The recent disastrous and unnecessary suspension of the live export trade to Indonesia may have caused some producers to question their commitment to Brahman cattle.

The economic drivers for the northern beef industry have not changed:

- Survival
- Reproduction
- Weight gain on grass
- Product quality and market suitability

Are still the fundamentals that drive profitability.

The so called softer cattle providing “better access” to southern markets is something of a myth which is unlikely to materialise. They will, with the first cross get the advantage of the Brahman mother however weight gains and survival are unlikely to be improved.

With the next generation mortality risk will be increased and a lack of adaptability will impact growth rates.

Some lot feeders can’t feed Brahman cattle, but plenty can, as we have shown in previous articles in Brahman News and advertising. Brahmans are also a significant proportion of the grass fed Jap Ox and EU markets in Queensland, arguably the most profitable markets most years.

The Indonesian market, which took 459,186 head last year, down for 718,074 the previous year will recover in time, and other markets have shown increases in the past year.

These include Malaysia, the Philippine’s, Vietnam, Turkey, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Egypt and Jordan traditionally erratic markets in the terms of numbers also declined.

Total live export numbers to June 30 were 806,855 head.

The northern cattle industry needs Brahman cattle, however now more than ever they are going to need improved productivity and efficiency to recover and return to profitability, we need to ensure the genetic improvement we are making in our cattle will satisfy their demands.
Thank you to the members who have helped to promote our cattle with entries in both the stud and commercial competitions.

While it was not an easy year for many with the extended wet season, it is never the less important to continue to compete.

The stud classes are a well-established avenue for promotion of both individual studs, as well as the breed however, there is much to be gained from competing in the commercial hoof and hook competitions as well.

The Brahman cattle display at Beef 2009 Prime Cattle Championships and the success achieved by Rodger and Lorena Jefferis was excellent promotion and I would encourage members to support the Prime Cattle Championships at Beef 2012. Now is the time to start thinking about the cattle you will exhibit.

Congratulations to the Jefferis family on celebrating 100 years continuous ownership of Elrose Station at Cloncurry and the centenary sale on May 30. It is certainly a milestone in the Australian pastoral industry that few families achieve.

While we were enjoying the best seasonal conditions for many years, our industry was rocked by the disastrous suspension of the live export trade to Indonesia in June.

This has caused some northern producers to question their commitment to Brahman cattle in the mistaken belief that lower grade cattle will have better access to southern markets.

The reality is that they will get the productivity benefit from the Brahman cow for the first generation but after that, the reduction in adaptability will reduce productivity and impact on growth rate and mortality risk which will defeat the purpose.

While the suspension has been lifted, in reality the trade is a long way from being back to normal and this is likely to impact northern producers, particularly NT and Kimberley producers for some time to come.

In the long term however the new operating environment should provide a sustainable industry which addresses the animal welfare issues and one which can expect government and political support.

Nobody in the cattle industry would condone the cruelty displayed in the Four Corners program which seems to be a setup for publicity purposes and not representative of the industry in Indonesia.

I attended the Richmond field days in June with Shane Bishop who judged the junior parading class which were held for the first time.

The field days were well supported and congratulations are due to Tony and Beth Kendell, Koon Kool, Hughenden who took out the Champion Heavy Weight pen of prime cattle with a red Brahman entry.

I attended the Carnarvon Food Festival Long Table Lunch with Matthew Noakes who spoke on MSA pathways for Brahman cattle.

The food festival was organised by the Gascoyne Growers Assoc and attracted leading chefs and food journalists as well as people from the fishing industry, horticulture and small crops as well as local beef producers.

The first of our BIN calves arrived in mid August and we are in the process of finalising sires for the second round of AI joinings.

Best wishes to all members for a successful bull selling season.

Andrew Olive
A 1076kg beef giant, Carinya Forty Five, was selected as the senior and grand champion Brahman bull at the 2011 Royal Queensland Show in August.

The win delivered a fifth bull grand championship out of six attempts at Brisbane’s iconic “Ekka” for breeders John and Dawn Kirk, Carinya, Gayndah.

The 60 head showing was judged by Matthew Nookes, Solo F stud, Rock Wallaby, Marlborough, assisted by associate judge Will McCamley, Palmimal, Dingo.

Carinya Forty Five is a 34-month-old IVF son of JDH Madison Man Manso (imp). His dam, the former show champion Carinya Monica, is one of the stud’s most influential females and also produced the 2008 Brisbane grand champion bull, the highly regarded Carinya Riddell.

Mr Noakes said Carinya Forty Five would stand up well in interbreed judging, as well as adding value to the breed.

“I picked this bull because of his ability to carry a substantial amount of weight. He is a big strong bull with all the breed characteristics we desire.”

Breeder John Kirk said Forty Five was their first son of JDH Madison Man Manso, and would be retained in the stud. Prior to the Brisbane win, the massive grey was also the senior and grand champion bull in Rockhampton and Gayndah. As well as topping the tonne, he boasted an average daily weight gain of 1.04kg, P8 fat depth of 14mm and an impressive 136 sq cm eye muscle area (EMA).

The reserve senior bull championship went to the 24-30 months class winner, Kenrol Dataman 0382, shown by Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol, Gracemere.

The son of JDH Datapak Manso (imp) weighed in at 834kg, with an EMA of 125 sq cm and daily weight gain of 1.06kg. His dam is the stud’s most decorated female, Kenrol Serendipity 042, who was the Brisbane senior and grand champion female in 2003.

Mr Noakes said Dataman was “a very obvious winner” in his class.

“He has a good sirey outlook, smooth muscle coverage and no waste at all.”

The junior classes were dominated by Andrew and Roxanne Olive’s Raglan stud, Raglan, which showed both champions.

Their junior champion bull, Raglan Leonardo, was the heaviest bull in the 18-20 months class at 750kg, with a daily weight gain of 1.28kg and an EMA of 117 sq cm.

He is a product of Spring Valley 564 Ms Tegan (by JDH Madison Man Manso) and deceased sire WHS Andy Imperator (imp), and Mr Noakes commented that it was good to see “old” bloodlines like Imperator coming back into fashion.
Raglan scored three broad ribbons with IVF Imperator progeny, with the reserve junior bull championship going to Raglan Charlie 1225, who was runner up to Leonardo in the 18-20 months class. Charlie is out of the JDH Heyworth Manso (imp) cow Killarney Roma 3180.

The Olive’s WHS Andy Imperator/Raglan Miss 612 product, Raglan Miss Nikki, won the 18-20 months heifer class before taking out the junior female championship.

Clint and Robyn Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera, collected the senior and reserve senior female championships with daughters of Eureka Creek Marksman. Their senior champion female, Whitaker Tycee was the 20-22 months class winner and is out of the polled cow Camay Jose.

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“She really has lit our day up, she is a fantastic example of the Brahman breed and would stand up against any animal in interbreed judging,” Mr Noakes said.

The reserve senior champion female, Whitaker Miss Pebbles, was the winner of the 22-24 months class, and is out of homebred cow Whitaker Miss 215 (by Carinya M The Don).

The only red major ribbon winner on the day was the reserve junior champion heifer, Cedar Brook Zahlia, who placed first in the 12-14 months class. The daughter of KC Apache and Garglen 7675 was bred and owned by Greg Schonkknecht, GML Pastoral, Boobbyjan. Zahlia’s previous wins in 2011 included the grand champion Brahman female and supreme tropical breeds female at Gatton Show and the junior champion tropical breeds female at Farmfest.

In the group classes, Whitaker placed first in the Pair of Females and the Progeny Stakes Group. The best Group of Three Bulls was paraded by Raglan, and Carinya showed the winning Breeder’s Group.

Joy Dequara, Hamdenvale stud, Mackay is pictured sashing Senior Champion Female, Whitaker Tycee, held by Clint Whitaker, Whitaker stud, Mundubbera

Sandra Bishop, Garglen stud, Gympie is pictured sashing the Reserve Champion Female, Cedar Brook Zahlia held by Dean Rasmussen

Lorena Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry is pictured sashing the Reserve Senior Champion Female, Whitaker Miss Pebbles held by Andrew Cavanagh
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Tralin Devlin, an unjoined polled red daughter of Samari Plains Wexford, attracted the best price of $14,000 at the Gympie Brahman Female Sale on June 4.

It is the third year since 2008 that vendors Link and Tracy Davies, Tralin stud, Bundaberg, have topped the fixture.

Like their 2008 sale topper, Tralin Devlin is out of the Huonfels Jacob Rio cow, Fairy Springs Dowager 2226, who Mr Davies said was one of their best performing dams.

“We wanted to match the Wexford semen, which we bought from Mark and Tarsh Allen, to a female that we thought would excel, and Dowager has proven that she can excel,” Mr Davies said.

“She is one of our foundation females and has always bred well and it’s good to see her consistency.”

The top seller was one of seven head purchased for $6571 average by Elders, bidding on behalf of Tim Neville, Hilltops Pastoral, Ma Ma Creek. Mr Neville, an entrepreneur and former Papua New Guinean MP, has been paying record prices for elite Brahman genetics this year to establish his showpiece Brahman stud in the Lockyer Valley.

Organised by the South Queensland Branch of the Australian Brahman Breeders Association, the annual sale averaged $3056 for 76 registered females and sold one three-embryo package for $1200.

The Bishop family, Garglen, Gympie, had a golden sale, averaging $7313 for four heifers. Leading their draft at $12,000 and $10,000 were two AI full sisters, Garglen Golden Child and Garglen Golden Girl, both unjoined red daughters of Mr Winchester Magnum 999 (imp) and Garglen 6674. They were purchased by Hilltops Pastoral and Charles Tranberg, Valkyrie stud, Boyland, respectively.

Gary and Cherylea Hiette, Barambah stud, Darts Creek, bid to $9500 to secure Starbra Miss Elegant, who was the top priced grey at the sale. The unjoined 23-month-old daughter of Elrose Trademark and Starbra Princess Power (Mr V8 777/4) was offered by Gregg Davey, Starbra stud, Gunalda, who averaged $4563 for four head. The Hiettes took home six head at $3708 average, their purchases including $5500 Starbra Miss Mig Manso, an unjoined heifer by JDH Rigaud Manso (imp) and out of Brahrock MM Empress 3442.
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Hudgins-blood heifers from Steve and Theresa Taylor’s Clukan stud, Jambin, met with strong demand. Clukan Selina 196/0, by JDH Sir Tobe Manso (imp) and out of Clukan Emerald, was knocked down for $8500 to Bill and Vicki Gabel, Avee stud, Hilltop, Wowan, who paid an average of $4500 for three head at the sale. Scott and Geoff Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara, purchased two unjoined El Ja Trademark Manso daughters, bidding $8000 for Clukan Trixie 1052 and $7000 for Clukan Jana 2nd 1043. Steve and Therese Taylor averaged $5375 for their six head draft, with three heifers offered by the Taylor Partnership averaging $3417.

NSW studmasters Bill and Vicki Braun, Bundella stud, Coomoo Coomoo, Blackville, invested $6500 in Shamrock Renny Manso, an unjoined daughter of FBC D Jacko De Manso and Lancefield A Rendition, offered by Glenda Owen, Shamrock stud, Lower Wonga. Shamrock averaged $4150 for five head, its draft including $5750 Shamrock Miss Saffron, a fawn daughter of Shamrock Winston Manso, bought by Agfin Rural, Y3K stud, Wooolooga.

The Brauns took home four head at $4813 average, their purchases including two Lancefield A Kingsbury daughters from Clukan stud at $4000 and $3750.

Red heifers from Nick Dudarko’s Kangarin stud at Biloela set a strong start for the sale. Lot 1, Kangarin Zoya, a polled 29-month-old by Wilarandy S The Sheikh, went for $4500 and Lot 2, Kangarin Callisto 976, by Abbotsford Admiral, sold for $5000. Both were joined to Halgenaes Da Vinci 370 and were purchased by Hilltops Pastoral.

T. and M. Ross purchased three head, paying a top of $4250 for Bremer Vale Miss Jolleen 233 Manso, an IVF product of Lancefield Billionaire Manso and FBC W Miss Jolleen Manso. The unjoined grey heifer was offered by Mike Peters, Bremer Vale stud, Mt Walker.

The JDH Mr Deeds Manso heifer, Clukan Sasha 186/9, was knocked down for $4250 to Brian Stewart, Nicholl Road stud, Bundaberg.

The Iker family, Craigslea stud, Theebine received $4000 for 13-month-old Craigslea Gem. The red daughter of Palmvale Windsor was purchased by G. Harrison who outlaid an average of $2250 for six new breeders.

A polled daughter of Brahrock Drumming Man was the top seller from Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld’s Brahrock stud, Maryborough. The unjoined heifer, Brahrock Miss Drum Wattle, was purchased for $6500 by Dr Daniel Jillella, D&R stud, Brisbane.

Hilltops Pastoral paid $5500 for Garglen Dreamboat, a red proven breeder by the import SRS Mr Steamboat 774.

Bulk buyers included G. Harrison, who purchased six head at $3708 avg, and I. Mitchell, six head at $1250 avg.

Tralin red tops Gympie sale at $14,000

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Steve Taylor, Clukan stud, Jambin, Qld is pictured in the selling ring with three of the Clukan draft of 9 which averaged $4,722 with a top of $8,500

Gympie Sale Committee Chairman Royce Sommerfeld, Brahrock stud, Maryborough who sold 8 heifers for $2,718 average is pictured with the buyer of his $6,500 top priced female, Dan Jillella, D & R stud, Brisbane Qld

Dan Sullivan, Sullivan Livestock, Gympie is pictured with Anne Stevens, Beechwood stud, Pomona, Qld and Bill and Sue Blakeney, Warraka stud, Coondoo, Qld

Jim Bauer, Elanora Park stud, Gin Gin, Qld who bought 3 heifers for $1,900 average is pictured with Bruce and Debbie Godden, Ego stud, Gympie, Qld
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Supreme interbreed honours in Rocky for Raglan Miss Dana

Impressive Brahman female, Raglan Miss Dana, defeated the best from four other breeds to be named supreme champion interbreed female at the 2011 Rockhampton Show in June.

Exhibited by Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan Miss Dana is a daughter of the JDH Madison De Manso (imp) son, Brahrock Details, and is out of the Apis Creek Maximus cow, Raglan Miss Donna.

She was paraded with a well-grown six-month-old bull calf at foot, Raglan Mac, and triumphed over the female grand champions from the Droughtmaster, Charolais, Charbray and Lowline breeds.

The interbreed section was judged by Simmental breeder Ross Milner, Bushlands, Baralaba, who said Raglan Miss Dana was an exceptionally feminine, lovely smooth young cow.

The Brahman stud cattle section at Rockhampton attracted 89 high quality entries, judged by Brett Kinnon, Bungoona Brahman stud, Clermont, and associate judge Tara Dieckman, Rockhampton.

Raglan Miss Dana first came to prominence in the four head class for females 32 months and over, before graduating to senior champion female.

Mr Kinnon said the cow and calf were an outstanding unit, the dam displaying “quality from her nose to her toes.”

Class runner-up to Raglan Miss Dana was Kenrol Georgeena 0330, however it was Ken and Wendy Cole’s 26-32 months class winner Kenrol Lady Kayla 2406, that claimed the title of reserve champion senior female. Lady Kayla 2406 is by last year’s ABBA Sire of the Year, Kenrol Marri Manso, and is out of Kenrol Lady Kayla 0205.

However Raglan Lady Dana was trumped in the contest for Brahman breed champion, which went to the senior and grand champion bull, Carinya Forty Five.

The 1032kg 26-32 months class winner is an IVF son of JDH Madison Man Manso (imp) and Carinya Monica, who is the dam of the noted multiple show champion Carinya Riddell. Described by the judge as having “a lot of punch and outlook”, Carinya Forty Five was exhibited by John and Dawn Kirk, Carinya, Gayndah.

His class runner-up, Raglan Mr Joshua, was sashed the reserve champion senior bull. He is a son of Yenda Dynamic and the JDH Heyworth Manso (imp) cow Killarney Roma.
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Carinya and Raglan also battled it out for the junior female championship. Coming out on top was Carinya Jesica who won the strong 10-head 17-19 months female class. The impeccably bred heifer is by JDH Databank Manso (imp) and out of the JDH Sir Mitchell Manso (imp) cow Carinya 152.

The reserve junior champion female was Raglan Miss Nikki, a January 2010-drop IVF heifer featuring a double cross of WHS Andy Imperator (imp).

It wasn’t quite a whitewash for Carinya however. Their Carinya Riddell son, Carinya Whitewash, claimed victory in the 15-17 months bull class but had to settle for the reserve champion junior bull title.

The junior bull championship was awarded to the 17-19 months class winner Glengarry D Max, exhibited by Scott and Geoff Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara. The 680kg polled grey is a son of Glengarry Drummond and Glengarry Belle 1423.

Glengarry also paraded the female calf champion, Glengarry Nardia 1893, who is by Elrose Eagle Hawk and out of the FBC W Jordan De Manso cow, Glengarry Nardia 1309.

Her runner up in the nine head 12-15 months class, Raglan Natalie, was selected as the reserve champion female calf. She is an IVF daughter of JDH Mr Deeds Manso (imp).
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Speakers honour Elrose 100 years

It is not often in Queensland that a 100 year Anniversary is reached for a family ownership of a cattle property, so it is little wonder that the crowd of around 200 people who gathered in late May at Elrose Station, 70 kms south of Cloncurry in North West Queensland, listened attentively as speakers honoured the special occasion for members of the Jefferis family.

In a ceremony to unveil a commemorative plaque attached to a 2 tonne stone, the Mayor of McKinlay Shire, Cr Paul Woodhouse said that he had just returned from a trip to Europe where history, extending over many centuries, was ever apparent. His observations from his travels, that the history of the land is part of the people, was also very much true in the case of the Jefferis family at Elrose Station. Mayor Woodhouse outlined many of the historical events which first occurred in 1911 including the world’s first airmail flight and the first International Women’s Day, before congratulating the Jefferis family on their stewardship and development of Elrose into one of the leading cattle properties of the north west. The very valuable contribution that the Jefferis family have made to the Cloncurry district over many decades was prominent in the address given by Cr Andrew Daniels, Mayor of Cloncurry. He cited Rodger’s father Owen’s support of the community in Cloncurry town and Rodger and Lorena Jefferis’ work for events such as the Cloncurry Show, Stockman’s Challenge, saleyard’s activities and Brahman breed forums as examples of their drive and support for the area.

Russell Pearson, Bull Creek, McKinlay, a longtime friend of Rodger and Lorena Jefferis performed the unveiling of the plaque, however before he did so, he gave a brief history of the Jefferis family from the
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time Roland Lew Jefferis “drew” Elrose Station in 1911. History records that Roland Jefferis was selected to play for the New Zealand All Blacks at 19 years of age, however injury cut short his rugby union career. Russell outlined the hardship experienced by Rodger’s grandfather when he migrated to Australia in 1907 and commenced sinking bores in the McKinlay district with a horse drawn rig. He also told the crowd that the Jefferis family, when Rodger was a little boy, won the Queensland Family Quest of the year. Russell said, “To maintain family ownership of a successful cattle station enterprise through 100 years, with many years of droughts, depressed cattle markets and other hardships, was a feat that not many would achieve and was testimony to the foresight, property management and hard work of the successive generations of the Jefferis family.”

Following the unveiling, Rodger Jefferis responded, saying that to reach 100 years it was necessary for all members of the Jefferis family who owned Elrose over that period to remain committed, unwavering in the worst of droughts. “Today, as 100 years ago with my Grandfather, we live every day for the vision of bettering the Elrose enterprise,” Rodger said.

In partnership with his wife Lorena and children Grant and Brooke, Rodger said they had been fortunate to have many great and loyal people work with them on Elrose. “Our current property managers have lengths of service for Elrose between 23 years and 8 years, a wonderful record and a great comfort to us knowing we can rely on that experience, loyalty and dedication,” Rodger said.

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Rodger’s brother, John Jefferis, and sisters, Virginia Evans and her husband Peter, Robyn Kosik and her daughter Ella Rose, and Julie Paterson and daughter Krista, all travelled to Elrose for the event.

Rodger thanked his family and those in the crowd who had travelled from many areas of Queensland and New South Wales to attend the 100th Anniversary day.

“The responsibilities I have with organisations like the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association often take me away from home for days or weeks at a time. I could not give this time without the support of Lorena, Brooke and Grant and I thank them greatly,” Rodger added.

Andrew and Annie Hacon, “Cubbaroo”, Cloncurry purchased a bull for $12,500 and were congratulated on their purchase by Elrose vendors, Rodger and Lorena Jefferis.

Relaxing after the Elrose sale are John Borg, Harry Brant, Nebo, Roy Fenlon, Spring Hill stud, Rockhampton, David & Joy Deguara, Hamdenwale stud, Mackay, Tony Brown, Pioneer Park stud, Mackay & Jim Pola, NQ Register, Townsville.

Brett Coombe, Roxborough stud, Moura (centre) is pictured with Clayton and Robert Curley, Gipsy Plains stud, Cloncurry.

Michael, Ronda, John and Majella Lyons celebrated the family purchase of 98 head to average $1400, in the commercial female section of the Elrose Sale.
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SELECT SIRE
BREMER VALE HIGH VOLTAGE (P)
S: PALMVALE WARWICK (AI) (ET) (H)
D: ROSEBOROUGH MIA 1244 (P)

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BREMER VALE BOSS MANSO 167 (H)

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BREMER VALE MR EBENEZZA MANSO 177 (AI) (H)

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BREMER VALE TNT MANSO (H)

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BREMER VALE POWERLOAD MANSO (H)
Elrose bulls top at $24,000

The buyer of the $24,000 top price bull at the Elrose 100 years Celebration Sale at Elrose Station, Cloncurry in May, Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela, is not far away from registering the same anniversary as the focus of the day’s celebrations

Mr Nobbs was born in 1917 and no doubt was the most senior of all buyers who attended the event.

Rodger & Lorena Jefferis were delighted that Eric Nobbs purchased the sale topper, the rising 2½ yo, dark grey bull, Elrose Red Hot. “He is a mighty bull with excellent performance and carcase figures to back him up,” Rodger said, “and now he is going into a very good herd with a long standing reputation of producing high quality Brahmans.” “Eric’s great enthusiasm for breeding quality cattle has never wavered in the long time I have known him, and is admired by everyone in the beef cattle industry,” Rodger added.

The heaviest bull of the sale, Elrose Gold Lotto, at 934kg was the second top price bull at $21,000. He is one of the first sons of the $240,000 sire Lancefield Billionaire Manso that the Jefferis’ has offered for Sale. John Mawhinney of Elders Winton handled the telephone bidding for Gerald Elliott, Elliott Family Trust, “Wirilla”, Winton on this bull, and also two other Billionaire sons. Three lots earlier he bid to $16,500 for Elrose Dollarwise, a 25 month old, stylish white grey that, at 876kg and 131 sq cm EMA, was the heaviest and biggest eye muscle area milk tooth bull of the sale. The Elrose Billionaire sons made an impressive sale ring debut with ten of them averaging $8,100.

Andrew and Annie Hacon, Granada, Cloncurry were in attendance at the sale and bid to $12,500 for Elrose Full Stop, a 903kg, 2½ yo son of Elrose Significance. This bull shows the exceptional carcase qualities of his sire. The seven Significance sons in the Sale were well sought after, averaging $8,715.

Dale and Kelsey Neilson, Two Rivers, Boulia have been investors in top quality Elrose bloodlines for many years and this year they purchased five sires. Their top purchase, at $10,500, was the dark grey, thick bodied bull, Elrose Licence. He carried a 138 sq cm EMA and a 5.2% IMF, the best marbling scan in the Sale draft.

Tony and Will Fenech, Fenech Grazing Co., Craigleigh, Wowan selected the 870kg Elrose Dawson by Elrose Dominance for $10,000. Two bulls made $9,000. Mt Hastings Brahmans of Nambour outlaid that money for Elrose Soho, a blue grey, strong muscled, big volume sire, while Roger and Roslyn Nobbs, Wingara, Moura also paid $9,000 for one of the youngest bulls of the draft, Elrose High Stakes. This 25 month old son of Billionaire scaled 792kg and showed a lot of natural carcase attributes. Colin and Judy Saunders took home three quality bulls averaging $5,335 to their Cloncurry property. Their top purchase at $8,000, was a well bred son of PBF McCulloch Manso.

Central Queensland Stud operators Laglan Pastoral Co., and Joy Newman selected Elrose Money Bags, a white grey, strong sire type, for $7,000, early in the sale. His pedigree combines Elrose’s premiere female line, the Ghost Gum family, with that of Sale ring debutante Lancefield Billionaire. Rob Flute, Chatfield, Richmond bid on many of the sale’s better bulls. He succeeded in buying two at six thousand five hundred each, both strong muscled, high beef performance sires. $6,500 was also paid by the Hullock family of Cloncurry for an impressive milk tooth, 782kg bull, Elrose Spendthrift. Elders Stud Stock Manager Blake Munro put together an attractive line of six bulls averaging $3,170 for Northern Territory cattle producers John and Cate McLoughlin, while Brodie & Co., selected an impressive draft of five strong bodied bulls at an average of $3,900 for Cloncurry district clients.

HEIFERS SELL TO $7,000

A well bred daughter of Elrose Mr Universe with a pregnancy to Lancefield Billionaire Manso topped the stud heifer draft at $7,000. She sold to David Jefferis and Dianne Priddle, Berwick Stud, Oakey and was one of two heifer investments they made at the sale. Their other purchase, at $6,000, was a high quality, attractive, feminine type, the only female offered by Billionaire. She was in calf to the successful sire, Lancefield Moreton.

After purchasing two sires earlier in the sale, the Hullock family also selected three study heifers paying up to $6,000 for Elrose Karina, a daughter of Novatel and in calf to Elrose Significance. Ken and Joan Newton, Lucknow Brahman stud, Injune paid $5,500 for Elrose Ramona that carries the JDH Rick Manso/Lancefield Signature cross. Norm Tranberg of Loma stud, Allora also travelled a long way to be at the sale. He selected

Rodger Jefferis, his brother John, who travelled from the U.K. for the 100 year Anniversary, and buyer of the Sale’s top price bull, Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela, enjoying the hospitality after the completion of the auction sale
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two heifers including, at $5,000, a daughter of Elrose Autograph.

Local buyers Closemaster Pty Ltd of Cloncurry was a major buyer, adding to their purchase of 5 bulls with four stud heifers, and Jack and Mary Scholes of Julia Creek were active in the female section selecting three stud heifers.

All semen lots sold to strong demand with the top price of $850 per straw reached for a 5 straw package of Lancefield Signature, purchased by Laglan Pastoral Co., and Joy Newman.

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

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72   TOTAL      $356,500  90% Clearance

Elrose bull top at $24,000

Enjoying the post sale festivities were Tony Fenech, FBC stud, Wowan, Brett Nobbs, NCC stud, Duaringa and Brian Hughes, Lanes Creek stud, Georgetown

Roslyn and Roger Nobbs, Wingara, Moura were among the Sale buyers at Elrose

Mick Chittick, Landmark, Richmond had his clients Sharon West and Rob Flute, Chatfield, Richmond active in the Sale bidding

Charles McKinlay, Stewart Park, Comet and Paul Fenech, PBF Brahmans, Sarina travelled from Central Queensland for the Elrose event
LOT 882
EUREKA CREEK CASH
DOB - 15/4/09
SIRE JDH BURGESS MANSO
DAM EUREKA CREEK CANDYGIRL

LOT 883
MARDI GRAS
DOB 12/7/09

LOT 884
MESQUITE
DOB 10/7/09
Quality commercial females sell to patchy market

The offering of 500 High Quality breeding females from Rodger & Lorena Jefferis’ industry acclaimed leading grey Brahman commercial herd was described as “perhaps the best one brand line of commercial grey Brahman females submitted to auction in Australia” and with the way the offering was meticulously drafted, displayed and catalogued, expectations were high that competition would come from a large number of buyers.

However it was to the delight of a small number of buyers that they claimed the special 100th Anniversary Celebration Sale offering at values below what had been achieved at other special Brahman female sales during the lead-up to the sale. “Females with the credentials of these are not often available at auction, in big numbers,” Auctioneer Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said, “and although prices will compare favourably with the general run of store cattle markets at the time, the breeding background and the potential in these Elrose females is very rarely available for open competition.”

However the buyers who were at the sale shopping for commercial females were keen, with three of them taking multiple optional pens at a time, accounting for over three-quarters of the pens.

The Sale’s 12 pens of 98 cows and calves (with over 70% of them back in calf) were quickly snapped up by Charters Towers graziers Michael, Ronda, John and Majella Lyons of Wambiana Station. Six pens sold at $1,600 each, two at $1,400 each and four at $1,100 giving the Lyons family a $1,400 average. They are previous buyers of Elrose bulls and considered their investment in these cows and calves to be excellent buying, specially noting the natural fertility indicators in the herd.

It was a long way for Bill and Vicki Braun of Quirindi, New South Wales to come for the sale however, they made their trip worthwhile when they selected an exceptional line of 130 pregnant cows and heifers at an average of $1,023. They paid up to $1,150 for three half-deck pens of No.7 cows, all pregnant 4 months plus, and up to $1,000 for a half-deck pen of pregnant No.9 heifers. Prices of the lovely quality No.9 heifers topped at $1,050 for a deck purchased by the Stevenson Family, Pathmont Pty Ltd, Hughenden.

Sharon West, Chatfield, Richmond bought well at the sale. She paid $750 a head for 5 decks, 110 cows mostly with advanced pregnancies, and also purchased a quality deck pen of 30 unjoined yearling heifers. The lead pen of the unjoined yearling heifers made $600 per head selling to Brook and Scott McGlinchey of Winton.

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SALE RESULTS

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487 TOTAL                  $446,600  $917  100% Clearance

The big crowd at the Elrose 100th Anniversary Celebration Sale, On-Property at Cloncurry last week, keenly followed the auction of 500 commercial grey Brahman females. The impressive line of high quality cows and calves, PTIC cows, PTIC heifers and yearling heifers were penned up in half deck and deck lots in a round yard format. The first six pens of cows and calves (pictured) sold at $1,600/unit to Charters Towers buyers JD & RM Lyons of Wambiana Station.

Scott Angel, Glengarry stud, Kunwarara, Paul Fenech, PBF stud, Sarina and ABBA President Andrew Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan are pictured at the Elrose sale.
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Lot feeding Brahms has driven a profitable business shift for Central Queensland beef producers Peter and Ann Kirk and family.

Their Petann Pastoral Company, based at Weir Park, Gogango, previously bought and fattened feeder steers, but large scale lot feeding over the past five years has freed up paddock space, enabling the enterprise to run 1750 high grade Brahman breeders.

Kevin Geddes, who manages the lot feeding side of the business, said the Kirks lot fed 2000 to 3000 head a year including 700 home-bred steers.

The cattle are fed for 100 days at Waterfall Feedlot near Goomeri, with the majority grading Jap ox at 22-23 months with either milk or two teeth.

Depending on grain prices, they also lot feed 200-300 of their own heifers a year, most for 60-70 days to meet the trade market.

Mr Geddes said lot feeding offered certainty of return and quicker turnover of stock.

"It allows us to run more bullocks in the paddock and turnoff at a younger age. The feedlot is the best bullock paddock of the lot," Mr Geddes said.

"We mostly contract them before they go on feed so we know what we're getting for them and know in advance what the feed costs will be because they are locked in three months in advance."

A typical draft is weaned at 9-12 months and de-pastured on buffalo grass on river country at Gogango before being trucked south for feeding.

"We feed cattle that we buy in and we breed, and nothing is doing better than the Brahms," Mr Geddes said.

"Where a Euro-cross might be gaining 2.2 to 2.6kg a day, it's eating 16kg compared to the Brahman that's eating 13kg. The feed conversion is great and that means more profit."
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Lot fed Brahman calves prove profitable  
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Waterfall Feedlot owner Robert Maudsley said the quality of Brahman calves had improved steadily over the past decade and breed’s performance on feed was on par with other breeds.

“Brahmans don’t eat as much as other breeds but they do just as good as the other breeds in terms of weight gain,” Mr Maudsley said.

Typical weight gains for the Kirk’s Brahman calves are 2.7kg/day for steers and 2.3kg/day for heifers, across 100 days on feed.

In May the Kirks killed a line of their No. 9 steers and the lead of their No.0 steers, with impressive results. The 154 steers averaged 598kg on the hoof, dressing out at 327kg or 54.9%. The tops of the line dressed out at 60.7%, with 86% having a dressing percentage above 53%.

Mr Geddes said the line returned an average rate of 385c/kg with more than half of the draft achieving the top grid price of 390c/kg.

Although profit margins fluctuate throughout the year due to input prices, Mr Geddes said the feed conversion efficiency of Brahman calves helped keep profits in the black.

“If you can get more than two kilos a day in weight gain you’re keeping your nose in front,” he said.

“We’re averaging 335 to 345 kilos dressed at two years of age and this gives us an average return of about 369 cents across the year. Most are milk or two tooth, generally with 13 to 15 mm of fat at the P8 site.”

On arriving at the feedlot the cattle are treated with growth promotant, drenched, dipped and tagged.

“Mr Geddes said the best practices used at Waterfall Feedlot ensured cattle remained healthy and gained the optimum amount of weight while on feed. The feedlot feeds a silage-based ration three times and day and water is changed every two days.

“We’ve never had a death and there’s no hot feet,” Mr Geddes said.

The feedlot was also chosen for its proximity to southern Queensland meatworks, such as Kilcoy.
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Lot 9 (Topline Sir General)
Glengarry Brahman stud was the most successful exhibitor in the interbreed stud cattle section of the Whitsunday Show, held in Proserpine in June.

The Central Queensland stud, operated by Scott and Geoff Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara, exhibited the junior and grand champion all breeds bull, and the calf champion bull, as well as collecting a number of class wins.

The annual show attracted a record 100 entries of stud cattle, judged by Duncan Geddes, Telemon Brangus stud, Springsure.

Mr Geddes selected Glengarry True Grit as the 15-18 months all breeds bull class winner, before elevating him to the junior and grand championship. The impressive son of Elrose Eagle Hawk and Glengarry Pixie 1207 (by FBC W Jordan De Manso) boasts a +60 EBV for 600 day growth.

The reserve junior champion bull was the 21-24 months class winner, Raglan Mr Lawman, shown by Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan. The Hudgins-blood grey is by JDH Atlas Manso 328/3 (imp) and out of the JDH Mr Manso 35/1 (imp) cow, Raglan Miss Tegan 125.

Raglan Mr Jake, by El Ja Matrix Manso and out of the Kabala Laureate cow, Raglan Miss 294, was sashed the 24-30 months all breed bull class winner and the senior champion bull.

Local exhibitors the Camm family, Cambil stud, Proserpine, were delighted when Cambil Shakeria 3670 was named junior and grand champion all breeds female. The May-2009 drop daughter of El Ja Taco MM Manso and El Ja Sherry Manso (JDH Madison Man Manso) placed first in the 21-24 months class.

Geoff Angel’s Glengarry G Cassanova has a bright future ahead after being awarded the bull calf championship. The 12-15 months class winner is a product of Glengarry Bendigo and Wilangi Jessaru 5026.

The Jordan family, Kimora stud, Kilgour Station, Capella, paraded the reserve calf champion female, Kimora Millie.

Glengarry exhibited the winning Breeder’s Group and Sire’s Progeny Group, making the stud the most successful Brahman exhibitor and most successful stud cattle exhibitor.

The Whitsunday Show’s junior judging and junior parading contests were well supported, with 25 enthusiastic entrants. Results are as follows:

**Junior Judging:** 12 years and under: Simone Muirhead, 1; Mitchell Camm, 2; Gus Muller, 3; 13-14 years: Emma Stoddill, 1; Rachael Wynne, 2; Samantha Jarvis, 3; 15-16 years: Alannah Kelley, 1; Kerina Sinclair/Jacinta Rogers, 2; Maddie Harland/Lane Grayson, 3; 17 years and over: Daniel Lindgren, 1; Shelly Beckham, 2; David Ross, 3.

**Junior Parading:** 12 years and under: Simone Muirhead, 1; Mitchell Camm, 2; Logan Angel, 3; 13-14 years: Rachael Wynne, 1; Jade Young, 2; Daniel Hair, 3; 15-16 years: Nick Lisle, 1; Cassie Lindgren, 2; Alisa Smith, 3; 17 years and over: Jade Tighe, 1; Brooke Prather, 2; Reece Ferguson, 3.
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The Rockhampton Junior Beef Show reached a significant milestone in 2011, celebrating its 20th year of operation.

Five of the original committee members are still actively involved in the show today, and their efforts were formally recognised by the Australian Brahman Breeders Association (ABBA) in 2011. Brett Coombe, chairman; Wendy Cole, secretary; and committee members Terry Connor, Julie McCamley and Leanne Creedon were congratulated on their lengthy service.

“These breeders have really hung in there for a long time and their enthusiasm and dedication in organising this annual three day event is to be congratulated,” said ABBA general manager John Croaker.

“The Junior Beef Show is an invaluable opportunity for aspiring cattle producers to learn the tools of the trade and be mentored in a fun, hands-on learning environment.”

Mr Croaker said the junior beef show was originally run by the Rockhampton Show Society, and 10 years ago was handed over to a sub-committee of the ABBA to organise.

Over the years the ABBA-sponsored Rockhampton Junior Beef Show was expanded to include interbreed judging, and in 2011 the event attracted 130 participants and 130 head of cattle, representing a number of breeds.
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Junior Beef Show notches 20 years

The line-up of eager participants at the Rockhampton Showgrounds event in June included junior Brahman breeders from the Northern Territory, Victoria and New South Wales.

Also taking part was the American Brahman Breeders’ Association Youth Exchange student Brooke Prather, who placed a creditable third in the 18 to Under-25 age group championship. You can follow Brooke’s experiences in Australia on her blog at http://brahmansintheoutback.blogspot.com/

The action packed three days included educational sessions on topics such as cattle husbandry and handling, steer selection, judging, parading and pregnancy testing. The prime cattle section was judged by Wayne York from Elders, while Sharee Gooding, Biloela, judged the junior parading, and Simmental breeder Ross Millner adjudicated over the junior judging and stud cattle.

All the hard work culminated with a presentation dinner at the Central Queensland NRL Bid Club in Rockhampton, where the age group champions were announced and celebrated.

James Kent, Wilden, Goovigen, who has registered his own JK Brahman stud, was awarded the Landmark Scholarship and received $1000 towards expenses to compete at the Junior Judging and Junior Parading events at the 2011 Royal Brisbane Show. He was the champion in the 18 to Under-25 age group, and collected points...
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F+T MAGNUS 232 (IVF) (P)

Birth Date: 02.04.09

An impressive son of the $105,000 Beef 2006 Grand Champion KP Monty from dam $25,000 Lanes Creek Red Topaz donor. A daughter of the outstanding sire, Lanes Creek Red Ranger, Red Topaz is reputed to be one of the best red cows produced at Lanes Creek.

He is a smooth soft easy doing calf with an excellent temperament and a clean polled head.

S: KP MONTY (AI) (S)  
KP ECSTASY (ET) (H)

D: LANES CREEK RED TOPAZ (AI) (ET) (P)  
LANES CREEK RED RANGER (AI) (P)  
LANCEFIELD D DIAMOND 432/D (AI) (ET) (P)
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LOT 618
F+T MORTON 235 (IVF) (P)
Birth Date: 06.04.09
Another son of the Beef 2006 Grand Champion, the $105,000 KP Monty from our $20,000 polled Palmvale Sandra donor. Sandra is by Yoman 447/6, a legend in the Palmvale herd from a Billabong Robbo daughter, Palmvale Sanora.

Another clean poll with outstanding temperament.

TARTRUS REDMOUNT 2365 (ET) (H)
S: KP MONTY (AI) (S)
KP ECSTASY (ET) (H)
YOMAN 447/6 (H)
D: PALMVALE SANDRA 1919 (AI) (P)
PALMVALE SANDRA 1466 (P)

LOT 619
F+T MORRIS 241 (P)
Birth Date: 22.05.09
A naturally bred polled son of our $27,500 Palmvale Miss Pablo Sunray 2000. He also displays impeccable temperament and plenty of natural muscling.
F+T Morris had a successful show career in the 2010 season.
His sire Halgenaes Jamie is a son of Halgenaes Aleeke who is doing an excellent job in the Halgenaes stud with a daughter selling for $11,000.
Miss Pablo Sunray 200 is by the imported sire BB Mr Sting Ray 100 who has produced exceptional progeny in a number of countries around the world.

HALGENAES ALEEKE (P)
S: HALGENAES JAMIE (P)
HALGENAES GRACE (AI) (P)
BB MR STING RAY 10/0 (IMP US) (H)
D: PALMVALE MISS PABLO SUNRAY 2000 (AI) (ET) (P)
PALMVALE MISS PABLO (P)
by placing first in the junior parading and fourth in both the stud cattle and prime cattle judging.

The 16 to Under-18 Years champion, Courtney Olive, Apis Creek, Marlborough, placed first in the stud cattle judging for her age group and third in the junior parading.

Tyson Dahtler, who was the 14 to Under-16 champion, was most successful in the stud cattle judging where he placed second.

The 12 to Under-14 champion Amy Birch showed her talents as an all-rounder, winning the prime cattle judging and junior parading, and placing second in the stud cattle judging.

The best class result for the Under-12 years champion, Riley Connor, was a second placing in the prime cattle judging.

His younger brother, Beau Connor, became the Pee Wee champion after scoring points in the stud cattle judging and junior parading.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

Pee Wee: Beau Connor, 1; Andrew McArthur, 2; Kate Connor, 3; Jett Graham, 4; Lane Sturdy, 5.
Under 12: Riley Connor, 1, Nanci Wilson, 2; Hamish Birch, 3: Seb Greenup, 4; Jared O’Sullivan, 5.
12-Under 14: Amy Birch, 1; Lucie-Ann Kirk, 2; Abe Graham, 3; Jarod Dahtler, 4; Daniel Trace, 5.
14-Under 16: Tyson Dahtler, 1; Jack Myles, 2; Jed Currie, 3; Sarah Birch, 4; Sean Wright, 5.
16-Under 18: Courtney Olive, 1; Chole Gould, 2; Taylor Jenkinson, 3; Ria Garside, 4; Nicholas Zischke, 5.
18-Under 25: James Kent, 1; Sarah Riordan, 2; Brooke Prather, 3; Julie Thompson, 4; Melissa Moore, 5.

HERDSMAN’S AWARDS:

Julie Thompson, 1; Andrea Schultz, 2; James Kent, 3; Chloe Gould, 4; Courtney Olive, 5.
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Placegetters in the 14 years and under 16 years Prime Cattle Junior Judging were, from left Brady Jackson (fifth), Brent Evans (second), Nathan Trace (fourth), Sean Wright (third), Jack Myles (first).

Placegetters in the 12 years and under 14 years Stud Cattle Junior Judging were, from left Isabella Fernie (fourth), Stevie Jackson (third), Amy Birch (second), Lucie-Ann Kirk (first), Jordon Laboschewki (fifth).

Placegetters in the Peewee age group Stud Cattle Junior Judging were, from left Alexandra Olive (third), Clayton Hayes (fifth), Lane Sturdy (first), Bow Connor (fourth), Andrew McArthur (second).

Placegetters in the 16 years and under 18 years Prime Cattle Junior Judging were, from left Prue Jensen (fifth), Chloe Gould (fourth), Maddison May-Thomas (first), Bryce Fernie (second), Emily Pelling (third).

Placegetters in the 16 years and under 18 years Stud Cattle Junior Judging were, from left Courtney Olive (first), Jessie O’Sullivan (third), Chloe Gould (second), Shayman Kidcaf (fourth), Taylor Jenkinson (fifth).

Placegetters in the 18 years and under 25 years Prime Cattle Junior Judging are, from left Sarah Riordan (fifth), James Kent (fourth), Melissa Moore (first), Brooke Prather (second), Julie Thompson (third).

Sponsor Barry Williams, Rural Supplements (at rear) presented the awards to placegetters in the under 12 years Stud Cattle Junior Judging, from left Axel Flanagan-Schneider (fourth), Nanci Wilson (second), Ben Kenny (third), Brock Dahtler (fifth), Hamish Birch (first).

Placegetters in the 16 years and under 18 years Stud Cattle Junior Judging, were from left Isabella Fernie (fourth), Stevie Jackson (third), Amy Birch (second), Lucie-Ann Kirk (first), Jordon Laboschewki (fifth).

Placegetters in the 14 years and under 16 years Stud Cattle Junior Judging were, from left Wendy Smallcombe (fifth), Brady Jackson (fourth), Nathan Trace (third), Rhys Hawkins (first), Tyson Dahtler (second).
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Placegetters in the 18 years and under 25 years Stud Cattle Junior Judges were from left Melissa Moore (first), Sarah Riordan (fifth), Kelly Wood (second), James Kent (fourth), Brooke Prather (third)

Junior Parading Judge Sheree Gooding (right) presented awards to placegetters in the 16 years and Under 18 years Junior Parading class, from left Ria Garside (first), Courtney Olive (third), Taylor Jenkinson (second), Maddison May-Thomas (fourth), Shayman Kidcaff (fifth)

Sponsor Barry Williams, Rural Supplements presented awards to the placegetters in the Under 12 years Junior Parading, from left Katherine Rose (fourth), Hamish Birch (third), Brock Dahtler (fifth), Nanci Wilson (first), Seb Greenup (second)

Junior Parading Judge Sheree Gooding (at rear) presented the awards to placegetters in the 12 years and under 14 years Junior Parading class, from left Corey Evans (fourth), Jarrod Dahtler (second), Simon Kinbacher (fifth), Amy Birch (first), Cassie Wilson (third)

Sponsor Ken Newton (rear), Lucknow Brahmans presented the Age Group Champion awards for the Peewee age group to, from left Bow Connor (first), Jett Graham (fourth), Kate Connor (third), Andrew McArthur (second), Lane Sturdy (fifth)

Junior Parading Judge Sheree Gooding (right) presented the awards to placegetters in the 18 years and under 25 years class, from left Julie Thompson (fourth), Melissa Moore (fifth), Sarah Riordan (second), James Kent (first), Brooke Prather (third)
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Sponsor Barry Williams (at rear), Rural Supplements, presented awards to the Under 12 Age Group Champions, from left Nanci Wilson (second), Hamish Birch (third), Jared O’Sullivan (fifth), Riley Connor (first), Seb Greenup (fourth)

Committee member Tanya Hartwig (right) presented the awards to 14 and under 16 years Age Group Champions, from left Jack Myles (second), Jed Curry (third), Sarah Birch (fourth), Tyson Dahtler (first), Sean Wright (fifth)

Placegetters in the 18 years and under 25 years Age Group Championship are, from left Melissa Moore (fifth), Julie Thompson (fourth), Brooke Prather (third), Sarah Riordan (second), James Kent (first)

Georgie Coombe (centre) presented the Roxborough Brahman trophy for Junior Champion Heifer to Chloe Gould who showed Bundaleer Miss Buttons and Bows Manso and the Riverina Australia trophy for Reserve Champion heifer to Brooke Prather who showed Kenrol Lady Red

Sponsor Zelko Biki, Commonwealth Bank Agribusiness presented the awards for the 12 years and under 14 years Age Group Championship to, from left Amy Birch (first), Lucie-Ann Kirk (second), Abe Graham (third), Daniel Trace (fifth), Jarod Dahtler (fourth)

Sponsor Prudence Barwick representing Virbac (centre) presented the awards to the 16 years and under 18 years Age Group Champions, from left Courtney Olive (first), Chloe Gould (second), Ria Garside (fourth), Taylor Jenkinson (third), not present Nicholas Zscke (fifth)

Sonia Greenup presented the Santa Gertrudis Assoc trophy to Amy Birch for Reserve Calf Champion bull, Amy showed Birch Kingswood and Julie McCamley presented the Lancefield Brahman trophy for Calf Champion bull to Andrea Schulz who showed Wyoming Fireman
AKAMA MERTON 0131
SIRE: Lancefield Burton Manso 3251
DAM: Lancefield Branka 3167

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Committee member Tanya Hartwig (at rear) presented the award for Champion steer trophy to Kate Connor who showed Murraminna Epic Pen and the Reserve Champion award to Isaac Kent who showed Wheel Choc.

Charbray Society of Australia representative Paul Connor (right) presented the Graham Coben Memorial Trophy and Herdsman’s Awards to: (from left) Julie Thompson (first), Andrea Schultz (second), James Kent (third), Chloe Gould (fourth) and Courtney Olive (fifth).

Colby Ede, Landmark, Rockhampton (right) presented 18 and Under 25 Years Age Group Champion James Kent with a cheque for $1,000 to help him compete in the junior judging and parading events at the Brisbane Royal show.

Tanya Hartwig presented Tyson Dahtler, 14 and Under 16 Years Age Group Champion with a $250 Gift Voucher sponsored by George’s Workwear and Country Outfitters, Rockhampton.

Greg Fawcett, Beef Breeding Services, Rockhampton presented Courtney Olive, 16 and Under 18 Years Age Group Champion with a Certificate for an AI Course.

Zelco Biki, Regional Manager Commonwealth Bank Agribusiness presented a $150 Gift Voucher and Monique Bauman presented the Philip Bauman Memorial Shield to Amy Birch, winner of the 12 and Under 14 Years Age Group Champion Award.

Rockhampton Junior Beef Show Committee Member Tanya Hartwig presented the Ross Warner Memorial Shield to Riley Connor for winning the 10 and Under 12 Years Age Group Championship.

Ken Newton (right) Lucknow stud, Injune presented the Ken & Joan Newton Award to Bow Connor, winner of the Peewee Age Group Champion.

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- S. FAIRY SPRINGS PENNE E RAMA 2337 (AI) (P) EFS2337M(REG)
  - FAIRY SPRINGS JOJOY 1853 (H)
- BUNGOONA MR AMBASSA 227/8 (AI) (P)
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LOT 8. **KASCHULA PRINCE KARL (IMP ET) (ET) (H)**

- CHRISELS CVA 94 33
  - S. CHRISELS CVA 97 118 (IMP SA) (AI) CVA97118M(REG)
    - CHRISELS CENTURY LADY
  - REDBRAH EVK 33 92
  - D. WILANRO DIDI 98 16 (IMP SA) TRW9816F(REG)
    - TRIPLE T MISS 523

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LOT 9. **KASCHULA PRINCE BRENDAN (ET) (H)**

- CHRISELS CVA 94 33
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    - CHRISELS CENTURY LADY
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LOT 10. **CAPRICORN IRON ORE 1344 (AI) (H)**

- VL ROJO GRANDE 26/8 (IMP US)
  - S. LANCEFIELD D ROBINSON 416 (ET) (H) LAD416M(REG)
    - LANCEFIELD PRINCESS IDA 142 (ET) (H)
  - D. CAPRICORN 1176 (AI) (ET) (H) 22C1176F(REG)
    - TARTUS MISS 4057 (P)

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LOT 11. **CAPRICORN LAWMAN 1342 (H)**

- ALMA NORTON 3/143 (AI) (H)
  - S. CAPRICORN MR NORTON 1232 (AI) (ET) (H) 22C1232M(REG)
    - TARTUS MISS PILOT 3984R (H)
    - RIGOLETTO MR HCC ROLEX 10/0 (ET) (H)
  - D. CAPRICORN MISS LAME E VIO 256 (H) 22C1256F(REG)
    - TARTUS MISS PILOT 3984R (H)

LOT 12. **CAPRICORN MARSCAY 1357 (P)**

- ALMA NORTON 3/143 (AI) (H)
  - S. CAPRICORN MR NORTON 1232 (AI) (ET) (H) 22C1232M(REG)
    - TARTUS MISS PILOT 3984R (H)
    - + MR HCC ROLEX 10/0 (ET) (H)
  - D. CAPRICORN LA BOHEME (AI) (ET) (P) 22C1066F(REG)
    - TARTUS MISS 4057 (P)
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LOT 25. JOMANDA TOKYO (IVF) (P)

VL ROJO GRANDE 26/8 (IMP US)
S. TARTRUS REDMOUNT 2365 (ET) (H) TT592/2365M(REG)
TARTRUS FONDA 2059 (ET) (P)
BILLABONG ROUND TREE (AI) (H)
D. JOMANDA MISS MERLENE 171 (ET) (H) DMJ171F(REG)
JOMANDA MERLENE (AI) (H)

LOT 26. JOMANDA YOGI 528 (AI) (ET) (H)

VL ROJO GRANDE 26/8 (IMP US)
S. TARTRUS REDMOUNT 2365 (ET) (H) TT592/2365M(REG)
TARTRUS FONDA 2059 (ET) (P)
BILLABONG ROUND TREE (AI) (H)
D. JOMANDA MISS MERLENE 171 (ET) (H) DMJ171F(REG)
JOMANDA MERLENE (AI) (H)

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LOT 27. BREMER VALE HIGH VOLTAGE (AI) (P)

+ HK MR AMERICA 435/2 (IMP US)
S. PALMVALE WARWICK (AI) (ET) (H) KJS1736M(REG)
PALMVALE MISS PABLO (P)
MUAN 1287 (AI) (H)
D. ROSEBOROUGH MIA 1244 (P) RMW1244F(REG)
ROSEBOROUGH MONNIE (P)

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LOT 28. SAMARI PLAINS ATTENBOROUGH (P)

BILLABONG PRINCE 577 (H)
S. BILLABONG PRIVATEER (H) BLB1165M(REG)
BILLABONG ROBIN 66BD/5 (H)
ROCKLEY 957 (P)
D. SAMARI PLAINS POLLYANNA (P) SAM427F(REG)
SAMARI PLAINS 205 (P)

LOT 29. THE RIVERS MACAULEY 212 (AI) (ET) (P)

VL ROJO GRANDE 26/8 (IMP US)
S. TARTRUS REDMOUNT 2365 (ET) (H) TT592/2365M(REG)
TARTRUS FONDA 2059 (ET) (P)
LETOKEN REVOLUTION (H)
D. THE RIVERS SHADDOW 648 (AI) (H) 2TR648F(REG)
THE RIVERS SHADDOW 341 (H)

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LOT 30. ALINTA TALISMAN (S)

HUONFELS JACOB RIO (AI) (P)
S. HUONFELS TAG RIO (ET) (S) JYB015M(REG)
HUONFELS MISS TERMINAL 435 (AI) (P)
ALINTA GT GALLIPOLI (AI) (P)
D. ALINTA GARLANDA (P) ASH294F(REG)
ALINTA BS BERYL (P)
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LOT 31. **ALINTA TAGMAN (P)**

- **HUONFELS JACOB RIO (AI) (P)**
- S. **HUONFELS TAG RIO (ET) (S) JYBO15M(REG)**
- **NARRANDA BRAVE HEART (P)**
- D. **ALINTA SCOTTISH RENNE (P) ASH284F(REG)**

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LOT 32. **ALINTA KA RED ROBIN (P)**

- **LANES CREEK RED RANGER (AI) (P)**
- S. **KANDOONA REDWING 4856 (AI) (ET) (P) RRR4856M(REG)**
- **KANDOONA PHOENIX (P)**
- D. **ALINTA PX PRIMROSE (AI) (P) ASH4464F(REG)**

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LOT 33. **J NET ADVANCE 41 (P)**

- **LANEFIELD RED BARON 8629 (ET) (H)**
- S. **SOMERVIEW VERNON 964 (H) SWM964M(REG)**
- **ADAMAC 2047 (P)**
- D. **J NET ALISON 4 (P) JC54F(REG)**

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LOT 34. **GARTHOWEN TOM (P)**

- **LANEFIELD M MAGNETISM 374/M (AI) (H)**
- S. **KANDOONA MACRO (P) RRR6196M(REG)**
- **MUAN 209 (P)**
- D. **GARTHOWEN 393 (P) RAK393F(REG)**

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LOT 35. **KARIBOE VALLEY LONGJOHN 666/0 (S)**

- **BILLABONG PRIVATEER (H)**
- S. **SAMARI PLAINS WEXFORD (P) SAM731M(REG)**
- **KANDOONA REPUBLICAN (AI) (H)**
- D. **KARIBOE VALLEY FIFI 480/8 (H) MGA480/8F(REG)**

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LOT 36. **OLDCOWS ROJO TORO (AI) (ET) (S)**

- S. **SOPHISTICATED MILLIONAIR**
- S. **VL ROJO GRANDE 26/8 (IMP US) VLR26/8M(REG)**
- **VALUCE RED PRINCE (P)**
- D. **MUAN 1338 (P) MUA1338F(REG)**

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LOT 37. **J NET KA RED ROBIN (P)**

- **LANEFIELD RED RANGER (AI) (P)**
- S. **KANDOONA REDWING 4856 (AI) (ET) (P) RRR4856M(REG)**
- **KANDOONA PHOENIX (P)**
- D. **ALINTA PX PRIMROSE (AI) (P) ASH4464F(REG)**

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LOT 37. **OLDCOWS RED MOCCASIN (AI) (ET) (H)**

- LANCEFIELD SIGNATURE 9153 (AI) (ET) (H)
- S. NATAL SIGNATURE STRENGTH (AI) (ET) (H) KZN0608M(REG)
- ELROSE AMY 3013 (ET) (H)
- MR WINCHESTER MAGNUM 999 (IMP US) (ET)
- D. NATAL POCO A POCO (AI) (H) KZN0622F(REG)
- OLDCOWS GABRIELA (ET) (H)

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LOT 38. **OLDCOWS WURZELMANCHIN (H)**

- LANCEFIELD SIGNATURE 9163 (AI) (ET) (H)
- S. NATAL SIGNATURE STRENGTH (AI) (ET) (H) KZN0608M(REG)
- ELROSE AMY 3013 (ET) (H)
- MR JY JIMMIE 638/9 (ET) (H)
- D. OLDCOWS GABRIELA (ET) (H) YAM401F(REG)
- WARRAKA ZEALA 1538 (H)

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LOT 332. **GLEN OAK MR BO JANGLES (IVF) (P)**

- LANCEFIELD SIGNATURE 9153 (AI) (ET) (H)
- S. ELROSE TRADEMARK (S) ELR3981M(REG)
- ELROSE GHOST GUM 6TH (AI) (ET) (H)
- * GLENGARRY WACO (H)
- D. GLENGARRY MISS HANNIBAL 885 (H) Y7X885F(REG)

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LOT 333. **GLEN OAK BLACK ROCK (AI) (H)**

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- S. NATAL SIGNATURE STRENGTH (AI) (ET) (H) KZN0608M(REG)
- ELROSE AMY 3013 (ET) (H)
- MR WINCHESTER MAGNUM 999 (IMP US) (ET)
- D. NATAL POCO A POCO (AI) (H) KZN0622F(REG)
- OLDCOWS GABRIELA (ET) (H)

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LOT 334. **DANAMI CATERPILLER (H)**

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Enthusiastic Central Queensland Brahman breeder James Kent is excited to be travelling to Perth in October next year to compete in the national finals of the Young Judges competition.

James, 20, operates his own JK Brahman stud on his parent’s property at Wilden, Goovigen, and has been competing at the Rockhampton Junior Beef Show for the past five years.

In June this year he triumphed as the 18-25 age group champion, which entitled him to a $1000 Landmark Scholarship and the chance to compete at the Royal Queensland Show in Brisbane in August. As the Central Queensland representative he came up against 11 other competitors from throughout the state in the Junior Stud Cattle Judging, Junior Prime Cattle Judging and Junior Parading contests.

James excelled in the stud cattle judging, scoring 49/50 in two classes, with a perfect score in the third. The task was made trickier by having to judge three classes – of Bazadais and Brangus bulls and Devon heifers – breeds that James was not familiar with.

However the Rockhampton Grammar graduate, who was captain of the school’s stud cattle team, has had plenty of experience in the show ring.

“I’ve been doing the junior events and going around the shows for some time, so I was pretty used to doing these things and was pretty confident,” he said.

During his week in the Big Smoke James also worked for Crinum Feeding Services, parading 12 head of Brahman and Droughtmasters at the Ekka.

Another major boost to his confidence was being asked to be Associate Judge at the Royal Queensland Show in 2009, where he assisted judge Lawson Camm, Cambil stud, Proserpine.

“It was a pretty awesome experience and I was very honoured to be asked to do it,” he said.

He said his father Darren, who operates Ooline and Granite Springs studs, had been a good mentor and taught him a lot about “how to pick cattle”.

James registered his own JK stud in 2005 and has been working at home since graduating high school in 2008.

“I bought my first heifer from Rockley and I sold my first bull through Brahman Week in 2009. He made $7000 to Bungoona and was the first calf I ever branded,” he said.

That bull, JK Kruger 01, was by NCC Kwai and out of Rockley 2139, and James used the sale proceeds to help fund the purchase of more heifers including a $20,000 Rockley show heifer by NCC Kwai.

“I’ve done a bit of flushing with her and have got a good bull calf that I will sell next year at Brahman Week, and I’ve got six calves due in September.”

The foundation female has also produced Lot 92 at this year’s Brahman Week Sale, JK Shinedown, who is by NCC Springbok and is a three-quarter brother to Kruger.

“I hope to sell some more bulls through Brahman Week and build the stud up to a big stud and one day buy my own property,” James said.
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The chilling rate after slaughter is a critical part of producing meat that is of high quality and safe to eat. From a shelf life and food safety perspective, carcases should be chilled as quickly as possible however from an eating quality perspective, fast chilling can cause cold-toughening. So with meat processing the optimal chilling rate represents a balance between the control of microbiological growth and meat tenderness.

With conventional chilling systems, meat becomes tough due to cold shortening when the chilling rate is too fast. Meat is made up of fibres that are bundled together and held intact by sheaths of connective tissue (Figure 1). These fibres are made up of the proteins actin and myosin that are linked together in an ordered structure. These proteins are responsible for muscle contraction in the live animal whereby the actin and myosin filaments move in relation to each other as shown in Figure 2.

If the muscle temperature drops below 10°C, before rigor onset occurs, calcium floods out of the sarcoplasmic reticulum (an intracellular structure that regulates calcium levels in the cell, controlling the degree of contraction) and the muscle contracts. During rigor, the actin (thin filament) and myosin (thick filament) elements become linked by chemical bonds that once formed prevent the filaments moving against each other, making the muscle inextensible (rigor). Contracted muscle has more bonds between the actin and myosin filaments making the meat tough to eat. Cold shortening, as this phenomenon is known, is the most important cause of toughness in meat derived from young animals, in which the effect of connective tissue is small. It occurs when the temperature of the meat drops below 10°C while the pH is above 6. The risk of cold shortening can be assessed by measuring pH and temperature during chilling (Figure 3) as is routinely done during grading for Meat Standards Australia. The paradox with very fast chilling is that cold shortening does not occur despite the temperature being well below 10°C before rigor onset.

Cooling meat to below 0°C within 5 hours of slaughter is defined as very fast chilling (VFC)

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HOW FAST IS VERY FAST
Chilling is called ‘very fast’ when muscle temperature is reduced from 40°C in the live animal to below 0°C within 5 hours of slaughter. By comparison the target for carcase meat cooled conventionally is 10°C about 10 hours after slaughter; although in practice this target varies according to other processing factors such as electrical stimulation. The rate of rigor onset can be accelerated by changing the rate of glycolysis and acid formation within the muscle using electrical stimulation. This means that the pH drops more quickly in electrically stimulated carcases than in non-stimulated carcases, and this allows the cooling rate to be increased while still achieving optimal pH-temperature conditions.

With VFC, the temperature is effectively reduced to the point of freezing and this lack of consistency prevented adoption by the European industry.

HOW DOES VFC WORK
VFC is a concept still under development but research done in the last 5 years has provided useful information about the potential to apply this idea to a commercial application. Work has been done with lamb and beef in laboratory and commercial scenarios using a range of cooling systems. This work has established that VFC is different to conventional chilling in several ways:

1. Cold shortening is prevented even when the meat is hot boned
2. Tenderisation occurs faster than with normally chilled meat but the reasons for this are unknown
3. The rate of pH decline post mortem is faster
4. Ultimate pH may be higher
5. Yield is improved

6. Electrical stimulation is compatible with VFC
7. Increased opportunity to batch chill and avoid mixing hot meat with cold meat

The importance of meat temperature reaching sub-zero temperatures before rigor onset has been a key finding. If this benchmark is not reached then severe cold shortening causes meat to be tough and unstable in colour when cut and displayed for retail sale.

HOW CAN VERY FAST CHILL RATES BE ACHIEVED
VFC can be achieved using a number of different methods including air, plate and immersion chilling systems. Each method has advantages and disadvantages that need to be taken into account for the type of production system applied. The temperature of the cooling medium depends on the chilling method used but in all cases will be well below 0°C. For immersion and plate systems specialised packaging may be required to allow rapid heat transfer.

Another key aspect is the thickness of the material being chilled. For VFC, meat should not exceed 80 mm in thickness otherwise chilling rate becomes limited by the rate of heat transfer within the meat. This consideration means that hot boning is an essential component of VFC when used to process beef and larger smallstock carcases.

WHY CHILL VERY FAST
VFC is likely to be applicable to specialised applications rather than being a mainstream alternative to conventional chilling. VFC has already been used to process meat for sausage making. Situations where VFC may be considered would include:

- Hot boning applications
- Renovations to increase throughput without increasing chilling space
- New plant designs where low capital cost is paramount
- Prevention of the detrimental effects of heat toughening

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Since the Beef CRC began contributing data to BREEDPLAN in 1993, performance-recorded Australian cattle breeds have shown steadily rising rates of genetic gain.

Now a wave of new genetic information is coming through, made possible by the inclusion of new DNA-based genomic technologies.

BREEDPLAN is built on “phenotypic” data, which comprises measured records of economically important characteristics of an animal. About a decade ago, technologies began appearing that seemed to promise to greatly reduce the enormous labour and cost of phenotypic recording by identifying the genes associated with these economically important traits.

At the time, “genotypic” (DNA-based) data promised a revolution that would leave the old methods in the dust.

However, according to one of BREEDPLAN’s founders, Dr Hans Graser, Director of the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU), the process has proved not to be so simple. There is now a clear realisation that gene interactions are far more complicated than was originally thought.

Forecasts of dramatic advances through genomics were made on the assumption that a handful of genes would explain most of the genetic variation for a trait. However once the Bovine Genome was sequenced in 2006 and the full assembly released in 2009, it became clear that things were not as straightforward as expected.

It turns out, Hans says, that hundreds, even thousands of interacting genes may be at work to control a single trait.

Technology has produced some answers to this complexity, including the single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP, pronounced “snip”) chip. These chips allow tens or hundreds of thousands of genetic sequence differences to be quickly compared against each other, revolutionising the business of gene discovery.

The Beef CRC has used this technology to record genetic differences from thousands of animals, even reaching back into its archival material to genotype long-dead cattle used in Beef CRC’s first term. A few CRC animals have also been fully sequenced, a procedure that was prohibitively expensive only a few years ago, to contribute to the global knowledge of beef cattle genomics.

That information now sits in the Beef CRC databases at AGBU.

“The genomics database will contribute to BREEDPLAN when DNA-based prediction equations are accurate enough to provide useful outcomes for industry,” Hans says, noting that this is a Beef CRC objective for mid-2012.

“Early on, we thought we could use genomics to explain 50 per cent of the genetic variation which is the equivalent of an EBV with an accuracy of 70 per cent,” Hans says. “Now the aim is to explain 15 per cent of variation, which equates to an accuracy of 40 per cent. To get higher accuracies, we need more recorded animals.”

Boosting BREEDPLAN

Three funding terms of Beef CRC have ensured that new, hard-to-measure but economically very important traits have been added to BREEDPLAN, significantly increasing BREEDPLAN’s value to the beef industry.

Prediction equations based on DNA information from the new high density panels will be delivered to BREEDPLAN by April 2012.

The introduction of scanned carcass traits to the breeding program as a result of the BREEDPLAN validation program and Beef CRC phase 1, increased the $ profit per cow earned relative to industry recording of weights alone.

The subsequent inclusion of reproduction traits and actual carcass and feed efficiency traits based on the first and second phases of Beef CRC increased genetic progress even further. As at 2008, expected profit per cow meeting this market specification was around $90 and this was increasing at over $5/year.

The difference between the 2008 profit value and the profit value that would have occurred in 2008 if only growth rates were available (around $50 by extrapolation) is the incremental value of the new traits added into BREEDPLAN due to CRC research.
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BREEDPLAN will use both sources of information, with genomic data providing an independent crossreference for the phenotypic information.

Given the current pace of progress, Hans expects that by mid-2012, Beef CRC researchers will have developed improved equations that are strong enough to provide a useful prediction value for traits determined through use of DNA.

However, he warns the value of the data will be compromised unless researchers are able to validate the prediction equations against performance in animals that are completely independent of animals in the discovery populations.

“We are coming back full circle,” Hans said. “At the start of the CRC’s second term, it was the genotyping that was expensive. Ten years later, genotyping costs have dropped dramatically while phenotyping costs have increased due to higher labor costs and economies of scale have gone down.”

The Angus, Hereford, Charolais, Limousin and Brahman societies have established Breeding Information Nucleus (BINs) herds which aim to amass phenotypic data.

DNA samples from every BIN calf are being collected, because, Hans said, the genomics revolution is only just gathering pace: the most promising developments are yet to come.

The Beef CRC is currently undertaking a bid for a five-year extension that will allow it to wrap up any outstanding research and industry delivery threads.

If successful, CRC researchers will utilise the BIN herds to underpin the ongoing research activities.

Given the extremely rapid changes in genomic technologies over the past five years, Hans predicts that over the next five years, DNA sequencing may become so cheap and fast that the existing SNP chips may be made redundant because the full sequence will be readily available for all animals.

If the phenotypic information is available to back up the DNA data, then it is likely that at that time, genomics will begin to exponentially accelerate genetic gain, as many had hoped it might have done by now. However, the greatest requirement to achieve the desired levels of genetic gain is accurate measurements on many more animals than are currently available.

Boo ting breedplan

The cattle industry lost one of it’s champions with the passing of Professor Keith Entwistle AM on 9th May 2011.

Keith completed a Diploma of Animal Husbandry at Queensland Agricultural College in 1957, followed by a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons) at the University of Queensland in 1962 and a PhD in Reproductive Physiology from the University of Sydney in 1968.

Keith’s first position was at Toorak Research Station in Julia Creek where he conducted research on sheep and cattle production in a semi-arid Queensland. He developed a great affinity with producers in that challenging part of the pastoral zone which he nurtured throughout his career.

Between 1972 and 1974 Keith held the position of Senior Husbandry Officer in the Department of Primary Industries in Brisbane where his research focussed on nutritional limitations to beef cattle fertility and research on sheep production in semi-arid areas. Between 1975 and 1993 Keith was based at James Cook University in Townsville where he made major contributions to the Graduate School of Tropical Veterinary Science. These included supervising 42 Masters and PhD students, being Director of the Tropical Veterinary Research Station at Charters Towers and being the Principal coordinator of the Meat Research Corporation’s Northern Australia research program.

In February 1993 Keith was appointed as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, University of New England. He took on a huge and diverse workload including academic leadership of the Faculty of Sciences; Acting Vice-Chancellor on numerous occasions; Deputy Director and Program Manager, Education, Beef CRC; Executive Director UNE Rural Properties; Board Member of Beef, Wool and Cotton CRCs, the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, National Marine Science Centre, New England Technology Park and UNE Partnerships; Project Leader ACIAR cattle research in Indonesia.

On his retirement as a staff member of UNE in 2001 he continued to make outstanding contributions to rural industries including representing UNE on the Board of the Agricultural Business Research Institute, filling the role of President of the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association for a record term, undertaking a wide range of industry consultancies and playing an executive role in the University of Queensland Veterinary School.

Well deserved recognition of Keith’s outstanding contributions to rural industry came like a flood in the last decade of his life and included the Order of Australia (AM), Gatton Gold Medal, the prestigious Gilruth Award for contributions to Veterinary Science and the R.W. Vincent Award for outstanding services to cattle breeding presented to him by the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association.

Professor Keith Entwistle was a very humble person despite his prodigious achievements. His wise counsel will be sadly missed in the industry he loved. He is survived by his wife Betty and three children.

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A six-month industry validation trial of a new poll gene genetic marker developed to identify the genetic traits of polledness and horns in Australian cattle breeds has shown an 89 percent success rate in Brahmans.

"Success rate" in this context means that in 89pc of Brahman bulls, a definitive answer can be provided on their polled/horned status.

In the remaining 11pc, the result will be ambiguous, meaning the animal could be either homozygous or heterozygous polled.

Beef CRC project leader Dr John Henshall of CSIRO Livestock Industries, says the test is working well with Brahman, Hereford and Droughtmaster breeds. A lot of potential is also being seen in Charolais, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn and Simmental breeds as well as Tropical Composites, where testing numbers are still being accumulated.

The test was developed by the Beef CRC, CSIRO, MLA and the Animal Genetics Breeding Unit at the University of New England in direct response to industry concerns about dehorning and animal welfare.

The test aims to identify genetically polled animals that will not pass horns on to the next generation of calves. It was first released in commercial trial form this time last year, during the opening stages of Brisbane’s Royal Queensland Show, which starts today.

A CRC release issued yesterday afternoon said while dehorning has long been used to reduce carcase bruising and hide damage, and improve human workplace safety, it is also labour and time-intensive, and can adversely affect animal productivity and welfare.

"It’s impossible to tell if an animal is true polled or a carrier of horns without genetic testing or extensive progeny testing," said Beef CRC commercialisation manager, Sarah Meibusch.

"The new test is based on a marker that is linked to the polled gene. It is not perfect on all animals, but the industry testing shows it does provide a reliable prediction for breeders in many instances," she said.

The Beef CRC worked in collaboration with the University of Queensland and the cattle industry to test about 1800 samples representing most breeds in commercial cattle populations in Australia.

Dr Heather Burrow, chief executive of the Beef CRC said the polled gene trait was reasonably well understood in Bos Taurus breeds but the Australian beef industry also needed a test developed for Indicus cattle.

“We needed a test that was validated in across a wide range of breeds used in Australia, so producers can be confident in using it to make selection decisions for polledness,” she said.

Australian Brahman Breeders Association general manager John Croker said the test would add considerable value to Brahman seedstock animals tested as homozygous polled.

Leading genetics consultant Don Nicol recently speculated on Beef Central that all other things being equal, a homozygous polled Brahman displaying desirable EBVs and breeding characteristics could one day make a $5000 premium in the marketplace, over the same bull with horned or heterozygous genetics.

The polled gene marker test is currently available through University of Queensland’s Animal Genetics Laboratory for $33 (including GST) per animal. Pfizer Animal Genetics will soon offer the test also, as part of its Pfizer GeneStar DNA test package.
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Commercialising genomic EBVs for the beef industry

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

“When we started Beef CRC 3, the prevailing wisdom at the time was that a handful of genes would explain the variation in the traits of interest to producers, such as meat quality, food conversion efficiency and fertility.

However, when real genomic data became available, it was apparent that the number of genes influencing specific traits was vastly greater than was anticipated.

In fact, there can be thousands of genes scattered across the genome that may affect traits of interest in livestock and for most other complex traits.

This dictated that we needed to change our initial strategy of gene discovery – and also to develop a different model for how we were going to deliver for industry. These outcomes were relevant to genomic researchers across species, including humans, and not just related to the beef industry.

GENOMIC SELECTION

Instead of focusing on finding a small number of markers, the focus switched to genomic selection, which involves using markers scattered randomly over the entire genome. Genomic selection allows us to identify genes associated with a desired trait, for example marbling, no matter where those genes are located, even if there are thousands of them scattered over the genome.

To identify the location within the genome for these genes, we mark where variations (known as single nucleotide polymorphisms, or SNPs), associated with desired traits occur within the genome.

By assaying SNPs of interest across the genome, we can derive a prediction equation from these SNPs that will predict the cumulative effect of all the genes affecting a trait like marbling.

This was a major piece of learning and led to a change in strategy in Beef CRC 3 for both our research focus and commercialisation strategies.

SNP CHIPS NOT ACCURATE ENOUGH ACROSS BEEF BREEDS

The second thing we realised was that the SNP chips available at the time for cattle – a 10,000 SNP chip and, later, the 50,000 chips – did not contain enough SNP data to be sufficiently accurate across different beef cattle breeds.

The 50k chip works well if you want to predict a breeding value in that same breed. It has, for example, been tremendously successful in dairy cattle because of the heavy focus in that industry on a single breed – the Holstein. There are now datasets of tens of thousands of Holsteins and the industry is using this data to predict breeding values. AI studs are decreasing their progeny programs and basing their selection on genomic predictions.

However, the problem for beef cattle is that we have data spread across 7-8 breeds – and we want to be able to make predictions across these breeds. So for us, the 50k chip is not dense enough. You might have a gene for marbling in both Hereford and Angus but in one breed, SNP number 21 is correlated with this gene and in other breed SNP number 1052 is correlated with this gene. Because the association between SNPs varies from one breed to another, it is almost certainly the case that the variation between SNPs and real genes also varies from one breed to another.

Thus, in the beef industry, we have been somewhat stymied in delivering prediction equations to industry based on the use of these 50k SNP chips. However, higher density SNP chips of around 650k and 800k have recently been released by Illumina and Affymetrix – and we believe these chips are of a high enough density to develop a prediction equation that will work across breeds. This is what the Beef CRC is currently working towards. We are genotyping animals with these high density SNP chips and we will soon be analysing that data to see if we can develop prediction equations that are useful across breeds.

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One new strategy for developing prediction equations across breeds that is showing some promise is to genotype an animal using one of the new high-density SNP chips, then measure the results against the same genotyping using a smaller 50k chip. Our preliminary data is showing that we can use the data from the 50k SNP chip to impute or make an estimate of the data the high density chip will deliver with a high degree of accuracy (in the order of 90%). If this data proves to be robust, it means we may not have to repeat genotyping using the expensive high-density chip across a whole population of animals, rather focus on genotyping animals in the BIN (Beef Information Nucleus) herds and a smaller number of elite breeding animals.

The Beef CRC has genotyped 6,200 cattle with the 50k SNP chip and is now genotyping 1,750 cattle with the new 800k SNP chip to impute 800k genotypes on all cattle with 50k and generate a discovery population of 7,950 cattle with 800k genotypes and phenotypes for carcase and meat quality traits, NFI or fertility.

INCORPORATING GENOTYPES INTO BREEDPLAN EBVS

The purpose of prediction equations is to estimate the breeding values of individual animals, so that cattle breeders can select the ones that suit them best. BREEDPLAN already performs this task for phenotypic measurements and pedigree information. Cattle breeders don’t want to have two different systems trying to do the same thing, so it is very important that the validated prediction equation gets incorporated with phenotypic and pedigree information in BREEDPLAN to deliver a single best EBV.

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USA takes the lead as world number one beef exporter

The United States has recaptured its position as the world’s leading exporter of beef, outpacing Brazil and Australia, according to the latest statistics released by the US Department of Agriculture. Mexico, a traditional market and Latin American countries proved to be among the most dynamic.

USDA and the US Meat Export Federation (USMEF) said that US June beef exports achieved the second-highest value ever at 461.8 million dollars, 23% higher than June 2010, only surpassed once: March 2011 with a value total of 475.2 million dollars.

In terms of volume, June beef exports reached 111.362 metric tons — an increase of 15% over June 2010. This brought the cumulative 2011 total to 620.851 metric tons valued at 2.55 billion dollars which was 25% higher in volume and 40% higher in value than last year’s pace.

For the first half of this year, US beef exports equated 13.8% of total production with an export value of 192.42 per head of fed slaughter.

Similarly June pork exports were slightly higher in volume (165.786 metric tons) than last year and 6% higher in value (451.2 million dollars). This pushed first-half pork exports to 1.08 million metric tons valued at 2.81 billion — year-over-year increases of 14% and 19%, respectively.

When compared to the all-time record year of 2008, the pace of 2011 US pork exports is 6% higher in volume and 21% higher in value. For the first half of this year, pork exports accounted for more than 27% of total production with export value equal to 52.76 dollars per head.

USDA and USMEF data also shows tremendous June results in Mexico and Canada firmly established their positions as the No. 1 and No. 2 markets for US beef. Demand for US beef in Mexico continues to rebound, as exports through June were 8% higher in volume (126.309 metric tons) and 25% higher in value (474.3 million) than in 2010.

Canada was the value pacesetter in June with exports topping 96.6 million — a new monthly record. Cumulatively through June, exports to Canada were 23% higher than last year in terms of volume (87,334 metric tons) and 44% higher in value (463.9 million dollars).

June exports to Japan reached their highest monthly volume (17626 metric tons) since 2003, pushing the 2011 total 50% higher in volume (77,298 metric tons) and 54% higher in value (416.3 million dollars).

Other key Asian markets for US beef have cooled somewhat from the red-hot pace set earlier this year, but the results remain very encouraging. Through June, exports to South Korea were 73% higher in volume (86,890 metric tons) than last year and 69% higher in value (380.8 million dollars). Hong Kong was up 82% in volume (26,521 metric tons) and 109% in value (117.3 million dollars).

Another sparkling growth region for US beef is Central and South America, where USMEF recently conducted a product showcase for US red meat, bringing US exporters to Panama City to meet with buyers from 11 different Latin American countries.

Through June, US beef exports to the region were 51% higher in volume (12,795 metric tons) than last year and 71% higher in value (35.2 million), led by strong growth in Chile, Peru, Colombia and Guatemala.

“The response we saw at the product showcase in Panama was very encouraging,” said Dan Halstrom, USMEF senior vice-president for global marketing. “What we saw there was a large contingent of buyers who weren’t just window-shopping. They came to buy, and we expect this event will lead to new business relationships and new sales of US red meat”.

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Cattle supply for Indonesia tightening

As live export activity gradually rebuilds across the north, there are growing signs that cattle suitable for Indonesia are becoming harder to find.

A key concern for northern producers and exporters when the Federal Government banned exports to Indonesia was that cattle would outgrow the market’s 350kg maximum weight limit before the suspension was lifted.

A better than average season across Northern Australia this year only served to compound those concerns.

With exports to Indonesia now slowly rebuilding, reports are emerging that suitable cattle for the market are proving more difficult to source.

In an interview with ABC Radio last week, Broome, WA, livestock agent Andrew Stewart said many cattle in the Kimberley were now over the 350kg weight limit.

The supply shortfall had been compounded by the sale of large numbers of Kimberley cattle to Indonesia late last year and earlier this year, he said. Producers had also sold young cattle that would have otherwise been suitable for Indonesia to Egypt and Bahrain during the ban.

Another livestock agent in North Queensland told Beef Central this week that the presence of a live export boat out of Townsville was unusual at this time a year and a sign that exporters were having to cast their net wider than normal to find cattle suitable for Indonesia.

However Mr Meerwald believed there were still reasonable, “but not huge”, numbers available for Indonesia in other areas.

He said the presence of a boat in Townsville at this time of year was not unprecedented.

Wellard loaded 18,000 out of Townsville and Broome on September 14 last year and also departed a boat from the port in June last year, he said.

“There is no doubt that cattle numbers aren’t huge so we are operating right across the top end, but it’s not uncommon for Wellard to ship out of Townsville in the winter and spring,” he said.

One factor that is slightly unusual about this particular shipment is the larger than normal differential between quoted prices for steers and heifers.

Beef Central understands the rates offered to secure cattle for the Townsville shipment were $1.75 for steers and $1.50 for heifers – a 25c differential compared to the more usual 15c differential.

Mr Meerwald said the company would not comment publicly on pricing, but added that there was strong demand from Indonesia for steers following the two month ban.

Meanwhile Bill Farmer was scheduled to provide his final report to the Federal Government yesterday after conducting a review of Australia’s live export trade since June. The report will be now examined by the Government, with Agriculture minister Joe Ludwig expected to release the key findings in the near future.

MLA beef & cattle projections update

The bright set of opportunities that lifted some Australian cattle and beef markets to all-time highs throughout early 2011 have levelled out, but generally good seasonal conditions should underpin confidence for rebuilding into next year.

Releasing the 2011 mid-year beef and cattle industry projections today, MLA chief Economist, Tim McRae said a number of factors that had buoyed beef markets in early 2011 had been overshadowed by a further round of global economic concerns.

“A sustained very high $A, a contraction in global beef prices, weak returns from the Japan market and increased competition from US beef in North Asia have all contributed to a more subdued outlook for the remainder of 2011. Added to these issues is the uncertainty that will continue to plague Australia’s live cattle trade,” said Mr McRae.

The strength of the Japan market remains a critical influence on the Australian cattle industry.

“After showing potential in early 2011, the Japan beef market has been impacted by a series of unprecedented events, which will continue to frame the state of consumer demand over the short term.

“The recent issues facing the Japanese market, Australia’s largest beef export market, have clearly emphasised the importance of the market to the Australian beef industry” said Mr McRae.

The forecast for distribution of beef exports for the rest of the year also highlights the importance of Australia’s export beef markets outside the top three markets of Japan, Korea and the US. During 2010-11, the highest proportion of total exports in over 25 years - 286,700 tonnes swt or 31% - was shipped to the other markets. Forecasts for 2011 include Russia to receive 75,000 tonnes of Australian beef, up 32% year-on-year and South-East Asia with 90,000 tonnes.

The disruption to Australia’s live cattle trade to Indonesia since June has made it very difficult to confidently forecast export numbers for the Australian live cattle trade. However, one indisputable factor is that the four week suspension and the only partial reopening of the Indonesian live cattle trade will have long term financial impacts on producers and businesses that rely upon it.

The upwards revision for domestic beef consumption has been due to estimated higher beef production, weaker export demand (both due to prices and a high $A) and, most importantly, comparatively strong Australian consumer demand - facilitated by the retail price cutting for beef by major supermarkets.

For the financial year to June 2011, the Australian cattle herd is estimated to have recovered 3.6%, to 27.5 million head, much of this growth underpinned by the better season conditions since the start of 2010.

“The fundamentals that underpin a bright outlook for Australia’s export markets over the medium to long term have not been erased, but they have again been obscured by global concerns, a high $A and tentative trading. Global beef cattle herds continue to liquidate, especially in major exporting nations like the US, Argentina and New Zealand, while the amount of beef exiting Brazil has been curtailed by a robust domestic market,” said Mr McRae.

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Top five nutrition factors in improving lotfeeding efficiency

by Jon CONDON www.beefcentral.com

Few people are better positioned to comment on progress in management efficiency and productivity improvement across the Australian feedlot industry than top US feedlot nutritionist, Gary Holcomb.

Mr Holcomb has visited Australia countless times since his first visit in 1990, when he spent three years here setting up and running the Australian division of feedlot consultancy Nutrition Service Associates.

Based out of Hereford Texas, he has spent close to 30 years servicing feed yards from the Texas panhandle all the way to California.

He completed an Australian speaking tour on Friday, where he addressed NSA’s feedlot seminars in Wagga Wagga and Dalby on the subject, “Top five nutrition factors to increase profitability.”

Many of the conclusions he drew were based on a survey of NSA’s US feedlot clients, mostly across custom feedlots across southern regions.

Here is a snapshot of his key messages to Australian lotfeeders:

1. ENSURING CONSISTENCY IN THE BALANCED DIET

“Let’s ensure that the diet remains completely balanced for all nutrients – energy, proteins, macro, micro-nutrients, vitamins – the entire gamut,” Mr Holcomb told stakeholders.

With the growing number of ration ingredients including by-products now used in many feedlots it was important to address the ration for balance on ‘every visit,’ he said.

“In years past, many US feedlots averaged four to six feedstuffs in a finished ration. Today, it’s not uncommon for that number to be eight – so some have doubled the number of ingredients used, and some are used on a seasonal basis,” he said.

These ranged from distillers grains, wheat by-products, corn gluten feed, cottonseed and a host of others.

The same was starting to happen in Australia, only not yet to the same extent. While the use of by-products as ration ingredients in Australia is nowhere near as prevalent as it now is in the US, the balance issue may not be as critical, however the use of novel feedstuffs is expanding.

Commodities like grape mark, wet distillers grains and citrus pulp are now regular inclusions in regional feedlot rations in Australia.

“What that means is that nutritionists have had to work harder in the past five years than they ever did before. We used to be able to calculate the basic nutrient composition in a ration with a sheet of paper and a pencil. Now because of the wider range of feedstuffs and by-products used and more shifts from one to another, we’re having to use a computer program to balance a ration – and use it every day.”

The changes and fluctuations in commodity prices was another factor.

Mr Holcomb urged lotfeeders to regularly grab their yard sheet, go out into the yard, and based on consumption (say, 1 kg/head/day) determine how many mega-calories were contained in that rate of intake, and whether that was in line with expectations.

“If the cattle are consuming at 1 kg a day, how much soluble nitrogen is in that ration, how much by-pass protein, is in there – particularly if they are changing feedstuffs, is the phosphorus level too high, is the ratio correct?”

Mr Holcomb suggested that over time, the ‘core function’ of some nutritionists had tended to broaden into general management advice to clients.

“To some extent, we have witnessed a change in role, both in the US and Australia, for the consulting nutritionist into a management consultant, looking at costs, equipment and a host of other factors. We accept that, but it is also important to come back to basics, and our first job is to ensure that that ration is balanced, and remains that way.”

The other focus, particularly in the Australian application, was that if a lotfeeder client wanted to gain 2 kg a day on a certain mob of cattle, that the ration was capable of delivering it.

2. MANAGING FEED EFFICIENCY

While the variables associated with managing cattle for feed efficiency could occupy a three-day workshop on their own, Mr Holcomb listed several key factors – moisture control at the mill, moisture control at the bunk, and bunk management.

Quality assurance was also important. If a feedlot was buying lucerne hay with a relative feed value of 180, making sure that that was its actual relative feed value was important.

Mr Holcomb noted the strong adoption of steam-flaking that had taken place in Australian over the past five to ten years, compared with earlier times. There was a risk in a custom feeding client looking solely at feed efficiency, rather than also considering cost of gain, he said.

The cost of running a flaker in Australia was ‘way higher’ than it was in the US, which as grain prices became lower, could create the dilemma: when do I shut off the flaker?

3. FIXED VERSUS VARIABLE DIET ENERGIES

Up to five years ago, a typical US feedlot simply set a requirement for diet energy,
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say 65 units. Now more feedlots are exploring the possibilities of using cheaper by-products like corn gluten feed and feeding an energy level of 63 units, but letting cattle eat more. In some cases this may produce a cheaper cost of gain.

In regions of the US like Texas, as well as in Australia, lotfeeders were still chasing the best conversions, but in more northern areas of the US, where distillers grains are more widely available, while conversions are not as good, they are producing a US10-12c/lb cost of gain advantage.

Obviously accessibility to by-products would influence such decisions in Australia but were worth considering, Mr Holcomb said.

### 4. IMPLANT STRATEGIES

Mr Holcomb and fellow seminar speaker Dr Kelly Bruns from South Dakota State University, outlined how a typical US feedyard now rates an animal at induction on a ten-point process.

Any particular US feedyard might now have a range of six different implants from two or three different companies at their disposal. It’s far from a one size fits all process. It is defined by a range of factors including frame-score, age, sex and maturity pattern,” he said.

Dr Bruns outlined results from some of his recent research that defined that marbling, as a tissue, develops separately from exterior or inter-muscular fat tissue, and that that development is linear in nature.

“It is a tissue that develops right throughout the animal’s feeding phase,” he said.

“That means management on the front end – whether an animal gets sick, is not stepped-up correctly on its diet, or ends up with a metabolic issue like not getting enough calories in their system, then consequently marbling is reduced,” he said.

The common earlier belief was that marbling was a late-developing tissue, meaning simply that the longer they spent in the feedlot, the more marbling was produced, but Dr Bruns’ work has shown that management factors earlier in the animal’s life can have a large impact on later marbling performance.

As a result, there has been a shift to lower potency implants earlier in the finishing phase, followed by higher potency terminal implants. That was not the case 10 years ago, and there had been a greater development of moderate potency implants as a result.

Dr Bruns said the proportion of US carcases grading USDA Choice had risen from over the past 5-6 years from 55pc to 64pc, and higher in some regions. USDA Prime had risen from 1.5pc to 3pc.

“We’ve made a dramatic shift over the past five years to having a greater number of cattle grading Choice or better. That is a combination of management, better nutrition and genetics,” he said.

“As a general rule, the industry is doing a better job of management and understanding that marbling development, and matching implants accordingly.”

### 5. METABOLIC HEALTH

While statistics in Australia are lower, current mortality rate in steers in the US feedlot industry is 1.15pc, and in heifers, 1.23pc.

The cost of that works out at $19.20/head, and in some cases can approach $35/head.

The ongoing challenge is in the small average herd size in the US, around 25 head, intermingling, the influence of sales barns and other factors that can heighten respiratory issues. Pre-vaccination has been promoted so long in the US it is now widely
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To a large extent, the big changes have already been made in these areas, in both the US and Australia. Today it is more about refinement," he said.

Mr Holcomb said Australia was ‘way ahead’ of the US industry, on an average basis, and quality of personnel had a lot to do with that.

“Take your best guy and our best guy, and there is no real difference between them,” he said.

“But your bottom guys are far better than those seen in the typical US industry.”

**LABOUR/STAFF RETENTION ISSUES**

He noted the difference between the labour and recruitment/retention pressures in Australia and the US industries. The US employee base was very consistent, and a lot have been in the same job for 15 years or more. Most were from Mexico, are paid little above the minimum wage, but enjoy their work.

“In the north their might be a little greater turnover, but nothing like the pressures being seen in Australia, with the competition for labour from the mining industry,” he said.

Making his first visit to Australia as part of the NSA seminars, Dr Kelly Bruns said of the issues he had seen in the Australian feedlot industry, labour access was one of the biggest.

“Among the feedlots I visited, everybody seemed to be a staff member or two short, and the common issue seemed to be the attraction of mining,” he said.

“It’s not only at the feedlot level that that impact is likely to be seen, It will also be present at the sales and industry service level as well, right down the chain.”

Dr Bruns said he could not help but be impressed with the Australian industry’s approach to animal welfare issues.

“The development and adoption of heat stress management systems is very good, and potential heat stress episodes appear to be controlled very well. Much of (Australian) Dr John Gaughan’s work on heat stress is now used as a tool in the US industry,” he said.

“The indexes now used in the US are all derived from Australian work.”

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The benefits of Brahman cattle were first realized by WR (Ron) Bauer, while working as a meat works buyer and cattle dealer in the late 1950s. While on a visit to Bob Beak at Willangi, he observed 700 fat bullocks being loaded onto two trains, and thought these cattle to be far superior to those seen and dealt with in his experience. He joined the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association in 1961, purchasing Apis Creek Acrobat and Waverley James as foundation sires. Waverley James spent time at Cherokee, and through Ron’s friendship with Lionel DeLandelles and Bob Beak, was fortunate to produce Grampians Duncan, by Apis Creek Court Jester out of Cherokee LA Jedd. Duncan was Champion Bull in Sydney 1971 and Rockhampton 1972, going on to be one of Grampians-Amaroo’s best sires, still being used through AI today. In the 1980’s, through the generosity of Andrew and Maureen Olive, Grampians Stuart was bred, by WHS Andy Imperator 0337 out of a Grampians Duncan cow. Stuart’s grandson and many granddaughters are still standing at stud today. Waverley Vince de Manzo also played a significant part in producing top females in the 1970s, kindly loaned to us by Ron and Bee White, Willangi. Our everlasting gratitude goes to the abovementioned people, for without their knowledge and kindness; we would not be where we are today.

Throughout the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, we showed large teams of Brahman cattle at a collective of 52 towns and cities across four states, winning the Cherokee Trophy for most successful exhibitor in Australia for many consecutive years. In our travels we won numerous herdsman competitions, our showing highlights being: Sydney Royal Easter Show 1974, overall winner, competing against over 2000 beef and dairy cattle; and again at the 1983 World Brahman Congress. The families of three champion stud cows Grampians Charm, Grampians Natasha and Grampians Phoenix are still the most prominent within our study herd today. In 1996, we were the proud recipient of an ABBA Golden Jubilee Award.

The door of our showing era began to close, with a growing family and further ambitions, along with the untimely death of Ron Snr in 1985; we decided to expand our operation. The stud herd was retained and we reassessed our options and herd management practices, working towards breeding lines of stud, commercial and cross bred cattle. Realising the industry relies on a wide combination of factors and a slight change in variables such as grain prices and import/export volumes could spark a sudden change, we hoped to be able to suit more markets within the beef industry.

Our vision to relocate further west and expand, came in 1988 when we sold 100 of our stud females for a record price to Glenmairrie Pastoral Co, financially enabling us to buy the prestigious 40,000 acre Blackall/Tambo property, Greendale, which had previously been held by the Jillett family for 120 years. After extensive improvements, we now run 400 grey stud females, 400 purebred commercial females and 400 commercial Charbray females at Greendale, which consists of undulating downs, Barcoo river country and Bottle Tree-Gidyea scrub. Brahman and Charbray sale bulls run unsupplemented on buffel country. In 2006, the opportunity arose to purchase the well known Jundah property Glenariff, previously held by the Buntine family for 53 years, enabling us to expand our commercial herd. Stud bulls bred at Greendale are used at Glenariff, so we can truly evaluate their worth and progress on marginal country. Glenariff is 144,000 acres comprising 16km double frontage to the Thomson River, 15,000 acres river channels running onto Coolibah-Gidyea flats, and 80,000 acres low growing Mulga. All steers and cull heifers from both properties are sold to fatteners in the Roma and Tambo districts.

Australian Brahman breed characteristics have been ruthlessly adhered to in our stud. We continue to use Grampians Duncan and old Cherokee sires through AI, and the purchase of De Park Lucinda, a cow of all Cherokee blood. These lines contribute to the natural, inbuilt fertility and survivability in our cattle today. Over the last twenty years, we have carefully introduced US blood, purchasing: OLP Mr Salluto Manso 229 (IMP US), Brahrock Bright Guy 2679 by JDH Navasota Manso 55/1, Yenda Ulysses by JDH La Normande Manso and sires by JDH Mr Boswick Manso. Grampians-Amaroo has not relied upon fashionable bloodlines alone to promote stud sales. We have always shied away from using bulls displaying flat rumps, excessive bone, lack of pigmentation and tight hides; we believe that these structural faults in so many grey Brahman herds today have created fertility and mobility problems. Our exacting standards on breeding to the Brahman standard of excellence ensure other producers, both stud and commercial, know our cattle can survive and excel in all Australian conditions: middle-of-the-road, easy care, well fleshed, with the right temperament.

We would like to thank the Kinnon family, Bungoona, for their generosity in loaning to us Fairy Springs Penne E Royal. He has been joined to hand picked blue grey females, with the intention of establishing a small red stud herd.

In conclusion, on our 50th anniversary, we would like to acknowledge the insight and work of Ron Bauer Snr in founding our studs and passing on his knowledge. Also, we would like to thank the DeLandelles, Beak and Olive families. With the continued use of our old bloodlines and the selection of some newer lines, we endeavor to continue and expand our operation with the same values we have always aspired to.
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Times are changing in the Japanese beef market, with a new generation of younger consumers coming through with different sets of values and expectations about the food products they eat.

Where the market traditionally has been dominated by grainfed at the premium end of the beef product range, particularly at retail level, suddenly cracks are starting to appear where none previously existed, allowing entry points for items like quality grassfed and lighter, younger yearling beef.

It is part of as much wider consumer reorientation that is occurring in Japan according to Meat and Livestock Australia Japan region manager, Melanie Brock, who caught up with Beef Central during a brief Australian visit last week.

While Australia’s chilled grassfed exports to Japan are still relatively modest, compared with chilled grainfed (24,400t for January-June 2011, compared with 46,700t for grainfed), grassfed’s proportion of overall chilled trade is growing.

Much of Australia’s grassfed chilled trade in earlier times was confined to certain market segments like mid to lower-level family restaurants, serving competitively priced steaks.

“It’s still early days in the grassfed story in Japan, but there are a number of attractions to it,” Ms Brock said.

“One is price sensitivity, of course, which is very apparent at the moment due to the state of the Japanese economy. But also, younger Japanese consumers, particularly, are perhaps looking for other options, including leaner and lighter products.”

She admitted that there was a challenge attached to ‘selling’ quality grassfed product to more traditional Japanese consumers, given their long exposure to a USDA grainfed type product at retail, with whiter fat and higher marbling.

“But equally, the Japanese have always shown themselves to me to be very receptive to new trends, and ideas. Presented well, and in a way that retailers and food service operators can pass on to their own customers, we think there are good prospects to grow Australian grassfed, natural and yearling.”

Ms Brock said given the difficulties being experienced in the Japanese food service sector at present since the economic downturn and Tsunami, the chilled grassfed focus might be primarily at retail, which could then provide some pull-through effect when consumers were dining out.

“But there’s no doubt there will be a big educational task ahead. That will be information-based at the start – simply outlining what grassfed is, and what makes it different. But it will also be brand driven.”

Much of that education process would occur through the in-store demonstration process, which had been a key component to Australia’s retail promotional effort in Japan for a considerable period.

“When MLA brought a group of Japanese women to Australia recently as part of the Iron Beauty campaign, many already had an idea of what they thought grassfed beef was all about. But they were favourably surprised by samples they tried while visiting Australia, in how the product looked and ate,” Ms Brock said.

She said there was a host of successful MSA-backed grassfed brands out of Australia that could find a successful niche in Japan over time, including some of the newer Four-Star type products. The Industry Collaborative Agreement promotion programs could play a role in developing penetration in the Japanese market for quality grassfed brands.

Underpinning that would be Australia’s broader reputation for consistent quality, high levels of food safety, traceability and healthy options.

Ms Brock said any growth in chilled grassfed would be more in addition to, rather than instead of existing grainfed business.
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Many diseases that compromise reproduction are also responsible for production losses, poor performance, wastage and serious economic costs.

Pathological conditions do not necessarily render stock permanently infertile and the seriousness of a reproductive disease depends on its incidence, duration and location of the infection.

**Degree of reproduction interference depends on the disease**

Precise industry costs of reproductive diseases are difficult to estimate. Nevertheless, individual breeders with a herd disease problem can have serious losses due to reduced conception rates, abortions and other productivity costs (eg mortalities, reduced calving and weaning rates).

**Reproduction diseases can cause major financial losses**

Diagnosis of the incidence and cause of infectious reproductive disorders can be complex and often requires veterinary inputs to determine the nature and extent of the problem. Veterinarian advice is greatly assisted by the provision of good production records (eg heats, abortions, unsuccessful pregnancies).

The following article outlines the more common diseases associated with reproduction failure.

**TRICHOMEONIASIS (BVD)**

This disease is caused by a protozoan (Trichomonas fetus). In bulls, the trichomonads normally colonise on the external mucous membrane of the penis and prepuce. Bulls may have the disease for a considerable period of time before showing symptoms.

Cows and heifers that have never been exposed to the disease become infected by a carrier bull. Following contamination, the protozoa first multiply in the vagina and cervix then in the majority of cases the organisms migrate to the uterus.

Trichomoniasis causes infertility, repeat breeding, delayed return to oestrus after mating and early embryonic death. Sometimes abortion occurs between 2-7 months after conception although the foetus may degenerate. The parasite tends to attack the superficial layers of the endometrium and pus may be observed indicating pyometra (pus in the uterus).

Affected cows develop antibodies in their vaginal mucous and this together with hormonal changes during subsequent oestrus cycles tends to protect the cow during an infection but may not prevent re-infection.

After being sexually rested for at least 3 months (4-5 cycles) cows may develop some immunity and their fertility improves.

Contaminated bulls (carriers) can re-infect recovered and susceptible female (eg heifers). Carrier bulls can be treated but the treatment is lengthy and only warranted with special and valuable bulls.

**CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS (VIBRIOSIS)**

This is caused by a bacterium (Campylobacter fetus) and was formerly known as Vibrio fetus). As the name implies, the organism can cause abortion of the foetus. It has been implicated as the cause of embryo or early foetal loss between 25-60 days after natural service. Abortion can occur in up to 5 per cent of the infected cows around 5 months after endometritis and placentalis have occurred.

In the non pregnant female the disease can cause endometritis (uterine inflammation) which can cause a vulval discharge and often leads to infertility.

A large number of cows in a herd can get infected by a carrier bull. The bull is always a symptomless carrier and its genitals and semen appear normal.

**Infections of the uterus causes inflammation and infertility**

Infertility may last up to 6 months. Diagnosis based on clinical signs is difficult in the acute stage and breeding records often provide the first indication of a problem.

Many cows return to oestrus after repeated services (repeat breeder syndrome) and oestrus cycles are longer than normal, usually more than 4 weeks indicating early embryonic death.

After variable periods of infertility many cows recover and regain fertility but may be less fertile than normal.

The fertility of the herd will remain low as long as susceptible females (eg heifers) are presented to infected bulls.

The control of the disease involves treatment, possibly culling infertile females and preventing re-infection. The organism is susceptible to antibiotics so that infected valuable bulls may be treated, however, re-infection can occur. Cows require sexual rest and can also be treated with antibiotics but re-infection can occur.

Control, prevention and the introduction of antibiotic and vaccination programs need to be discussed and supervised with your vet.

**LEPTOSPIROSIS**

This is a systemic disease characterised by a fever and sometimes mastitis and abortion.

**Infected animals excrete the bacteria in their urine**

Direct or indirect contact with the urine of infected cow is the major route of infection of both cattle and humans.

In the pregnant cow the organisms attack the foetus or endometrial capillaries. This may result in abortion during the last trimester or the birth of a weak or dead calf. Foetal membranes may be retained, sometimes causing metritis and infertility.

Cows usually respond to antibiotics but re-infection can occur. Leptospirosis can be controlled by strict hygiene and the isolation of infected animals. Importantly, all aborted materials must be disposed of properly (ie the use of gloves and disposal by burning or deep burial). Vaccination programs may be necessary in some areas.

**SALMONELLOSIS**

This disease is an important cause of abortion in cattle particularly in crowded environments and wet conditions. Infected animals excrete the organism in their faeces contaminating pasture and water supplies. Humans are also susceptible to some strains.

**Extreme care needs to be taken in handling aborted material**
Typical symptoms of the disease include septicemia and dysentery and sometimes pneumonia can occur. The bacteria are attracted to the uterus causing enteritis and the endotoxins cause painful arthritis and abortion. Following abortion, the uterus may become severely inflamed resulting in the death of the cow. Cows that recover may continue to excrete the bacteria. Vaccination programs may be necessary in some areas.

**RHINOTRACHEITIS (IBR)**

This disease is caused by a herpes virus and can affect the respiratory, reproductive, nervous and digestive systems of cattle.

*The disease can be transmitted sexually or by inhalation*

Cows and heifers served by an infected bull develop pustular-vulva-vaginitis which rarely extends past the cervix and therefore pregnancy is rarely terminated. The virus can invade the uterus systemically when cows have the respiratory form of the disease.

Should the cow obtain the inhalation form of the disease, oestrus cycles are disrupted reducing fertility.

After invading the uterus, the virus may lie dormant for several months then cause abortion at 4-7 months. The foetus dies soon after infection and may be retained for several days before being expelled with the appearance of a mummified calf.

Control measures for IBR need to be done in close consultation with your vet.

**ENDOMETRITIS, METRITIS AND PYOMETRA**

Some of the systemic and non specific infections cause pathological conditions termed endometritis, metritis and pyometra.

- **Endometritis** – is the inflammation of the internal lining of the uterus (the endometrium) as the result of infection. Endometritis as indicated by pus in the vagina significantly reduces fertility requiring numerous services to achieve conception.

As previously outlined, some infections (eg C fetus and T fetus) cause specific endometritis, however infections are often a sequel to dystocia (difficult calvings) and retained after birth.

- **Metritis** – is often associated with uterine inertia and acute cases cause fever and depression which are commonly followed by chronic metritis with a persistent vaginal discharge. Cows with chronic metritis are often in anoestrus and may develop abscesses in the uterus which may result in sterility.
- **Pyometra** – is a large accumulation of pus in the uterus and is a common cause of anoestrous if not treated. It usually occurs in association with the persistence of the corpus luteum and is often a sequel to chronic endometritis.

Undetected the situation may persist for a considerable period of time since the animal does not show systemic illness.

**BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHOEA VIRUS (BVDV)**

Also known as Bovine Pestivirus, this complex array of diseases is caused by a virus (Flavividae) which is widespread throughout Australia. It is estimated that as much as 30-40 per cent of the cattle population is infected with the virus.

Diseases due to pestivirus can be expressed in several different ways, i.e. reproduction losses, respiratory disease (mucosal disease), illthrift and diarrhoea and suppression of the immune system placing the animal at risk of other diseases.

When unaffected pregnant females are exposed to the disease in early pregnancy (3-4 months) the virus infects the developing foetus.

Signs of reproductive problems include:-
- An increase in the number of cows/heifers showing repeat breeding
- Heifers and cows showing pregnancy but fail to produce a calf
- Stillborn or premature calves that die soon after birth
- Abnormal calves, eg weak, poor sucklers, blind or neurological disorders
- Small calves that show illness and don’t grow properly

Depending on the stage of pregnancy the infection can cause reduced conception rates, foetal loss or calf wastage (stillbirth and illthrift).

Calves that survive the infection are likely to be “persistently infected” and become a carrier of the virus.

Persistently infected calves play a key role in spreading the virus for the remainder of their life even though their life may be short (6-24 months).

The virus is present in all secretions including saliva, nasal discharge, milk, urine, faeces and semen and close contact (eg sales) increases the risk of transmission.

**NEOSPOROSIS**

This is caused by a protozoal parasite of dogs (and perhaps other carnivores eg foxes, dingoes) which causes abortion in cattle.

Cows infected with neospora appear healthy but about 15-20 per cent will abort at least once in their lifetime and some positive animals may abort several times. Cows typically abort between 4-7 months of pregnancy.

Cows that don’t abort are likely to pass the infection to their calves. Infected calves are usually born healthy but pass the infection onto their offspring thus the infection perpetuates itself in the herd.

Cattle can be infected through the consumption of feed, pastures and water that are contaminated with oocysts (eggs from the parasite). These oocysts are shed in the faeces of dogs which become infected by eating infected placenta or foetuses.

It appears that the dog sheds oocysts for up to 3 weeks after infection but under certain conditions the oocysts can survive for several months. This can lead to an abortion storm with a number of stock aborting over a period of 1-2 months.

Diagnosis of Neospora includes the examination of a chilled (not frozen) aborted foetus, stillborn calves and/or afterbirth. Control recommendations include:-

- Proper disposal of placenta, aborted foetuses and stillborn calves
- Limit the prevalence and access of intermediate hosts (domestic and feral dogs) to feeding areas and water points
- Examine ways to reduce the presence of intermediate hosts
- Identify cattle with Neospora antibodies in their blood

**Persistent carriers are a key source of infection**

The key to the survival of the virus is the presence of persistently infected carriers. With their elimination the virus dies out but re-infection must be avoided.

For some herds control and vaccination programs are justified. Veterinary advice needs to be sought re diagnosis, elimination, vaccination and prevention of the disease. (Note – once a vaccination program is started it is necessary to continue otherwise the herd will become fully susceptible to pestivirus).
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• Keep reproduction records to identify repeat breeders and the need to possibly cull repeat offenders.

Over 90 per cent of calves born to mothers with antibodies to Neospora will have been infected in utero indicating the relevance and importance of vertical transmission.

Vertical transmission alone can maintain infection in the herd

There can be serious abortion storms if infection is introduced to females that do not have immunity. It is subsequently important to prevent infection or re-infection by the introduction of infected stock.

MYCOTIC

Fungal infections, particularly those caused by mouldy feeds can cause abortions fairly late in pregnancy but can also cause foetal losses in early pregnancy.

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<td>Campylobacteriosis (Vibriosis)</td>
<td>Veneral – bacterium causes early embryonic losses or abortions at 4 to 7 months.</td>
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<td>Leptospirosis (Red Water) (Zoonic)</td>
<td>Systemic infectious disease spread by direct contact with mucus, faeces or urine. Can be caused by carriers not showing symptoms. Infection is of short duration with high body temperatures, depressed appetite and blood in urine. Abortions can occur at 1-5 weeks after infection. These can occur anytime but frequently in the last trimester of the pregnancy.</td>
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<td>Salmonellosis (Zoonic)</td>
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<td>BVD virus infects the developing foetus. Depending on the stage of pregnancy there may be foetal mortality. Infected stock can produce live calves that are persistently infected with the virus. These carriers play a key role in perpetuating the disease in the herd. The disease is spread through saliva, nasal discharge, urine and faeces. Primary or acute infections play an important role in suppressing the immune system thus exposing stock to a variety of diseases (eg bovine respiratory disease).</td>
<td>Significant cause of reproduction failure particularly when an infection is first introduced into a group of pregnant females. Infection can result in reduced conception rates, foetal loss, abortion and stillbirths. Surviving calves can have severe birth defects and die shortly after birth or live for a short lifespan (6-24 months) infecting other stock with the virus. Generally persistently infected stock die from diseases caused by immunosuppressive effects of the virus.</td>
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<td>Neosporosis (Neospora)</td>
<td>Ingestion of food/water contaminated with protozoal parasites causes abortion at 4-7 months but abortion can occur between 3-9 months. If the cows do not abort they pass the infection to their calves. These calves pass the infection onto their offspring. Abortions tend to be sporadic depending on exposure to the protozoa.</td>
<td>Sporadic infections can cause outbreak storms of aborted foetuses. There can be repeat abortions by affected cows. Live infected calves can be a continual source of infection.</td>
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BOTTOM LINE

It is suggested that a Herd Health Program be developed for each property in consultation with a veterinarian. This program should include protocols for biosecurity, genetics, herd management and the monitoring, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases.

Last but not least, check with your veterinarian on the availability, introduction, management and implications of suitable vaccination programs.

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Vendors and agents breathed a sigh of relief at the conclusion of last week’s WALSA Broome bos Indicus bull sale after a trying couple of months for pastoral producers in the north.

Despite the testing times, regular buyers again showed strong support at the sale helping the six studs clear 51 of 64 Brahman bulls offered to a top of $3000 on four occasions and an average of $2400, which was up $133 on last year’s sale when 61 bulls were offered and sold.

With the northern cattle industry in turmoil following the suspension of the live export trade to Indonesia, the mood leading into the sale was one of trepidation and as a result vendors did their homework and offered only 64 bulls of the 97 originally nominated.

Landmark auctioneer John Wirth and Elders auctioneer Gary Preston agreed it was an excellent outcome.

Mr Wirth said it was marvellous to see the regular buyers again supporting the sale.

“The vendors realised the demand wasn’t going to be there this year but the clearance and averages were good,” Mr Wirth said.

“Given what has happened in the industry we certainly got out of jail and it was pleasing to see the average up on previous years.

“Although we passed in 10 lots at auction these were all sold by the next morning, which was great for the vendors.

“The vendors also have to be congratulated on the quality of the offering.

“It was outstanding and probably one of the best ever offered at the sale.”

Mr Preston echoed Mr Wirth’s comments and said the vendors did a great job in presenting the bulls.

“The quality of the offering was extremely good and the vendors should be congratulated on this,” Mr Preston said.

Mr Preston said overall the sale went well given what the industry had been through in the last eight weeks, with vendors achieving good averages and clearances.

“The sale certainly provided purchasers with a good opportunity to buy quality Brahman bulls and they appreciated the quality and bid up despite the pressures they are currently facing,” he said.

Leading the vendors’ charge was the Wesley family’s Charlesville stud, Southern Cross, which cleared 26 of the 28 bulls it offered at an average of $2489 and sold three bulls at the sale’s $3000 top price.

Charlesville’s opening run got the sale off to a flying start with the first three bulls offered all knocked down at $3000 to Klopper Holdings, Christmas Creek station, Fitzroy Crossing.

All three bulls were grey sires and ranged in age from 24-months-old to 28-monthsold.

The first two bulls were by Garglen Buff 6948 (AI), while the third bull was sired by Charlesville Tony 1382.

These three purchases weren’t the end of Klopper Holdings’ purchases from the Charlesville team.

By the end of the sale the Fitzroy Crossing operation had secured another nine Charlesville sires to finish with an average of $2708 across its team of 12 bulls.

Another strong supporter of the Charlesville offering was the Stoate family, Anna Plains station, via Broome, who purchased five bulls to a top of $2800 (twice) and an average of $2560.

Both the $2800 bulls were grey sires by Garglen Buff 6948 (AI).

Other multiple buyers from Charlesville were JR & PM Grey, South Broome, who bought three bulls, Dampier Downs station, via Broome, which also purchased three sires and Ruby Plains station, Halls Creek, which purchased two.

Offering and selling the next largest team of bulls and also the fourth bull to make the $3000 top price was David and Kathy Lovelock, Canterbury stud, New Norcia.

Taking home the top price Canterbury bull at $3000 was Ruby Plains station, when it secured the grey, polled, 21-month-old sire Canterbury Tony 1382.

Like the Charlesville team, Anna Plains was also a solid supporter of Canterbury securing five sires, which included two at $2400 and three at $2300, while HJ Fitzgerald, Margaret River station, via Derby, purchased four bulls to a top of $2700 and an average of $2350 from Canterbury.

The final buyer in the Canterbury run was Dampier Downs, which secured three sires all at $2000.

By the end of the Canterbury run, the stud had offered and sold 13 bulls at an average of $2315.
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Positive sale defies export fears

Making the long trip north from Williams for the sale was Peter and Sue Paterson, Birrahlee stud, who offered six bulls and sold four under the hammer at an average of $2200 and a top of $2300 twice.

The two top-priced Birrahlee bulls, Birrahlee Pepsi 09/17 (P) and Birrahlee Huxley 09/49 (PS), were purchased by Anna Plains station.

Pepsi was a red sire by Carinya M56, and Huxley was also a red sire but he was by Birrahlee Wundurra 04/105 (PS) (AI).

The remaining two Birrahlee bulls sold were bought by JR & PM Grey and Thangoo station, Broome, which paid $2200 and $2000 respectively.

Ryvoan Cattle Co, New Norcia, offered four bulls in the sale and sold two both at $2200. The first bull sold by Ryvoan was secured by Dampier Downs, while the second bull was purchased by Country Downs station, Broome.

Clearing the three bulls it WEEKLYLIVESTOCK offered in the sale at an average of $2300 was the Catoby stud, New Norcia.

Looking over the offering before the sale were Anna Plains connections John (left), Jo and Helen Stoate, via Broome

The stud’s top-priced bull sold at $2500 to Thangoo, while Anna Plains paid $2400 for a Catoby sire and HJ Fitzgerald paid $2000 for the third sire.

Rounding out the sale was the Condamine stud, New Norcia and Cue, which sold one bull for $2500 to Klopper Holdings.

New beef market in China ready and waiting

With 248 million middle class consumers in China, the demand for high quality Australian beef is set to remain strong according to NAB Head of Group Development for Greater China, Vincent Lo.

Mr Lo, presenting at the Australian Meat Industry Council’s (AMIC) 2011 Meat Industry Conference on the Gold Coast in Queensland this week, said that Australia’s beef export market is in a unique position to capitalise on the evolving market in China.

“Over the last twenty years China’s GDP has been growing at an annual rate of higher than 7 per cent, with the Government spending strongly on sponsored investment programs to stimulate private consumption and avoid a slowing down of the economy following the global financial crisis (GFC).

“China’s population is also becoming increasingly urbanised and around half of the population now live in urban centres, with this expected to increase by 10 million people per year. This growing urban population has more disposable income to spend on higher quality products. China ranks fourth in the world in terms of beef production and consumption, even though pork and poultry account for 89 per cent of all meat consumed.

“China’s domestic beef production has decreased since 2005 and although it is expected to recover by 2013, the majority of domestic beef is low to mid quality with only a hand full of large suppliers able to produce high end beef, which is typically chilled.

“What we see with higher income earners, people with a disposable income of more than RMB 20,550, is that they spend less on pork and more on other meats. Amongst these more affluent consumers, Australian beef is differentiated by its high quality and safety.

“Australia is the lead supplier of quality beef into China and has some important advantages over its competitors, with limited beef products allowed from Brazil, Argentina and Canada, and more exporters licensed in Australia than in Uruguay or New Zealand.

“These factors combine to provide an exciting opportunity for Australia’s beef export market, and one that NAB Agribusiness and the team in China are in a unique position to leverage for their Australian clients.

“This involves connecting NAB Agribusiness’s clients with key agricultural players, including the Agricultural Development Bank of China, through NAB’s networks across China to facilitate business relationships that support capital and trade flows that mutually benefit clients in Australia and China,” concluded Mr Lo.

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Big changes ahead in food safety arena

The food safety regulatory arena in the United States will continue to evolve, driven by a wide range of issues from new testing capability to public perceptions, a former senior US Department of Agriculture official told beef exporters yesterday.

Former under-secretary for the office of food safety in the USDA, Dr Richard Raymond, provided insights into likely food safety trends in North America and what Australia might have to do to maintain market access during the 2011 Australian Meat Industry Council’s annual gathering on the Gold Coast.

Unlike his previous visit to the same conference in 2007 when still employed by USDA, Mr Raymond was on this occasion able to speak more openly as a private citizen.

During his lengthy term in USDA under the Bush administration, he was responsible for overseeing the policies and programs of the US Food Safety & Inspection Service.

Dr Raymond suggested that public perception remained a big issue in the field of food safety in the US. He illustrated how ground beef tended to get a bad rap when it comes to associations with food borne illness in the US.

Of the 60,000 cases of e.coli 0157 illness reported in the US each year, only 60pc of those are sourced from foodstuffs, with the remainder come from sources like petting zoos, drinking water, recreational water or person-to-person contact.

Of that 60pc, only 20pc (about 7000 cases) came from consuming ground beef, he said.

"Even if we were to halve the rate of e.coli 0157 illness from ground beef, to just 3500 cases a year, that would still leave almost 60,000 people being sickened each year by e.coli from other causes – even major advances in ground beef would not solve the e.coli problem," he said.

He said too often, statistics to do with food borne illness were not well understood in the US.

Recent analytical testing developments had allowed identification of common sources of illness, like a DNA fingerprint. This meant that many more outbreaks of e.coli were being identified back to a specific source, and the US public was reading more frequently about these outbreaks, the defined sources and the subsequent product recalls in the media.

“That leaves the impression with consumers that we must be doing worse, in terms of controlling e.coli. But the truth is, we are doing much, much better," Dr Raymond said.

Coached by groups like PETA, which had an anti-meat agenda, two US media outlets last year decided to carry out an ‘expose’ about ground beef.

One described how the US National School Lunch Program (which feeds lower socio-economic strata children probably their best meal of the day) had an e.coli testing program that did not meet the same standards as those required by McDonald’s restaurants.

"The newspaper’s suggestion was that McDonalds had safer beef than the nation school lunch program. What they chose not to mention in the article was that the school lunch program had had no e.coli illnesses associated with it, nor product recalls, over the past 20 years."

In the period from 2004 to 2007 the incidence of e.coli positive tests and recalls was on the rise, and cases of human illness was going in the wrong direction. But after interventions, numbers fell to the lowest registrations in history by 2009. Among a range of food borne bacterial pathogens, numbers were down 23pc, and specifically for e.coli 0157, down 41pc.

"Authorities in the US today estimate that there are 20 deaths per year from e.coli contamination (down from 60-70 in 1990)."

"But to put that into context, 2000 Americans die each year choking on food (usually beef steak being consumed by an elderly gentleman who might have had too much to drink) at the same time; and 36,000 deaths each year from influenza, totally preventable. Yet nobody seems to be concerned about that, in the same way that they were about e.coli."

He said evidence of rises in some food toxins like shigatoxin bacteria, were occurring largely because it was now being tested-for more frequently.

Any product recall in the US was basically a public relations issue, rather than a public health issue, Dr Raymond suggested.

“The point is there is an extremely small percentage involved in many recalls, from small grinders. But every time the American public reads about a recall of ground beef, it is a reminder that the product is not sterile,” he said.

Dr Raymond divided the remainder of his talk into three sections: what the US was currently doing in the regulatory environment; what would probably happen in the next five years; and what might possibly happen.

Undoubtedly the biggest issue for Australian exporters over the past 12 months has been the negotiation with Government over a return to full cost recovery for AQIS export certification inspection charges and the development of a new meat inspection model known as the Australian Export Meat Inspection System (AEMIS).

The Australian industry has also had to respond to requirements for more intensive testing of imported meat in the US for e. coli 0157 and implement a robust testing program in Australia that meets US requirements.

The issue of food safety has remained a sensitive one in the US, both politically and from a consumer and regulatory
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Stop risk-based assessment in its tracks, even though it is the right thing to do,” Dr Raymond said.

FUTURE CHANGES

Among the probable changes that Dr Raymond sees over the next five years were:

The ‘big six’ pathogens that cause 80 percent of the ‘non-0157’ illnesses in the US are likely to join e.coli 0157 in being declared ‘adulterants’. Huge outbreaks this year in Europe and Japan of 0111 strains would be likely to hasten that, but no change was likely to occur until after the presidential election, because president Obama did not want to risk upsetting the meat industry, which was a powerful lobby force in the US. November 2012 was Dr Raymond’s best guess on enactment.

Two large US beef industry stakeholders – Costco supermarkets and Eldon Roth’s Beef Products Inc – were already testing for non-0157 strains, and others like Wal-Mart were likely to follow.

“Once the consumer starts to see more reports like these, it may bring a force towards more testing in this area,” Dr Raymond said. “How to do this with least disruption to industry time and effort is a challenge.”

Discussions could ultimately focus on low-dose radiation, and vaccination against e.coli in the feedlot. A ‘farm-to-fork’ strategy towards e.coli could also ultimately emerge.

“There are things that can be done, pre-harvest. We could have a national vaccination program for e.coli. We vaccinate children against multiple diseases - why not vaccinate cattle to prevent shedding e.coli? Pro-biotic use on farm could also be helpful.”

Dr Raymond noted, however, that feedlot cattle in Australia were remarkably clean-coated, compared with what was commonly seen in US feedlots where cattle could be covered in dags.
Unlocking the secrets to improved northern herd fertility

Beef CRC researchers have meticulously tracked a thousand Brahman females and 1100 Tropical Composite females, derived from about 100 sires, across six joinings in as many years.

The findings of this huge undertaking, the Northern Female Lifetime Reproduction project, will be delivered to the northern beef industry by June 2012. Already, though, some game-changing knowledge has emerged.

Wayne Upton, a breeding specialist who manages the extension side of the project, said an early finding is that the north's low calving rates can be lifted by re-thinking genetic selection processes.

There are very good reasons for the north's calving rates to be considerably lower than in the south, Wayne observes, not least survival. In the harsh conditions of the rangelands, the energy needed to conceive and maintain a cow and calf through to weaning may not always be available.

**BRAHMAN REPRODUCTION PATTERNS**

Brahman cattle excel in this environment because they can allocate energy towards survival and adaptation to environmental stressors more efficiently than their Bos taurus counterparts. A consequence is that often, Brahman cows will not conceive with a calf at foot—an evolutionary adaptation that gives more importance to the survival of the cow-calf unit than the annual production of a calf.

But what if it's possible for a cow to produce a calf every year, and survive?

One of the clear messages of the Beef CRC project is that this is achievable. Across the four northern properties running the project's cattle, almost all cows that conceived every year over the six joinings survived and were retained in the breeding herds.

**NUTRITION + GENETICS = BETTER CONCEPTION RATES**

Nutrition plays a big role, Wayne says, but the Beef CRC has demonstrated that an investment in better nutrition to lift conception rates should be matched by an investment in genetics to properly capitalise on the nutrition.

Female fertility - the number of calves a cow can produce in her lifetime - hinges on two genetic factors: the age at which a heifer will first conceive, and how soon after one calf she will be ready to conceive another.

- **The Northern Female Lifetime Reproduction Beef CRC research project, which is unprecedented in its scope and unlikely to ever be repeated, is uncovering the keys to fertility and profitability in Australia's northern rangelands.**

- **The research shows low calving rates can be lifted by re-thinking genetic selection processes.**

- **By mid-2012, when the results of the project have been fully assembled, northern producers will have the most powerful tools ever put at their disposal for lifting herd performance and profitability.**
Unlocking the secrets to improved northern herd fertility

Beef CRC researchers have found that across the sire groups used in the lifetime reproduction project, different Brahman sires will produce heifers that differ by up to 150 days in the age at which they reach puberty and are ready to conceive. The spread in age at puberty in the Tropical Composite heifers is about 100 days.

IDENTIFYING SIRE LINES FOR IMPROVED FECUNDITY

When researchers looked at the sire influence on how soon cows would begin cycling after their first calf, they found a 130 day difference between the best and worst Brahman sires. The heifers in the worst sire lines do not begin cycling again soon enough to produce a calf in a twelve month cycle. Half the Brahman cows in the project did not cycle while they had a calf at foot.

“There lies one of the north’s fertility problems,” Wayne says. “On the positive side though, there is also the 50 per cent of Brahman females who will cycle with a calf at foot—and there is a very big genetic component in that.”

“So if producers can identify sire lines whose female progeny will re-conceive while they have their first calf at foot without compromising their own survival or the survival of the calf at foot, they are going to change the profitability of their herd. These females have jumped two hurdles: they have been pubertal when they were put into the breeding herd for the first time, and they have reconceived in their second joining period. Heifers who are not pubertal when they enter the breeding herds conceive much later in the breeding season, and most only have a calf every two years. Those females capable of producing a calf every year after year within 12 months are extremely valuable animals.”

VALUE FOR SEEDSTOCK PRODUCERS

For this knowledge to influence northern herd profitability, it needs to be used by seedstock producers.

The researchers are identifying fertile cows through ovarian scanning and other high-cost, labour intensive methods. But Wayne says seedstock producers have a much cheaper tool at their disposal.

“The BREEDPLAN EBV for ‘days to calving’ is highly correlated with these expensive measures. It’s not going to give the accuracy that can be achieved if heifers are scanned for these traits, but the days to calving EBV has enough accuracy to bring about significant change in northern herds.”

At the moment, few northern seedstock producers record ‘days to calving’ data. “This CRC research suggests that a culture change is needed. There’s a tool that’s ready to go, and it’s relatively simple. The breeder just has to record the day the bull goes into the paddock, the calving date and the disposal date of any cows that failed to conceive.”

GENETIC TRAITS FOR BULLS

The seedstock industry can also take immediate advantage of research that has found the potency of bulls is associated with indicator traits like scrotal size and semen production. This can be readily measured through a bull breeding soundness evaluation (BBSE), which is performed by a vet and produces data that can be recorded in BREEDPLAN.

“If a commercial producer wants to take advantage of these genetic differences—and they can make a massive difference to a herd—then he needs to be putting pressure on his bull breeder to record days to calving and do a BBSE.”

Wayne says there are already herds that have used this technology, “and made massive strides”.

A more detailed picture of female fertility will emerge by the end of the project, with cycling performance mapped against the physical characteristics of highly fertile cows.

Some cows make enormous sacrifices to rear a calf, Wayne says: in some cases, losses of up to 25-30 square centimetres of eye muscle have been recorded in lactating cows.

The factors that push some lactating cows to the brink of survival but allow others to flourish are now emerging from the data.
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Glengarry stud principals Geoff and Scott Angel, Kunwarara, hope that their success in the led steer arena will help raise the profile of purebred commercial Brahmans.

“We keep our eye on the commercial operation and believe that there’s not much point showing a Euro led steer,” Scott Angel said.

“We’re trying to promote Brahmans as being good stud cattle and good on the plate as well.”

Helping them with that cause has been Glengarry YAK 143, who was the champion led steer at the 2011 The Caves, Proserpine and Charters Towers shows. He also placed second in a large class at Rockhampton Show.

The led steer is a January-drop son of Glengarry Bendigo and was selected for his conformation, thickness, good hindquarter and quiet temperament.

Mr Angel said Glengarry G was offering the first three sons of Bendigo at Brahman Week this year, and their led steer had received the same preparation as the sale bulls.

“He’s a compact sort of steer and weighs about 560kg. We haven’t killed him yet but will be selling him to a local butcher,” Mr Angel said.

Ruby Plains station was the biggest buyer in the grey of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association (PGA) Bull Sale at Fitzroy Crossing Brahman section, buying 17 in total to a top of $3000. This bull was offered by Bunda Livestock.

Ruby Plains manager, Merv Wortley said he bought a number of grey Brahmans because he believed they were good quality cattle.

Also buying in the grey Brahman section was Mt Edgar station who took home 13 to a top of $2750, while Larrawa station, Fitzroy Crossing, bought 11 to a top of $3000.

Top price in the grey Brahman catalogue was $3500 paid for three bulls by Anna Plains station, Broome (2) and Warrambie station bought the other.

Haydn Sale, Yougawalla station, was also a major buyer paying $3250 for the equal top-priced Red Brahman. This was also offered by Barlyne Pastoral Trust.

The bull was 21-months-old and was sired by Muan Gladiator and out of Barlyne Diane 350.

In addition to the top-priced red Brahman, Yougawalla bought another eight bulls.

The other red Brahman to sell for $3250 was offered by Rodlyn and bought by Ruby Plains station.

“Prices were a little bit lower than what they were last year but under the circumstances with the live export issues at the moment that can be expected,” Mr Gillam said.

“It was a very bold move by the breeders to actually bring the bulls over to WA under the circumstances but at the same time I think their faith was repaid by the Kimberley purchasers. “Although the average price was down a bit, they did support the sale well.”

The sale also offered 42 Droughtmaster and Charbray bulls.

**PGA KIMBERLEY DIVISION BOS INDICUS BULL SALE**

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| Barlyne      | 7       | 7    | $3250 | $17,500| $2500   |
| RM & LA Sperling | 8      | 8    | $3250 | $21,500| $2688   |
| AWP Sorley   | 9       | 9    | $3000 | $21,000| $2333   |
| Muan         | 12      | 12   | $3000 | $32,750| $2729   |
| Total        | 46      | 46   | $3250 | $115,500| $2511   |
How to reduce methane and increase profits

Under the Carbon Farming Initiative passed by the Senate, primary producers will have two options to earn carbon credits - by reducing greenhouse emissions or through bio-sequestration. Founder of the Carbon Grazing principle Alan Lauder believes the one that will have the most appeal to livestock producers will be methane reduction - and he argues that producers can achieve this without reducing profits. Here’s how:

What is made available for cattle and sheep to eat, determines the amount of methane they produce. There is a relationship between methane emissions and feed digestibility.

How quickly the grass passes out of the first stomach (called the rumen), determines the amount of methane produced. The rumen has millions of micro-organisms in it that break down what the cow eats. It is a bit like a fermenting vat. The cow is relying on these micro-organisms to keep reproducing and keep breaking down what it has eaten. It is when the micro-organisms reproduce slowly, that we have a problem with both animal growth and increased methane production.

Like all forms of life, these micro-organisms have to build their little bodies. Like us, they need protein. If there is not enough protein in a cow’s diet, then the microbes reproduce slower.

The amount of protein available is determined by the level of nitrogen in the diet of the cow. To determine protein content, just multiply measured nitrogen by 6.25. Plant carbon levels remain constant, it is the nitrogen level that varies. A lot of you know this as the carbon:nitrogen ratio.

To increase digestibility, increase the nitrogen content of your pastures. A leaf has a higher nitrogen content than the stem, which is why it is more digestible.

**HOW STEERS SELECTED THEIR DIET AT ALICE SPRINGS**

The graph (cattle diet selection Alice Springs) demonstrates how planting shrubs is one way to reduce methane emissions (planting fodder trees like leucaena will have the same positive outcome). The graph highlights that cattle were selecting different plants as the season changed, to maximise their nitrogen (protein) intake. When green grass was in short supply, they sourced nitrogen from the shrubs. A slight increase in the availability of green grass in April, lead to a decrease in the consumption of shrubs, as shown at the top of the graph i.e. the cattle were able to source more protein via the green grass, so relied less on the shrubs.

Nitrogen content drives digestibility and unless the digestibility of the feed can be maintained above about 50%, then methane emissions will skyrocket.

Edible shrubs are the most resilient of the perennials and are responsible for improving the carbon:nitrogen ratio of the total diet under adverse conditions. In other words, they improve the digestibility of the diet by supplying long term protein to go with frosted or dry old grass. They transfer the use of rain further in the future.

The rumen microbes rely on shrubs and fodder trees to build their bodies. Then they can break down poor quality (low protein) grass and empty the rumen quicker.

Australia has the most variable climate in the world. Reducing the effect of seasonal variability is the best way to reduce methane emissions. Perennials are less affected by seasonal variability than annuals. This is why maintaining the percentage of perennials, be they grasses or shrubs, is so important.

**THE RELEVANT DEBATE**

The methane debate is one of subtleties, with the true issue being the production of methane “per kg of production”. What can cause confusion is that with a more digestible diet, the rumen empties quicker. This means the cow can go and have another feed sooner. The result is that more methane is produced per day, however, the animal gets to the slaughter house in a lot fewer days. It is the total amount of methane produced to reach a given weight that matters (see below graph which highlights higher methane per kg of production when growth rate slows).
How to reduce methane and increase profits

It is in drought, that methane production per kg of production goes through the roof. In a dry time, the animal is sitting there producing methane every day for little growth. The fact that a cow produces less methane per day during dry spells is not the point.

A simulation was done using data from the Wongan Hills site in Western Australia. The sheep were kept in a Score 1 condition and gained only half a kilogram for a year. This of course, closely approximates drought conditions. In this situation, the sheep emitted nine times more methane per kg of live weight gain than they would in better conditions.

As an ongoing source of protein, perennial saltbushes are responsible for maintaining a more balanced rumen and lower methane emissions per kg of production, by leveraging low protein grass.

**WIN/WIN**

Reducing methane per kg of production is a positive message, as it requires the same management as increasing profits i.e. getting animals to the meatworks as quickly as possible. Put simply, the major strategy for reducing methane production is also the key driver of profit in grazing – reducing the number of grazing days per kg of product.

It has been known for many years that methane production represents poor conversion of food to energy and, as such, is a waste gas.

**BREEDERS**

Given that breeders are not sent off to market the way slaughter cattle are, the best way to lower their emissions per unit of production, is to increase the reproduction rate. This again comes back to the digestibility of their diet as it influences the conception rate. Their success in rearing offspring also depends on the digestibility of their diet.

In the event of “true” methane emissions being taxed, there would be a need to think long and hard about feeding animals in a drought. Many people currently feed to keep animals alive i.e. no weight gain. Now producers would be paying a methane tax as well as a fodder bill for no weight gain.

**CARBON FARMING INITIATIVE**

Methane emissions from cattle and sheep have been a topical and emotive discussion for some time. While nobody knows what the future holds, the political process is currently not intending to hold livestock producers liable for these emissions. With
How to reduce methane and increase profits

the introduction of the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI), producers who can demonstrate that they have reduced methane emissions will be rewarded via the carbon credit process.

A carbon credit is a legal contract to supply an outcome. The second aspect is the need for permanence i.e. the outcome does not reverse in the future. At the moment, the permanence clause has a 100 year requirement.

This permanence clause is why a management change that reduces emissions of a greenhouse gas has an advantage over biosequestration. Biosequestration is removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it in a sink such as trees or the soil. Emission reductions are final and can’t reverse, while biosequestration is part of the carbon cycle and can reverse. Soil can lose stored carbon and trees can return carbon to the atmosphere by burning.

One proposed offset under the CFI is management changes to reduce methane emissions from livestock. This is low risk to rural producers, as this outcome will never reverse. The other practical aspect of credits based on methane emission reductions, is flexibility with offset duration.

Methane offset credits could be used to help fund planting of leucaena and saltbush, to develop reliable production systems consistent with our unreliable climate.

Alan Lauder is the founder of the Carbon Grazing principle and author of “Carbon Grazing – the missing link.”

Crackdown on illegal cattle slaughter

The Brazilian government will launch an initiative to crack down on illegal cattle slaughter practices, according to a report by local news outlet Valor Economico.

It is estimated that 50 percent of all meat in Brazil has not undergone proper inspection nor supervision by the proper health authorities.

The Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture will discuss how to effectively monitor slaughterhouse practices with state representatives.

The federal government, together with the Agricultural Health System, will seek that Brazil sell all its agricultural products in accordance with Federal Inspection Service standards.

Wagner Rossi, the Minister of Agriculture and Alfonso Florence, the Minister of Agricultural Development, developed these standards in a recent meeting with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

President Rousseff also called for agronomists and veterinarians from the Ministry of Agriculture to be immediately brought on board for the initiative.

Rossi affirmed that it is about “adapting” to local production conditions and “strengthening” the fight against illegalities in the Brazilian meat industry.

“We will be carrying around this general rule. Our main objective is to crack down on illegal slaughter practices,” he added.

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The nation’s largest supermarket retailer, Woolworths is laying the foundations for a move into Meat Standards Australia grading across its national beef supply chain supplying 840 supermarket outlets.

The historic move will represent a first for a national retailer in Australia.

While both Coles and Woolworths have adopted much of the MSA meat science in their beef production systems, they have consistently resisted full adoption of the national grading system over the past 12 years.

The primary justification for that has always been a desire to promote internal ‘company’ beef brands, rather than a generic label like MSA. Also, there was a fear that if MSA identity was to appear in both Coles and Woolworths stores, it could dilute any point of difference advantage in branding between the two.

Since major rival Coles announced its no HGP strategy late last year, there has been increasing speculation that Woolworths would take some decisive action to counter the move, and to strengthen ‘brand Woolworths’ in the chilled cabinet. Adoption of MSA has been an obvious option, and one raised in speculation on Beef Central in recent months.

It should be stressed, however, that Woolworths at this point, at least, has not indicated any intention to adopt an MSA identity as a marketing tool at retail level, and the current move is primarily about aligning procurement strategies and heightening product consistency.

Woolworths last week issued a letter to both livestock and boxed beef suppliers advising them of the company’s decision to adopt supply which is MSA-3 compliant.

Part of the intention will be to see boxed beef supply and livestock align with each other better from a quality perspective, and the abundance of MSA-backed product now available in the domestic marketplace since adoption by some of the nation’s largest processors means that is now much easier to achieve and maintain on a regular basis.

National retailers regularly supplement their own beef supply chains with additional tightly specified boxed supplies out of the commodity market, used often in specials and similar marketing activity.

It has not yet been clarified by Woolworths over what adjustments, if any, are likely to be made at processing facilities used by the company, including Churchill Abattoir (Ipswich) and southern killing sites to accommodate a full MSA kill. Provision for MSA grading will be one obvious inclusion above current requirements.

No clear signals have yet emerged about boning group boundaries or other MSA grading requirements. In the early stages at least, the move is not likely to have any impact on Woolworths’ specs regarding breed content, variants on HGP type, or other issues that can impact MSA grading compliance. The move could also take some of the subjectivity out of feeder cattle selection, suppliers say.

The Woolworths letter to suppliers says, in part, that the company plans to continue its focus on quality of meat.

“With our livestock suppliers support over many years we have achieved both positive growth in market share and satisfied many consumers with good quality and value-for-money beef,” the letter says.

“To ensure our continued customer growth and satisfaction with their beef purchases from our stores, we will be implementing the Meat Standards Australia grading system. The system will ensure our customers’ expectations are met when they buy beef from Woolworths.”

“Meat Standards Australia is a grading program designed to guarantee tenderness that involves all sectors of the beef production chain from paddock to plate. A new specification and payment grid for November is based on MSA grading criteria and will be implemented in the next few weeks,” the letter says.

While there is nothing wrong with Woolworths current beef offer in terms of quality or consistency, the company has often made the point that each individual carcase is ‘touched’ by up to 400 retail customers. That means if just one carcase exhibiting sub-standard eating performance sneaks through the system, it can have a significant impact on a substantial customer base. MSA adoption is designed to provide watertight security that that can’t happen.

Woolworths national supply chain processes about 8500 heavy supermarket weight steers and heifers weekly. Compliance against company specifications is currently running 94-95 percent among contract holders.
Sires represented include Elrose Philistine, JDH Tobe Manso, JDH Riddell Manso, JDH Shano Manso 747 & Tartrus Rembrandt.
National elections in 2014 will have a strong bearing on Indonesia’s current self-sufficiency drive in key foodstuffs including beef, and the likely shape and volume of beef trade going forward.

Despite this political process, beef demand and consumption across the country has real potential to grow further, with an estimated 100,000 tonnes increase in demand over the next three years through population growth and greater spending power alone.

These were some of the key messages delivered at last week’s Australian Meat Industry Council conference by trade representative, Dr John Ackerman.

Dr John Ackerman was appointed as Meat & Livestock Australia’s first Indonesia country manager in May. He has spent the previous five years in Jakarta as Australia’s agricultural counsellor to Indonesia.

Indonesia has long been earmarked as a strong beef trade prospect for Australia, with 230 million people on our doorstep and a growing level of affluence and a middle class with an appetite for beef:

• It is the largest Muslim country in the world, with 86pc of the population being practising Muslims, meaning there is little competition from pork as an alternate protein.

• Since 2003, about seven million Indonesians have made the transition into middle-class income-earning status, however there is still about 100 million people who earn less than $2 a day.

• The Indonesian economy remains strong, with low debt levels and current GDP growth at about 6.5pc.

• Current annual beef consumption is between 1.7kg and 2.4kg, depending on which figures are used, and the Indonesian Government’s objective is to raise that to 5kg.

With current total beef consumption estimated at about 500,000 tonnes/year, the imported boxed beef market lifted 450 percent between 2005 and 2010, Dr Ackerman told the conference.

"That is a huge number, and illustrates that they are very reliant on imports – a position that the government does not want to be in, for food security reasons," he said.

Australia accounted for 55 percent of the market, with New Zealand, the US and Canada also making a play.

The political process leading up to Presidential elections in 2014 was likely to have a strong bearing on future policy decisions and how the trade evolves.

Dr Ackerman said the Indonesian President, Dr Yudhoyono, was in his second five-year term, meaning he could not run for the Presidency again.

That made the run-up to the 2014 elections particularly important, he said.

Each of the six parties represented in the ruling government was making a play for the Presidency, and each ruled a different government ministry. This was one reason why the objective seen in an agriculture ministry policy statement might sometimes appear a little out of sync with a trade or economic ministry position.

Dr Ackerman said Indonesia’s well-publicised beef self-sufficiency program did not imply that the country was looking to become 100pc self-sufficient in beef production.

“They are talking about self-sufficiency in terms of 90pc of their domestic production meeting the demand by 2014, leaving just 10pc of future demand to be filled by imports. The two major justifications are food security, and the fact that Indonesia has an enormous agribusiness sector. It is very important for the Ministry of Agriculture to be seen to be assisting their businesses, and providing security for the people,” he said.

The Indonesian Government wrote a blueprint early last year which guides the country’s policy decisions in this area. Some of its key points include:

• Undertaking measures that open opportunities with other countries

• Biosecurity aspects, including ensuring that food is safe, healthy, whole and Halal. This is one reason why Australia is in a strong position to provide more meat products into Indonesia

• The country wants to support the development of its tourism industry, meaning higher quality meat may play a growing role

• The Government has suggested changes to a range of laws which it suggests are not within the spirit of the blueprint. One of those is a ban on exports to Indonesia from countries with Foot and Mouth Disease. One of the Government departments is pushing to change that law to allow beef from zone-based free areas to enter Indonesia. If successful that could see product from some parts of South America enter Indonesia for the first time.

Projections of where the Government blueprint wanted to see self-sufficiency in beef head between now and 2014 showed a steadily decline in imported product, Dr Ackerman said.

“In 2010 and 2011, they have gone well beyond that already,” he said.

He did not offer a comment on how achievable the aims were longer-term, however he pointed out that the Indonesian government for some time had stated that to achieve its self-sufficiency target by 2014, the country would need at least 14.5 million cattle.

“A month ago it was announced that they had achieved that target, which if true would essentially mean the country is now self-sufficient, and no longer need imports from Australia.”

But the vice-minister for Agriculture had since produced figures which had never been touted before, saying with the
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growing population and current demand for beef, Indonesia would in fact need 20 to 27 million head of cattle to support its own requirements. That’s roughly the size of the beef herd in Australia.

“That’s a particularly important statement, because for the first time a senior official in the Indonesian Government has outlined the division between the politically-driven statements, and the reality of what is going on,” Dr Ackerman said.

“Between 2004 and 2006, imported beef accounted for about 75pc of total Indonesian demand, which raised a red flag to the Indonesian Government, and creates some of the development policies that have since been seen. In 2007, for example, the Government introduced a policy regulation to reduce the types of imported offal from eight items down to two.”

Dr Ackerman warned that there was likely to be further political posturing from the Indonesians as the 2014 elections drew closer.

“We have seen it already, and I think we will see more. That is likely to create further challenges for Australia in terms of trade. It is certainly a complex bureaucracy, with central and district governments all writing legislation that sometimes conflicts,” he said.

Beef self-sufficiency by 2014 would continue to create challenges, with the political posturing and the political statements likely to emerge.

Quotas for import permits, or allocations for permits as the Indonesian government liked to call them, was another area of difficult challenge going forward – often with a lack of clear and transparent signals or dispute settlement process.

“However I am hopeful that the Australian and Indonesian Governments’ announcement of a comprehensive economic partnership agreement negotiation late last year that some progress will be made,” Dr Ackerman said.

“With population growth alone, we can expect even without the Government’s desire to lift consumption to 5kg a year, to see beef demand grow by at least another 28,000 tonnes each year. Further growth in income in the economy by 2014 could see another 70,000t on top of that – giving potential demand increase of 100,000t by 2015,” he said.

“Australia remains well placed to play a role in Indonesia, regardless of the political posturing process, because we can be a stable and reliable supplier of a commodity of concern to them to meet their food security issues.”
BACKGROUND

The ability to confidently apply selection pressure and increase the frequency of the polled trait in tropical breeds has positive implications for animal welfare, productivity, labour requirements and safety of station staff. The frequency of the polled gene in Brahman cattle is generally low compared to some other breeds. In the past, breeding polled Bos. indicus cattle has been complicated, due a complex interaction of the polled, scurred and African horn gene. However the recent release of a gene marker test for the trait has allowed us to distinguish a homozygote (true poll) polled animals with a high level of confidence in Brahman cattle. Homozygote polled sires provide a more rapid rate of infusion of the polled gene into a Brahman herd, with 99% polled/scurred progeny when mated with horned cows compared to just 45% polled/scurred progeny from the same matings using a sire with only one copy of the polled allele (heterozygote). This article aims to provide the background required to understand the mating outcomes from different polled/horn genotypes, which can now be determined using a gene marker test.

GENETICS IN A NUTSHELL

There are a few terms that it can be useful to become familiar with when understanding simple inheritance in relation to the poll/horn trait.

Genotype: The genetic makeup of an animal (ie. can’t be seen, but can be determined with genomic technology such as gene marker tests.

Phenotype: The observed performance or trait, as a result of gene expression (eg. coat colour, horn status, 200d weight)

Chromosome: A long strand of DNA/gene

Gene: A DNA sequence which sits at a specific location on a chromosome, which controls or contributes to a phenotypic outcome

Gene marker: A detectable gene or fragment of DNA used to identify a linked gene that is otherwise unable for us to detect (hence the term ‘marker’)

Homozygous: Gene is made up of two identical alleles

Heterozygous: Gene is made up of two different alleles (ie. a ‘carrier’)

This is easy to remember if you think of ‘Homo’ as meaning ‘same, ‘Hetero’ as meaning different.

SIMPLE INHERITANCE IN SIMPLE TERMS

An animal has two copies of all genes. When the animal produces its own gametes (sperm or eggs) the gamete will have only one of these genes randomly selected, so it ultimately only has half the genes required for an animal. When an embryo is formed, it will again have a full set of genes, but one of each gene from each parent. So an animal’s genes are a mix of 50% randomly selected from the female parent and 50% randomly selected from the male parent.

Polled Genetics and Simple Inheritance Explained

by Sarah STREETER

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DOMINANCE – HOW IT WORKS
With simple inheritance, there are two forms of a gene (each called an ‘allele’) and one can be dominant over the other. For example, say we have the genotype BW in sheep (heterozygous), where B=black colour and W=white colour, but black is dominant over white. The phenotype of the sheep would be black. If it was BB (homozygous), it would still be black, but if it was WW (homozygous) it would be white (as there is no B gene to dominate). This works the same for Pompes disease in cattle. Say if the tt allele causes pompes, and TT doesn’t, and TT is dominant. An animal that is tt tt would have pompes. A TT tt animal would not have pompes disease even though it is carrying the disease gene, as the TT is dominant and overriding the effect of tt. This animal can be called a ‘carrier’, as it is essentially carrying the gene and can pass it on to progeny. In some cases, one gene is not completely dominant over another, and the resulting phenotype can be a mix of both. For example, if B in sheep wasn’t completely dominant over W, then the BW sheep may show black and white spots.

MATING OUTCOMES – HOW IT WORKS
Let’s go back to the TT tt (heterozygous) Pompes animal or Pompes ‘carrier’. This animal’s sperm or egg will have a copy of either TT or tt, which will be purely random. The TT homozygous animal can only produce a sperm/egg that has the gene TT, as there is no tt to pass on. This is where we come to predicting mating outcomes. Say we mate a TT TT animal with a TT tt animal. The progeny has equal chance of having either one of each parent’s genes. We can easily sketch this out with a punnet square (Table below), where we can see that this cross would result in 50% of progeny being TT TT and 50% being TT tt. If TT was dominant, then 50% of progeny would be carriers of tt, but no progeny would show signs of the tt trait (Pompes).

HOW DOES A GENE MARKER WORK?
Some gene test, such as Pompes, can tell us the exact genotype of the animal as the exact location of the gene has been identified. In the case where a trait is controlled by a number of genes, or where the exact location of the gene is difficult to detect, a gene marker test may be developed. Pieces of DNA that lie close to each other on a chromosome tend to be inherited together. A gene marker is a piece of DNA which is easy to detect, and is known to lie close to a gene driving a trait of interest. The gene marker acts just as that, a ‘marker’ or ‘flag’ letting us know that the gene is likely to be close by. Because what is actually being measured is not the gene itself, a gene marker result is unlikely to be 100% accurate. However accuracy can be understood and improved with industry validation.

DECIPHERING THE POLLED GENE IN BOS INDICUS CATTLE USING A GENE MARKER TEST
The polled gene in Bos indicus cattle is not entirely simple, as it is controlled by more than one gene. Also, the dominance is not simple, rather there is the intermediate phenotype ‘scurrs’. That is, rather than either the poll or horn gene being dominant over each, the heterozygote animal is more likely to be scurred. But this isn’t always the case, and that is why it is difficult to tell an animal’s genotype on phenotype alone. The use of the gene marker test tells us, to a high level of confidence, whether an animal is a homozygous poll (PP). An animal that carries no copy of the poll gene is a homozygote HH, while an animal that carries one copy of the polled gene is a heterozygote PH. Validation of the test results have shown that in most cases (98%)
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A major highlight for Destys Red Brahmans was taking out the coveted Kyabra Trophy in 2011. This trophy is presented to the most successful brahman exhibitor in NSW, and was a big achievement for this little stud.

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On the June long weekend, Destys were given the privilege to lead the Bundarra Hospital Centenary parade with WB Dictator, but due to heavy rain and blustery conditions a last minute decision to decorate the truck and float him was made. The applause and comments from the crowd was fantastic with the bull pricking his ears and taking it in his stride as if he knew what was expected.

The successful Destys WB Dictator will be heading to Rockhampton Brahman Week in 2012.

**FOOTNOTE:**
This article has been written with the purpose of simplifying the poll gene marker test results and mating predictions. It is acknowledged that an ambiguous allele associated with the poll and horn gene appears to occur, which means that the phenotypic outcomes of the genotypes are not 100% probable. However, the validations so far indicate that the ambiguous outcomes are uncommon in Brahman cattle, therefore for the purpose of simplifying the concepts the ambiguous allele has been ignored. For updated results of industry validation, go to [http://www.beefcrc.com.au/PolledGeneMarkerTest](http://www.beefcrc.com.au/PolledGeneMarkerTest)
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“Bred Red to Breed Red”
In June, controversy over live exports to Indonesia created a world of uncertainty for Northern Australian beef producers.

However, supply and demand issues have meant that Queensland saleyards markets have continued strongly, with prices at historically high levels for this time of year.

The decreased yardings and cancelled sales across numerous selling centres have been partially driven by the heavy influx of cattle through saleyards earlier in the year. Additionally, the abundance of feed in the paddock has prompted many producers into herd rebuilding mode – many being content to “sit on the fence” and market-watch.

“This tightening of supply has improved the market over last few months,” said Elders Roma branch manager James Croft.

“And I think that supply (coming into the warmer months) will continue to be fairly tight as producers are not forced to sell their livestock.”

Other market commentators have predicted supplies of sale cattle will remain low, with many producers choosing to carry stock over, looking to target heavier local or Middle Eastern markets next year.

NORTH QLD

RICHMOND

“The store market has been consistent throughout this year with competition from southern and central restockers,” said Troy Williams, branch manager, Elders Richmond.

“The feeder job is firing up again and we are starting to get inquiry from lot feeders. They’ve been getting around, but until now they haven’t been in the competition with the grass feeders.

“The fat job has kicked a fair margin,” he added.

“We had a special store sale up here last Friday (August 26). Steers are still making good money around the $2.30 and good heifers are making $1.90.”

The small amount of rain across the Downs country has done little harm to the grass with abundant dry feed still around, he reported.

“Up around here we’ve had a good season.”

CENTRAL QLD

GRACEMERE

July sales were described as “firm”.

Geraldine Hobson and family, Tyne Holme, Banana, sold Brahman weaner steers to reach 227c, weighing 268kg to return $420.

Morrie Woodard and family, Duaringa, sold a pen of EU-accredited Brahman weaner steers to top of 212c, weighing 204kg and returning $434.

LONGREACH

July opened to a wet and muddy yarding of 1950 head. Among the vendors braving the weather were Michael and Karena Leake, Proa, Nelia, who sold Brahman steers to 160c.

Crossmoor Grazing Company, Crossmoor, Longreach, sold a run of Brahman cows to 112c.

A large line of Brahman cows from Far North Queensland had a strong sale with the light conditioned cows selling to 109c. Light store Brahman steers, 200kg, sold to 200c. Meanwhile, vealer heifers sold solidly to southern abattoirs for 195c.

The August market opened to strong competition with a yarding of 3250. More than 1000 bullocks sold, peaking at 160c/kg.

Felicity Jones, The Rand, Ilfracombe, sold 613kg bullocks for 155c or $980, and Julago Livestock, Fort William, Boulia, sold 388kg Brahman steers for 156c, topping at 162c/kg and returning $980.

The Cochrane family, Sugarloaf Creek, Roma, sold Brahman cows to 136c to make $705.

GIN GIN

The stronger prices of June eased a little in early July. But making the most of a relatively firm market was Delma Watson who sold No.9 red Brahman steers, six tooth, for $660.

Hillbrook Cattle Co sold 20 No.0 grey Brahman store steers for $580.

David Neubecker sold younger Brahman weaner steers for $460 and Peter and Ron Larsen sold grey Brahman No.0 unjoined heifers for $475.

Gin Gin continued from strength to strength in August with Graham Stirrat selling No.0 red Brahman steers for $555.
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MORETON
July proved a solid month in Moreton with values for yearlings and vealers remaining firm. Good trade cattle sold to dearer rates as did export steers and bullocks.

Symbol D Grazing sold 198kg Brahman yearling steers for 205c or $405.

Paradise Grazing Company, Nanango, sold 220kg Brahman yearling steers for 206c or $452.

Values were firm to dearer in mid-August for all descriptions, especially for quality yearlings and vealers.

A pen of 150kg Brahman vealer steers from D. McGregor, Karrabin, sold for 208c or $311.

R. and V. Turgeon sold 211kg Brahman vealer steers for 213c or $449 and Mike Peters, Digalong Pty Ltd, Rosewood, sold 253kg Brahman yearling steers for 205c or $517.

MONTO
In mid-July a quality yarding of 2249 head yielded some average rises, with a gain of 3 cents for bullocks and 4 cents for cows over 450kg.

Allan and Leanne Thomas, Top Line Brahman stud, sold a pen of 650kg Brahman cows to a top of 143c/kg to return $930/head.

In August a very strong market emerged due to competition between backgrounders and processors.

Mt Stuart Trust, Mt Stuart, Capella, sold three pens of Brahman bullocks for 160c/kg, weighing 580kg to peak at $1075/head.

Doug Shaw and family, Rossmoya, sold a pen of 502kg Brahman cows for 138c or $640.

Myles Cocks and family, Duaringa, received $750 for his Brahman cows and calves.

East meets west at Woolooga

The Dray family sold Brahman weaners at the Woolooga sale which Mr McTaggart commented were an absolute credit to them. The heifers which were sold by Sullivan Livestock and topped the sale at $585. The 120 steers averaged $476 at 10 months of age.

The Drays are great supporters of the Brahman breed and are expanding their operation with the purchase of over 200 Brahman cows.

The McTaggart family have been through the worst drought in history which was broken on December 23 with an extreme flash flood after they received their entire annual rainfall in a few hours.

Lochie and his wife, son and daughter in law spent the night on a rainwater tank with the family dogs with the Gascoyne River raging around them.

The property suffered extensive damage to infrastructure and erosion as well as significant cattle losses which have still not been fully accessed.

The Drays have been buying Garglen bulls for 20 years and the McTaggarts for the past 9 years with the exception of last year due to the drought. After selecting bulls this year, Lochie returned to be confronted with the live export suspension and as they depend heavily on the live export trade, have had to forego their order this year.

The Gascoyne region usually turns off live export cattle after the wet season starts in the north, however there is concern this year that the excellent season which followed the flood may push the cattle beyond the 350kg weight limit for the Indonesian market.

Matthew Noakes recently addressed a meeting in Carnarvon on the topic of developing pathways for Brahman cattle into MSA with the aim of helping to develop a local trade option.
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Last year’s sale achieved a $4.88 million result, a 92 percent clearance rate and a top price of $42,500, to finish up with a $5964 average for 819 bulls. However high prices were balanced by the sale’s legendary affordability.

*“While the top 102 bulls made $10,000 or better, 56 percent of the yarding sold from $2500 to $4500, meaning there was something for everyone at Brahman Week,” ABBA general manager John Croaker said.*

Generous freight rebates apply to long distance purchasers buying five or more bulls and rebates range from $55 to $110 per head depending on the distance travelled.

Catalogues are available from sale agents Elders and Landmark or online at www.brahman.com.au

In conjunction with the sale a charity auction will be held on Sunday, October 2, to raise money for Camp Quality. Beef producers are asked to dig deep and bid freely on the large range of donated memorabilia and merchandise to support the children’s cancer charity.

**FIRST CHANCE TO BUY BURTON PROGENY FROM AKAMA**

Akama stud will make its debut at Brahman Week this year, offering the first three sons of its record breaking $300,000 sire, Lancefield Burton Manso.

Stud principals Damien and Leah Sturdy and children Croyden, Grace and Lane, have catalogued three greys as Lots 221-223.

Lot 221, Akama Merton, is out of Lancefield Brancha 3167, who is a daughter of Lancefield Duke Manso and a granddaughter of JDH Datapack Manso (imp).
6 GREYS  
LOTS 415-420

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519 BATANDRA LEON 4133 (P)

520 BATANDRA ROBERTO 4143 (P)

522 BATANDRA MR DURACELL (P)

7 REDS  
LOTS 518-524

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Mr Sturdy said Merton was a strong, dark pigmented bull, carrying loads of bone and length.

“He is evenly muscled throughout and shows great sire characteristics.”

Lot 222, Akama Masterpiece, is out of the polled cow Lancefield D Shanoah, another JDH Datapack Manso granddaughter.

Their final bull to be offered, Akama Gambler, is out of the TTT Mr Suva Crata cow, Happy Valley Bessie 0042.

The trio’s sire, Lancefield Burton Manso, is by JDH Baxter Manso 331 (imp) and out of the JDH Madison Man Manso (imp) cow, Lancefield Mary Lou Manso.

**BATANDRA’S BEST**

Six grey bulls and seven red including four red polled bulls will take to the sale ring from Barry and Bev Hannam’s Batandra stud.

Based at Milman, 40km north of Rockhampton, the prefix has an all star line-up ready for Rockhampton Brahman Week.

One of the stars is Lot 415 Batandra Mr Brandon, an upstanding young bull with good length, growth and top line. He is an IVF son of JDH Mr Brandon Manso (imp) and out of a JDH Karu Manso dam who goes back to JDH Magnum Manso 146 (imp).

Of the reds on offer, Lot 522 is sure to attract interest. Batandra Mr Duracell is a polled bull who stands on good bone, with impressive length and growth for age.

“He has a strong poll head and is a strong image of his sire. He will stamp his calves with quality,” Mr Hannam said.

Another feature of the Batandra offering is the first son of Kandoona Kendall to be offered. The polled bull, Lot 520 Batandra Roberto, is described as placid, with strong breed characteristics.

Other bloodlines represented include JDH Mr Manso 506/2 (imp), who is a son of JDH Mr Charley Manso 590/6; Lancefield D Lawler 2796/D, by JDH Leberation 79/1, and the JDH Karu Manso 800 son, Batandra Mr Karock.

On the maternal side are some noted female bloodlines. Lot 417 Batandra Spencer has a double cross of Mr V8 901/4 in his dam’s breeding, going back to the mighty matron Anna Bri 52.

Batandra Leon and Batandra Lincoln are out of full Tartrus Redmount sisters from the strong polled family line of Lady Jane.

Many of the draft feature above average EBVs for key BREEDPLAN traits.

The Hannams have been presenting their impressive Batandra bulls at RBWS for 33 years – first selling in 1979.

**HUDGINS GENETICS FROM CLUKAN**

In its 25th year with the Australian Brahman Breeders Association, Clukan stud, Jambin will take an impressive line of 11 bulls to RBWS.

The all grey team from stud principals Steve and Theresa Taylor are catalogued at the tail end of the sale as Lots 970-980, but promise to be worth the wait.

“The bull leading our draft is Clukan T Trademark 1047. We lost his sire El Ja Trademark Manso through injury and believe this Trademark son is going to impress studmasters,” Mrs Taylor said.

“It is not normally our policy to collect semen from a sale bull, but we are intending to retain some semen from this bull for in-herd use only.”

Sons of JDH Sir Tobe Manso (imp), Allawah Tyson and Lancefield A Kingsbury will be offered for sale by Clukan for the first time.

The two bulls by JDH Sire Tobe Manso – Lot 977 Clukan Sir Tobe 194/9, and Lot 980 Clukan Toby 198/0 – are full brothers to the highest priced grey female at the 2010 Gympie Female Sale who sold to Lanes Creek stud.

They are also half brothers to Clukan Karla 141/6, the $44,000 Gympie saleyard record priced female who sold to NVS stud in 2007.

Other Hudgins sire represented in the draft are JDH Mr Deeds Manso and JDH Mr Branson Manso.

On the maternal side are dams by powerhouse such as JDH Karu Manso 800, JDH Navasota Manso 55/1, Mr International 50/1, Tartrus Aristotle Manso, JDH Datapack Manso and FBC D Webke Manso.

In other stud news, the Taylors are excited about the first polled grey ET calves by JME Mr Esto 28/8.

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The Clukan name has been synonymous with RBWS for 23 years, the prefix achieving the top price of $30,000 in 2003 as well as the top Brahman Week average in the same year when their seven bulls averaged $11,857.

**INTERESTING GENETICS FROM EUREKA CREEK**

Eureka Creek will offer six well-bred greys at Brahman Week.

Presented for sale by Becky Wilson and Barry and Pauline Bowie, the line-up is certain to impress with standouts such as Lot 882, Eureka Creek Cash.

This impressive bull is by JDH Burgess 21/1 (imp) and out of the 2007 Brisbane grand champion female Eureka Creek Candy Girl. By Sugar Sugar 231 and out of JDH Lady Manso 791/3, Candy Girl’s breeding is a unique blend of Hudgins and the old foundation US genetics.

“Cash’s sire is by JDH Liberty and out of a maternal sister to JDH Boswick Manso,” Ms Wilson said.

“Cash has the genetic strength with added sire appeal, tremendous length and structure and will add value to Australian studmasters’ breeding programs.”

Other sires represented in the Eureka Creek draft are JDH Martin Manso 879/3, JDH Dakota Manso 599 and Mr V8 573/5.

“This is a rare opportunity to secure one of the few offerings of a direct JDH Dakota Manso 599 son in Australia, and the last of the stud’s own Dakota bulls born,” Ms Wilson said.

JDH Martin Manso has been another very successful sire, not only for Eureka Creek but throughout Australia, with sons selling for up to $37,000.

“Through our extensive ET programs, both in Australia and the US, we have been able to access top level genetics in both countries,” Ms Wilson said.

“We use not only the popular bulls, but have been able to source old foundation bloodlines that have been the backbone of the Brahman industry. By having a strong genetic foundation you can stop a lot of guesswork of what these bulls will produce in the long term.”

JDH Lado Manso 791/3 is the dam of two of the bulls in the draft and is also the dam of Candy Girl. She is the stud’s leading donor female in the US and her super fertility has produced more than 94 embryos in 11 flushes.

Eureka Creek has been selling at RBWS since 2004, achieving a top price to date of $30,000 and consistently exceeding the sale average.
11 Bulls including 3 natural polls: RBWS Day 1: Lots 185-195 (ELDERS)

**TOKEN 233/0**
DOB. 05/10/2009
LOT 186

- **FBC W Johnwick Manso ET**
- LL Sugar Ely Manso 727 : JDH Mr Boswick Manso

- **Token Miss 28/7**
- Chesterfield Lance : JDH La Normande Manso

**TOKEN 242/0**
DOB. 28/10/2009
LOT 187

- **FBC W Johnwick Manso ET**
- LL Sugar Ely Manso 727 : JDH Mr Boswick Manso

- **Token Miss 44/7**
- JDH Stafford Manso: Yenda Impact
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STRONG, PROVEN POLLED GENETICS FROM FAIRY SPRINGS

Eddie and Debbie Streeter, Fairy Springs, Bowen, return to Brahman Week after a three-year absence with an exceptional line of nine red bulls, seven of which are polled.

Five of the nine bulls have tested as homozygote polled (PP genotype), meaning they will breed at least 90 percent polled or scurred offspring from horned cows.

Seven of the nine sires represented in the draft are homebred, and two of these will have sons offered for the first time.

Eddie Streeter said one of the standouts in their 2011 draft was Lot 730, Fairy Springs Red Zebo 3644, who carries three crosses of Jacob Rio and four crosses of LC Penne-E-Father. Both his sire, Fairy Springs Rio Zebo 3139, and his dam, Fairy Springs Penne-E-Rama 2337, are homozygote polls.

“He is as good a bull as we have ever presented for auction. With the PP genotype, this bull has great potential for marketing as a semen donor,” Mr Streeter said.

The Streeters are selling a three-quarter share and full possession in this impressive young bull and will be retaining semen for in-herd use.

Other sires represented in the Fairy Springs draft include Kandoona Bagman who was purchased at the Elrose sale in 2007 for $20,000, and Fairy Springs Dazzler 3279 (P), a light pigment sire who is in the top 10 percent of the breed for Genestar tenderness.

Progeny of Fairy Springs Penne-E-Rama, Fairy Springs Thirty-Thirty and Fairy Springs Tomboy will also go under the hammer in Rockhampton.

All bulls have been bred in the north, reared on grass and finished on a silage-based ration.

The Streeters are pleased to be returning to the RBWS after a three-year break, during which time they focused on the expansion of their business with the purchase of White Kangaroo at Bowen.

“We have now shifted all breeders from Monto properties to Bowen and have increased our herd size to now run around 800 breeders,” Mr Streeter said.

The stud is also launching its new look website at www.fairyspringsbrahmans.com.au.

BROTHER TO RECORD BREAKING KINGSTON UP FOR GRABS

Bajool’s Fern Hills stud is preparing for its 24th consecutive year of selling at Rockhampton Brahman Week.

Brett McCamley said the stud had sold a total of 286 bulls at the fixture, peaking at equal top price of $45,000 in 2009.

This year a top quality offering of 15 reds will take to the ring as Lots 743-757, including six polled bulls.

Sure to attract plenty of interest is Fern Hills Napoleon 2187, who is a full brother to Fern Hills Kingston 1840 who earlier this year sold privately for a record $165,000.

Napoleon is also a half brother to Fern Hills Lexus 1923, the $45,000 equal top priced bull at RBWS in 2009, and Lawman 2031, who sold last year for $20,000.

“Polled sires don’t come much better than this one”, Mr McCamley said.

Fern Hills Kingston also has three sons represented in the draft.

“He is stamping his progeny with impeccable temperament and tremendous length and depth as well as plenty of bone. His progeny are easy doing cattle.”

Mr McCamley said another outstanding lot was the stud’s first bull into the ring, Fern Hills Magnate 2130, a well grown son of $45,000 Kariboe Valley Elton.

Magnate is out of a successful show female Cleopatra 1743 and is a full brother to Fern Hills Monarch 2071 who has been retained in the stud.

Another bull of note is Fern Hills Nashville 2151, who is out of two show champions, Fern Hills Jacman 1800 and Fern Hills Jacinta 1826. He is described as a growthy cherry red sire with a perfect sheath.

Rockhampton buyers will also have their first chance to purchase progeny of The Rivers Redmount 80, who was purchased at RBWS for $20,000 in 2008; the Kariboe Valley Elton son, Fern Hills Keppel 1907, and Kandoona Preston 5694, who is by $55,000 Palmvale Universal Prince. Sons of semen import SRS Mr Steamboat 774 will also be on offer.

Fern Hills has had an extremely successful year, selling semen to the US, New Zealand and New Caledonia, and its commercial cattle have been grading well under the MSA system.

QUALITY GREYS FROM GLENGARRY

The Glengarry and Glengarry G prefixes will mount a strong campaign at this year’s Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale with a combined line-up of 19 bulls.

Scott and Geoff Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara, will market 16 grey bulls under the Glengarry prefix, selling as lots 942-957. Geoff Angel’s Glengarry G stud will offer a further three grey bulls, entering the ring as Lots 302-304.

Lot 942, Glengarry True Grit 1860, will be the stud’s last bull by Elrose Eagle Hawk to be offered at Brahman Week, and is the pick of their draft.

“True Grit is a stylish white grey sire who has plenty of muscling and correctness,” Geoff Angel said.

The show bull has notched numerous wins including the grand champion interbreed bull at Proserpine and the reserve champion junior bull at Alpha Feature Show.

Lot 943, Glengarry Quiksilver, is another outstanding white bull with good muscling and bone and an impressive hindquarter.

Glengarry King Pin will also turn heads at this year’s sale. By Elrose Eagle Hawk and out of Glengarry Fern 677, this large framed, big boned, heavily muscled sire oozes breed character and weight for age.

Mr Angel said Lot 303, Glengarry G Bushman 148, was “quality through and through”.

The Glengarry Bendigo son displays good bone and excellent conformation. His dam, Tropical Cattle Miss Lynette Manso, is a full Hudgins bred cow that was purchased at the Tropical Cattle reduction sale.
Timbrel Brahman Stud

SELLING 7 BULLS AT ROCKHAMPTON BRAHMAN WEEK LOTS 899 - 904 SELECT SIRE LOT 340

Sire: JDH SIR WINSTON MANSO (IMP US)

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The Angels will also offer sons of FBC W Jordon, Glengarry Drummond and Glengarry Winchester.

All bulls are out of proven dam lines including Pixie, Fern, Teacher, Hannibal, and Harmonia, which is one of the early Avondale dam lines.

The Angels have been selling at Brahman Week for 20 years, recording a top price of $47,500 and an average of $9000.

The stud has been successful in the show ring in 2011, collecting broad ribbons at The Caves, Rockhampton, Proserpine and Charters Towers.

Glengarry Blue Hawk, now owned by Doug Jenkins, was the Darwin Show grand champion bull for the third consecutive year.

FERTILE REDS FROM MUA N
Len and Peter Gibbs have catalogued 16 red bulls for Brahman Week under the Muan and Muan A prefixes.

Nine of these are polled and the draft enters the ring as Lots 713-728.

Lot 713, Muan A Lockyer 3103, is a polled son of Kandoona Emperor and the stud's leading donor female Muan 1698, whose progeny has sold for up to $35,000.

"Lockyer is well structured and well grown, with a good line behind the hump and plenty of beef characteristics," the Gibbs said.

Another standout is Lot 721, Muan Lister, by Lancefield D Napier. Lister comes from a very fertile female, Muan 466, who has produced 10 calves in 10 years.

The stud will also offer the first progeny of Muan A Ironman, who is by South African blood NCC Mboma.

Other sires represented include Huonfels Jacob Rio, Mt Callan Governor, and Muan Hercules who sold at the 2007 RBWS for $50,000.

Fertility and calf rearing are strong traits in the dam lines of this sale draft.

Lot 717, Muan A Larkam 3178, is a polled son of Muan 293 who has successfully reared 10 calves in 10 years and has been pregnancy tested with her 11th calf.

One of her daughters, Muan 947, has reared seven calves in eight years and has a young calf at foot. She is the dam of Lot 725, Muan Leyland 3225.

The Gibbs family has been selling at Rockhampton Brahman Week for 20 years.

A highlight of the past 12 months has been the purchase of Tartrus Mannix (P) to add to their battery of polled sires.
ROCKHAMPTON BRAHMAN WEEK 2011
SELLING TUESDAY
LOTS 487 - 501
TRIO OF SELECT SIRES FROM NATAL

Three Select Sires have been catalogued by Barbara Matheson and Claude Wernicke, Natal stud, via Kingaroy.

Lot 19, Natal Mr Totally Cool (TC), and Lot 21, Natal Whistler, are the first sons to be offered at Brahman Week by Natal Venerable Nagasena, who earlier this year sold to Clive and Debra Dingle and sons for use as a foundation sire in their Marchioness stud at Mt Perry.

“TC is a faultless, standout stud sire with hard to find good red genetic potential, and we believe good pre-potency,” Dr Matheson said.

“His polled dam (Fairy Springs Paula) consistently gives us standout progeny, and TC’s sisters are our polled ‘gold standards.’”

Lot 21, Natal Whistler, combines the best of both red and grey genetics, being by Nagasena and out of the grey dam, Firefly Opal, who is a daughter of Lancefield Signature and a grand-daughter of Lancefield Ambition. Opal is also the dam of the stud’s self proclaimed “super sire” Natal Signature Strength.

“Whistler would suit both stud and commercial use with his great balance and excellent carcase traits.”

Lot 20, Natal Puff Diddy, is a thick, heavy, easy doing polled red son of Tartrus Redmount, and his dam, Natal Principia, comes from a hardy polled dam line.

The stud principals are very excited following the birth of 12 full South African red embryo calves earlier this year. These are by an Adam’s Apple sire and Mas39, a full brother to Mas98.

“We purchased NBS Ms Amazon Deeds for $10,000 at the NBS dispersal sale and are very pleased with her,” Dr Matheson said.

“We have calved an amazing younger full sister to Amazon, Natal Empress Dowager Cixi, purchased in a recipient, also from NBS.”

In other highlights, the stud also sold a half share in Natal Rich Hugo, a polled red son of Natal Signature Strength and Fairy Springs Flying Miss, to Marchioness stud.

Natal has sold at RBWS for four years, recording a top of $13,000.

Dr Matheson said their bulls were bred to be “athletes” and had been fed for optimal joint health, fertility and longevity.

FERTILE & FUNCTIONAL CATTLE FROM NELSO

The Olsen family, Neslo Stud, Thordon Park, Wandoan/Taroom, will be offering 10 red bulls and 1 grey at this year’s Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale.

The red bulls are lots 793 to 802, and will sell on Wednesday morning.

The grey bull Neslo 2983 Brandon Manso is selling as a select sire on Tuesday morning. He is third in line as lot 335. He is a blocky young bull with good bone and conformation.

Once again, the red bulls are all good bodied bulls with plenty of beef, bone and muscle. They include three polled bulls and one of these is the youngest at 24 months.

“We believe they are overall the best draft of red sires we have offered for some time. They are all growthy with good bone, length and muscling,” they said.

The first bull in the draft lot 793, Neslo Magnus is by Billabong Campbell, the sire of top selling bulls in 2008, (four bulls averaged $19000).

He is a very deep, fleshy bull with a good spring of ribs very high marbling, for a Brahman. Lot 798, a younger bull, is the only other one by Campbell. He has shown outstanding growth for his age (26 months) and is also very high in marbling and feed efficiency.
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Lots 795, 796 and 797 are by Neslo R Red Rancher, a polled bull in the top 10 percent for tenderness. Two of these are polled, and all display beefiness and stand on good bone. Lots 795 and 796 have high results for tenderness and feed efficiency.

This year for the first time we have bulls sired by Alma Erik, an extremely large framed red polled sire. Lot 794, Neslo M Red Impact, 31 months, displays outstanding length, bone and thickness, and will make a real impact in any herd.

The other 3 bulls-lots 799, 800, 801 (polled) are younger bulls by Erik.

Lot 800 is out of the same dam as a bull selling for $27000 in 2008. Meanwhile, lots 794 and 801 have related dam lines.

Finally, lot 802, is a young son of 2007 US National Champion red bull Mr JS Rouge 493/5 Red neck. He is a very correct young bull with the same growth patterns as the others.

All are quiet natured bulls, and have been prepared mainly on buffel and leucaena over the last couple of years.

“All bulls come from fertile dam lines - as we aim to produce fertile functional cattle to suit any market.”

The Olsen family - Marcus, Marg & Andy from Neslo Stud, Thordon Park, Wandoan/Taroom Qld offering 10 red bulls and 1 grey bull at this year’s Brahman Week sale

The Olsens have been selling at Brahman Week Since 1979-80.

“We recently took part in the QCL Beef Week Open Days. It turned out to be a very successful day where we had a chance show case our cattle in a relaxed social environment.”


PLENTY OF STING IN PALMVALE DRAFT

Twenty registered red bulls from Palmvale Red Brahmans, Mt Slopeaway, will go under the hammer on day one of the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale.

Stud principals Kearin and Beth Streeter said the bulls have been prepared with paddock conditioning and fertility in mind, being weaned from Marlborough and sent to Baralaba on agistment, and then brought back in April to be hand fed on barley and forage/grass hay.

“We are confident that these bulls are ready, willing and able to go out and do the job,” Mrs Streeter said.

The Streeters believe that this year’s draft is the best crop of bulls they have ever put forward. They sell as Lots 39-58 and include 10 sons of the now deceased 2007 Royal Brisbane and Rockhampton Brahman Feature Show champion, $26,000 Palmvale Absolute Sting.

Standouts include Lot 39, Palmvale EI Paso, who is a polled son of Tartrus Redmount and a polled BB Mr Stingray/Palmvale Miss Pablo cow who is a full sister to Palmvale Atomic Sting.

“The Olsens have been selling at Brahman Week Since 1979-80.

“We purchased her in partnership as 17-year-old aspiring Brahman breeders and we are excited about the prospect of more Angela calves in the pipeline.”

The vendors said their Select Sire displayed length, bone, structural correctness and mobility.

“He has good carcase qualities, a faultless temperament and unique pedigree, which further adds to his sire appeal,” they said.

The bull was undefeated on the northern show circuit this year, being named supreme exhibit at Townsville, Mareeba and Cairns as well as grand champion interbreed bull at Charters Towers.

The young vendors, who are making their Brahman Week debut, have loaded a video of Spotfire Manso as a 15-month-old calf onto Youtube. To watch the video go to www.youtube.com and type Spotfire Manso into the search option.

First Cross Fire son for sale in Australia

“Balance” is the one word that best describes Select Sire Palm Creek Spotfire Manso, according to the bull’s vendors Peter Chiesa, Palm Creek stud, and Callan Solari, XMS stud, Pinnacle Hill, Ingham.

Entering the ring as Lot 345 on day two, the impressive grey is a full Hudgins sire prospect and the first son of Cross Fire 02/2 (imp) to be offered in Australia. Cross Fire is by JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) and out of the JDH Prescot Manso cow, JDH Ms Dacy Manso.

Palm Creek Spotfire Manso’s dam is Tropical Cattle Lady Angela Manso, who placed third in the Dam of the Year in 2010.

“She is by JDH Atari Sugar Manso and out of a JDH Colorado Manso cow and she stamps her calves with bomb proof temperament, length and bone, and has certainly met our expectations as a leading stud female,” Mr Solari said.

“El Paso oozes sire style, has an outstanding temperament, plenty of smoothness, light sheath and plenty of bone.”

The Olsen family - Marcus, Marg & Andy from Neslo Stud, Thordon Park, Wandoan/Taroom Qld offering 10 red bulls and 1 grey bull at this year’s Brahman Week sale
Lot 40, Palmvale Ever Ready, is a polled son of Absolute Sting and is out of a polled Winchester Magnum 999 and Miss Pablo 1700 daughter. He exhibits plenty of sire appeal, outstanding bone, growth for age and a “wonderful top line and sheath”.

Lot 42, Palmvale Emmerson, has been creating a lot of interest with visitors to the stud, being a son of $60,000 Kandoona Big John and out of another Winchester Magnum 999 daughter.

“He has a lovely sire’s head, plenty of bone and natural muscling, and is cherry red with smooth skin and a bomb proof nature,” Mrs Streeter said.

Lot 44, Palmvale Exclusive, is another Absolute Sting son, out of the much decorated show cow Glengarry Joletta whose sons have sold for up to $35,000 at Brahman Week.

Lots 51 and 52, Entertainer and Exchange, are full ET brothers, described as “spitting images” of their sire Absolute Sting.

Other sires of note include Kandoona Ukraine, NCC Jupiter and BB Mr Stingray 10/0 (imp).

On the maternal side, nine bulls are daughters or granddaughters of the stud’s “super donor” Palmvale Miss Pablo 1304.

Other highlights for the study over the past 12 months include selling 11 heifers for $9300 average at the Fassifern Female Sale in March. Ten of these were purchased by Hiltops Pastoral, and a further 12 heifers were sold privately after the sale.

Palmvale has been offering reds at RBWS since 1986, with plenty to skite about. In 2002 it sold Palmvale Universal Prince to Kandoona for $50,000; in 2007 it sold Palmvale Brooklyn to Somerview in for $55,000; and in 2009 Palmvale Dynamic sold to Tartrus Stud for $44,000.

THREE ET BROTHERS FROM RAEDELLA

Heavy muscled, easy fleshing 19-month-old grey bull Radella Hayden Manso is the leading light of the three-head Radella team bound for RBWS.

Stud principals Robert and Margot Mifsud, Sarina, said Hayden was “a very rare bull with a strong head and hooded eye”.

“Hayden is out of a top dam and he is a great calf,” the Mifsuds added.

Hayden Manso is sired by JDH Modelo Manso (imp) as are the other two bulls catalogued, Lot 429 Radella Bear Manso and Lot 430 Radella Nate Manso.

Each is out of FBC R Samantha Manso, by popular sire JDH Nieto De Manso 646/3 (imp) whose first seven sons averaged $16,714 in the sale ring.

The North Queensland stud has had an excellent year so far, achieving the second top price of $8500 at the Big Country Brahman Sale for an 11-month-old heifer, and the best average of $6750.

The Mifsuds have been selling at RBWS for three years, with their bulls peaking at $16,000 in 2008.

POLLED REDS FROM RELDARAH

An even line of seven red bulls will be presented at Brahman Week by Daryl and Lorelle Schubel, Reldarah Stud, Gin Gin.

The offering, catalogued as Lots 3, 4 and 705-708 features six polled bulls, including two pink nosed bulls selling as Lots 707 and 708.

Progeny of successful sire Roseborough L Red Monte feature strongly this year with six of his sons catalogued.

Another highlight is Lot 4, Reldarah Fitzroy, who is the first bull to be offered by Lancefield M Logic. Logic was purchased at the Tartrus Lancefield sale in 2008 for $47,000 and is out of Reldarah Fiona who is a daughter of Lancefield Rancher.

Lot 3, Reldarah Conway, is an impressive Roseborough L Monte son out of Bungoona Miss Conway 578/5.

Mr Schubel said their pick of the draft and an excellent stud sire in the making was Lot 704 Reldarah Playboy, who has exceptional growth for age and is a very stylish polled bull.

Playboy’s full brother Reldarah Presley sold for $9000 at the 2007 Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale.

Lot 708, Reldarah Novatel, is also well connected, with his brother Reldarah Nedal selling for $22,000 at last year’s RBWS and helping set a $7160 average for the stud’s six head.

This will be the prefix’s sixth year at Rocky, and the stud has also experienced strong demand for its heifers throughout the year, selling females to a top of $5000.

LARGE RED TEAM FROM ROCKLEY

Chris, Sally and Ashley Kirk of Rockley Stud, Bajool, will present a team of 16 red bulls – five of them polled – at this year’s RBWS, catalogued as Lots 554-569.
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“Our pick is lot 556. His name is Rockley Springbrake 2797 and he is a polley bull by NCC Springbok, out of an excellent Karboe Valley Elton daughter,” the Kirks said.

“Springbrake is a deep, thick, fleshy sire with an impeccable temperament and plenty of breeding behind him.”

This is the first offering of sons of South African bull NCC Springbok, whose other progeny on offer are Lot 557, Rockley Twilight 2760, and Lot 566, Rockley Victory 2796.

The Rockley team also includes three sons of the highly sought sire, $45,000 Karboe Valley Elton.

Lot 564, Rockley Mykynos 2783, is a very correct Elton son who is predicted to grow into a big bull. He is very quiet and tidy underneath.

Of the other Elton sons, Rockley Insignia 2767 was described as “dark red, very correct and quiet”, while Lot 567, Rockley Zevada 2782, is “very thick and has a huge hindquarter”.

Other key sires represented in the Rockley offering include Rockley Massimo, NCC Kwai, Samari Plains Alexander and SRS Mr Steamboat (imp).

All Rockley bulls have been handled on bikes and horses and will be presented for sale with muscle scans. All polled bulls will be poll marker tested.

In other news for the stud, the first batch of calves by $50,000 NCC Essex are looking very promising and will be on display at Beef 2012.

The Kirks have been selling at RBWS since its inception and have registered an impressive top price of $60,000 in that time.

SOUTH AFRICAN BLOOD FROM WALUBIAL

Walubial stud at Condamine has assembled a team of four red bulls for this year’s Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale.

Stud principal Margaretta Morgan said all four bulls were IVF products and had qualities that would be beneficial to stud breeders.

All sires represented in this solid draft are high profile and include Letoken Revolution, Tartrus Redmount and the South African imports NCC Zulu and NCC Springbok.

All four dams have produced females that have been retained in the Walubial herd and bulls that have been successfully sold at various sales.

The Walubial draft is catalogued as Lots 96-99 on day one.

In other highlights the stud has just branded 28 ET calves, born in February, by Letoken Revolution, NCC Serengetti, NCC Zulu and Winchester Magnum 999.

It has been a huge year in the show ring for the stud, which exhibited at 17 shows. Major highlights included showing the grand champion bull, Whitaker Mr Avo, and the heifer calf champion, Whitaker Sweet Pea, at the Alpha Brahman Feature Show, and the grand champion female at the Royal Queensland Show, Whitaker Tycee.

The stud is also eagerly awaiting the arrival of its 2011 drop of red Brahmans conceived using IVF and ET.
Good variety in top quality Gold City offering

A total of 34 studs will present 170 bulls and 17 registered females at the annual Gold City Brahman Sale on October 13 and 14.

To be held at Charters Towers saleyards, the fixture will auction the top quality red and grey females on Thursday, October 13 at 6pm. The 170 ready to work bulls will follow on Friday, October 14, going under the hammer from 9am.

ABBA general manager John Croaker said all bulls were breeding soundness and semen evaluated and had undergone a pre-sale inspection by Ken Roche to ensure they met the high standards required.

Female buyers have a choice of grey or red future dams, assembled from Pindi, Kangarin, Mandaly, Delbar, Jaffra, and H Park who sold the highest priced female last year, an unjoined daughter of MSP Este Cherra 754 (imp), for $4000.

Bulls sold to $13,000 at the 2010 event, with the long established North Queensland sale averaging $4234 for 124 bulls and $1800 for 15 heifers.

Rodger and Lorena Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry, who received the two best prices last year, have returned with a draft of 11 bulls. They include sons of homebred sires Elrose Significance, Autograph and Dividend, as well as progeny of Lancefield M Billionaire Manso, Lancefield D Laurette, Tartrus Lucas Manso and the import Mr JS 337/5 (imp).

Gold City Sale catalogues are available online and also through agents Landmark and Elders. All buyers will receive a bottle of Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, specially labelled to commemorate the sale.

Attractive rebates are offered for purchasers of five or more bulls travelling over 300km, and all cattle will be treated for tick clearance following the sale.

STRONG HUDGINS BLOODLINES FROM CAMBIL

Fully imported bloodlines feature heavily in the draft of eight bulls destined for Gold City from Cambil stud, Proserpine.

Offered by Lawson and Bill Camm, the sale team goes under the hammer as Lots 173-180 and includes the first three sons of Elose Philistine to be offered. Philistine, who is by JDH Palestimo R Manso (imp) and out of a Lancefield Ambition cow, was purchased for $55,000 in 2008.

Other key bloodlines featured in the Cambil offering include Tartrus Rembrandt Manso who was bought for $50,000 in 2003. He is the sire of Lot 179 Cambil Rem Davis Manso, Lot 177 Cambil Burgess Manso and Lot 178 Cambil Oxley Manso.

The prefix’s line-up also features sons of imported bulls JDH Tobe Manso, JDH Riddell Manso and JDH Shano Manso.

Lot 173, Cambil Brighton, is described as a well-balanced and strong muscled young bull that is broad across the top line and thick through the hindquarter.

“He has all the characteristics of his sire who we purchased for $55,000 in 2008. We highly recommend this bull,” the Camms said.

Lot 176, Cambil Whitson, has “great length and is very straight in his top line, running into an excellent hump setting”. His dam is a full sister to Cambil Stafford who sold to Crinum stud for $32,000.

Lot 177, Cambil Burgess Manso, is a very impressive young son of JDH Tobe Manso (imp).

“This bull shows tremendous sire appeal, standing on good bone with a broad and thick top line and wonderful temperament. We regard this bull very highly and he should not be missed.”

Cambil Oxley Manso is another young son of JDH Tobe Manso with outstanding bone and growth for age.

“Oxley is a young bull with terrific potential and most worthy of inspection by all stud and commercial cattle producers.”

JEWEL OF A DRAFT FROM LAGUNA

Proserpine studmasters John and Betty Atkinson have been Gold City vendors since the sale’s inception, registering a top price of $17,000.

This year they hope for the same level of success with their Laguna stud offering of one red and six grey bulls, catalogued as Lot 78 and Lots 106-110.

They believe that Lot 78 Laguna Redmont J Rio is the best red they have ever bred.

“As he was pure poll until 18 to 20 months we had him gene poll tested, which returned PP (two poll genes),” Mrs Atkinson said.

“Adding to his conformation and pedigree is a remarkable disposition, plus EBV performance figures in the top one percent of the Brahman breed.”

Cambl Whitson Manso 3661 is another young son of JDH Sir Tobe Manso, on offer as Lot 176 at Gold City
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The impressive red is by Fairy Springs J Red Rio, who is a son on Huonfels Jacob Rio.

Another key player in the Laguna line-up is Lot 106, Laguna Valued Jewel, by the JDH Jordan Manso (imp) son, Laguna Sir Jordan-Jewel.

Laguna Valued Jewel is described as a beef laden grey sire with rare bloodlines on his maternal side. His dam, Miandaly Miss Olita Crat, is by JDH Mr Crat Manso 651/2, and her first son sold at RBWS for $9500. All of her daughters have been retained in the stud and the fertile dam is expecting her sixth calf at nine-and-a-half years of age.

Laguna Sir Jordan-Jewel, who will be represented by four sons at Gold City, is out of FBC D Miss Jewel Manso 506, who was bought privately for $26,000.

Lot 109, Laguna Vain Karu, features a double cross of JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) and boasts a Jap ox index score of +40. His EBV figures of +71 for 600-day growth and +40 for carcase weight put him in the top one percent of the breed.

"His dam is by Mr V8 189/4, whose semen is no longer available," Mrs Atkinson said.

**POLLED REDS FROM MUAN**

Biggenden based vendors Len and Peter Gibbs will make their debut at the Gold City Sale this year with a draft of four bulls from their Muan and Muan A studs.

Catalogued as Lots 52-55, the line-up features three polled bulls, as well as the first son to be offered by Muan A Ironman, who is by South African sire NCC Mboma.

Ironman’s son, Lot 52 Muan Lucan, is out of the Mr Winchester Magnum 999 (imp) daughter Muan Ipana 2372.

Lot 54, Muan A Langer, is a polled son of Muan Hercules who sold for $50,000 in 2007.

Sons of Kandoona Emperor and Valuce Red Prince will also be presented from the South Queensland stud.

The Gibbs’ breeding program focuses heavily on polled red genetics, with the brothers last year paying $20,000 for new sire Tartrus Mannix (P), who is by KP Monty.

**FOUR GREY HEIFIERS FROM PINDI**

The Deguara family’s Pindi stud, near Mackay, will offer four quality females at this year’s Gold City Sale.

The all grey draft includes the long, feminine IVF heifer Pindi Lady Paige Manso, catalogued as Lot 4.

She has been selected by the vendors as the pick of their draft and features a lovely temperament and impeccable breeding from her sire, PBF Paddy Boy Manso (by JDH Palestimo R Manso), and her dam Pioneer Park Lady Karu Manso.

Lot 2, Pindi Monica Manso, has full Hudgins bloodlines. Her mother, PBF Monica Manso 978/7, is a daughter of JDH Mr Churchill Manso (imp) who is performing exceptionally well for the PBF stud, and her sire FBC R Phillip Manso is by JDH Nieto De Manso 646/3 (imp).

The stud has had a winning year in the show ring and three of their sale heifers are half sisters to their show champions Pindi Claire Manso and Pindi Miss Magnolia.

Claire Manso was the junior champion female and supreme champion at the 2011 Pioneer Valley Show, and the junior and grand champion female at Mackay Show. Miss Magnolia was the reserve champion female at Pioneer Valley Show.

“We also showed a bull in the 18-21 months class at Mackay and Proserpine shows, with him winning first place at Mackay and third at Proserpine,” the Deguaras said.

The stud also collected a number of group class wins during the year including the Sire’s Progeny at Mackay.

This is the Deguara’s second year at the Gold City Sale and they hope to build on last year’s success of selling the second highest priced heifer at $2500.

**PALMVALE BROOKLYN SONS FROM SOMERVIEW**

Ten impressive red bulls and two well-bred greys will be offered at Gold City by Somerview stud, Charters Towers.

Stud principals Brian and Glenda Kirkwood have been presenting a sale team at Gold City since its inception and this promises to be their best offering yet.

Their draft is catalogued as Lots 18-27 and includes eight polled red bulls.

Mr Kirkwood said their pick was Lot 18, polled bull Somerview Cosgrove, who is a son of the stud’s leading sire, Palmvale Brooklyn.

“Cosgrove is well muscled, has good bone, a good head and stands over a fair bit of ground due to his length,” he said.

Lot 25, Somerview Bowman, is by Kandoona Vintage and is a half brother to Somerview Sombrero who sold for $21,000 at the 2007 Big Country Sale.

His dam, Somerview 186, comes from one of the best female lines in the stud.

Three of the four sires represented in the offering are polled – Palmvale Brooklyn, Kandoona Vantage and Kangarin Bear.

Lot 23, Somerview Platinum, is the last son of the now deceased Abbotsford Gold Plated.

Highlights for the stud this year have included the sale of Palmvale Brooklyn bull,
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Somerview Commodore, for $18,000 at the Big Country Brahman Sale, where their draft of eight bulls averaged $5875.

THE RIVERS BRAHMAN STUD
The last five years Gold City Sale has seen The Rivers Brahman Stud grow in quality and quantity as their female lines return year in, year out. “thanks to the support of the buying gallery drawn to the sale, this year we present our largest offering of red bulls”.

Stud principals Peter and Sue Gray will inject 19 Red bulls into the sale and 6 Grey bulls. The offering includes 2 red poll, and 2 grey poll bulls, and another 6 reds are from poll female lines.

Black Wattle B00051 is crying true again this year producing 2 brothers to last years Gold City Sale topper (red) The Rivers Revolation 240 that Peter Tuxworth bought. “Full brother The Rivers Reveal 239 is 34 months old and the younger brother The Rivers Macrolex 265, 20 months”.

“The Rivers Macrolex 265 is testament to the cow and the quality of the beef bulls that go through this sale”. His sire The Rivers Revolution 665 was purchased by Black Wattle Red Brahms and topped Gold City Sale in 2008. Black Wattle offer 4 Rev sons in the sale, and The Rivers will present 2 sons.

Black Wattle Benjy 623 is back again this year, siring 5, and NCC Nostalgic siring 5. Lancefield D Robinson will sire 3 with brothers going to RBW, Kandoona Republican will sire 2. The grey bulls are by Wilangi sires Webke and Wendel and Clukan Toby.

“They are the most even line of bulls we’ve presented in the five years we’ve been going to Charters Towers. Again they are a young draft of bulls averaging 23 months, they offer a heap of beef and are fed for a future not a sale day”.

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Carbon tax could cost $19m/year for big three processors

The Federal Government’s inclusion of red meat processing in direct carbon tax legislation threatens to create a distorted two-tiered structure which would unfairly discriminate against larger, more efficient processing facilities, investigations by Beef Central show.

Calculations made this week indicate that the nation’s three largest beef processors could be forced to pay an additional $18 to $19 million in carbon-related costs, representing between $4 and $6 per head of cattle slaughtered.

That is based on the Government going ahead with current plans to divorce processors from agricultural carbon tax protection, and including them as potential ‘Top 500’ carbon emitters.

The imposition of a price on carbon emissions - initially as a fixed annual price of $23/tonne, then in the form of an Emissions Trading Scheme - will increase the cost of energy and energy-related products and services used by meat processors and livestock producers alike.

Initially the cost impact will only affect the heavy users of energy that generate more than 25,000 tonnes of carbon each year. However within a few years it is expected that fuel will likely be included which will greatly broaden the impact.

It has already been broadly recognised that for meat processors competing in the international market, given current exchange rates, most of those costs are likely to be passed back down the chain to the producer.

During the initial stages the carbon tax will have its greatest impact on meat processing. Utility bills are likely to increase by as much as 17pc, the Australian Farm Institute has calculated.

In the longer term however the policy is likely to present an increasing challenge for the whole supply chain as the carbon price is anticipated to increase 5pc-6pc annually and be imposed on more sectors of the industry over time, thereby increasing farm costs at a faster rate.

The first challenge for meat processors is whether the larger plants that emit in excess of 25,000 tonnes of CO2 under NGERS will be included in the top 500 emitters. If they are, it will introduce a distortion to the meat industry that would see some large plants operating within the scheme, paying the $23/t tax, and some outside. At this stage no one can tell specifically which plants will be on the ‘Top 500’ list.

**DINMORE TARGET**

The nation’s largest red meat processor, JBS Australia, has calculated its annual carbon tax cost using currently available government information at $8 million a year.

The company’s flagship Dinmore facility will definitely exceed the Government’s 25,000t carbon threshold, and depending on production, the carbon scheme could also involve JBS Rockhampton, Townsville, Beef City and Riverina plants.

During parent company, JBS SA’s recent second quarter results announcement, chief executive Wesley Batista specifically singled-out Australian Government fees and charges on AQIS inspection and carbon as a cause for considerable concern for the company’s Australian operations in trying to compete on the world stage.

“The fact is that JBS has a big investment in its Australian beef processing operations, and we see that economies of scale is being penalised under this proposed tax,” JBS Australia director John Berry said yesterday.

“The cost to operate is becoming higher and higher which is making it increasingly difficult to compete in international markets.”

While he had had recent discussions with Prime Minister Gillard and Agriculture Minister Ludwig, Mr Berry said he felt that the government still did not clearly understand that the processing sector was in fact ‘in the mix’ for the direct carbon tax.

“They may have thought that like agriculture, it was not going to be affected by the tax, in direct terms. However the Government currently defines agriculture as ending at the farm gate, whereas it is really a continuum, ending in beef in a box. The Government must look at removing meat processing from the scheme, because of the distortionary effects it presents.”

Mr Berry said based on seasons, killing numbers, weights and other factors, a number of other Australian processing companies had the potential to move into the 25,000t direct tax threshold.
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That in turn could deter processing stakeholders near the margins from investing in development and greater efficiency, which would reduce the industry’s performance in the international meat market.

“The Government needs to think about the implications, both for jobs and investments in rural and regional Australia. These plants are very significant employers in their locations, and the distortionary effects will have implications,” he said.

“We are an energy-intensive business. But we are trade exposed, with export constituting the majority of our total production. The government fails to realise that meat processing is not like the coal or iron ore industry – we’re a business of very narrow margins, export oriented, and this clearly disadvantages Australia.”

**EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS UNDER THREAT: NIPPON**

Nippon Meat Packers Australia director of sales, Stephen Kelly also holds grave concerns about Australia’s export competitiveness. He pointed out that each of the top three Australian meat processors exported about 80 percent of their annual beef output.

“The vast majority of that goes into countries which do not have a carbon tax, and our largest competition in those markets – South and North America – do not have a carbon scheme in place. It means Australian beef will be at a considerable disadvantage,” Mr Kelly said.

One of the frustrating aspects of the issue was that at this point, it remained ambiguous as to exactly how the carbon tax and offsets would be applied.

“Our company is working through the Australian Meat Industry Council to lodge a submission to the effect that red meat processing plants should be excluded,” he said.

“The big issue for us is that whatever the outcome, we cannot continue in this business if the big-end of town is being penalised, relative to the small-end of town. It’s potentially an inequitable situation where large processors are being penalised for being efficient. We are opposed to the carbon tax on that principle alone.”

“It seems that a lot of industries have been given offsets, and we believe that the impact on the meat industry has not yet been thought-through well enough by the Government,” he said.

**TEYS/CARGILL ENTITY RACKS UP $7M IN COSTS**

Teys Brothers general manager of corporate affairs, Tom Maguire, said the impact figure calculated by the merged Teyes/Cargill entity was likely to be about $4 a head in indirect costs, including forecast rises in electricity, gas and coal, using conservative Treasury estimates.

In addition, because the Lakes Creek plant near Rockhampton would exceed the 25,000t carbon threshold, becoming directly liable to pay permits, that would add another $2 a head. In total that could add-up to close to $7 million in additional cost across the merged entity’s 1.5 million head annual kill capacity.

Based on currently available information, Teyes Beenleigh would not be permit liable, but it is currently very, very close.

“That in itself may act as a deterrent for growth, and the stupid part of the carbon process as it applies to the meat industry is that it is a tax on efficiency,” Mr Maguire said.

“It says if you get larger and more efficient through economies-of-scale then the government is going to tax you. It’s inequitable and will definitely create significant economic damage.”

Mr Maguire said the Government appeared to have no understanding in this particular area of how the industry operated.

“There may be nothing deliberate in it, but it’s an unintended consequence of how the scheme has been structured. They just have not thought it through,” he said.

“Until there is a global price on carbon, which is a very long way off, our international customers are not going to pay this bill, which means it must be borne by the Australian cattle producer.”

**IS MITIGATION THE ANSWER?**

Are there implications for Australia in a recent decision by the Canadian Government to provide $10 million in support to Cargill Beef for carbon mitigation work at its High River, Alberta beef processing plant?

There have been some recent examples of state government support for processing businesses in environmental actions. Cargill Beef at Wagga is understood to have recently received NSW State Government funding for odour control issues, part of the solution for which included some of the carbon-reducing technologies that now exist.

JBS’s John Berry said if the Government thought that programs to try and offset the 25,000t of carbon generated by some processing plants was part of the solution, then there would be ‘very significant dollar contributions’ required to develop programs like covering ponds to capture methane.

“But we do not see it as an ‘either or’ situation where the tax is acceptable if it is offset with subsidy for mitigation,” he said.

Nippon’s Stephen Kelly said if the move to a full scheme was to occur, the Government would have to be able to make the transition period for those companies affected occur with minimal impact.

Teyes’ Tom Maguire said while the Government had recognised that while there were problems attached for processing, it had indicated that ‘there would be something in the packages in terms of assistance in introducing measures to reduce emissions to help processors out.’

“That’s a generic response that has no detail or real meaning at this stage,” he said.

Mr Maguire said there was no evidence that mitigation strategies like recovering methane gas from anaerobic waste water ponds to generate electricity could not be justified on any commercial basis.

“Clearly if there was an industry good or a community good in that, we would have already gone to the government seeking some assistance to implement it. The processing sector is always looking for ways to reduce costs or improve efficiency, but it has to be done on a commercial basis,” he said.
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Big shifts in live export source, destination

The depth of the live export market impact from Indonesian import permit and liveweight restrictions and subsequent market closure is clearly evident in financial year shipment data released today by Livecorp and MLA.

Australia’s live trade with Indonesia was down 36 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, declining from 718,074 head a year earlier to 459,186 head.

Live cattle exports to all markets eased 16 percent from a record 957,533 head in 2009-10 to 806,855.

In percentage-of-trade terms, there was a 30 percent decline in trade into Asian destinations, but this was offset by a 61 percent increase in (relatively smaller) trade to Middle Eastern/ North African countries, and 113 percent rise in the ‘other’ category.

Other Asian live export markets to record declines in trade last fiscal year included China (mostly dairy heifers) down 4 percent to 50,944 head, and Japan (F1 Wagyu feeders) down by 20 percent to 12,737 head.

Lesser Asian markets registering improvement included Malaysia, showing a four-fold increase from 5500 to 20,580 head; the Philippines, up 7 percent to 15,858 head; and Vietnam, up 200 percent to 1405 head. Most of these rises were due to attractive prices due to the slowing in Indonesian trade and weight limitations.

The big growth market for Australian live exports in 2010-11 was Turkey, leaping from just 1230 head a year earlier to 104,355 head, due to strong economic growth, feedlot expansion and big domestic beef shortages. Israel also performed strongly, taking 53,352 head, a 46 percent rise on a year earlier, as did Saudi Arabia, up 154 percent to 19,508.

Egypt on the other hand - historically an erratic customer for Australian live cattle – declined 31 percent to 23,090 head. Jordan also fell dramatically, declining 66 percent to 9328 head. Libya disappeared entirely in 2010-11, after taking 19,200 head a year earlier.

The ‘other’ region category was dominated by trade with the Russian Federation, with a 95 percent increase in live trade out of Australia (mostly breeding stock) to 18,402 head.

Turning to monthly shipment activity for June just completed, the MLA/Livecorp report indicates Australia’s overall live export business slipped to its lowest monthly point in both in value and volume terms in at least three years.

June shipments from all ports reached 36,787 head, little more than half of the trade seen in June 2010. Within that, trade to Indonesia (suspended on June 8 due to accusations of animal cruelty in slaughtering facilities) slowed to 19,426 head, a 41 percent decline on year-earlier trade.

China’s June intake also slowed, down 59 percent to 2784 head, while the Philippines was down 29 percent to 2362 head.

The only importer to show a monthly improvement, year-on-year, was Turkey, up from 833 head to 9180 in June this year.

Wyndham was Australia’s busiest port for the month, shipping 9084 head, followed by Broome, 8741 head, and Portland, 7432 head. There were just 4953 head shipped through Darwin, traditionally Australia’s busiest live export port, down from 38,069 cattle a month earlier.
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