were very happy with last year’s result with their sons of Billabong Campbell selling from $8000 to $27,000.

The stud will also be offering 14 bulls and six heifers at the Roma Tropical Breeds Sale on October 22 and 23. Last year their top selling heifer sold for $5000.

**OOLINE OFFERS FIRST SONS OF rockley achilies**

Darren and Sue Kent, Ooline stud, Goovigen are offering seven red bulls at Brahman Week.

Their favourite is Ooline Simba, a son of South African sire, NCC Mandela (imp) who they purchased for $50,000 at RBWS in 2006.

Simba was reserve junior champion at the Marlborough Show this year, as well as a class winner at Rockhampton Show and a ribbon winner at Beef 2009.

Mr Kent said they were retaining a quarter share in Simba as he was out of a very reliable and fertile dam line.

Other sires represented in their draft include Rockley Achilles, who’s sons will be offered for the first time at Rockhampton, and Rockley Mossimo.

Another sale bull, Ooline Mombasa 382, is out of Granite Springs Miss SP 935 who has produced Ooline’s RBWS team leader for the past three years.

“This has been our first year showing in Central Queensland, including Beef 2009, with great results all around for our bulls, heifers and groups. We are looking forward to continuing this next year,” Mr Kent said.

Ooline stud has been selling at RBWS for the past 23 years.

**ABSOLUTE STING SON FROM PALMVALE**

RBWS is your opportunity to acquire the first son of one of the most talked about red bulls in the industry.

Palmvale Red Brahmans at Marlborough is offering 20-month-old Palmvale Detroit, who is by the 2007 RNA champion and Rockhampton Feature Show champion, Palmvale Absolute Sting, and out of Palmvale Miss Prince 1930.

Stud principals, Kearin and Beth Streeter, believe Detroit, with a 600 day EBV of +80, has incredible bone, a tidy sheath, plenty of muscle and a strong head.

“His sire is literally breeding the house down at Palmvale,” Mrs Streeter said.

“Lots 237 and 238 are both polled bulls by Tartrus Redmount and Kandoona Ukraine, and they stand out for their strong bone, smoothness and wonderful temperament,” she said.

The first sons of the $60,000 Kandoona Big John will also be offered by Palmvale stud at Brahman Week.

Other standouts in their line-up of 22 registered bulls include Lots 226 and 227, Palmvale Dynamic and Dazzler, who are...
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Lot 228 is a son of $145,000 NCC Zambezi (imp), out of Palmvale’s “super cow” Palmvale Miss Pablo.

“We concentrate on breeding bone and natural muscling into our cattle, as well as placing a lot of emphasis on fertility in our herd. We prepare our bulls on our own ration, and can boast only one return in 23 years of selling bulls,” Mrs Streeter said.

PINDI MAKES RBWS DEBUT

The Deguara family, Pindi Brahman stud, Calen are excited to be selling at Brahman Week for the first time.

They have high hopes for Pindi Sir Logan Manso, a grey son of PBF Beauman Manso with “great length and real sire potential”.

Stud principals, Jim, Heather, Nathan, Julie and Troy Deguara are offering three bulls, with sire lines represented including Bráhrock Ambassador and FBC D Mack Manso. The stud made its show debut this year, exhibiting at Sarina, Finch Hatton, Proserpine and Mackay, where junior bull Pindi Ambassador Manso picked up a ribbon in his class.

Pindi has operated a successful IVF program, introducing PBF Paddy Boy Manso, a son of JDH Palestimo R Manso (imp), into their program during the past year.

FIRST RED LEADER SON FROM RELDARAH

Offering five red bulls at Brahman Week this year are Daryl and Lorelle Schubel, Reldarah, Gin Gin.

Lot 477, Reldarah Champion, is the stud’s first offering by $48,000 Fairy Springs Red Leader.

Another standout is the Roseborough L Red Monte son, Reldarah Remington. Selling as Lot 364, Remington is a polled, dark red bull with tremendous bone and muscle and a great temperament.

Another entry with loads of potential is Lot 365, Reldarah Royal Doulton, who exhibits plenty of Brahman character and a good depth of body.

The family has had a successful year in the sale ring, selling four heifers at the February All Breeds Sale to a top of $7000 to average $4875. They also sold six heifers at the Fassifern Elite Female Sale to a top of $11,000, to average $6083.

Recent additions to Reldarah’s sire battery include $47,000 Lancefield M Logic, the top priced bull at the Tartrus Lancefield sale last October.

The Schubels are hoping for another successful sale result at Brahman Week after selling bulls to a high of $22,000 last year.

FIRST SONS OF NCC KWAI FROM ROCKLEY

Rockley Pastoral Company, Bajool, has been selling at RBWS since the sale’s inception, and after topping last event at $60,000 and averaging $18,067 for 15 bulls, they are hoping for big things in 2009.

Stud principals Chris, Sally and Ashley Kirk have catalogued 15 bulls, including the Beef ’09 class winner Rockley Abercrombie, who is by $68,000 NCC Kwai (imp ET). He enters the ring as Lot 1013.

Abercrombie’s dam, Rockley 2079, is a full sister to Rockley 1997, who is the mother of Rockley 2391 who sold at RBWS last year for $60,000. The Kirks describe Abercrombie as “extremely long, having a strong top line, and correct on his feet and legs”.

“All bulls, selling from Lot 1013 to 1027, will be muscle scanned. He has a tidy sheath, excellent testicles and his dam is a lovely Datapack daughter. This bull has plenty of growing to do,” Mrs Kirk said.

The Kirk’s all red sale draft includes four polled bulls and two pink nosed bulls. Eight of the draft are by NCC Kwai, two are by Rockley Caesar, two by Rockley Mossimo, one is by Rockley Sovriegen 1700 and two by Samari Plains Alexander. This is the first year that sons of NCC Kwai and Samari Plains Alexander will be offered at RBWS.

Ashley Kirk, Rockley, Bajool, is pictured with NCC Kwai who has sired eight bulls in the stud’s Brahman Week sale team

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**SIX REDS FROM ROSEBOROUGH**

RBWS vendor for 40 years, Lynn Walther, Roseborough stud, Lowood, is offering six reds at Brahman Week, which enter the ring as Lots 419-424.

Five of the draft are polled or scurred and the lineup includes the Palmvale Night Rider son Roseborough L Nathan, whose dam, Roseborough L Sally, is regarded as the stud’s “best ever” female. The daughter of Rockley Dallas has produced 12 calves and every one of her six heifers has been retained in the stud.

Mr Walther said Nathan had a very long, deep, well muscled body with a wide, broad top line.

“He also has a light sheath and excellent skin, and we regard him as the best bull we have bred,” she said.

Lot 421, Roseborough L X-Man, is by MR 3H X-Ray 825 (imp) whose progeny are being offered for the first time at RBWS.

Another bull with interesting breeding is Lot 419, Roseborough L Banjo, who is out of the $17,000 cow Lancefield S Matilda and by Tartrus Redmount.

During the past 12 months, Roseborough stud has used MR 3H X-Ray 825, SRS Steamboat 774 and HK Blueprint in their ET program.

**FERTILE BULLS FROM ROXBOROUGH**

Roxborough stud principals, Brett and Lyn Coombe, have over the past 10 years put more selection pressure on fertility than any other trait.

Mr Coombe said reproduction rate and speed of rebreed impacted on profitability more than growth or any trait.

“We have continually reduced our mating period to now be less than 90 days and the average calving interval of the dams of this year’s Brahman Week bulls is only 373 days.”

The stud is offering seven bulls at Brahman Week, selling from Lots 173-179 on day one. Mr Coombe said it was the Moura-based stud’s commitment to reproductive efficiency that drove its breeding program.

“We believe that this is the way to give our bull buyers a competitive edge. The benefits of using reproductive performance is that it is a measure of so many traits: structural soundness, udder and teat correctness, feed efficiency, adaptability and survivability. By focusing on reproduction we know that natural selection delivers us our most productive livestock units.”

The Coombe’s are also “pushing the tenderness envelope” by using flight speed measurements and DNA marker technology to produce their first shear force EBVs.

“We have the tools to improve our product and we are committed to delivering this new technology to the beef industry,” Mr Coombe said.

**ET PROGRAM REAPS RESULTS FOR SOLO**

Matthew and Fiona Noakes, Rock Wallaby, Marlborough, are very proud of the five bulls they are offering at RBWS from their Solo Brahman stud.
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Their sale draft of two-year-old greys, Lots 895-899, are the result of the first ET program performed by the Noakes after being trained by Dr Dan Jillella in late 2006.

“The stud’s main focus is now on ET work, utilizing proven dam lines with the entire ’08/’09 drop of calves being bred by ET or AI,” Mr Noakes said.

Leading their sale team this year is Lot 895, Solo F Sir Winston, out of the dam, Solo F Miss Mardi 1437 who is a grand-daughter of JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp).

He is an extremely smooth, well-fleshed son of JDH Sir Winston Manso (imp) displaying good bone, tidy sheath and excellent temperament.

“We are extremely impressed with the JDH Sir Winston calves we have produced,” Mr Noakes said.

“They are low birth weight calves that grow into very well-fleshed cattle with faultless temperament. We are continuing to use him in our embryo programs.”

Other sires represented in the Solo sale team include JDH Mr Manso 506/2 (imp) and Dream Boy 165 (imp).

BIG REDS FROM TARRAMBA

The first son of Big Red & Grey 1054 “Timmy” to be offered at RBWS, Tarramba A Saxby 1713, has been catalogued by the Gunthorpe family, Tarramba Red Brahmans, Banana.

Saxby has “excellent length and depth in the flank, sire appeal, ample bone and great temperament,” according to stud principals Wallace and Adam Gunthorpe.

Tarramba’s five-head sale draft includes Tarramba Sidelong, who is sired by $48,000 Kandoona Sidestep, whose sons have sold for up to $55,000.

Another bull on offer is Tarramba A Rubix 1710, sired by Kandoona Rockport who was purchased at RBWS in 2006 for $24,000.

In its 20 years of selling at Brahman Week, Tarramba has sold bulls to a top of $26,000. They also sold the record top priced herd bull at the Roma Tropical Breeds Sale, at $9500, and topped the red average at Roma in 2007 and 2008.

The Gunthorpe family also exhibited the champion pen of bulls at the Roma sale in 2008, and about 80 percent of their clientele for bulk herd bulls are repeat buyers.

Adam Gunthorpe said the stud had some exciting genetics on the way after commencing IVF programs with new sires, SRS Mr Steamboat 774 and DB Valentino.

TAYLOR MADE BRAHMANS MAKE THEIR DEBUT

Taylor Made Brahmans at Goomeri in the South Burnett are offering three bulls out of the Australian record holding female, purchased by stud principals, Paul and Donna Taylor, at the 2006 Wilangi sale for $60,000.

This is the first year Taylor Made Brahmans will be selling at RBWS and they are offering Lots 165, 166 and 167.

All are grey horned bulls, but the pick of the draft is TMB Boss De Manso 107, the first son to be offered by FBC D Boston De Manso 513D who was the top selling grey bull at RBWS in 2005.

Their bulls’ record setting dam, FBC D Lady Lyn Manso, is by JDH Lincoln De Manso 818 (imp) and out of the JDH Mr Manso 855/8 (imp) cow FBC Lady Lilly Manso.

Mr Taylor described Boss as being an easy doing bull with a “soft looseness” about him and a great temperament.

The Taylors have been undertaking IVF programs and are eagerly awaiting their first calves out of Lady Lyn’s daughters.

ARCHER IS THE ANSWER

Son of the acclaimed JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp), Token Archer, is Lot 689 in the RBWS draft from Tony and Kathryn Mortimer’s Token stud, Eidsvold.

“We believe Archer is everything you could ask for in a Brahman bull, with Navasota breeding many show champions and high priced bulls,” Mr Mortimer said.

“Archer has an impeccable temperament, excellent conformation and is well muscled, with a clean sheath and good head. He has full Hudgins bloodlines with show champions on his mother’s side. Archer is the answer,” he said.

The stud has eight grey bulls in the sale, including sons of Chesterfield Lance 330/3, FBC Sir Jackson De Manso, El Ja Maverick Manso and Mr V8 900/4 (imp).

Dam lines include the stud’s best donor female, Yenda K Miss 2/7, who is by JDH Mr Manso 44/9 (imp) and out of an Elefante/Anna Bri 52 cow.
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MR ESTO SONS FROM VOEWOOD
Dennis and Denise Quinn, Voewood, Calliope, are offering sons of JME Mr Esto 28/8 and JDH Brandon 761/3 for the first time at Brahman Week.

The Mr Esto son, Voewood 8/23, is a true poll with a strong top line and a clean underline.

The Quinns have selected their six grey sires for this year’s sale on breed character and looks. “We have 800 commercial cows and all cows, whether stud or commercial, are treated the same and culled if they are not up to standard,” Mr Quinn said.

“We are always moving forward with ET and AI programs to increase our gene pool.”

He said the Mr Esto and Mr V8 724/3 bulls in their draft were out of full flush sisters who were daughters of the very fertile dam Voewood Miss 2/14, who went back Mr V8 700/3.

HUGE YEAR FOR WHITAKER STUD
Clint and Robyn Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera, are excited to be offering their first reds at Brahman Week and believe their two Select Sires are standout lots.

Entering the ring on day two as Lots 369 and 370 are Whitaker Mr 238 Dot Com and Whitaker Mr 232 Profiler.

Whitaker Mr 238 Dot Com is a three-quarter brother to Whitaker’s show champion heifer calf, Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com, who up until July this year had won eight grand championships and three supreme exhibit titles in 2009 alone.

Whitaker Mr 232 Profiler is a full brother to Whitaker Miss Ruby Plum, who was the reserve junior champion female at Beef ‘09.

The dam of these young sires, Whitaker Maggie, is an extremely fertile cow.

Mrs Whitaker said Maggie comes from a very fertile cow line with her mother, Watalgan Misty, annually calving around the 340-day interval up until being culled for age at 14 years.

“This line is fertile and offering these two sale bulls gives an opportunity to acquire this fertility,” she said.

“As we are not releasing any females with Whitaker Maggie pedigrees, the purchase of these bulls becomes the only avenue to acquire the blood of this extraordinary cow.”

The pinnacle of the stud’s show career was Beef Australia 2009, where they took home broad ribbons for the calf champion female and reserve junior champion female. Their show team of six head also placed third in the Breeder’s Group and first in the Dam’s Progeny.

Whitaker stud also exhibited the grand champion bull, Whitaker Mr Zardo, at the Toowoombra Royal Show this year.

Other show success this year included taking out the prestigious Wandoan interbreed junior champion female competition from 35 head with Whitaker Miss Pumpkin Dot Com, who went on to be named junior champion female at Brisbane Royal Show in August as well as collecting three supreme exhibit titles at Murgon, Bundaberg and Mt Larcom shows.
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Hormonal growth promotants and meat quality

- Hormonal growth promotants (HGPs) increase cattle growth rates and carcase size. Different compounds are used for heifers and steers, to work in conjunction with natural hormones.
- Marbling scores can be reduced.
- The use of HGPs can result in detectable reductions in tenderness.
- When combined with a Brahman content of >50%, the adverse effects on tenderness can be increased.
- As with non-treated carcasses, some of the adverse effects of HGPs on tenderness can be limited by ageing, tenderstretching and ensuring the MSA pH/temperature window is met.

Hormonal growth promotants (HGPs) are used extensively in northern Australia and the feedlot industry. They are used to a lesser extent in southern Australia and are banned in Tasmania. HGPs are used to improve the rate of liveweight gain and the feed efficiency of cattle by producing a hormone that is very similar in structure to the animal's natural hormone. In excess of 2.5 million doses are sold annually in Australia and of these about half are used in pasture-fed steers in northern Australia. The industry currently uses a wide range of HGPs that can be implanted at the different stages of production such as at weaning, at backgrounding on pasture and at entry to the feedlot. The implants can have a functional life of up to 400 days and contain either oestrogenic or androgenic compounds or combinations of both.

The increase in liveweight due to HGP implants is well documented with an increase in liveweight gain of 10-20 kg over 100 to 150 days. However the effect on meat quality is less clear. Some studies have found that the use of HGPs leads to tougher meat but others have found little effect or that the increased toughness is so slight as to be not commercially significant. A series of trials has been completed by scientists at the Beef Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) and MSA to document the effect of different HGP dosage strategies on weight gain and meat quality.

**GROWTH RATE**

HGP treatment can result in significant improvement in growth rate of both pasture-fed and lot-fed cattle. In one trial, pasture-fed steers administered an implant every 100 days were on average about 7.5% heavier than non-implanted steers after periods of up to 671 days. There was an advantage to implanted steers during periods of moderate weight gain (~0.75 kg/day) but when pasture was poor and there was static or very slow growth, there was no advantage to the implanted steers. In a commercial situation, however, animals would not be re-implanted every 100 days, so the weight gains reported are unlikely to be achieved.

There is a greater benefit from HGP implantation when cattle are growing quickly such as during lot feeding. The effect of the implant also increases with time with greater differences in weight between implanted and non-implanted cattle as time on feed increases. In one trial, implanted cattle fed to Korean weight specifications gained 6.7% more while those fed for the Japanese market gained 7.2% more. Steers responded better than heifers to the implants gaining almost twice as much as heifers. But, in this trial, steers and heifers were given different HGP formulations and so direct comparisons cannot be made.

**CARCASE CHARACTERISTICS**

Along with the increase in live weight due to HGP treatment, there is a corresponding increase in dressed carcase weight. HGP implanted carcases also have a higher ossification score but a 10 to 15% lower marbling score. The reasons for reduced marbling scores are unclear. Some have proposed that implantation early in an animal’s life could delay the deposition of marbling, whereas others consider that it is due to the stimulation of increased protein deposition which effectively dilutes the fat content within the muscle. A recent study in the U.S. found that implantation did not have a direct effect on intramuscular lipid deposition, whereas others determined that implanted cattle should be slaughtered at a higher body weight to achieve the same marbling score as non-implanted cattle. The higher ossification scores give the impression of a carcase that is more mature for its age than one that has not been hormone treated.

HGP implantation has no effect on dressing percentage, therefore an overall increase in carcase weight leads to an increase in weight of saleable meat. Subcutaneous fat depth and ultimate pH are not affected by HGP implantation, but intramuscular fat (marbling) was decreased.

The ‘aggressive’ use of HGPs has been shown to increase the stress susceptibility of cattle resulting in an increase in darkcutters. Provided the implants are conducted strictly according to directions, there should be minimal effect on meat colour. Allowing a period of at least 100 days between implantation and slaughter should minimise the effects on meat colour.

**MEAT QUALITY**

Most studies have shown that there is a measureable decrease in eating quality of beef from animals that have been implanted with hormonal growth promotants. This has been revealed through both objective measurements (Warner-Batzler shear force) and by the results of sensory measurements using consumer panels.

Increases in shear force due to HGP treatment were greater the longer the animal had been on the implantation program (Hunter, 2001). Feedlot-finished cattle implanted for 92 days and fed for the domestic market did not have a significantly higher shear force than non-implanted cattle, whereas those implanted for over 300 days and prepared for the Japanese market were significantly tougher (Figure 1). The study indicated that this is not an effect of water-holding capacity: HGP treatment had no effect on quantity of fluid lost during cooking.

Furthermore, consumer panels were able to detect differences between meat from untreated cattle and meat from HGP treated animals. For example Angus steers that had been HGP implanted and lot fed for 55 days had lower sensory scores (considered to be less acceptable) for the M. longissimus.
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dorsi (LD) than similar non-implanted steers that had been on the same feed regime. The differences in tenderness, and overall composite score were highly significant as shown in Figure 2.

A statistical analysis of the combined results from 30 different international HGP treatment-control comparisons on beef also showed that HGP treatment had a negative effect on beef palatability in all but 3 experiments. These studies appeared in refereed journals dating back as far as 1956. This 'meta-analysis' showed that the effect of HGP implantation is to increase the shear force for the LD by 0.27 kg and to reduce tenderness by 5.4 points on a 100-point scale.

Meat scientists disagree on the reasons for this reduced palatability but a favoured theory is that the results are consistent with reduced protein degradation, possibly as a result of increased calpastatin activity in the live animal resulting in lower ageing rates post slaughter and less tender meat. HGP treatment is known to increase protein synthesis and reduce degradation, resulting in more muscle growth.

**EFFECT ON OTHER MUSCLES**

The majority of researchers concentrate on the Longissimus or loin muscle when assessing the effects a process may have on meat quality, but this muscle is not always indicative of the effects on other valuable cuts. Trials, which have included six different muscles from beef carcases, have shown that HGP treatment can have significant detrimental effects on the tenderness scores of the M. longissimus dorsi (striploin and cube roll) and the M. biceps femoris (silverside) but little or no effect on the tenderness of the M. gluteus medius (rump), M. psoas major (tenderloin), M. triceps brachii (blade) or the M. infraspinatus (oyster blade).

Generally, it appears that muscles that show the greatest tenderness improvement during ageing are the most affected by HGP implantation and vice versa. The striploin and silverside show significant improvement in tenderness during ageing for 14 days while the other primals such as the tenderloin, rump and blade show little if any improvement in eating quality between aging for 5 days and 21 days. This is consistent with the theory that HGP implantation increases calpastatin and those muscles with the highest calpain to calpastatin ratio (or greatest ageing rate) would have the greatest response to HGP application and therefore, potentially the greatest impact on post-mortem tenderness. The increase in calpastatin slows the ageing rate resulting in less tender meat from those muscles that improve most during ageing.

**EFFECT ON BRAHMAN CATTLE**

Cattle with a high proportion of Bos indicus appear to respond differently to cross-bred Bos taurus cattle to the implantation of HGPs. In a study involving a total of 478 B. indicus and B. indicus x B. taurus cross steers, carcases from cattle with 100% B. indicus were 19 kg lighter, and had lower marbling scores than those with 50% B. indicus. Implantation with oestradiol-17β resulted in a 17-kg overall increase in carcase weight relative to the non implanted controls.

As the percentage B. indicus content increases above 50%, the decrease in consumer scores for tenderness due to HGP
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treatment becomes more pronounced as can be seen in Figure 3. HGP implantation appears to act synergistically to produce even tougher meat from the cattle with high B. indicus content. Meat from implanted cattle with high B. indicus content can be very tough unless steps are taken to ensure the meat is more palatable. It is known that meat from B. indicus cattle has increased calpastatin activity and decreased tenderness compared with meat from B. taurus cattle. It is assumed that the combination of B. indicus and HGP treatment result in a lower protein turnover rate and consequently tougher meat.

IMPLANTATION STRATEGIES
A wide range of HGP programs involving different promotants and implantation times can be used to improve the growth rate of cattle. HGPs are generally implanted at the time of other cattle management activities such as weaning, transport to a backgrounding property, during backgrounding, and at entry to a feedlot. Is it more detrimental to meat quality to implant HGPs at all of these stages of production or only at weaning and feedlot entry?

Implants are normally based on either the female hormone oestrogen or the male hormone androgen or a combination of the two. They can be naturally occurring hormones or synthetic such as the androgenic compound trenbolone acetate (TBA). TBA is often used in combination with an oestradiol compound for finishing steers and heifers.

In a large experiment, several proprietary HGPs containing oestrogenic or androgenic compounds or a combination of the two were implanted at different stages of production. There appeared to be no difference in carcase weight or other carcase quality characteristics between implanting heifers twice and implanting them three times and also no differences noted between the HGPs tested, although there were only small numbers of animals in each treatment group. Neither were there any differences in sensory scores for meat from the different treatment strategies. There were some small differences in weight gain between treatment strategies for steers but little apparent difference in meat quality among the different strategies. All implant treatments gave poorer tenderness scores than the non-HGP controls.

SAFETY OF HGPs
Although the European Union will not accept meat from animals that have been treated with hormones, it has been acceptable to many other markets for over 50 years. HGPs have been used in Australia since 1979. The main concern to consumers is the level of oestrogen and its possible effect on adolescents and the foetus, which can be sensitive to small increases in hormone levels. Concern has also been expressed regarding the carcinogenic effect of oestradiol to humans as it stimulates cell division thereby increasing the possibility of random errors during DNA duplication.

Residues from hormone implants are higher in internal organs such as livers than in the muscle of cattle. When heifers had received three or four implants containing the synthetic androgenic hormone TBA, the mean concentration of 17 alpha-trenbolone in the livers was 4.3 ng/g when slaughtered 30 days after implantation. The concentration of 17 beta-trenbolone in the muscle was less than 0.4 ng/g. The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority has set a maximum residue limit (MRL) of 0.002 mg/kg (2.0 ng/g) for TBA. The natural level of testosterone in meat from steers was determined in Germany to be in the range <0.01-0.14 ng/g. The mean level of the oestrogen-like compound 17β-Estradiol was measured at <0.04 ng/g.

Oestradiol, testosterone and progesterone are naturally present in many foods of animal origin and some of plant origin. It has been estimated that a person would need to consume 77 kg of beef from HGP-treated steers to receive the same amount of oestrogen as eating one hen egg.

COUNTERING THE EFFECTS OF HGPs
It appears that HGP treatment of cattle can result in measureable reductions in palatability of beef, especially in the case of cattle with a significant Brahman content. There are several options that the processor can take to ensure acceptable eating quality of the meat from implanted cattle.

- Meat from HGP-treated animals does not improve as quickly during ageing, so an additional period may be required. For example, cuts such as the sirloin and silverside should be aged for at least 3 weeks.
- Tenderstretching (hanging by the aitch bone or sacrosciatic ligament) during chilling has been shown to provide great improvement in the tenderness of certain primal cuts. This will largely offset the effects of HGP treatment.
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Bunda Lochlan outshone the opposition at the Northern Territory’s 2009 Darwin Show to be sashed senior and grand champion Brahman bull and supreme champion Brahman exhibit.

Paraded by the Underwood family, Bunda stud, Katherine, Bunda Lochlan is a July 2007-drop son of Ponderosa Satan.

Judge Glen Pfeffer, manager of Mogul stud, Maclean, NSW, selected Lochlan’s 21-24 months class runner up, Glengarry Blue Hawk, as the reserve senior champion bull. The son of Glengarry Eagle Hawk was shown by Douglas Jenkins, Brolga stud, Katherine.

The junior bull championship went to Charles Darwin University’s Rural College Dante. The son of Chesterfield Meara won the 12-18 months class.

Mr Pfeffer selected Glengarry Belle as the senior and grand champion female, with the reserve senior female championship going to Bunda Nicola, a Ponderosa Satan daughter owned by Taminmin High School.

In the junior female classes, the 12-18 months class winner Stylo Milkyway was awarded the junior championship. The daughter of Bungoona Informative Manso was shown by the MacFarlane family, Stylo stud, Mataranka.

Rural College Edie, by Glengarry McCloud Manso, claimed the reserve junior female championship.

Bunda won the breeder’s group and also placed first in the sire’s progeny class with offspring of Bunda Satan.
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The Australian beef industry is likely to have weathered the worst of the turbulent trading conditions arising from the global economic and financial crises, with early signals that beef demand is staging a comeback according to Meat & Livestock Australia’s (MLA) 2009 Cattle Industry Projections – Mid Year Update, released in August.

However some factors could hinder the speed of recovery: the direction of the Australian dollar, whether the southern drought recedes and the timing of a turnaround in global economies.

Domestic and global beef demand was more severely impacted by the global economic and credit crises over the first half of 2009 than was previously anticipated. However, there is now growing consensus that global economies will stage a recovery from later this year, arresting the slide in consumer demand for beef.

In launching the cattle projections, MLA economist Tim McRae highlighted that some of the necessary pre-conditions required to re-ignite demand are starting to surface.

“World economic bodies are forecasting improved economic conditions for later this year, beef stocks in key markets are dwindling, lower import prices are starting to be passed through to consumers in Japan, and the Korean market is recovering from the period of instability created by the return of US product.”

“MLA predicts that export demand will start to rally in the second half of 2009, further aided by a seasonal increase in demand from Japan and Korea,” Mr McRae said.

Mr McRae cautioned that not all the stars are yet aligned for a complete recovery this year.

“Exporters are still grappling with tight livestock supplies, the appreciating Australian dollar, weak co-product prices and low import prices. It probably won’t be until 2010 that exports will start to really gather steam, when volumes are forecast to approach the one million tonne swt mark, as the Japanese, Korean and US economies revert to growth.”

Improved demand over the latter part of 2009 is likely to coincide with tight beef supplies on the back of improved seasonal conditions and herd rebuilding activity – an imbalance which may cause cattle prices to rise, depending on the direction of the A$ and spring rains.

“The volatility in cattle prices witnessed last year – which saw prices peak in October and then fall 10-18% over the remaining months of the year – is unlikely to be repeated this year, assuming no unanticipated shock,” Mr McRae said.

“This year’s price peak for cattle is expected to be more restrained than last year’s; however, prices over the latter months are likely to be higher than in 2008.

“This will leave average cattle prices for 2009 close to those of 2008, a good result for producers, given the deeper global recession, much higher A$ and more adverse southern season than were assumed in the January projections.”

Beef and veal production in 2009 is predicted to fall 2.5% on 2008, in contrast to the small rise forecast in MLA’s projections in January – a result of lower than expected feedlot output; lower offer prices; lighter average carcase weights; and improved seasonal conditions – in the north and more recently in the south – encouraging producers to rebuild herds.

The Australian cattle herd is forecast to expand to 28.4 million head by June 2010, up 2.3% from 2009 and building towards 30 million by 2013.

The full impact of herd rebuilding on turnoff, season permitting, is not expected until at least 2011, with beef production in 2010 rebounding from this year’s lower level but only back to levels seen in 2006 and 2007.

Tighter production and an increased portion of beef heading for export markets is expected to see Australian beef consumption fall 5% in 2009. However, over the medium term, consumption is expected to increase, boosted by a recovery in demand and higher beef production.

Reduced cattle availability in 2009 will also take its toll on the live export trade, with exports forecast to fall 3% despite strong demand, particularly in Indonesia and the Middle East. However, as cattle supplies are restored, exports are expected to rise to 925,000 head by 2013, up 8% on 2008.

“Over the medium to long term, Australia’s slowly expanding beef production is forecast to be met by rising global demand, especially as economic conditions improve in Australia’s major beef markets,” Mr McRae said.

“The tighter supply of beef globally should continue to put upward pressure on beef prices, with food inflationary pressures returning in the medium term.”

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Tips for stress free yards

by MLA FEEDBACK September 2009

Minimal adjustments to cattle yards can have a major impact on stock movement according to US stock handling expert Dr Temple Grandin.

Dr Grandin has been instrumental in changing stock handling methods, attitudes and facilities worldwide and some of her methods have been incorporated directly into the Meat Standards Australia grading guidelines to prevent dark cutting cattle.

Meat & Livestock Australia sponsored her recent visit to Australia, which included an address to 350 people at Muttaburra, Queensland.

Dr Grandin, the Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University, has researched and written extensively on the best design of handling facilities, so much so that half the cattle in the US and Canada are handled in equipment she has designed for abattoirs.

She has also developed animal welfare guidelines for the meat industry, consults with McDonald’s, Wendy’s International, Burger King and other companies on animal welfare and has published several hundred industry publications, books and technical papers on animal handling.

Her six points for improved cattle handling are:

- Finding distractions in yards and removing them. This could be as simple as removing a chain hanging in the race that spooks the cattle or adding solid sides in the forcing yard so cattle can’t see the producer at work.
- Remain calm when handling stock.
- Never fill the forcing pen more than half.
- Use the forcing pen as a ‘passing through’ pen so cattle can move straight through onto the truck.
- Utilise flight zone principals. Walking in the opposite direction of desired movement can move animals effectively.
- Use the point of balance, which is at the animal’s shoulder. Cattle will move forward if the handler stands behind the point of balance and back up if the handler stands in front of it.

Dr Grandin said some producers would need to improve their yards and stock facilities to help improve their handling. These improvements could often be made without significant changes to existing infrastructure.

“I’ve fixed many facilities by simply moving distractions, like a chain hanging down, or a car parked in the wrong place near the yards,” Dr Grandin said.

After that, the most critical part of the stock yard is the junction where the forcing pen meets the race.

“Cattle just won’t go in if it looks like a dead end. A curved race works because cattle have a tendency to go back where they came from.

“You can modify existing yards by building an S-shape design and we’ve done plenty of those in the US.”

Non-slip floors are essential for better handling and this can be achieved by welding steel rods into a grid for better traction. The rods must be cut so they can lay flat once crossed and welded.

Dr Grandin said the improvements in handling will prove cost-effective as they will lead to calmer cattle that gain more weight and reduce the number of dark cutting animals.

As a rule of thumb, Dr Grandin said less than 25% of cattle in the yards should move at faster than a trot, less than 5% should need the electric prod, only 1% should fall over or crash into something and less than 5% should be vocal when in the crush, except for when they’re branded.

“If you work on improving your handling, you will achieve those numbers,” she said.

Ideas can be found at Dr Grandin’s website: www.grandin.com
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An impressive line up of 175 bulls comprising 66 reds and 109 greys plus 18 heifers is on offer this years Gold City sale.

The catalogue includes a number of new vendors including John, Dawn and Matt Kirks, Carinya stud, Gayndah with a draft of 15 greys.

Mark and Tarsh Allen, Kariboe Valley will offer will offer 4 reds. Peter and Sue Hammer, Annavale stud will offer 5 greys and Brian and Cindy Hughes will offer 2 reds and 3 greys.

Darren and Sue Kent, Ooline stud will offer 6 reds and 4 greys.

Other studs represented include, Bungarribee 8 bulls, Clive 2 bulls, Cocos 6 bulls, Hammdenvale 7 bulls, Jaffra 11 bulls, Jay Gee 7 bulls, Karmoo 5 bulls, Laguna 6 bulls and 3 females, Lapunya 4 females, Martin Plains 6 bulls, Miandaly 5 females, Ooline 10 bulls, Rumlea 3 bulls, Savannah 3 bulls and 4 females, Somerview 6 bulls, Blue Dog 3 bulls and 2 females, The Rivers 22 bulls, Walubial 2 bulls and Wandilla 12 bulls.

Sale entries have been inspected by Ken Roche before cataloguing and he was very pleased with the quality of the cattle presented.

Sale Committee Chairman Lee Collins said the committee have been endeavouring to continue to lift the quality of the catalogue and it is apparent that this has been achieved this year.

JAY GEE PLANS TO DAZZLE

Hoping to dazzle in 2009 is Jay Gee Red Dazzler, from Jodi Gerhardt’s Jay Gee stud, Proserpine.

Out of the seven polled red bulls for Gold City, Ms Gerhardt believes Red Dazzler is the pick of the draft.

“He is out of my best cow, Roseborough L Kiah 28/8, who has Sophisticated Millionaire bloodlines, and has so much depth, bone and muscle for young bull,” she said.

Dazzler is sired by Edenglassie Mr President, who is a son of Tartrus Redmount 2365.

Another bull of note in Jay Gee’s sale draft is Jay Gee Titan, who is by Edeglassie Mr President and out of the polled Palmvale Night Rider cow Jay Gee Elise.

This is the third year Jay Gee stud has sold at Gold City.

SUPREMO MANSO SONS FROM LAGUNA

Seven sons of El Ja Supremo Manso will be offered at Gold City by John and Betty Atkinson, Laguna stud, Proserpine.

The Atkinson’s have catalogued one polled red bull, five grey bulls and three grey females for the Charters Towers sale.

Laguna Paloma Supremo 141 is their draft pick. This heifer is one of the best the stud has bred, and her dam, Miandaly Paloma Karu-V8, has delivered three out of three top quality calves.

Laguna Supremo is offered five months in calf to the $50,000 sire Miandaly Might and Power 1048. She boasts impressive EBVs of +2 for milk and +58 for 600-day growth.

“A natural good doer, she has great fleshing, plenty of length and depth, and heavy bone. She has a nice tidy underline, plus she is very, very quiet,” Mr Atkinson said.

“Supremo’s older full sister has been retained by the stud and has already weaned a high quality heifer.”

The pick of the bulls is a son of Supremo Manso, Laguna Time To Rule 132, out of Miandaly Miss Oriana Crat, who is by the now deceased US sire, JDH Mr Crat Manso 165/2.

A great grandson of renowned sire JDH A Dakota Manso (imp), Time To Rule’s impressive pedigree is supported by well above average EBVs.

LANCELOT LEADS THE CHARGE FROM PINDI STUD

Calen’s Deguara family is offering the good looking sire, Pindi Lancelot, in their first year of selling at the Gold City Sale.

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By Cocos Sydney 1907, all three bulls have had success in the show ring, with Pindi Sampson being shown successfully at Sarina in 2008 and Pindi Wilson winning his class at the 2009 Mackay Show.

Two-year-old Pindi Lancelot is a great grandson of JDH Madison De Manso (imp) and is out of De Park Coral 01218.

The Deguaras have started a successful IVF program, introducing PBF Paddy Boy into their stud, and have shown their first cattle at Sarina, Finch Hatton, Proserpine and Mackay shows.

SIX REDS FROM SOMERVIE

Selling at the Gold City Sale since its inception, Somerview stud at Charters Towers has six red bulls on offer this year.

Stud principal Brian Kirkwood is offering the first sons of South African bulls NCC Zim and NCC Zuli.

Also included in the draft is Somerview Diver, a deep-bodied bull with a masculine head, tidy sheath and “lovely temperament”. Diver is a grandson of HK Passport (imp), being by Kandoona Porter and out of the Lancefield Red Baron cow Somerview Miss Coral 790.

Another grandson of Passport is Somerview Fletcher, who ticks all the boxes in terms of top line, bone and length.

Mr Kirkwood described sale bull Somerview Martini as having “plenty of width and depth, a smooth deep red coat and a tidy sheath”.

The stud last year boosted its sire battery by purchasing Kandoona Max 6249 for $28,000 at the Erose sale. It also sold bulls to a top of $16,000 at the Big Country Sale and to $8000 at Gold City.

LAST KP HASTING PROGENY FROM THE RIVERS

The Rivers Brahman stud will be offering sons of their new sire Letoken Closing Argument at this year’s Gold City Sale. The stud topped last year’s event with $21,000 The Rivers Revolution 665, a 25-month-old red son of Letoken Revolution.

This year Peter and Sue Gray are offering 13 red bulls and nine grey bulls, featuring sons of Lancefield D Robinson, Letoken Revolution and Lancefield Rancher.

The grey bulls in their sale draft are predominantly by KP Hasting, who the stud lost due to injury. These are his last calves.

The pick of their six Vendor’s Choice bulls is The Rivers Revolution 116, who is a big beefy bull with “a classic Brahman head, beautiful soft muscle and even pigmentation”. He is by Letoken Revolution and out of The Rivers Scarlet 514.

Another highlight of their draft is The Rivers Image 113, who is by Letoken Closing Argument and features a docile temperament, strong red colour and even bone.

The Grays said they were eagerly awaiting the arrival of 43 embryo calves.

“One donor cow, The Rivers Shadow 648, is a daughter of Letoken Revolution from a long Black Wattle Benjy cow line, The Rivers Shadow 341,” Mr Gray said.

100 years of Zebu breeding in Qld recognised at Gold City Sale

A feature of the sale this year will be the unveiling of a plaque in honour of William McDowall. Mr McDowall was the first person to introduce Zebu genetics into the Australian beef industry nearly 100 years ago. At the time he was the owner of Christmas Creek Station in the Charters Towers district.

Cattle ticks and tick fever were becoming an increasing problem in the late 1880’s and 1890’s causing Mr McDowall to search for a solution. Archdeacon Robert Philp from the Anglican Diocesan in Rockhampton a great grandson of William McDowall who has recently documented the family history and Mr McDowall’s experiments with Zebu genetics reports that Mr McDowall owned a number of properties in North Queensland before the purchase of Christmas Creek, including Welcome Downs, Lake Lucy, Kangaroo Hills, Greenvale, Cashmere, Pandanus Creek, Lucky Downs, Southwick and Abingdon Downs before moving to Christmas Creek.

Archdeacon Philp reports that it was while living at Christmas Creek that Mr McDowall began correspondence with Mr WHD Le Souef, then Director of the Melbourne Zoological Gardens concerning cross breeding of bos indicus (Zebu) cattle with bos Taurus cattle.

Mr Le Souef’s father (ACC Le Souef) had been Director of the Melbourne Zoological Gardens from 1870 until his son succeeded him in 1902. Both men were in the habit of making field trips within Australia and overseas collecting specimens for the Melbourne collection.

Archdeacon Philp believes it is likely that Mr McDowall had contact with the Le Souef’s during these expeditions.

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The Queensland Government was apparently interested in bos Indicus cattle at the time because of the reported resistance to tick fever. Archdeacon Philp reports that the Queensland Government also made contact with the Melbourne Zoological Gardens and were offered a grey bull of the Gujarat strain, which the government rejected.

Mr McDowall made contact with the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Stock in 1911 enquiring about the availability of Zebu bulls and it appears they put him in touch with the Melbourne Zoological Gardens.

Archdeacon Philp reports

"McDowall bought the rejected bull from the Zoo and this bull was shipped to Townsville from Melbourne in 1911 and walked to Christmas Creek. He impressed immediately as he was able to outwalk the horses on the way and at a dry camp somewhere on the eastern side of the Burdekin between the junction of the Star and the junction of the Clarke was able to find water at a spring which is still known as Brahman Spring. The bull proved to be very tractable and quiet and became the progenitor of the crossbred herds on Christmas Creek and later at Blue Range Stations.

The Christmas Creek homestead was a double storied house with living quarters, including the kitchen, downstairs. The family story is that the bull was so quiet that he could only be kept off the kitchen verandah with the threat of hot water being thrown on him by the cook.

It seems a second importation of bulls was made in 1912 when Mr J Robbins of Mowbray west of Port Douglas, joined with McDowall to bring at least two bulls from Melbourne Zoo to North Queensland. Later, between 1920 and 1922, Louis Fisher of Daintree also became involved in the cross breeding experiment.

The black Gyr bull selected by McDowall and included in this second group for Christmas Creek, proved to be the complete opposite in temperament to his predecessor and immediately after being unloaded from the ship in Townsville, there was an altercation with a Council horse and cart, in which the bull won the battle but the McDowall's lost the resulting court case. William was not happy with this bull's temperament and did not wish to have his genes introduced into his herd so he subsequently destroyed him.

Mary McDowall married George Core in 1915, before Fred McDowall's death in 1919, and they took up the Blue Range section of the original Christmas Creek until their respective deaths on 25 May 1965 (George) and 30 January 1980 (Mary). Their descendants remain in that area and are all engaged in the cattle industry with Brahman infused herds, some of which would carry the genetic inheritance of the original bull from Melbourne Zoo.

There was no attempt to breed systematically, in the modern sense, from this new blood. The bull(s) was simply put out with the herd and some of the best of his calves kept as herd bulls. The crosses proved to be good doers on the river flats and much better than the straight British breeds were in the rough country and in dry times. There was also some evidence of tick resistance. In those days the herd was only dipped twice or three times a year and the Zebu cross cattle show less tick infestation than those of the majority Devon-Shorthorn cross herd.

By the time of his death on 3 July 1916, two of his daughters had pre-deceased him – Charlotte (Cissy) in Hobart on 21 February 1914, and Elizabeth (Lizzie) in Townsville on 21 August 1914. His wife Louisa survived him for another twenty four years, dying on 20 September 1940.

His eldest son, Fred was killed in a horse related incident in Townsville on 18 February 1919, his other son Robert died on Abingdon Station on 6 September 1929, and Hetty in Sydney on 29 October 1932, leaving Mary (Core) as the sole survivor of the immediate family after that. She and her husband George remained on Blue Range holding which, after 1929 incorporated the old Christmas Creek until their respective deaths on 25 May 1965 (George) and 30 January 1980 (Mary). Their descendants remain in that area and are all engaged in the cattle industry with Brahman infused herds, some of which would carry the genetic inheritance of the original bull from Melbourne Zoo.

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Given the turmoil that gripped the global economic landscape and financial sector during the past year, demand for Australian live cattle emerged almost unscathed, primarily due to robust buying from Indonesia and the Middle East.

Australian live cattle exports for the 2008-09 fiscal year (July 2008 – June 2009) totalled 893,158 head – a 16% increase on the previous year (769,187 head). This was also the third highest fiscal year total on record, behind 2002-03 (1,011,000 head) and 1996-97 (895,283 head).

Underpinning the 16% increase in exports for the past fiscal year was a 29% jump in shipments to Indonesia, to a record 704,069 head – making up 79% of all shipments for the year. Australia’s second largest live cattle destination for the period was Libya (25,496 head), closely followed by Saudi Arabia (24,931 head), Malaysia (22,381 head), Jordan (19,080 head), Israel (18,595 head) and Japan (17,534 head).

Australian live cattle exports for the past fiscal year were valued at a record A$652 million FOB – surpassing the previous fiscal year record set in 2002-03 and an increase of 21% on the previous year. Given the increase in both volume and value, the average return per head increased 4%, to A$729/head. Also assisting the increase in value was higher live cattle prices, while the depreciation of the A$ between October 2008 and March 2009 contributed to the improved price competitiveness of Australian cattle.

During the past 12 months, monthly live cattle shipments totals did show some fluctuations, primarily a result of supply issues brought upon by drought in 2008, and then flooding in early 2009. For the 2008-09 fiscal year, December was the largest month, with 94,244 head exported, assisted by a surge in cattle turned out of western Queensland and central Northern Territory due to drought. Indeed, drought induced turnoff also assisted exports during October (74,720 head) and November (75,959 head).

The rapid finish to 2008 played a major role in only 42,781 head being shipped in January – the lowest month in the fiscal year. The logistical issues created by the extensive flooding across northern Queensland then saw shipments remain tight in February, with only 48,977 head shipped. However, the very slow start to 2009 was quickly erased, as exporters sourced more cattle out of eastern Queensland and WA.

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**FIGURE 1 : AUSTRALIAN LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS AND VALUE**

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2008-09 finished with 91,743 head shipped in May, and another 84,850 head in June, as Indonesia continued to demand increased volumes of Australian cattle.

**2008-09 – DROUGHT, THEN FLOODS**

The combination of a poor 2007-08 wet season, followed by a very wet start to 2009 impacted available live cattle supplies and shipments. Drought conditions across much of north western Queensland and central and eastern NT, due to the poor wet season in 2007-08, forced many cattle operations to offload cattle as feed supplies diminished.

As a result, many cattle were transported out of drought affected regions, either heading north into the top-end, temporarily boosting live cattle supplies, or east into central and southern Queensland.

While the surge in turnoff out of drought impacted regions boosted live shipments in the first half of 2008, exporters were forced to look further a field for cattle during the second half of 2008, as supplies from traditional sourcing regions were depleted.

Exporters pushed into the better faring regions of central and eastern Queensland to secure numbers.

The 16% year-on-year jump in Australian live cattle exports for 2008-09, to a six year high of 893,158 head, was underpinned by a 29% jump in shipments to Indonesia, at 704,069 head. Reflecting the movements of cattle due to drought in 2008, exports loaded out of Darwin surged 24% during the 2008 calendar year, to 359,307 head – 43% of total exports.

After the very dry 2008, producers’ hopes for a wetter 2009 were very quickly fulfilled in January. However, the initial relief from the rain was replaced by concern into February, as near record falls saw widespread flooding across a massive region of northern Queensland and into eastern NT. While some wet season flooding is normal and needed, it was the extent of the floods and the length of time the water took to recede that caused major problems. The main impact from the cattle losses has reportedly been on the calf and weaner crop, which would otherwise have entered the market in late 2009 and early 2010.

With the flooding causing massive logistical issues, live cattle exports in January and February were well back year-on-year. Also influencing the lower shipments for the start of 2009 was some uncertainty about the impact of the global economic and financial crisis on Indonesian demand. However, this uncertainty quickly

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disappeared, with little apparent impact on demand. Given the combination of supply and logistical issues out of northwest Queensland and central NT, exporters were forced to again look to the east and west for cattle, boosting prices and exports out of Queensland and WA.

While exports for the first six months of 2009 were up only 6% on the same period last year, there were some major shifts in where the cattle were loaded. Loading out of Darwin for the first six months of 2009 were back 29% year-on-year, but an additional 109,000 head were loaded out of Broome (up 61%), Geraldton (up 49%), Townsville (up 431%) and Wyndham (up 165%), as more cattle were sourced from northern WA and eastern Queensland.

Shipments out of southern Australian ports contracted significantly during the first half of 2009, largely due to falling demand in markets affected greatly by the global economic crisis. Exports loaded out of Portland were down 70% year-on-year, as demand for dairy cattle plunged, with total dairy cattle shipments back 47% for the same period. The lack of substantial orders from Russia and Mexico has been behind the lower dairy cattle exports year-on-year – countries hit hard by the economic and financial turmoil.

However, despite the 14% year-on-year decline in cattle loaded out of Darwin for the 2008-09 fiscal year, it easily remained Australia’s dominant loading location, with 303,998 head. Surging into second place behind Darwin was Townville, which loaded 134,322 head – up from only 27,150 head in the previous year. Fremantle was the next busiest live cattle loading port, with 130,804 head, followed by Broome (97,170 head), Wyndham (78,289 head) and Geraldton (43,076 head).

**LIVE CATTLE PRICES**

Reflecting the strong demand for cattle in late 2008, and supply issues in early 2009, indicative live cattle export prices averaged well above 2007-08 levels and the average for the past five years (July 2003 – June 2008). For the past year, light cattle ex. Darwin destined for Indonesia averaged 188¢/kg lwt – up 7% on the previous year (176¢/kg lwt). Similarly, almost all indicative live cattle prices ex. Darwin for Indonesia averaged higher in 2008-09, with heavy steers (173¢/kg lwt) up 5%, light heifers (172¢/kg lwt) up 7%, while heavy heifers averaged 0.6% lower (151¢/kg lwt).

Comparatively, Queensland trade steer prices for the 2008-09 fiscal year averaged 174¢/kg lwt – which was back 1¢ for the 2007-08 average.

Throughout 2008-09, the indicative light cattle export prices ex. Darwin for Indonesia remained at a high of 210¢/kg lwt between November 2008 to February 2009, 7-19% above the same period in the preceding year. The sustained high price for four months was largely a combination of strong demand from Indonesia and

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**TABLE 3 : AUSTRALIAN LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS BY PORT OF LOADING (HEAD)**  
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2008-09 Total 16,621 97,170 303,988 130,804 43,076 16,431 28,848 134,322 78,289 43,609 893,158

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disrupted supplies in early 2009. Once increased cattle supplies came online in March 2009, prices started to ease back, falling to 160¢/kg lwt in the final week in June.

OUTLOOK FOR LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS

The outlook for Australian live cattle shipments for the second half of 2009 looks positive based on the continuation of demand from Indonesia and the Middle East.

Total exports for the year are forecast to contract 3% on 2008, to 840,000 head. This is only half the fall projected in January, indicating the resilience of demand, particularly from Indonesia.

The comparatively tighter supply of cattle out of northern Australia during the second half of 2009 will be the main influence on the lower volumes – the result of herd rebuilding after the severe drought of 2007-08, and cattle losses due to floods in early 2009.

For the second half of 2009, exports are forecast to slow marginally, as supplies become a concern. The tight supply is expected to continue into the first quarter of 2010, under the assumption of an average wet season for 2009-10.

Of the 840,000 head forecast to be shipped in 2009, approximately 76%, or 640,000 head are anticipated to be destined to Indonesia. Preparations for Ramadan (late August) assisted demand in May, as feedlotters set themselves to meet the higher demand period. There is also anticipated to be a surge in slaughter cattle numbers closer to Ramadan, in July and August, with slaughter cattle only required to be quarantined for 14 days before entering the market.

Underpinning exports to Indonesia will be stronger economic growth in the second half of 2009 and 2010.

Despite some impact in late 2008 and early 2009 from the fallout from the global economic crisis, the Indonesian economy has proven to be quite resilient.

Added to this is a clearer political arena, after the presidential elections were held in July.

One of the main impacts on the Australian trade over the next few years will be the relationship of the A$ and Indonesian rupiah. After nudging 9,000 rupiah in May last year, the A$ has averaged lower during the first half of 2009, improving the affordability of Australian cattle.

Into 2010, Australian cattle to Indonesia are forecast to edge 2% higher, to 650,000 head, as supply constraints from Australia ease, especially into the second half of the year.

Middle East demand for Australian cattle has been sluggish for the first six months of 2009, down 14% year-on-year. However, trade expectations for strong exports to Libya, Israel and Saudi Arabia over the remainder of the year should lift shipments to the Middle East to 110,000 head – only 2% below 2008 levels. Sustained feeder cattle demand from Israel will underpin shipments to the region, while the resumption of trade with Libya continues to prove very valuable to the industry.

For 2010, exports to the Middle East are forecast to slip back a further 9% on 2009 numbers, to 100,000 head.

The former large live cattle markets of the Philippines and Malaysia are again expected to take only a fragment of the cattle recorded in the late 1990s, as competition from cheaper Indian and Brazilian beef proves too strong. Exports to Malaysia in 2009 are forecast to be around 20,000 head in both 2009 and 2010, while shipments to the Philippines are forecast to be around 15,000 head.

China is forecast to receive 15,000 head of cattle in 2009, up 18% on 2008 levels.

Strong demand for dairy and breeding cattle will underpin shipments, albeit, remaining well below the 73,000 head shipped in 2004.

TABLE 4 : AUSTRALIAN LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS

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Source: ABS, MLA forecasts

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Japanese demand for Australian live cattle is expected to remain at 20,000 head for both 2009 and 2010. The lower A$ will have helped to offset the significant demand impacts on demand from Wagyu beef from the recession during the first half of 2009.

Shipments to the remaining, or ‘other’, markets that receive Australia cattle exports are forecast to fall 52% in 2009, to 20,000 head. Shipments to Brunei should remain steady. Most of the decline to other markets is due to a fall in dairy cattle numbers to Russia and Mexico. Also contributing to the 41,970 head sent to other markets in 2008 was Pakistan and Mauritius.

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS OVER THE MEDIUM TERM**

Australia’s live cattle exports over the medium term should be enhanced by increased cattle supplies out of northern Australia, along with further growth in demand from Indonesia. Under the assumption of average seasonal conditions and herd rebuilding in 2009 and 2010, exports are forecast to consistently increase each year, reaching 925,000 head by 2013, 10% above the forecast for 2009.

Steady expansion in Indonesian feedlot capacity will help to facilitate the steady increase in exports, especially if the Indonesian cattle herd continues to contract. A positive long term outlook for both population and income growth adds weight to the expectation of an increase in demand and shipments, with this also correlating to higher Australian beef exports to Indonesia over the same period.

With no easing in competition from beef and buffalo meat in the Philippines and Malaysia, there is no long term forecast for an improvement in cattle shipments. Given the price sensitivity in these markets, along with the price advantage of South American beef and Indian Buffalo, any rise in Australian cattle prices, or appreciation of the A$, could see further falls in shipments.
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Strong demand, and established export channels, should contribute to a good medium term outlook for shipments to the Middle East. Breeding cattle and demand for dairy cattle, largely from China and Russia, should assist volumes to these markets over the medium term – although demand from Russia is very difficult to forecast.

Overall, the long term direction for the Australian live cattle industry will be heavily dependant upon demand from economic, political and market access developments in Indonesia and the Middle East. An expected expanding Australian cattle herd, based across northern Australia, should ensure growth in available supplies for shipments over the medium to long term.

Over 99% of all Australian livestock exported in 2008 arrived fit and healthy

LiveCorp and Meat & Livestock Australia have released the 2008 national livestock export industry shipboard performance report, confirming that over 99% of all livestock exported in 2008 arrived fit and healthy at their destination.

The report summarises the performance of the livestock export industry in terms of mortality levels of sheep, cattle and goats exported by sea from Australia during 2008, and provides a breakdown by species and major destinations.

“Our industry is committed to transparency – we want the people of Australia to see how we’re doing in terms of animal welfare and the good outcomes we’re continuing to deliver for Australian livestock,” said LiveCorp CEO Cameron Hall.

“We’re investing in ongoing improvements in Australia, onboard vessels and in overseas marketplaces and we’re really making a difference.

“Australian stockmen on board all voyages, with accredited Australian vets on all vessels to the Middle East, monitor and care for the livestock along with a crew who also ensures all animals are well fed, watered and in good condition.

“The pens the animals travel in provide enough room for all livestock to move around, lie down and access the constantly available food and water. Any animal that is sick or injured is placed into a hospital pen and given extra care.

“Animal welfare is a priority for our industry – and we are renowned as being the best in the world at what we do. That’s something to be proud of.”

KEY OUTCOMES:
The overall mortality rate for sheep during sea transport to all destinations during 2008 was 0.84% out of approximately 4.2 million sheep exported (99.16% success rate). This was an improvement on the 0.97% mortality rate observed in 2007.

The overall mortality rate among the 0.86 million cattle exported from Australia in 2008 was 0.12% (99.88% success rate). This was slightly higher than the 0.10% mortality rate observed in 2007. The overall mortality rate on voyages to the Middle East/North Africa was 0.29% in 2008, a rise from 0.19% in 2007.

The overall mortality rate among the 3,118 goats exported by sea from Australia in 2008 was 0.51% (99.49% success rate), which was an improvement on the 0.69% observed in 2007. All goats exported by sea during 2008 went to South-East Asia.

The executive summary and full report can be viewed at www.livecorp.com.au or www.liveexportcare.com

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Rule agriculture out of CPRS, farmers tell Government

The National Farmers’ Federation (NFF) declared that international developments have overtaken the Australian Government’s proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) as far as agriculture is concerned, petitioning key Ministers to “carve agriculture’s direct emissions out permanently”.

“As the CPRS currently stands, agriculture won’t be covered until 2015 at the earliest... if at all,” NFF President David Crombie explained. “But the US, UK, Canada and countries across Europe have already ruled out covering their direct agricultural emissions under a cap and trade system.

“We have a responsibility to provide food for a growing world population. Australian farmers are doing their bit, reducing emissions to curb global warming... But a level or, at least, consistent playing field is a minimum requirement for any Australian emissions trading scheme regarding the treatment of agriculture. Due to the essential need to produce more food for a world population that will increase 50% by 2050 – that’s nine billion mouths to feed – our international counterparts are categorically excluding agriculture’s direct emissions from their schemes.

“Australia confronts the same food security responsibility. In addition, any move towards CPRS coverage of Australia’s farm sector, while other countries do not, will put 1.6 million Australian jobs and $32 billion-a-year in farm exports at risk.

“Australian farmers are willing to do more to curb emissions. The NFF has worked constructively with the Government, principally Ministers Wong and Burke, on viable options for Australia’s $103 billion-a-year farm sector, but our international partners have now declared their hands well ahead of the Copenhagen meeting in December.

“Australia would be going it alone on agriculture, which is completely untenable. One size doesn’t fit all and the CPRS doesn’t work for agriculture.

“But farmers can reduce greenhouse emissions, so we’re calling on our Government to be flexible in how Australian farmers achieve that goal.

“In light of international developments, the Government must eliminate agriculture from CPRS coverage and, instead, adopt an alternate, but consistent, approach of providing farmers with incentive-based means of reducing emissions.

“We believe alternatives exist that would see Australia’s 150,000 farms actively pursue even lower emission activities – remembering Australian farmers are already world-leaders in low emissions farm systems – while still maintaining and, indeed, growing vital food and fibre production.

“A carrot approach is a far more effective strategy than the ‘big stick’ approach and mirrors the route being taken in the US, UK, Europe and Canada.

“Australian farmers can, and should, be a positive part of the solution. Farms, as biological systems, emit carbon but, unlike other sectors, also absorb it back into soils, pastures, crops and trees.

“This approach we’re taking to the Government closes the gap between the global response and the CPRS.”

Farm production in Australia underpins $103 billion-a-year in economic activity, 12% of GDP, $32 billion-a-year in exports (projected 2009-10), 1.6 million Australian jobs (over 300,000 direct on farms), and supplies 93% of Australia’s daily food requirements.
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Accelerating the current rates of genetic improvement is fundamental for both the Australian cattle and sheep industries to enhance their competitiveness in an increasingly tough global environment of declining terms of trade and increasing consumer expectations. MLA’s Rob Banks explains.

It is clear there is real value in utilising newer genetic technologies to enhance the effectiveness of current traits and additional traits that have not previously been managed.

In a short period of time there will be capacity to estimate genetic merit based on large numbers of SNP tests and we will hopefully be able to explain significant proportions of genetic variation for traits of interest such as lean meat yield, nutritional content of meat, disease resistance and length of productive life.

DNA technologies such as gene markers and SNPs are not a silver bullet solution to genetic improvement but offer scope to speed up rates of genetic gain, particularly when integrated with estimated breeding values (EBVs).

Over the past several years three sets of beef markers have been made commercially available but have delivered mixed results.

As part of its role in delivering marker technology, the Beef CRC is working with industry to independently test and validate marker panels as they become commercialised.

HOW MUCH VALUE?

While no one at this stage can be sure how much value there is from these newer genetic technologies, we have seen promising evidence in dairy cattle and other Australian industries have begun making a solid start in utilising the technology.

Currently, average genetic trends for individual traits and for $Indexes in all beef breeds in Australia are well below what is achievable and Australian genetic trends are about average compared to other countries.

The current weighted average rate of genetic improvement across the major beef breeds in Australia is estimated at $1.75 per cow joined per year. This represents an average rate of genetic improvement of 0.6-0.8% of average gross margins ($225—300 per cow per year).

It is feasible to achieve at least five times faster genetic progress simply by using existing technology but few breeds have the numbers of cattle, quality and coverage of performance records, and willingness to use the technology.

Gene-based technologies do not necessarily offer a simple solution to this problem — we cannot be sure when the potential of these technologies will be realised and their effective use will require more investment in correct physical trait data.

In the long-term there is potential for marker technology to reduce recording costs for some bull breeders. However, it is almost certain that there will always need to be solid performance recording for the traits of interest on a core number of cattle to maintain a calibration of marker tools.

CHALLENGES

Utilising these newer genetic technologies will not be without challenges. It will require change across the sector — in research, extension, commercial service delivery, industry coordination, facilitation and leadership.

Genes involved in the expression of most traits — at least those of interest in commercial livestock — may number in the hundreds or thousands, rather than the tens as initially thought.

There is nothing to say that a ‘gene’ with a certain impact or value in one breed or production system will have the same impact or value in another.

Estimating the effects of genes requires significant volumes of informative phenotypic data. At this stage no country has enough data of the appropriate quality and trait coverage for reliable knowledge of gene effects for a comprehensive range of traits.

Greater reliability will clearly encourage the uptake of genetic technologies among commercial operations, so increasing the quantity and quality of appropriate data is paramount and will require cooperation and consultation across industry.

* DEFINITIONS:

SNP tests: Single nucleotide polymorphism. A polymorphism at a specific base or nucleotide in the DNA sequence.

Gene markers: Are stretches of DNA closely linked to the genes that underlie an economically important trait. They are used to detect different forms of the genes we are interested in.

Estimated breeding values (EBVs): Are an estimate of an animal’s genetic value for measurable traits such as growth rate, meat tenderness etc. EBVs are calculated from the measured performance of animals and their close relatives compared to other animals measured in an identical way.

$Indexes: Offers a single EBV that describes the genetic merit of an animal for a particular purpose, or breeding objective. The $Index ranks animals for a single selection goal — profit.

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Tenderness, juiciness and flavour are the three factors on which consumers judge cooked meat. Flavour is often rated the most important, but is also the least understood. Meat flavour intensity can be affected by the lean-to-fat ratio, degree of doneness, lipid oxidation and other factors.

A US study had the multiple objectives of determining the influence of: (i) species lean and fat source and degree of doneness, (ii) the fat level, and (iii) light and dark muscles, on flavour of ground product.

Patties were formed from lean and fat from pork and beef according to the experimental design, frozen, then stored in vacuum packs until evaluated by a sensory panel. Panellists scored cooked samples for the intensity of beef flavour, pork flavour, metallic/serumy or acidic/sour flavours.

Flavour was not affected by the degree of doneness (66°C vs 71°C). Beef flavour was highest in samples made with beef lean regardless of the species of the fat; and pork flavour was highest in samples made with pork lean. Beef flavour was not increased in all-beef patties formulated with higher fat levels, whereas increased fat in pork patties did increase pork flavour. Using light or dark meat did not impact flavour in either species.

The species-specific flavour has historically been attributed to the fat in meat products; however, these results indicated that the lean tissue may be the principle contributor to species flavour. Therefore increased fat content in meat products may not always lead to increased flavour.
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Calm cattle produce better beef

Calmer cattle grow more quickly than more temperamental ones, and produce larger, better finished carcasses with more tender meat.

That is just one of the main findings from research carried out by the Beef CRC and NSW Department of Primary Industries.

PhD student, Linda Cafe has discovered an animal’s temperament can affect its long term growth rate and reduce carcass and meat quality.

The results of the study have the ability to not only improve productivity but it could improve the safety of cattle and their human handlers as well.

It’s a natural response for all animals, including humans. When you’re in a dangerous situation, you have two options, fight or flight.

When it comes to cattle, a prey animal, appropriate fear responses are what keeps them alive in the wild.

However, in a domestic situation, extreme responses are not that helpful, as animals need to cope with handling by humans.

Extreme or reactive fear responses can be detrimental to not only the safety and welfare of the cattle, the human handlers, and the longevity of farm infrastructure.

“Over time, we know that animals get used to the quality of handling they receive,” Linda Cafe said.

“But do they ever really change their temperament? That’s what I wanted to find out.”

Ms Cafe’s study centered around Brahman heifers and steers sourced from a number of commercial herds in central Queensland.

The cattle were backgrounded for six months at NSW Department of Primary Industries Glen Innes Agricultural Research and Advisory Station from soon after weaning, and finished on grain for 120 days at the Beef CRC’s “Tullimba” feedlot west of Armidale.

“The cattle had been yard-weaned on their home properties and were a very manageable group of weaners at the start of the study. None had ‘wild’ or extreme temperaments,” Ms Cafe said.

In fact, cattle with very reactive temperaments were not selected for the study at all, as it was feared they would not cope well with the intensive handling required to collect the necessary samples.

Ms Cafe said the cattle were assessed for temperament regularly during the backgrounding phase and when they were in the feedlot.

“We used two measures familiar to industry. That being flight speed and crush score,” she said.

“Flight speed was calculated in metres per second (m/s) from the animals’ flight time.”

Flight time is an electronic measure of the time it takes an animal to cover a short distance (roughly about 2m) after leaving a weighing crush.

Ms Cafe said a higher flight speed represents a faster, more flighty animal.

“A flight speed of around 1 m/s is equivalent to a walk, and 3 m/s to a run.”

The crush score is a subjective assessment of how agitated the animal is while confined in the crush.

A score of one is very calm while five is highly agitated,” according to Ms Cafe.

The cattle were then grouped into three temperament categories based on their backgrounding flight speed: ‘quiet’, ‘average’ and ‘flighty’.

“The herd quickly became used to the intensive handling required for the experiment. While the cattle became calmer
over time, the ‘flighty’ cattle still recorded the highest flight speed throughout the experiment."

The flighty cattle grew more slowly throughout the entire experiment. They had lower individual feedlot intakes as slower growth rates.

“Temperament would not usually be expected to have an impact on an animals’ growth rate during backgrounding in extensive pasture situations, as the cattle have little human interaction,” said Ms Cafe.

“However, this was not the case with this herd, due to the study requiring more intensive handling for collection of data and samples.”

Ms Cafe said while the flighty animals had lower feed intakes, there was no difference in feed conversion ratio or net feed efficiency between the three groups of animals.

“The poorer growth rates of the ‘flighty’ cattle is more related to a lower motivation to eat, rather than a difference in how the feed was utilised by the cattle,” she said.

After 120 days on grain the ‘flighty’ animals yielded carcasses which were 10 per cent lighter than quiet animals. She added they also had 18 per cent less rib fat and tended to have less tender meat.

“The ‘flighty’ animals were about half a kilogram higher in shear force. Shear force is a measure of how much force it takes to cut through a piece of meat. It can be likened to taking a bite from a piece of steak,” Ms Cafe said.

She said the production of poorer quality meat has to do with the chemicals circulating in the animals’ blood.

“The level of the stress hormone cortisol and the levels of metabolites, which are indicators of fat and muscle mobilisation, circulating in blood increased in the temperamental animals,” she said.

“This indicates that even in this quiet, well-handled herd, the flightier animals were more responsive to the stresses of routine handling than the calmer ones.”

Ms Cafe said during times of high stress such as transport, the stress response can be a bigger drain on an animal’s body reserves.

“If the cattle are being sent to an abattoir, they need the energy reserves to fuel the post-slaughter metabolism necessary to produce good quality meat.”

Hence, if the cattle have a heightened stress-response already, it will be detrimental for meat quality.”

Ms Cafe said even though the cattle became used to the handling, the rankings of the cattle did not change over time.

The cattle that were more temperamental at the beginning of the experiment were still more temperamental at the end.

Ms Cafe said the results confirm that selecting cattle with better temperaments, not just culling those with poor temperaments, can improve productivity as well as improving safety for the cattle and their handlers.

“The benefits may be more apparent in more intensive systems such as feedlots, but they will apply to any animal which ends up being trucked to an abattoir,” Ms Cafe said.
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As part of its role in delivering DNA markers to the Australian beef industry, Beef CRC has agreed to independently test new panels of DNA markers as they are commercialised by companies such as Pfizer Animal Genetics, Igenity / Merial and Metamorphix Inc.

Although the testing for these third party organizations takes time, it doesn’t mean that the Beef CRC has dropped the ball when it comes to discovering markers of its own.

In fact, gene discovery work in the area of meat quality, feed efficiency and female fertility continues to evolve and some exciting developments are being made each day.

In laboratories in Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide, scientists from the Beef CRC are involved in discovering new DNA markers.

Hunched over their microscopes, they’re trawling through thousands of DNA samples to detect more genes associated with traits of economic importance.

Dr Bill Barendse, CSIRO said they are currently testing the effects of a couple of new genes they’ve discovered for meat tenderness.

“Meat tenderness is one of the most prized attributes among consumers,” said Dr Barendse.

“If people are confident the beef they eat is tender, they will keep demanding it.”

But while nutrition, biology and management strategies are only part of the answer, Beef CRC scientists are also looking at the potential to genetically enhance meat tenderness.

Previous work has shown that the Calpain and Calpastatin genes play a large role in the breakdown of protein bonds within the muscle fibres, helping to produce tender meat.

If higher amounts of calpastatin are present, they reduce the ability of the calpains to break these proteins down and meat is likely to be less tender.

Dr Barendse said the role of the Calpain and Calpastatin genes is fairly well known.

“The effect of these genes is moderate, accounting for between 8 and 16 per cent of the genetic variation between cattle,” Dr Barendse said.

“We never imagined we’d find other genes which could have as large an effect on meat tenderness as these two.”

But Dr Barendse and his colleagues recently sampled more than 50,000 DNA markers in one-thousand cattle to look for the genetics associated with carcass weight, eye muscle area, intramuscular fat, meat tenderness, rump fat thickness, and retail beef yield.

“The Calpain and Calpastatin genes were not included in this set of markers, as the cattle we were using were the same ones that those markers were originally discovered in. Therefore finding them again would not be surprising.”

Dr Barendse said what they found is what looked like two more genes with similar effects to Calpain and Calpastatin.

“One of the genes is in a genetic location that has previously been tagged as containing a gene for tenderness, but so far no gene test has eventuated,” Dr Barendse said.

“The other gene is new but its function is known to have some involvement in the breakdown of muscle tissue.”

Dr Barendse said while the discovery is important, more testing needs to be carried out.

“These new genes need to be tested on many more animals across several different breeds. We are currently doing that, but getting access to the thousands of cattle we now need, doesn’t happen overnight.”

But it’s not only genes for meat tenderness that are being discovered. Beef CRC’s work in the area of Net Feed Intake (NFI) continues to gain momentum.

Net feed intake (NFI) is a measure of feed efficiency and is the difference between actual feed intake by an animal and the expected feed intake it needs to maintain weight and growth.
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All of the major beef cattle breeds in Australia would welcome being able to reduce feed costs while maintaining, or increasing, production levels.

Beef CRC’s Chief Scientist, Professor Mike Goddard, DPI Victoria and University of Melbourne said an animal with a negative NFI eats less than expected and is considered to be a high efficiency animal. An animal with a positive NFI eats more than expected and is of low efficiency.

“Although the Beef CRC is looking for the genes which control NFI, no markers have proven reliable enough to commercialise,” said Professor Goddard.

However, Professor Goddard said they are closing in on some genes for NFI.

He said they have conducted two genome wide association studies.

The first used 8,000 SNP markers genotyped on 384 cattle from the selection lines for high and low NFI bred at Trangie research station. The second study used the 50,000 SNP panel genotyped on 852 animals from 7 pure breeds measured for NFI in CRC I.

“The first GWAS found 406 SNPs significantly associated with NFI,” Professor Goddard said.

“The second study found 615 significant SNPs. Unfortunately as the two panels used different SNPs we couldn’t directly compare the results for individual SNPs.”

Instead Professor Goddard said they wanted to see whether the two studies found significant SNPs close to each other on the chromosomes.

“In 54 cases we found that both studies had found a significant SNP in the same 1 megabase of DNA (ie close region),” he said.

Professor Goddard said they selected some candidate genes from regions of the chromosome with significant SNPs and tested them in 4 other groups of cattle (different to the cattle used for both GWAS).

“We found 7 markers that are significant in these new cattle and are also in one of the 54 close regions found in both GWAS.

Therefore, these 7 regions have been significantly associated with NFI in 3 independent studies.”

Professor Goddard said now they know the regions of the genome that contain genes for NFI they should be able to find markers in them that work consistently and can be commercialised.

Back in Brisbane, other scientists have discovered a number of DNA markers closely associated with age of puberty and post-partum anoestrus in tropically adapted cattle.

The project led by Dr Rachel Hawken, CSIRO Livestock Industries aims to improve the reproductive performance of cattle to increase the profitability of the northern Australian beef industry.

Dr Hawken and her team aim to develop a DNA-based selection tool which producers can use to genetically test their herds to find those heifers which mature more rapidly and can conceive earlier.

“One of the biggest inefficiencies in the northern beef industry is the fact that many tropically adapted cows don’t have a calf every year.

It will be a big help to industry if we can find the genes which control that inefficiency,” she said.

The project could add millions of dollars to the value of the northern beef industry which typically records reproduction rates of 50-60 percent in lactating Bos indicus and crossbred herds.

“Management and the condition of livestock have an impact, but there is good evidence of genetic links to these traits,” Dr Hawken said.

“We’ve been working with colleagues at New Mexico State University and the USDA in the USA to help explain the genetics behind these key reproductive traits in beef cattle.

“To date we’ve found about 10 markers that have the same effect in both Brahman and Tropical Composites,” Dr Hawken said.

“But we still have to validate them in an unrelated cattle population to gain a better understanding of their accuracy and their value to industry.”

Dr Hawken believes these markers could represent the first DNA tests to be commercialised for age at puberty in the world.

“Age at puberty is an important issue for northern producers,” Dr Hawken said.

Tropical cattle can reach puberty anywhere from 10 to more than 40 months of age.

“A DNA test for puberty would allow producers to select animals which better suit their management system. The test could be done on young calves even as an embryo.”

But Dr Hawken said before any DNA test is released to industry they have to be certain that reducing the age of puberty will not compromise the cow or the calf’s survival or the future breeding ability of the animal.

“This project is about improving the lifetime reproductive performance of the animal, not just one year in isolation,” she said.

While the research on finding the DNA markers for reproduction in female cattle was at a very promising stage, the big gains in productivity would ultimately come from identifying those bulls which will pass the desirable genotypes on to their daughters, Dr Hawken said.
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