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2018 JUNE BRAHMAN NEWS DEADLINES
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During the first quarter of 2018 there are still large parts of the country which haven't seen decent summer rains. Hopefully many areas are getting good falls in the current change.

Given these continual weather pressures, it was wonderful to see the confidence shown in the early sales of the year. The selling season kicked off with the Great Southern Female Sale at Silverdale, followed by the Big Country sale in Charters Towers and the February Summer Brahman Sale in Rockhampton. Reports of these sales are included in this Brahman News including last year’s Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale.

The Big Country Sale celebrated its 25th anniversary and it was a fabulous gathering. It was a pleasure for me to meet so many vendors and buyers over the two days and nights. A huge part of the sale’s success was due to the stud producers looking for prospective sires, backed up by the many commercial buyers who set a strong foundation. The eight leading buyers bought 81 lots, with a large majority of the bulls going into the north.

Speaking of the strong support for the breed by ongoing commercial buyers, there are two stories in this vein in this issue of the Brahman News. One is about a couple who are long term Brahman-cross breeders and the second article is about a couple who have a newly-found love for the breed because of its ability to do well in all conditions.

In this Brahman News, we also have stories about some of the 190 Brahman entries coming to Beef Australia 2018 in only a few months’ time. The Brahman Compound is coming together well and will be very popular, again featuring delicious Brahman beef slow cooked by the Smokin’ Yak. The excitement is building and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Editor, Anastasia Fanning

Our 2018 selling year is well underway with a promising start market wise. Big Country Sale offering 290 bulls and heifers with a clearance of 95% and an average of $8890 and February All Breeds Sale offering 190 bulls and females with a clearance of 74% and an average of $4740.

Across the board, so far this year sales have been reflecting better than average prices despite the recent patchy seasonal weather. Commercial cattle sales have also met with healthy competition and sustainable prices, bringing confidence back into the Commercial sector.

BEEF 2018 is fast approaching with an event date of 6th May – 12th May 2018. Once again ABBA are very fortunate to have filled all the pens in our Brahman Compound. With a combination of many new exhibitors to the Compound and the “Smokin Yak” being our onsite restaurant, BEEF 2018 is set to be another outstanding opportunity to highlight the many great qualities of our Brahman breed.

The response to the stud beef nominations have reached record numbers with 1676 cattle nominated for the Landmark Stud Cattle competition, Brahmans hold 190 nominations, this being a significant increase on BEEF 2015.

A reminder to all members between the ages of 21 and 25 years, applications are currently being taken for the Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship. This invaluable experience will provide the recipient with a 12 week on farm training whilst living in the host family’s accommodation. I urge all people interested in submitting their application for this scholarship to ensure you have it submitted prior to 23rd March 2018.

ABBA will be continuing to support our current BIN projects and plans have recently been discussed to investigate, with an intent to secure, the “Narayen” proposal. “Narayen” will give ABBA a further opportunity to enhance our ability to collect relevant and true data for use by our members to accurately plan their own stud and herd genetics.

The World Brahman Congress is being held again this year in Columbia from 24th November – 2nd December 2018. This World Congress will be offering tours in the Santander, Cordaba and Middle Magalena areas. There will be a forum held from the 26 – 27th November and to complete the Congress, 4 major auctions will be held over 3 days. ABBA is currently working closely with Quadrant Australia to be able to develop and offer a complete experience to our members, with expressions of interest currently being taken.

I would personally like to invite you all to visit our Brahman Compound at BEEF 2018, it would be a great opportunity to meet with you all there.

I wish you all get as much rain as you need to help set us all up for the coming Autumn and Winter months.

Regards

President’s Paragraph

Editorial

2 MARCH 2018
The Brahman breed’s final major Sale of 2017, the Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale, provided a very positive conclusion to the breed’s Spring auction marketing programme, when staged at Charters Towers in late November.

It was the 30th year that Wilangi Brahman Stud had conducted their annual auction at Dalrymple Saleyards which has proven to be a valuable ‘torch bearer’ for the Northern beef industry. On this occasion Ron & Bev White and Robert & Mandy White of Wilangi were again joined in the Sale by the Raglan, Cambil, Wallace, Lanes Creek, Viva and Glengarry Brahman Studs as Vendors. It was a pleasing and highly successful result for all Vendors with a 100% clearance of all registered and herd bulls to buyers from as far away as New South Wales, Cloncurry, Central Queensland, Winton, Gulf regions, Bowen, Mackay, Atherton Tablelands and local areas. Stud enterprises, leading commercial cattle producers and large scale beef breeding operations looking for volume amounts of top quality grey Brahman bulls all contributed to the solid bidding and healthy prices.

In the Registered section 141 bulls averaged $8,390 while 86 herd bulls averaged $4,950. Among the registered bulls, a selection of 50 sires designated as Premier Select Sires returned an average of $11,140.

Clanton 2yo Tops Sires
JDH Clanton De Manso sons from the Cambil Stud of Bill & Tolma and Lawson & Sophie Camm are making a habit of featuring in the top echelon of Sale topping sires in the last couple of years, and it was another, Cambil Everest Manso that topped the Sale at $34,000. His full brother had realised $70,000 the year before. This 24 month old, 852kg milk tooth son of Clanton caught the eye of Peter & Sue Hammer, “Annavale” Stud, Charters Towers with his attractive breed type and natural carcass performance, and they paid $34,000 for him.

Two lots later the Camms achieved a $31,000 Sale for Cambil Milton, a poll son of Elrose Fair Play that scaled 836kg. Fenech Grazing of Wowan purchased this bull.

Early in the Sale, AJ & Pam Davison’s lead Sale sire Viva Porter, an 860kg, milk tooth, white grey son of Palmal Excalibur fired up the bidding, making $29,000. This strong bodied sire sold to Ernie & Kylie Camp of Burketown.

Young, clean poll, long bodied sire Lanes Creek WT Buddy was the topper of Brian & Cindy Hughes’
draft at $26,000. This growthy 25 month old son of Elanora Park Wise Bubba went to Jordan Grazing, Kimora Brahams, Capella, one of two sires they purchased at the Sale. Also in the younger division, the catalogue front cover photo bull Wallace Mr President, sold well, realising $25,000 for Vendors Stewart & Kerry Wallace. This 2yo, blue grey, 768kg, 141 sqcm EMA bull is very well credentialed on type, performance and pedigree. Keda Anning, Reedy Springs, Pentland took him home.

In his search for poll sires, Tony Fenech of Fenech Grazing also selected Lanes Creek WT Jackman, a smooth muscled, strong breed quality son of highly successful poll sire Avee Jackson for $22,000.

Ron & Bev White of Wilangi Brahmans outlaid $19,000 for Lanes Creek Ironwood, an 800kg masculine, heavy muscled, very well bred, strong pigment grandson of NCC Sugarwood; good value shopping on the day.

Ernie & Kylie Camp paid $18,000 for the impressive Wallace Mr Parish. He’s a strong featured, attractive pedigree, milk tooth, stylish white grey that scanned a 130 sqcm EMA.

$17,000 sire purchases were made twice in Sale proceedings. Firstly, the Condon Family, Condon Grazing, Mt Garnet selected a long, square bodied, smooth muscled, 22 month old son of Carinya Rigby from the lead of Geoff, Gladys and Scott Angel’s Glengarry Stud draft and went to that figure to secure him. Glengarry G Fletcher topped a very impressive line of 10 strong beef and breed quality bulls heading to Conjuboy Station after the Sale, at an average of $9,650. The other $17,000 bull was the poll, dark grey, strong character, 800kg Lanes Creek WT Basalt, which went to the bid of Pluto Pastoral Co., Proserpine.

Fellow Proserpine cattle producers Bill & Clive Davies of Rangemore Pastoral Co., longtime buyers at this Sale outlaid $16,000 for Cambil Jackpot. They were attracted to his weight for age, 800kg at 26 months, his carcass features – 141 sqcm EMA, and his strength of pedigree and excellent temperament.

Glengarry G Crossbow, a strong pigment, well fleshed, 2yo son of Newburra Grafton was a $15,000 purchase for David & Holly Stevens of Julia Creek while the 888kg, 2 tooth, thick bodied, masculine featured son of El Ja Buster Manso, Wilangi Duntroon, which led the White’s Sale team, was a $10,000 purchase for Stewart & Kerry Wallace, Wallace Cattle Co., Marlborough.

Sale Vendors were delighted to see numerous prominent commercial cattle producers utilising the Sale to source volume lines of high beef performance bulls for optimum bullock production in Central and Northern districts. Leading the way were John & Sally Turley, Wandovale, Charters Towers (19 bulls); Tom Sheahan & Co., Valley of Lagoons, Ingham (13 bulls); Dudley Anning, Hughenden (12 bulls); Estate E.T. Cunningham, Collinsville (10 bulls), etc.

Quality sire type lines were also put together by Herbert Hall Enterprises, Charters Towers (3 av. $8,670), S.A. Grazing, Torrens Creek (3 av. $8,335); R & R Goodie, Bowen (7 av. $7,360); Pedracini Grazing Trust, Charters
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The unique, optional pen lot style of selling the Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale’s herd bulls again proved popular with buyers. Numerous lots of 3 bulls or 2 bulls at a time were snapped up by purchasers comfortable with the Sale pens’ evenness of type and performance. Prices in the herd bull section scaled into the five figure price range, with the $10,000 top selling herd bull sold by Wallace Brahmans to Keda Anning of Reedy Springs.

Co-Selling Agent Troy Trevor, Queensland Rural, Charters Towers was pleased to see a mix of long time buyer supporters and some new faces at the Sale. “The Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale provides an important source of bulls to the northern market and producers look forward to it every year,” Troy said, “our clients appreciate the quality consistency and attractive lines, and there are always bulls to suit the stud end of the market as well as the steer production end.”

During the Sale, the 8,000th lot at a Wilangi Sale since its inception in 1988 was surpassed, and gross proceeds of 30 years of Sales now exceeds $30 million.

Sale Vendors and NAB Agribusiness hosted clients and Sale visitors to a 30th Anniversary Country Cocktails function on Sale eve in Charters Towers with 150 people in attendance.

Agents: Queensland Rural & McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing.

Sale results

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- JMH MR BOSWICK MANSO (IMP US) *
- JMH LADY BOSTWICK MANSO 459
- Dam: BRAHROCK MISS BOS EMPRESS 3951 (AI) (ET) (H)
- JMH MADISON DE MANSO (IMP US) (ET) (H)
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PIONEER PARK VISCOUNT MANSO (ET) (H)
JAFFRA MISS ZEALA 4006 (H)
GRAHAMDALE ZEALA 287 (H)

Animal: JAFFRA KODAK 4796 (P)
JDH DATAPACK MANSO (IMP US) (H) +
PIONEER PARK VISCOUNT MANSO (ET) (H)
LANCEFIELD MARISELLE MANSO 8884 (AI) (ET) (H)
Dam: JAFFRA MISS VIKING 4044 (H)
TROPICAL CATTLE REXCRATA E MANSO 10673 (ET) (H)
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Great Southern kicks off selling year

The 2018 stud selling calendar kicked off on January 20 with the Great Southern Brahman Female Sale offering 53 head at the Silverdale Selling Complex near Ipswich.

The South Queensland multi-vendor fixture, now in its third year, cleared 42 registered heifers for an average of $2155, peaking at $5000 for an 11-month-old grey from Ken and Kath Barton’s Petrie Park stud, Inglewood.

Co-selling agent Michael Smith, Elders, said ongoing dry conditions affected the sale to some degree, with the average price down by $215 a head compared to the previous year’s event.

Mr Smith said a strong gallery of buyers was in attendance, drawn from Queensland and northern New South Wales. The sale line-up included animals from three new vendors, Fred and Jan Delroy, Jandee, Boonah; Terry and Chantelle Purcell, Millview, Pittsworth and Nathan and Julie Deguara, Pindi NJ, Calliope.

The top price of $5000 was paid for the imported-blood heifer, Petrie Park Beau Bronte De Manso, who helped set the best sale average of $3417 for her vendors the Barton family. The young grey heifer is by the Mr Sugar Crata 323/7 (imp) bull, Petrie Park J Rex De Manso, and out of Petrie Park Beau Jangles Manso, a daughter of TWA Grande Bo 104 (imp). She was one of eight head purchased by major buyers Alan and Maylene Logan, Highfields.

Lynn Walther and Wendy Green’s Roseborough L stud, Lowood, achieved the best red price for the second year running, and the best red average of $3333 for six head. Their top lot was the polled heifer Roseborough L Silvia, who was knocked down for $4500 to New South Wales stud breeders Brendan and Karina Disson, KBD, Kyogle. Silvia is an October-2016 daughter of polled parents Mt Callan Nimbus and Roseborough L Sonja, who is by Mt Callan Kojak.

The next best price of $3750 was paid by the Logans for Roseborough L Janine 378/6, a scurred daughter of Mt Callan Nimbus. The Logans purchased three reds from the prefix, including $3500 Roseborough L Riva, an October 2016-drop heifer by polled parents Mt Callan Kojak and Roseborough L Roche 198/1. Another heifer to go the Logan’s way was $3500 Pindi NJ Jasmine Manso, offered by debut vendors Nathan and Julie Deguara. The young grey female is by Maru Edison Manso 157 and out of a Savannah cow by JDH A Dakota Manso (imp).

Malabar Os Zar 146 topped the draft from Tim Krause’s Malabar stud, Rosewood, selling for $3500 to Darling Downs stud breeders Jeremy and Angela Hanson, Beaumont Park, Clifton. The 15-month-old polled red is by Mt Callan Oswald and out of a Mr 3H X-Ray 825 (imp) cow.

Repeat sale supporter Arthur Versace was a major buyer, taking home eight head to Mt Organ, Wandoan. Another repeat buyer was John Thompson, JVTP Pty Ltd, Purga, who invested in four head from Hillview and Pindi studs.

Kath and Ken Burton, Petrie Park Brahman, Inglewood and Elders auctioneer Brian Kennedy with $5000 Petrie Park Beau Bronte De Manso (H) heifer at the Great Southern Brahman Female Sale, Silverdale.
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Another record average for Big Country bulls

The excellent catalogue selection of inspected, market suitable, high quality bulls, backed by an exciting diversity of proven and also high profile ‘recent release’ genetics, promoted bidding and buying action to levels exceeding expectations at the 25th Anniversary Big Country Brahman Sale at Charters Towers on February 5th & 6th.

Selling Agents Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing knew they had collected a catalogue of broad industry attraction for their milestone Sale event, however as the weeks passed leading up to the Sale during December and January, the absence of any rain relief across most of the Sale’s dry, target buying area somewhat sapped a little of their confidence. “We achieved an all time record Sale result at Big Country last year and for our bulls to progress further to a new record average price this year is fantastic for our Vendors,” Jim Geaney said, “we were concerned to witness Rocky Brahman Week, the breed’s other leading multi-Vendor sale last October, retreat in its average by 22% on the year before, so we worked hard on our strategy to ensure we covered every possible buying prospect.” Over 200 buyer registrations were recorded and Sale attendance was excellent as cattle producers and Studmasters alike joined in the Sale’s Silver Anniversary celebrations.

In figure terms 108 Red Brahman Registered Bulls averaged $9,375, 146 Grey Brahman Registered Bulls averaged $8,710, 15 Herd Bulls averaged $7,165, 46 Stud Heifers averaged $4,675 and 1 Semen Package sold for $4,500. Total Sale clearance was 95%. Overall 269 Bulls averaged $8,890, a $35 rise on 2017.

Sale topper at $65,000 was FBC Felix Manso, a big, strong, masculine, good pigment sire of strong beef performance. LtoR: Vendors Tony & Joanne Fenech, FBC Brahmans, Wowan congratulates the buyers of the bull, Matthew & Janelle McCamley, Lancefield M Brahman Stud, Eulogie, Dululu.
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Highlighting the Big Country Brahman Sale’s influential position in the nation’s Stud Stock Marketing industry was the fact that during this year’s 25th Anniversary auction, the Sale sold its 6,000th lot and the level of $30 million of Sale gross receipts was surpassed.

Buyers in attendance at the Sale and operating online came from Northern Territory, New South Wales, Darling Downs, Wide Bay, Central Burnett, Dawson Callide, Western Queensland, Alpha, Northern Goldfields, Mackay, Rockhampton, Julia Creek, Cloncurry, Clermont and many Northern local areas, reflecting the strong appeal of the offering to stud enterprises and leading steer breeders. Evidence of this shows in the Sale figures with 71 bulls selling at $10,000 and over while 121 bulls satisfied the demands of commercial cattle producers buying at excellent value in the $3,000 to $5,000 price range.

Poll prominence was again marked with 8 of the top 10 priced Red bulls and 7 of the top 10 priced Grey bulls being poll or scurred. “We had a large selection of excellent polls through the Sale and there was very strong interest in them,” Ken McCaffrey said, “the demand for poll sires of breed impact potential remains high.”

Ooline tops reds at $42,500
A 900kg, 142 sqcm EMA, excellent temperament, poll son of NCC Sabre led the Sale team of Darren & Sue Kent, Ooline Stud and he topped the first day’s selling at $42,500. Ooline Shawshank looks a real robust, masculine, sirey type; features which attracted his buyers Kelly & Lucy Daley, Katherine Downs, Northern Territory. Kelly was at the Sale on the hunt for quality poll sires for his bull breeding herd of reds and greys.

$40,000 was reached twice. Lanes Creek Strongbow, a rising 2yo, poll son of JDH Sir Stratton Manso, bred out of Brian & Cindy Hughes’ Calf Champion Heifer of the 2014 Sydney Royal Brahman Feature Show, Lanes Creek Krystall, took the eye of many bidders before making $40,000. Brett Nobbs purchased the bull in the ring for a good NCC client, Rob Gowland, SCC Brahman, Theebine. Another rising 2yo poll, Rockley Phelps also made $40,000 to top the impressive Sale team of Chris & Sally and Ashley & Kate Kirk. This bull shows stylish sire character and his dam is a top producer in the Stud, previously providing a son to last year’s Big Country Sale which made $35,000. Darren Pedracini, Lornevale Roseglen Partnership, Georgetown purchased the quality bull.

Two lots beforehand Rockley achieved a $32,000 Sale for Rockley Caslick, a most attractive red colour, 826kg, milk tooth, poll sire prospect that sold to Gavin Scott, Rosetta, Collinsville. Long time Sale Vendors Brian & Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview Red Brahman, Charters Towers provided the Sale with their best draft of bulls in 21 years of selling at the event. They were very much in demand from discerning cattle producers. Their poll bull Somerview Rockefella, Lot 2 in the Sale, an 836kg son of Kariboe Valley Marksman made $30,000 and Brian & Glenda were delighted he went to renowned Red Brahman breeders Bevan & Liz Radel & Sons, Sandstone Park, Taroom.

David & Julie McCamley of Palmal Brahman also recorded a $30,000 sale for Palmal Jamacia, a strong poll bred son of Palmal Jasper that has extra length and natural thickness. The Keough Family, Welcome Downs Cattle Co., Lyndhurst, Einasleigh purchased this bull, one of 7 outstanding beef performance sires they purchased at the Sale averaging $18,430.

Lanes Creek’s big, strong, red sires featured among the high prices later in the Sale with the 908kg, rising 3yo poll, strong sire character bull Lanes Creek Daintree, a son of NCC Daltrey, realising $29,000. He sold
SEMEN FOR SALE

MEGATRON 345/1

PRICE PER STRAW
10 $100
11-50 $75
50+ $50
+GST & HANDLING

UNLIMITED REGISTRATION

2013 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION HOUSTON

MR TO FERRIS 10/4

PRICE PER STRAW
10 $120
11-50 $90
50+ $70
+GST & HANDLING

UNLIMITED REGISTRATION

MR. TO FERRIS 10/4 PROGENY

MS. ELLA 104/6

2017 Jambalaya Classic Junior Champion
2017 LA State Fair Reserve Jr. Champion
2017 Le Sugar Classic Res. Calf Champion
2017 HOT Fair Jr. Champion and Reserve Grand Champion
2017 Fort Worth Stock Show Reserve Calf Champion
2017 Dixie Nationals Calf Champion
2017 Kissimmee Valley Grand & Calf Champion
2017 International Brahman Show Res. Calf Champion
2017 Miami Dade Res. Grand & Calf Champion
2017 Miami International Calf Champion
2017 Kissimmee Valley Grand Champion
2017 LJBA Show Res. Intermediate Champion

BRIAN FANNING
PHONE: 07 4927 3102 MOBILE: 0407 273 123
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VIC DEGUARA
PHONE: 07 4954 1047
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to Neil & Terri Ferris, Oakleigh Stud, Bororen. Two lots earlier, a Stratton son, Lanes Creek Straithdale, scaling 992kg and scanning 143 sq cm EMA made $20,000 when he sold to the Fry Family, Arafura Cattle Pty Ltd, Charters Towers.

Mark & Tarsh Allen’s outstanding lead bull Kariboe Valley Rainman, a 930kg, 2 tooth with a 143 sq cm EMA, featured in the Red division’s top ten prices at $24,000. He is an attractive sire prospect of natural breed style and beef performance, obviously what his purchaser Peter Hall of Cloncurry was looking for.

The quality young Lanes Creek sires, Stradbroke Lot 26 and Dualsport Lot 27 each made $22,000. Stradbroke is a Stratton son of excellent weight for age, 848kg at 24 months, and excellent marbling; Shane & Sandra Bishop, Garglen Brahman Stud, Gymple took him home. Brett Hick & Family, Lindfield Cattle Co., Julia Creek, a regular buyer of high quality red sires, was the buyer of Dualsport, a long and deep bodied, poll bull of excellent temperament. Lindfield also outlaid $16,000 for Muan Regent, an attractive carcass credentialed, poll, NCC Skoda son that topped the attractive Sale team from Len Gibbs & Family’s Muan Stud, Biggenden.

JK Brahmans of Goovigen sold a 2yo strong carcass quality son of NCC Eros for $20,000 to Wilga Vale Pastoral of Bloeloa, while the first lot of the Sale, Somerview Kidman, a son of Lancefield D Navada made $16,000 selling to Geoff Carrick, Maitland Station, Einasleigh, one of a line of 12 impressive poll sires he purchased at the Sale averaging 58.250. Online bidder Kevin Young of Georgetown went to $16,000 for Lanes Creek Red Rock, a 22 month old poll son of Tartrus Redmount, while that same price was paid by L A & PA Thomson, Kallanda Station, Mt Fox for Rockley Karsten, a well muscled, 2yo full brother to Rockley’s $40,000 top seller earlier in the Sale.

Co-Selling Agent Ken McCaffrey said a clearance of 89% was recorded for the Red Bull section. “We sold one more Red bull than in 2017 and our average was up $540 (6.4%) on last year’s record result, however we catalogued an extra dozen Reds this year hoping that there would be rain in the North and Central West before the Sale,” he said, “that didn’t eventuate, and supply exceeded demand at the auction with 15 Reds not sold.” “Until there is a good wet break and season recovery across those districts which are generally good red buying areas, we will look at limiting the Red offering to around 120 bulls,” he added.

$65,000 Grey sire tops sale for FBC

The heaviest bull (1,094 kg) and biggest EMA bull (148 sq cm) of the Sale, FBC Felix Manso took out the Sale’s top price honours selling in the Grey section on Day 2 of the Big Country Brahman Sale at $65,000. This blue grey, masculine son of FBC Megatron Manso, was the lead sire of Tony & Joanne Fenech’s FBC Sale draft and is a mature age sire ready to work. He shows an abundance of natural beef performance. A number of leading Studmasters inspected this bull, however the final bidding battle came down to the purchasers Matthew & Janelle McCamley’s Lancefield M Brahman Stud, Eulogie, Dululu and the underbidder Stewart Nobbs of Yoman, Moura.

A little earlier in the Sale $60,000 was reached for Clukan Chayse, a magnificent white grey, 2 ½ yo poll son of breed legend sire JDH Madison De Manso, and bred out of Steve & Theresa Taylor’s leading Clukan Stud poll donor female. Chayse is well credentialed for Stud success with his sire Mr H Maddox Manso, and a poll, in the Sale. A young son of imported sire Mr H Maddox Manso, and a poll, N.B. $60,000 selling to Geoff & Gladys Angel of Lanes Creek and Bora, a magnificent white grey, 2 tooth, with an excellent EMA and 10/7mm fat cover. He sold to Tony Hayne, Northern Vet. Services, Northern Territory and it’s not the first time Tony has identified Big Country Sale as the source of quality sire purchases for his Territory operation. A few years ago he was the underbidder on the Kenilworth unregistered herd bull that sold for a World Record $96,000 price.

It didn’t take Brian & Cindy Hughes of Lanes Creek Stud long to establish the worth of their Grey Sire Sale draft when Lot 239 Lanes Creek WT Jackall made $40,000 and Lot 240 Lanes Creek WT Rawlings made $44,000. Both are white grey polls with attractive sire type and easy doing beef performance, bred from the Stud’s Willtomy poll lines. The 860kg, 2 tooth, heavy marbled Avee Jackson son Jackall went to Lornevale and Roseglen Partnership, Georgetown while the masculine, huge hindquartered Rawlings is heading to the Palmal Brahman Stud of David & Julie McCamley & Family, Dingo.

Tony Hayne, Northern Vet. Services, N.T. recognised the obvious potential of Matt Kirk’s Carinya M Augustus later in the Sale. A young son of imported sire Mr H Maddox Manso, and a poll, his weight of 885kg as a milk tooth came from his lovely length, strong bone and exceptional carcass qualities. He was another buy for Northern Vet. Services at $40,000.

One of the youngest bulls of the Sale, Annavale P856 at 19 months was a $36,000 seller for Peter & Sue Hammer, Annavale Stud, Charters Towers. His style, strength and heavy poll breeding appealed to Kelly & Lucy Daley of Katherine, N.T. who made the winning bid.

The well bred Lanes Creek Platonic Manso, a 22 month old, stylish type by Three D Platinum out of the proven Tartrus Cindy Manso 6775 cow made $34,000 selling to Geoff & Gladys Angel of Glengarry Brahmans, Kunwarara. He is a strong character, young sire prospect of excellent growth for age and softness. The night before, a full sister to Platonic had topped the Sale’s heifer section at $16,000.

Kelvin & Margaret Maloney of Kenilworth Brahmans again had an exceptional Sale averaging $12,600 for their 5 poll herd bulls. David & Julie McCamley, Palmal, Dingo purchased their top seller at $25,000, a son of Willtomy Shivargo that had DNA’d PP.

The Keoughs of Welcome Downs Cattle Co., Einasleigh continued their
Bill & Vicki Gabel
“Hilltop”
Wowan QLD 4702

Selling at Rocky All Stars
Elite Brahman Female Sale

7 unjoined heifers (3 poll & 4 dehorned) at Gracemere April 7th 2018

Lot 28 AVEE 823 (P)
Lot 29 AVEE 826

AVEE BRAHMANS Wish to thank Kelvin & Margaret Maloney “Kenilworth” Mt Coolon
for purchasing Lot 80 AVEE 753 (P) for $17,000.
Also thanks to all the under bidders at the 2018 February All Breeds Bull & Female Sale
buying into the Grey Sire section and in Lanes Creek El Toronto at $24,000, they scored an excellent value buy. This well bred first sale son of NCC El Toro is 800kg at 2yo and he recorded tremendous carcass scans of 140 sqcm EMA, 13/9mm fat depth and 5.2% IMF. He has the bone, depth of flank and natural muscle expression, as well as the genetic strength to breed “true to type” that all Brahman breeders are looking for.

First time Sale Vendors Paul & Catherine Mackenzie, Arizona Brahmans, Dingo received strong demand for their bulls later in the Sale. Their draft topped at $24,000 for the poll, rising 2 ½ yo bull Arizona Sir Jarrod. He also was well credentialed weighing 882kg and scanning an EMA of 140 sqcm. This well bred bull, out of a Lancefield daughter of JDH Mr Echo Manso, sold to Peter Hall of Cloncurry.

Carinya Dawson, a strong pigment, 875kg, 2yo poll sire topped the line of bulls that John & Dawn Kirk presented at the Sale at $22,000. He was another of the bulls that went to the Northern Territory, this time to Kelly & Lucy Daley of Katherine. The next lot for Carinya, the 930kg, 2 tooth, white grey Carinya Kincade, a son of the poll sire Willtony Kilcoy, made $19,000. He too is Territory bound being selected by Bill Darcy, Battlin Pastoral Co., Mallapunyah Springs, Tennant Creek, N.T. who was the Sale’s biggest volume buyer, purchasing 20 bulls.

A 3yo, 1,010kg son of FBC El Toro Manso, HH Park Santiago also made $22,000 selling to Arafura Pastoral Co., Homevale, Majors Creek. Santiago topped the run of Grey bulls Don & Julie Hurrell, HH Park Stud, Gympie found good demand for their Sale team of Grey heifers, all sired by the $72,000 FBC El Toro Manso. Peter & Sue Hammer, Annavale Stud, Charters Towers were buyers of three of these quality bred young females at $9,000, $7,000 and $6,000. Luke Stevens, Cremona, Julia Creek invested in 6 heifers at the Sale paying up to $6,500 for a HH Park Grey heifer, and $6,000 for a Palmvale Red poll female.

The superbly bred 20 month old grey heifer Lanes Creek Cindy topped the “Brahman Belles” Heifer section of the Big Country Brahman Sale at $16,000. Buyer Geoff Brown, Long Gully, Georgetown admires his purchase with the crew from Lanes Creek Stud, Georgetown in their special 25th Anniversary shirts, Riley Hughes, Nicholle Bush and Georgia Dale.
Come and see us in the Brahman compound at Beef Australia 2018

Pierre

Pablo

Letitia Nicolle - 0427358450

Nioka Brahmans relocating to Biloela QLD
The large team of Cambil Grey heifers sold to a top of $7,500 for Cambil Hayley, 4 months P.T.I.C. She was one of six grey females purchased online through Elite Livestock Auctions by Talki Pty Ltd, Clermont that averaged $3,915. Also shopping wisely from the Lanes Creek draft were Paul & Catherine Mackenzie’s Arizona Stud, Dingo who purchased a Grey daughter of JDH Sir Stratton Manso for $7,500, and David Joyce, Tropical Cattle Brahman, The Orient, Ingham who outlaid $7,000 for Lanes Creek Ribbon, a beautiful bodied, 21 month old daughter of NCC El Toro.

**Strong support appreciated**

Selling Agents were most appreciative of the large number of buyers who took home a 25th Anniversary lot from Big Country. “It shows the close connection that cattle producers across a wide area of the Central and Northern cattle country have with this Sale,” Jim Geaney said. “114 individual buyers, the biggest number for many years signed for purchases at the Sale.” Included in those were numerous volume purchasers with the 8 leading buyers by lots purchased accounting for 81 bulls.

Ken McCaffrey said the success of Big Country’s 25th milestone Sale reflected the importance of the event to the Northern beef industry. “Whether you are a Vendor at the Sale, a Buyer at the Sale or, in other ways, a beef industry participant of these regions, this Sale has proven itself to be a very valuable, substantial and beneficial contributor to the progress of the industry in the North and at the same time, a leader in the promotion and progress of the Brahman breed in Australia, for all of those 25 years.” “As a wholly Selling Agent staged event since inception, Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing are extremely proud of the Sale’s outstanding long time record, and of its large and loyal base of strong supporters in the beef and Brahman industry,” he said during Sale celebrations at Charters Towers.

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

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**BIG COUNTRY BRAHMAN SALE 2018 facts & figures**

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### TOP 25 BIG COUNTRY BULLS 2018

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**TOP 25 BIG COUNTRY BULLS 2018**
Big Country 25th anniversary presentations

Contributed by Ken McCaffrey

During the Silver Anniversary celebrations for the Big Country Brahman Sale at Charters Towers, presentations were made to long time Sale Vendors as well as to purchasers from the first Big Country Sale in 1994 who still remain active buyers at the Sale. The Sale’s two associated social functions this year attracted large crowds of over 200 people at each event, who all enjoyed the welcoming hospitality of the Sale Agents Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing and their associated event sponsors.

The Welcome Back to Big Country Celebrations Cocktails on Sale eve at the Sovereign Tavern was hosted by NCC Brahman’s in association with the Big Country Brahman Sale. The Sizzling Prime Brahman Steaks Sundowner Session after the first day of the Sale at the Dalrymple Saleyards benefited from the Principal Sponsorship of Lanes Creek Brahman Stud and the Silver level sponsorship of Ooline Brahman Stud and Somerview Red Brahman’s, in association with the Big Country Brahman Sale.

Other Event Sponsors were:
Gold - Westpac Agribusiness, Charters Towers Toyota, Stockyard Transport, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, Tony Ireland Isuzu Trucks, Zee Tags

Silver - Coleman Stock Feeds, Sovereign Tavern, Charters Towers, Flor-Hanly Accountants, Beef Australia 2018, Cambil Brahman, Karmoo Brahman Stud, Palmal Brahman’s

Vendor Stud Supporters - Rockley Brahman Stud, Muan Brahman Stud

Selling Agents Jim Geaney and Ken McCaffrey were surprised but delighted at the Sale to be presented with specially made decorative memento pieces from the Vendors of the Sale, in appreciation of their management and successful stewardship of the Sale from when it commenced in 1994 to this year’s 25th Anniversary milestone.

Geaney’s, McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing and the Big Country Brahman Sale acknowledged the Sale’s longest selling vendors and presented them with Royal Australian Mint Silver Coin mementos at this year’s 25th Anniversary event. At the same time, specially crafted decorative pieces themed on the Big Country Sale’s familiar windmill logo were presented to Sale Agents Jim Geaney and Ken McCaffrey by all the Vendors of the Sale, in appreciation of the commitment to success and progress the two agents had provided to Big Country over the 25 years of the Sale to date. Photographed at the presentation are LtoR. Jim Geaney, Brian & Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview Red Brahman’s (21 years Vendors); Ron & Grace Harriman, GI Brahman Stud (21 years); Margaret & Kelvin Malone, Kenilworth Brahman’s (20 years); Lance Faint, Karmoo Stud (20 years); Cindy & Brian Hughes, Lanes Creek Stud (23 years) and Ken McCaffrey.
LtoR. Alan Wallace, Clive, Marlborough, Jim Geaney, Penny Wallace and Ken McCaffrey reminiscing about the origins of the initial Big Country Brahman Sale. Alan & Penny were instrumental in encouraging the staging of the first Big Country Sale at Charters Towers in 1994.

At Big Country’s Celebration Cocktail party Kath McCaffrey (left) and Judy Geaney (right) caught up with Peter Black OAM, former Mayor of the Dalrymple Shire Council who provided support in the early days of the Big Country Sale.

At the Welcome Back to Big Country Celebration Cocktails on Sale eve Ken McCaffrey (left) and Jim Geaney (right) presented Geoff Carrick, Einasleigh and Pip & Dale Knuth, Charters Towers with special Silver Anniversary mementos in recognition of their support as buyers at the Sale right from the first Sale in 1994.

Joan Harriman, Reedybrook, Mt Garnet along with Mikaela and Imogen Geaney about to cut the Big Country Silver Anniversary cake at the Sundowners Session.

Enjoying the Big Country Cocktail function to launch the 25th Anniversary Sale are LtoR. Jan & John Nelson, Charters Towers and Brian & Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview Red Brahman, Charters Towers.
Solid result at Summer Brahman Sale

By Lindel Greggery Photos by Kent Ward

Seventy-nine ready to work Brahman sires sold to $17,000, to average $4740 at the 2018 February Summer Brahman Sale on February 14.

However, sale honours at the CQLX Gracemere event went to the used sire Stewart Park Kody 110, who was knocked down for $32,500.

Also on offer was 44 quality Brahman heifers, with 41 selling for an average of $3598 and a peak of $15,000.

The sale topper, $32,500 Stewart Park Kody 110, was offered by Ian and Debbie Frampton, Little Creek, Dallarnil, and purchased by Koumala Brangus breeder Shane Griffin. The June 2012-drop son of Elrose Kody Man and Stewart Park Kody 110 was bred by Stewart Park stud and his full brother sold at Brahman Week for $50,000.

Kelvin and Margaret Maloney, Kenilworth, Mt Coolon, outlaid $17,000 for the highest priced unused sire, Avee 753 (P). The March 2015-drop son of polled parents Lancefield A Cooper and Avee 371 was offered by Bill and Vicki Gabel, Avee stud, Hilltop, Wowan.

Polled rising three-year-old Reldarah Bomber was the top priced red bull, selling for $12,000 to D. and G. Brennan. The growthy grey sold to Parker Grazing Trust, Clare Station, Jericho, who was the sale’s major buyer, investing in four bulls and five heifers.

Alan and Leoni Trail paid $11,000 for the polled red bull D&R George, to join their Elmo stud, Murrundindi, Baralaba. The 33-month-old son of Fairy Springs Royalist was catalogued by the Jillella family, D&R stud.

Jellinbah Pastoral Co, Blackwater, was the major bull buyer, taking home eight new sires. Their top purchase was $10,000 Kenrol John Boy 2852, a red son of MSP Sir Petty John 188 (imp). He was the sole male entry from Ken and Wendy Cole’s Kenrol stud, Matcham, Gracemere.

Scott and Vicki Hayes, Yenda V, Mundubbera, outlaid $9000 to secure the polled grey bull Woodstock Harley. The 37-month-old product of Wandilla Barrister and Woodstock Georgia was offered by Darren Wood, Woodstock, Mt Jukes.

Neslo 4364 Royce De Manso, a red son of Train Rolls Royce, was knocked down to Jellinbah Pastoral Co for $9000. He was the best seller from the Olsen family’s Neslo stud, Taroom.
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The Collins family’s Kelly Creek Pastoral Co catalogued 11 herd bulls from Wandilla stud. Their draft included the top priced herd bull, $7000 Wandilla Indelible 909/9, who was one of three Wandilla bulls purchased by Rideout Grazing Co, Biloela.

Other bull buyers included Colwil Cattle Co, which took home six head, and the Comerford Brothers, Mackay, who selected five new sires.

The McLennan Partnership, Goovigen, met with strong demand for their draft of 10 MCL heifers, which peaked at $15,000 to average $4975. Topping the female section was 11-month-old grey MCL Sammi 1585, a daughter of Yenda V Bomber 52/2 and the Lyndhurst Berwick cow MCL Chiffon 1063. Sammi was purchased by North Queensland buyers Don Sivyer and family, Farleigh.

Robert White invested in four MCL heifers for Wilangi R stud, Marlborough. His purchases included $8500 MCL Skye, a 13-month-old grey by Yenda V Bomber. Another Bomber heifer to sell well was MCL Ashanti 1536, who was secured by Parker Grazing Trust for $5500.

Reg Valmadre, Cedar Bend Brahmans, Jambin, was the successful bidder on $5250 for Leajon Park Miss 697, a 25-month-old grey daughter of Wallace Mr Miller and Leajon Park Miss 450. She was one of five heifers purchased by Des Dahl, Brolga Valley, Baralaba.

Kenrol stud marketed the highest priced red female, Kenrol Miss Reyeena 2861. The Kenrol Mr HJ Ray 0366 heifer was snapped up for $4750 by David and Pearl Christensen, Berida Red stud, Morganville.
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The Prime Objective
With Lindel Greggery

The overall 2018 outlook for the Australian beef cattle industry looks positive, with slaughter, production and beef exports forecast to rise and live exports tipped to be on par with 2017.

According to Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA), beef and cattle prices could come under some pressure in 2018, depending on seasonal conditions, trading environment, currency fluctuations and the pace of recovery in Australian beef production.

Herd rebuilding is set to continue this year, increasing by 1.1 percent to 27.55 million head. However, it could take till 2020 till the national herd reaches its pre-drought (2012) levels. Because Queensland has not had a substantial wet season since 2011-12, cattle supply and prices will be heavily influenced by restocker demand if the year kicks off with a solid wet season.

At the time of writing, the Bureau of Meteorology’s February to April rainfall outlook showed that patches of the tropical north and most of Western Australia was likely to have a wetter than average three months.

Last year’s dry winter and spring conditions across much of Qld pushed record numbers of cattle onto feed, as did heightened investment in the lot feeding sector, growing global demand for high quality grainfed product and lower grain prices at the start of 2017. In three consecutive quarters last year there were record highs of more than one million head on feed. This year cattle on feed numbers look set to average around 850,00-950,000, says MLA.

In the live export sector, Indonesia (60%) and Vietnam (10%) look set to remain our key markets. In 2017 live exports were back by 22%, to just under 855,000 head, due to factors including tight domestic supply in the north, high cattle prices and uncertainty around export policies. Indonesia’s new 5:1 policy, which requires five feeder cattle imports to one breeder import, may create more opportunities for Brahman producers to export heifers. MLA has forecasted a slight drop in live exports overall in 2018, to 850,000 head.

Total beef production in 2018 is expected to lift to 2.17 million tonnes cwt this year, with beef exports forecast to increase by 1.05m t swt.

In terms of beef consumption, Australians remain the sixth largest per capita consumers of beef in the world, with the population consuming 0.65m t of beef in 2017. This compares with national consumption of 1.16m t of chicken, 0.58 m t of pork and 0.21 m t of sheep meat.

Last year beef claimed 35% of the retail fresh meat share, with average consumption being around two serves per week. However, beef consumption has been declining, mostly due to significant increases in retail prices. In fact, beef’s average retail price has almost doubled since 2000, while the price of chicken has gone up by just 12%. Consumers now cite price to be the main reason for eating less red meat, putting this factor above health or animal welfare concerns.

Downward pressures on beef consumption include the rising cost of living, an aging population and increased immigration from Asian countries where pork is the dominant protein. Conversely, there is a general food trend for consumers to pay for premium labels, with 30% of consumers saying they would consider spending more on a premium meat offering.

So if retailers continue to push beef prices higher, where does this leave the producer? In December last year agricultural consulting firm RCS released results from its 2016-17 ProfitProbe™ benchmarking study of the north Australian beef industry. It showed that a decline in the cost of production, a decrease in turnover and continued increases in land values had all put pressure on return on assets (ROA).

Key findings from the report were:
• ROA down to average 2.8% (from 4.8% in 2015-16)
• Beef price received at farm gate increased to average $3.13 for the year (up from $2.83/kg)
• Cost of production decreased to $1.48/kg on average and $1.10/kg for the top 20%
• The average proportion of income going to paying overheads jumped from 42.7% last year to 63.9% this year, on average.

You can read more about the results here: http://www.rcsaustralia.com.au/rcs-profitprobe-1617-benchmarking-results/

RCS general manager David McLean said there was no one size fits all approach to increasing return on assets. The top 20% of producers still continued to do well, achieving a 7.3% ROA and a 46.8% expense ratio.

As in any business, improving the bottom line requires careful measurement and analysis of inputs, outgoings, strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and adjusting these accordingly to improve production efficiency. And, if you’re a primary producer, a good dose of well-timed rain is of course the other essential ingredient.
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The Beef Cattle Association of Thailand Show held on December 9th and 10th at the Kamphaengsean campus of the Kasetsart University attracted over 150 entries in the Brahman classes and 50 entries in the Kamphaengsean breed, a composite developed using Brahman, Charalais and Thai native cattle genetics. The opening ceremony for the show involved the official entry to the show ring of the trophies donated by Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Judge, former ABBA General Manager John Croaker, said the cattle were of excellent quality with a high standard of presentation, comparable to anywhere in the Brahman world. A number of breeders expressed interest in attending BEEF 2018 in May 2018.

Judge John Croaker (third right) presented a trophy donated by ABBA to the exhibitor of Grand Champion Female Mr Rangsan Changchana, SC Farm, Lopburi. The Champion Miss SC Bor 049, a daughter of the Thailand bred sire Mr Palarn Lawford 616 has previously won the strong 19 – 20 month class and the Junior Championship.

Judge John Croaker and his wife Nola, presented the trophy sponsored by ABBA to the successful exhibitor of the Grand Champion Bull JM Ranch Fitting. The Champion, Mr RKC Arnold 001, a son of Mr JDH Elmo Manso 309/4 was also the Senior Champion. Australian live exporter Fraser MacFarlane is standing second row, far right.
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Continual improvement the focus for Raglan

By Lindel Greggery

Progeny of the Beef Australia 2015 grand champion Brahman and interbreed bull, Raglan Victory, will be on display at Beef Australia 2018 in May, and time will tell if his offspring can emulate the outstanding success of their sire.

When Raglan Victory took out the ultimate award three years ago, he became the third Beef Australia interbreed champion to be shown by Roxanne Olive since the inception of Beef Australia in 1988 - a feat no one else has emulated. (Previous interbreed champions were Apis Creek Godfrey at Beef 1991 and Kabala Laureate (by Apis Creek Sir Alberto) at Beef 2000.)

Raglan stud principals Andrew and Roxanne Olive also tasted success at Beef 2012, showing the reserve champion male calf, Raglan Laxargo.

Roxanne Olive said Raglan Victory was doing a good job in the paddock, and semen sales through Rocky Repro had been solid, including sales to Germany and the Philippines.

Victory’s impressive pedigree combines US genetics with 60 years of Australian Brahman breeding from the Olive and Kirk families. The grey bull is a November 2012-drop son of Yenda Dynamic who was the grand champion bull at the 2002 World Brahman Congress and was bred by Roxanne’s parents Ron and Daphne Kirk, Yenda, Gayndah. Victory’s dam, Raglan Miss Kaycee, is an IVF daughter of WHS Andy Imperator 0377 (imp), who was imported to Apis Creek by Andrew’s parents.

When asked if any of Victory’s bull calves were as good as their sire, Mrs Olive said visitors to the Raglan/Kenrol stand at Beef Australia 2018 “could judge that for themselves”.

“You are just always trying to improve, aren’t you?” she said.

“That’s the challenge of breeding cattle and the challenge of life.”

Raglan stud runs 350-400 registered females at Raglan Station, Raglan, south of Rockhampton. They are mated in 10 single sire herds, with the current sire battery featuring not only Victory, but Raglan Mason, who was the 2017 Brisbane senior and grand champion Brahman bull. Other bulls in use include FBC, Brahrock and Tartrus sires, as well as US genetics being utilised in AI and IVF programs.

“We try to do an AI program at the end of the year and use imported semen over all our maiden heifers that are coming into the stud,” Mrs Olive said.

As well as their stud females, the Olives run a large herd of grey purebred commercial Brahman cows to produce herd bulls. These herd improvers are sold in the paddock as two year olds and through the salesyards, finding a ready and repeat market with large stations across the Top End. The prefix markets bulls at Ponderosa Brahman Bull Sale in Katherine, NT; the Big Country and Wilangi Invitation sales in Charters Towers; and Rockhampton Brahman Week.

Mrs Olive said they had recently exported their second shipment of purebred heifers to the Philippines, with a consignment flown ex Sydney in December last year.

“Of the latest shipment, about 40 were in calf. They had to be flown there because our export permits kept getting delayed and by then they were too heavily pregnant to go on the boat,” she said.

The buyers included private studs and businesses, and in February Andrew Olive and son Ryan travelled to the Philippines to inspect the condition of their export heifers.

Mrs Olive said the family had also diversified its income by establishing export cattle yards at Raglan Station, which were managed by Ryan.

The facility enables live export cattle from Central Queensland to be held locally, with the ability to supply smaller ships leaving Port Alma or acting as a holding facility for larger consignments ex Townsville.
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Welcome to the Brahman Compound

**Y3K Brahmans & Wilarandy Brahmans**

**Principals:** Steve & Sharon Turner  
**Operation Situated:** “Foxtail” Calgoa QLD 4570

**Stud Established:** Y3K circa 2009 & Wilarandy circa 1982

**No of Breeders:** 50 breeders.

**Details of Animals in pens:**
- Pen 1: Y3K Kryptonite 3013  
- Pen 2: Y3K Krypton 7010 (P)  
  Y3K Plutonium 7011 (S)  
  Y3K Jedi Knight 7013  
- Pen 3: Wilarandy Leonora 7026 (P)  
  Y3K Hi Five 7009 (P)  
- Pen 4: Wilarandy Duchess 7025 (P)  
  Wilarandy Eva 7041 (P)

Have mainly been selling privately and stud bulls at RBWS. RBWS 2017 sale topper was $45,000.

Looking at expanding bull sales into the inaugural Woolooga Brahman Invitation Sale and at least 5 bulls into Big Country 2019.

Sold first females at Gympie female sale last year with 3 females averaging $4250. Selling 2 females in Gympie again this year.

Offering 2 young stud sires and 4 heifers at BEEF 2018.

From ET, IVF or AI programs: We have frozen embryos.

We utilise our home bred sire Y3K Kryptonite 3013 and also Fairy Springs Jed 4558 in Natural matings. We have used Kenrol HJ Ray in a flush and 2 of these sons will lead our RBWS 2018 team and we will use more of this semen in the future as we are very impressed with his calves and their faultless temperaments. Also, flushed again recently using Huonfels Jacob Rio and Fairy Springs J Red Rio.

With regards to females, trying to use offspring of our amazing sisters, Wilarandy S Jojo 5006 and Wilarandy S Dancing Queen 6005. A Dancing Queen son was the sire of our $45,000 bull at RBWS 2017. We also have a Dancing Queen grandson that we will be using semen from in the coming years.

Our goal is to breed Polled Red Brahmans with beef, bone, scale, great heads, plenty of skin with breed character and exceptional natural gentle dispositions. Animals that are truly beneficial in any stud or commercial operation.

We are maintaining a small pure Brahman female breeder herd and cross breeding with Simmental bulls.

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**Principals:** Spencer and Jordan Geddes & Families  
**Operation Situated:** “Stuart Park” Milman 30km North of Rockhampton

**Stud Established:** 1981. Original cow herd were from Balmoral Stud.

**No of Breeders:** 60 polled and horned grey cows.

**Details of Animals in pens:**
- Pen 1: Liebic Sir Frank  
- Pen 2: Wilangi Riddle sons.

Showed successfully through the 80s and 90s, Jordan was Hudgins Scholarship recipient in 2000 and was associate judge of Brahmans at Brisbane Royal Exhibition.

Bulls are sold at Brahman Week and privately in the paddock. A focus on providing functional young bulls for commercial producers and seedstock females using foundation Australian Bloodlines and specific US bulls in AI programmes.

Our major influencing Sires are 3D Platinum, JDH Frank Manso and JDH Watts Manso.

Our goal is to always have quiet, early maturing stud cattle available for our customers to view and purchase, conveniently located at Stuart Park. We are using the best polled genetics available to offer that option to our customers.

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**Cherokee Stud & Balara Stud**

**Principals:** Jesse Zischke, Elsie De Landelles and Robert Brunker

**Operation Situated:** SE Qld at ‘Penyrhoel’, Gympie and ‘The Sevenmile’ in the Lockyer Valley.

**Stud Established:** The Cherokee stud (ABBA stud No. 3) was founded by the late Lionel De Landelles in 1944. The prefix was registered in 1946 with the Australian Zebu Breeders Association, which later become ABBA in 1954. “Balara” BOS Indicus Cattle Co (ABBA Stud No. 15) was founded in 1959 by Jesse’s Zischke’s parents, Cedric and Diane Zischke.

**No of Breeders:** 400

**Details of Animals in pens:**
- 5 young bulls and 5 heifers (a mix of red and grey) from Cherokee and Balara bloodlines. The red cattle are sired by our top two red sires BOS President and BOS L’L Red Sunset. The grey cattle are a blend of the two studs.

**Cherokee Stud set a range of sales and show records over the years and its seed stock is regarded as a gene pool from which most Australian studs benefited.**

Our bulls and heifers are predominantly sold directly off our property to new and existing clients.

Both studs showed extensively and successfully in the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. We have recently re-commenced showing in some regional areas.
Call for an inspection of donor and breeding females, 2018 Rockhampton Brahman Week bulls and heifers for sale by private treaty.

Conveniently located 75min north west of Rockhampton at “Mt Slopeaway” 460 Marlborough Road, heading towards Mackay.
We have an annual AI program, which includes approximately 40 females per year. Our 2017 program produced some superb calves from older Cherokee genetics.

Cherokee bulls include: Repucho, White Bear; Broad Hat Sitting Bull, Horozonto De Manso, Olympic King Manso, My-Brazil and Sugestivo Rio 591 (a Gyr import). These bulls will continue to have a major influence in years to come via our ongoing AI programs.

We aim to show case our cattle to the public and present bulls at some of the annual Brahman sales.

Important traits include: temperament, fertility, length of body and leg, fine teats and sound udders. We look for purity in our Brahmans such as: conformation, pigment, hardness and parasite resistance.

In addition to our stud cattle we run 200 females with similar breeding lines.

**BT Brahmans**

**Principles:** Colin & Lin Tink  
**Operations Situated:** Rite Mix Park 81R Burroway Road Dubbo NSW 2830  
**Stud established:** 2011  
**Number of breeders:** approx 50  
**Details of animals in pens**  
Heifer BT Aria 2nd, Bull BT Royal, Heifer BT Rosetta Dee  
**Major Achievements:**  
• 2012 Grand Champion Female Sydney Royal  
• 2013 Grand Champion Female Sydney Royal  
• 2015 Best Brahman Exhibit Sydney Royal  
• 2016 Best Brahman Exhibit Sydney Royal  
• 2016 at the 18th World Brahman Congress BT Aria Junior Champion Female  
• 2016 Kenrol Sandman runner up Brahman Sire of the Year  
• 2017 Junior Champion Female Ekka Brisbane  
• 2017 Reserve Senior Champion Female Ekka Brisbane  
• 2017 Kenrol Sandman Runner up Sire of the Year  
• 2017 Langley Dale Aria runner up Dam of the Year

Bulls sold at Brahman Week and privately Western NSW, females sold privately.  
Cattle shown at local shows in Western NSW, Sydney Royal, Brisbane Ekka, BEEF Week.

Cattle are ET, AI and natural mating.  
Our major influencing sires include Kenrol Mr HJ Ray & Kenrol Sandman.

BT Brahman Stud is aiming at producing cattle with Low birth weights, good milk & teat placement, good eye muscle area and good doing ability and temperament.

**Brolga Gully**  
**Principals:** Des, Karen and Casey Dahl  
**Operation Situated:** Brolga Gully, Baralaba, QLD  
**Stud Established:** Brolga Gully (1995), Brolga Gully C (2012)  
**No of Breeders:** Approx. 50 registered breeders

**Details of Animals in pens:**  
Weaner bulls, sired by NK Rocket Fuel, purchased at RBWS 2016.  
Since the beginning there has been a focus on breeding cattle that are structurally correct, fertile and of sound temperament, with the aim to maintain a breeding herd that can consistently produce progeny that perform in both stud and commercial herds.

In recent years the stud has invested in a number of new sires. The most recent calf-drop were sired predominantly by NK Rocket Fuel, purchased at RBWS 2016. His progeny are already showing great potential, with a select few being on display in the Brahman Compound at BEEF 2018.

Brolga Gully is also returning to the sale ring in 2018, offering two quality red polled sires at the Big Country Sale in Charters Towers. These are the first sires to be offered at sale since Brolga Gully 2254, sold in 2013. Brolga Gully 2254 has gone on to play a significant role at Elmo Brahmans, Baralaba. Semen from this bull is also being used overseas and in other prominent studs such as NCC and Lanes Creek.

**Clukan**  
**Principles:** Steve and Theresa Taylor  
**Operation Situated:** “Clukan” Jambin QLD  
**Stud Established:** 1986  
**No of Breeders:** 100 registered females plus a commercial recipient herd

**Details of animals in pens:** 3 pens in Brahman Compound  
• PEN(1) Three D Platinum polled heifers  
• PEN(2) Willtony Stetson polled bulls  
• PEN(3) NCC, EL TORO Progeny

There have been many highlights for the stud over 32 years of breeding Brahmans. “Clukan” females have topped sales at Gympie and Rocky All Stars. “Clukan” still holds the Saleyards record at $44,000.

“Clukan” bulls have achieved the best average of the sale at RBWS in 2003 and 2011 and best grey average Big Country Sale 2008. “Clukan” bulls have been in the top 10 sale bulls on many occasions with bulls selling to $37,500.

20 years of, ET & IVF programs using our best females has been a very important part of the stud. Our show team for BEEF 2018 are all ET/IVF animals.

We are aiming to produce high quality polled Brahmans with desired traits, sirey bulls with good testicles and functional females with good udders.

We are very excited about being in the Brahman Compound at BEEF 2018 and to showcase the best from “Clukan”.

**Tango Brahmans**  
**Principals:** Glen and Tanya Oppermann (along with our children Emma and Sam)  
**Operation Situated:** Binjour Plateau, Gayndah in the Central Burnett region  
**Stud Established:** 1998  
**No of Breeders:** Small herd rebuilding after being forced to sell approximately 75% of our herd due to drought.

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Details of Animals in pens:

- 2 x 20 month old bulls both sired by Yenda Sultan (a polled bull by JDH Prophet Manso)
- Tango Duke 413 – A polled bull - Dam Tango Jessica 321 sired by Danarla Caine (son of Glengarry Waco)
- Tango P Monarch 412 – A horned bull - Dam - Tango Krissy 196 sired by PBF Carlaw Manso
- 2 x heifers

Bulls have been sold at RBWS, the February All Breeds Sale, Roma Tropical Bull sale but most of our sales are paddock sales. Heifers have been sold through Toowoomba Female sale but very few heifers are sold.

We have done ET programs in the past and are concentrating heavily on AI programs at the moment and planning further AI and IVF programs in the near future.

While our numbers are reduced and we are concentrating on rebuilding, we have taken the opportunity to purchase high quality females for us to rebuild our herd. Over the past 12 months in particular we were fortunate enough to acquire some beautiful polled heifers.

- NCC Duchess 3916 (sired by Three D Platinum)
- Avee 767 (sired by Lancefield A Cooper)
- Token Miss 578/6 (sired by Token Dominator)

We also purchased an outstanding heifer in Savannah Miss 539/4 (sired by FBC Megatron Manso 345/1).

We have concentrated on femininity and softness, length, bone, depth, fertility and temperament. To match this we have been particularly selective in the sires that we are using in our AI programs and looked for bulls to lift our herd again to a higher level.

We are excited to see the results of our efforts over the coming months and years.

**Elmo Brahmans**

**Principals:** Allan & Leonie Trail

**Operation Situated:** “Murrindindi”, Baralaba Qld

**Stud Established:** 1981

**No of Breeders:** 150 Stud and 100 Commercial

**Details of Animals in Pens:**

Our Show Team polled red brahmons, 3 bulls and 2 cows and calves. The bulls will be 19 to 20 months of age 2 Bulls x by Walton Downs Barnaby 710/1 (P) (purchased at BEEF 2015). 1 Bull x Brolga Gully 2254/0(P) The two cows and calves are both by Brolga Gully 2254/0 (P). Elmo Lady Lucille (P), who is 3 ½ years of age and is the dam of one of our show bulls Elmo Picasso (P), and her calf at foot, Elmo Princess Lucille (P) (14/9/17), Elmo Golde Moon (P) has a polled heifer calf at foot by Walton Downs Barnaby 710/1(P). Both females were in our display pen at the 2016 Brahman Congress.

Elmo sells selected sires through RBWS and the majority of our bulls are sold either to Northern Queensland or Western Australia. Elmo heifers are sold at the Rocky All Stars Elite Female Sale and limited numbers privately. We also sell heifers to select clients in Thailand on a regular basis.

This BEEF Week is our debut in the show ring.

We complete AI Programs on our maiden heifers and select cows depending on favourable seasonal conditions.

The most influential sires we have used are Rockley 985 (P), Palmvale Zephyr (P) and Brolga Gully 2254/0 (P). These sires have bred us a magnificent line of polled, functional and fertile females that breed on to a very old age.

We always pride ourselves on the temperament of our cattle. We strive to breed bulls and females that have longevity in all conditions. We are concentrating on breeding polled cattle whilst maintaining beef, bone, length and fertility.

Elmo runs 150 stud breeders and approximately 100 commercial cows and fattens through to bullocks to the meatworks. We also buy in steers and heifers to fatten when the seasons permit.

**Walton Downs**

**Principal:** Bon Wall

**Operation Situated:** “Peak View” North of Clermont, Central QLD

**Stud Established:** In 1948.

**No. of Breeders:** 250 Stud females, these are made up of 37 years of red genetics.

**Details of Animals in pens:**

A selection of young heifers from leading sires at Walton Downs Stud and some young sires will also be available for sale at RBWS, Gold City, Big Country and Gympie Female Sales.

The Stud also likes to support the Central Queensland show circuit being Alpha, Capella, Clermont, Springsure and Emerald.

We do an AI program each year concentrating on older genetics and typical to the standard of excellence of the Brahman.

**Nioka**

**Principal:** Letitia Nicolle

**Operation Situated:** Letitia Nicolle has recently taken over the Stud from her parents Tim and Vicki Nicolle. Relocating the Stud from ‘Rockley’ Warialda, NSW to Biloela, QLD.

**Stud Established:** 1985 as Gwydir Valley then the Nioka prefix started in 2000.

**Details of Animals in pens:**

- Nioka Pablo NIK800M
- Nioka Pierre NIK858M
- Nioka Quartertex NIK929M
- 2 heifers from one of the leading matriarchs of the stud

Currently Nioka sells both bulls and females privately and at the February All Breeds Summer Brahman Sale. Bulls are also sold at Rockhampton Brahman Week.

We AI our maiden heifers each year.

Nioka has previously had a long and successful show career, particularly in northern NSW with very rewarding results in the sale ring in 2017.

In recent years we have used Abbotsford Ruben extensively over Aintree Tx War
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The Garglen Arizona daughters are proving to be an exceptional line for female production. They are consistently putting high quality females on the ground.

We have recently acquired the used sire, Fern Hills Lexus.

Nioka are concentrating on producing females which carry good frame, correctness, temperament and femininity without losing breed character and purity while maintaining functionality and providing longevity in the paddock.

We run Brahman cows with Simmental bulls and also F1 cows to terminal sires.

**HH Park Brahmans**

**Principals:** Don and Julie Hurrell  
**Operation Situated:** Upper Glastonbury South East Queensland  
**Established:** 1988  
**No. of Breeders:** 250 breeders

Sells bulls at Rockhampton Brahman Week and at Big Country Sale in Charters Towers. We also sell some females at Big Country Sale in Charters Towers and at the Gympie Female Sale.

HH Park enter a small number of Stud Cattle into local shows.

In 2017 we were very pleased in our success, with HH Park Miss Jewel 882 winning calf champion, and HH Park Charlotte 836 winning both Junior and Grand Champion in a quality line up of Brahman females. We will be showcasing these two beautiful heifers in our pens at BEEF Week.

The direction of the stud has changed predominately JD Hudgins blood lines. In 2013 we made a huge financial commitment to upgrade the stud and we purchased FBC El Toro Manso for the top price at Brahman week.

We also purchased 3 of the Glengarry show heifers.

We continually run IVF and AI programs using high grade JD Hudgins genetics to add diversity and quality blood lines to our stud. In 2017 we purchased Blue Blood Regal who we believe will be a perfect cross over a long line of FBC El Toro heifers.

Our focus has always been to keep size and structure in our cows with emphasis on good udders and temperament.

**Danarla**  
**Stud Principal:** David Harch  
**Operation Situated:** Danarla Brahmans, Wondai, QLD  
**Stud Established:** 1985  
**No. of breeders:** 140 Grey and Red Breeders.

**Details of animals in pens:** At BEEF Week we will be displaying 2 young bulls that will be offered for sale later in the year at Brahman Week.

We focus on breeding functional cattle with good breed character and temperaments. We aim to breed deep bodied cattle with plenty of length and volume.

We present a team of 18 quality bulls at Brahman week each year. Our other sales are private treaty in registered bulls and heifers.

We regularly sell herd bulls to the Northern Territory. We are currently running an Al program with imported Hudgins genetics

Our foundation sires include Cherokee Lil’ Vigilante, Carinya Jerome and Glengarry Waco. Over the years we have used a number of PB Fenech bulls with success, mostly going back to the JH Westin and JDH Shannon Bloodlines. In more recent years Lancefield D Renault and Palmal Ramsay have made their impacts on our herds.

**Cambil Brahmans**  
**Principals:** Lawson & Sophie and Bill & Tolma Camm  
**Operation Situated:** Proserpine Queensland  
**Established:** 1985  
**No Breeders:** 500 Brahman females.

**Details of animals in pens:** Cambil will have two pens of exciting polled calves sired by Kenrol Darocca. These calves and their genetics are very promising and are worth inspection by all Brahman Breeders.

Marketed at Wilangi Invitational sale and the Big Country sale. We also sell many paddock bulls throughout the year.

Cambil Brahmans has always accessed the best genetics available in the Brahman breed, importing bulls from the USA in the 1990s and securing the semen rights in JDH Clanton Manso 313/8 in 2014.

The stud has also invested heavily in sires here in Australia, like Tartrus Rembrandt in 2003 for $50,000 and NCC Jaguar in 2014 for $67,000. In recent years the stud has also incorporated some high quality polled genetics into the herd, with the purchase of Elrose FairPlay, the top priced bull at the Big Country sale in 2013 and Kenrol Darocca, purchased privately in 2016.

In recent years the stud has embarked on a extensive IVF program, with the first progeny to be sold at the Wilangi sale in 2018.

The stud's goal is to produce functional, easy doing cattle, bred on the coast to suit northern Australia.

**Delta Grove S**  
**Principals:** Suzette Smith & family  
**Operation Situated:** Wowan Central QLD, is a division of the Delta Grove Brahman Stud  
**Stud Established:** 1990’s  
**No. of Breeders:** 200 Breeders

The original foundation females were sourced from the "Kerale" & "Avondale" bloodlines in the early 70’s, with sires from Walla, Avondale and Lyndhurst then into full Hudgins Bloodlines in the mid 1990’s, starting with JDH Elefante R Manso 272. Since then most sires are purchased from Tartrus, FBC and Lancefield Studs.

Our most recent purchase, an exceptional poll from 2AM Brahman stud fits our focus on faultless temperament and beefy conformation traits.

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**Three D Brahmans**

**Principles:** Trevor and son Clinton Geddes

**Operation Situated:** Rockhampton

**Stud Established:** 1999

**No. of Breeders:** 120 stud breeders

**Details of animals in pens:** This year, we are exhibiting three progeny of Three D Platinum. Three D Mr Marshall is a 26 month old sire that has been earmarked to be the next sire of the herd, two heifers that will accompany him are Three D Ivy and Three D Penny.

Our major influencing sires have been from both our own genetics and abroad. Our first grey polled bulls were Avondale Pablo 6291 and Balmoral Skylark 3486, which to this day has been the backbone of our polled genetics. Currently, our home bred sire Three D Platinum has been the centrepiece of the stud for natural and artificial breeding. We have also used JDH Mr Elmo heavily in our IVF program with some outstanding polled calves coming along.

Our buyers look to us for cattle that have both strong physical attributes and genetics, with desirable temperaments. Our focus is breeding quality not quantity.

We select the cream of the crop to sell at Rockhampton Brahman Week sale in October with the balance being sold to commercial and stud producers.

We are aiming to move towards breeding a predominately polled herd whilst not sacrificing the physical attributes of the horned animal or our strain of genetics.

We are actively undertaking AI and IVF programs and have successfully entered the international genetics markets in Asia, Germany, USA and Canada.

**Wandarri Cattle Company**

**Principles:** Mick & Desley Delroy

**Operation Situated:** Thangool QLD

**Stud Established:** 1969

**No. of Breeders:** 1200

**Details of animals in pens:** 1 x Pen young bulls with old Zebu and Cherokee bloodlines.

95% Bulls unfed paddock bulls sold to repeat buyers. Have shown commercial cattle at every BEEF and the 2016 Congress. Have not shown Led Cattle now for 10 – 12 years. We have been doing Al prior to setup of stud in 1969.

Major influencing sire and dams are Cherokee LC Silver, winning Sire of the year for three consecutive years (1992, 1993 & 1994), no bull has scored as many points since these achievements. Wandarri Cattle Company is aiming towards reinforcing old bloodlines, with our breeding emphasis being on the female portion of the herd. All replacement females are bred within our current herd. Temperament is a major influencing factor, closely followed by purity & character, fertility & tick resistance. We currently breed red and black Brangus and their crosses with Brahman.

**Somerton Red Brahmans – Dunn Family**

**Principles:** David & Noeline Dunn

**Somerton C Principles:** Clinton Dunn

**Somerton JK Principles:** Jarrod & Kate Dunn

**Operation Situated:** “Lavinia Park” St. Lawrence QLD 4704 & “Elron” Jambin QLD 4702

**Stud Established:** 2005

**No. of Breeders:** 120 and home to our 3 stud sires; NCC Rhapsody, Lanes Creek Dolomite 1555 and NCC Marathon.

**Details of animals in pens:** We will be displaying 11 of our stud herd. Including a display in the Australian Brahman Breeders compound of:

- Somerton Judicious and Somerton Krone by NCC Rhapsody
- Somerton Kash and Somerton Longbow by Lanes Creek Dolomite 1555
- Somerton Dakota by NCC Rhapsody
- Somerton Eve by Lanes Creek Dolomite 1555
- Somerton Chantilly by Palmvale Hillbillly
- Somerton Justified by NCC Rhapsody
- Somerton Diamond by Lanes Creek Dolomite 1555
- Somerton Gypsie by Lanes Creek Dolomite 1555

Our bulls are sold at Brahman Week in October and Big Country Sale in Charters Towers. We have been showing our cattle locally since 2017 at Marlborough, Monto, Callide Valley (Biloela) & Rockhampton.

- Somerton Indian Outlaw - sold to Gavin Scott
- Somerton Buick sold to Bogandilla Pastoral
- Somerton Doriemus sold to Tarramba Red Brahmans
- Over 90% sale clearance rate to date.

**Show ring success:**

- Supreme Champion Exhibitors Group at Callide Valley
- Junior Champion Bull at Marlborough
- Reserve Champion Junior Female at Marlborough – Somerton Miss Robin
- Reserve Champion calf at Rockhampton – Somerton Justified

We have recently completed an AI program using A.R.T in August 2017 with calves due in June 2018.

Our major influencing Sires include Kandoona Big John, Tralin Bentley, Tartrus Redmount, Mr Winchester Magnum 999, NCC Rhapsody, and Lanes Creek Dolomite.

Our major influencing Dams include Palmvale Miss Pablo Raydar, PBF Chantilly Manso, Topline Miss Lady Di Texas Red Manso, and Lancefield Rahmeen.

Our stud is aiming to breed cattle with good muscling, bone and with good constitution. A strong focus on calf size at birth and good udders. We also have a commercial operation, which is family owned and operated for 20 years comprising of 700 breeders and selected Somerton Sires.
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Hamdenvale Brahmans
Principles: David and Joy Deguara
Operation Situated: Blue Mountain, Eton QLD
Stud Established: 1970
No. of Breeders: 150 grey and 50 red females

Details of animals in pens: BEEF Australia provides us with an opportunity to display our resident Sire in FBC Impact Manso and also Brahman Week prospect Hamdenvale Centurion.
Sires used by us include Mr V8 458, Mr V8 474, JDH DataPack Manso, JDH Roma Manso, JDH Summit Manso.
The main purpose of our display at BEEF Australia is to promote our females which are a major focus for Hamdenvale. Our “Females Of The Future” Sale held annually at the Mackay Showgrounds on the last weekend in October, is our Stud’s primary event for the year. We actively use Embryo and IVF breeding, generally undertaking 2 to 3 IVF programs and 1 Embryo program per year, to produce genetics for this sale that are not readily available in Australia.
Genetics used in our latest artificial breeding programs include JDH Layton De Manso, JDH Domino Manso, Mr V8 279 (polled) together with our herd sires JDH Duke De Manso, JDH Roma Manso and JDH Summit Manso (polled).

While not showing at BEEF Australia this year, we have shown cattle in the past at numerous regional shows, with a major achievement being Hamdenvale Brandi being awarded Reserve Junior Champion Heifer at the World Brahman Congress.
We aim to produce females that are consistently improving our herd, and the Brahman breed in Australia. Temperament, eye appeal, structural soundness and femininity are key traits that we seek to breed into our females.
The stud operation is supported by a commercial herd of approximately 1800 breeders used in a cross breeding operation on our family properties in the Nebo district.

Raglan
Principals: Andrew and Roxanne Olive
Operation Situated: Raglan QLD
Stud Established: 1994
No. of Breeders: 350-400 registered females
Details of animals in pens: Progeny of the BEEF Australia 2015 grand champion Brahman and interbreed bull, Raglan Victory, will be on display at BEEF Australia 2018 in May.
We do an AI program at the end of the year and use imported semen over all our maiden heifers that are coming into the stud. As well as their stud females, the Olives run a large herd of grey purebred commercial Brahman cows to produce herd bulls. These herd improvers are sold in the paddock as two year olds and through the saleyards, finding a ready and repeat market with large stations across the Top End. The prefix markets bulls at Ponderosa Brahman Bull Sale in Katherine, NT; the Big Country and Wilangi Invitation sales in Charters Towers; and Rockhampton Brahman Week.
We have recently exported the second shipment of purebred heifers to the Philippines, with a consignment flown ex Sydney in December last year.

Kenrol Brahmans
Principles: Ken & Wendy Cole
Operation Situated: ‘Matcham’ Gracemere, QLD.
Stud Established: 1968
No. of Breeders: 120
Details of animals in pens: Red and Grey Heifers for sale in calf to FBC Megaaron Manso and Willtony Stetson.
Bulls are sold at Brahman Week and February All Breeds Sale as well as on farm. Heifers are sold at February All Breeds sale and at BEEF Expos.
We exhibit stud cattle at local and feature shows for the breed mainly in QLD but sometimes in NSW.
We do have a few ET and IVF programmes using our best producing donors. The sires that we use are Kenrol Mr HJ Ray, Kenrol Darocca and imported sires, as well as Australian bred sires. We try and AI all females and just use a bull for clean-up.
Our aim is breeding functional cattle with good temperament and concentrating on breeding red and grey polled cattle with good bone and still maintaining beef traits and mothering ability.
We are also involved in a family commercial property breeding and fattening for the EU market.
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Viva Brahman bulls winning at Beef Australia 2018 and other events.

Producing a good, even line of functional cattle is the number one priority for Central Queensland Brahman breeders Alistair (AJ) and Pam Davison, be it in their noted Viva stud or in their extensive commercial herd.

Since forming Viva stud at Lumeah, Middlemount, 14 years ago, the couple have scaled heights that many could only dream of. Undoubtedly their biggest year in the stud game was 2016, when Viva Mario was chosen as the senior and grand champion bull at the World Brahman Congress in Rockhampton. In August that year he was also sashed the senior and grand champion Brahman bull at the Brisbane Royal Show, and became the first Brahman to win the interbreed champion of champions bull award at the “Ekka”.

International success followed, with Mario voted the Europe, Asia and Africa category winner of the 2016 Gold Medal Bull Championship, and the global runner-up bull champion.

Pam Davison said it was pleasing to see how well Viva Mario was breeding on. The August 2013-drop son of Mooramin Delta and Viva 271 has been running with 60 stud cows, alongside Viva Dermott (JDH Denton De Manso/ Brahrock N Miss Dell Empress 78), the bull who kept placing second behind Mario in the show ring.

“We retained both so one could go over each other’s heifers, as they have completely different bloodlines,” Mrs Davison said.

Viva Mario was also lightly used prior to completing his show career, and has a handful of calves on the ground, born in October 2016.

“Our oldest bull calf, Viva Magnum, is out of one of our polled cows by Glengarry Drummond and we’re really excited to see what he can do. He’s looking very promising.”

Magnum will soon hit the big stage at Beef Australia 2018, as part of a five-head show team from Viva. Time will tell if he can emulate the success of his sire, who was the junior champion bull at Beef Australia 2015 in his first showing.

Viva Mario, who was the heaviest bull on the grounds at the Ekka, weighing 1198 kg at 36 months, has adapted well to stud duties.

“He’s obviously got his paddock clothes on but he looks really good and is holding his condition very well,” Mrs Davison said.

Viva stud runs 250 to 300 registered females, using a mix of natural mating and AI. When the Davisons visited the United States in early-2017 to receive their Gold Medal award for Mario, they took a side trip to Texas’ V8 Ranch, where they invested in semen from Mr V8 660/7. The package was bought in partnership with NCC and Palmvale studs. Mr V8
660’s first calves are due at Lumeah this winter, with plans to conduct a second AI program in spring.

“We liked his overall depth and the fact that he’s the complete package. He’s got a good, sirey head and he’s a bull that we believe will cross well with our herd.”

Mrs Davison, who is the daughter of Maureen Olive and the late Andrew Olive Snr, said Viva stud owed a lot of its success to having a solid foundation. At the stud’s conception in 2004 it already had 50 years of Brahman breeding behind it.

While the Davisons are hoping for further success in the stud arena at Beef Australia 2018, they also have high hopes for their purebred steers currently being grainfed to enter the commercial section of the beef expo.

AJ Davison said supporting the prime cattle competition was important and was “as good an advertisement as you can get to show some quality pens of Brahman bullocks designed to hit the market”.

The couple run 3000 commercial Brahman females on their 24,300 hectare aggregation, which comprises Lumeah, a block at Marlborough, and Mt Donald at Clermont.

Mt Donald varies from lighter country on the Peak Range, through to scrub country and 486 ha of cropland. Weather permitting, the farming country is used to grow forage sorghum in summer and oats or Petrel wheat in winter to help finish their grassfed cattle.

Flexibility is the key to their commercial beef operation, which produces weaner and EU steers or Jap ox depending on the season and market variables.

One lucrative market has been supplying Teys’ premium grassfed brand, which at the end of 2017 was returning $1800 to $1900 a head for milk and two-tooth steers. If crop finishing is not possible, the Davisons send steers to Paringa Feedlot at Capella or Barmount Feedlot, Clarke Creek, for 100 to 120 days on grain.

“The Paringa steers went for 120 days to meet the high quality EU grainfed market, and our profit really depends on what the market is doing. It can give you a 50 cents (per kilogram) premium, but recently it’s only been around 20 cents,” Mr Davison said.

He said the purebred Brahmans did particularly well on a special Bos indicus ration at Barmount Feedlot, gaining about 2 kg/d or “sometimes better”.

In terms of producing the ideal animal, Mr Davison said they were “still trying to get there”.

“It goes back to getting an animal with a nice growth rate that is up and early to hit the market where the bullocks need to be.

“We’re still keeping an eye on meatworks and looking at DEXA and how we are going to get paid. But at the moment we’re focussed on producing milk- and two-tooths that are 600 kg-plus at that point.”

In addition to feeder and prime cattle the Davisons sell up to 200 herd bulls a year, about half direct from the paddock at two years of age. The best of the bunch go to the Wilangl Invitation Sale, Clermont Beef Bull Sale and the Northern Territory’s Ponderosa Brahman Bull Sale.

Paddock bull buyers include Willaroo Station, Katherine, and stations across the Gulf and North Queensland, who pay $3000-$4000/hd on average.

As well as using their home-bred bulls in the commercial herd, the Davisons buy sires from a number of studs, with no preference for prefixes or bloodlines.

“We’ve got a bit of everything here. We basically go to sales and if we walk around and see a bull we like we buy him,” Mr Davison said.

“Mario’s sire cost $14,000, so you don’t have to buy the dearest bull out there. We’re just looking for something that clicks with our herd.”

Their females are seasonally mated from November to March, with heifers joined at two years of age. Maintaining herd fertility is a key focus, with sharp attention paid to moderate stocking rates and culling for non-production.

“This year we had one of our best preg tests ever, with rates up around 90 percent. It’s usually around 80 percent, but we had rain last September so the cows all cycled early and were ready to go when we put the bulls in.”

Ongoing regrowth control, fencing and seeding with Buffel grass are other keys to boosting productivity at Lumeah and Mt Donald.

“Things like seasons and markets change all the time. We just have to be diverse so we can be flexible and move with the markets as they do. We’re still trying to work it out,” Mr Davison said.

Humility aside, given the success of Viva stud and the Davison’s commercial cattle, it’s clear to see that this couple have Brahman breeding pretty much worked out.
Making every day Hump Day at BEEF 2018

Construction is well underway on a third giant Texas BBQ to join The Smokin’ Yak arsenal, allowing the capacity to cook in excess of 400 kg of Brahman Beef at any one sitting during Beef 2018.

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Members interested in supporting this important breed promotion are asked to contact the ABBA office as soon as possible on 07 4927 7799.
On the Road Again!!
Contribution by Lyn Coombe

Here we go again!! The Hump Express hits the road in the 2018 Variety Club Bash. With all the publicity, media attention and success in 2017 three of the original crew have decided to go again raising money for children in need. Of course Brahman cattle will be at the forefront of our promotion with the bulls back on the roof overseeing the trip.

In August this year Wendy Cole, Lyn Coombe & our trusty mechanic Terry Gregson, are participating in the Variety Club fundraiser which involves driving a car (has to be at least 30 years old) from the Gladstone to Townsville via inland roads & tracks. Variety – The Children’s Charity is a fundraiser for children who are sick, disadvantaged and have special needs with much needed financial support for things like specialist equipment, therapy and medical supplies.

This will be the 34th Variety Bash with well over 200 million dollars being raised so far for Aussie children in need. Through our amazing efforts last year we witnessed many presentations being made to families who were so incredibly grateful for our help and assistance – tear jerking stuff.

In March this year The Hump Express team will be present to make presentations as part of the funding that they raised during the 2017 bash.

Sports equipment has been purchased for the Rockhampton Special School and a MoMo bike for Mackenzie Munge. Mackenzie has Down Syndrome so the therapy bicycle that supports in particular the balance training and mobilisation of disabled children will help Mackenzie gain strength in her legs as she has very low muscle tone. The pedalling mechanism will also help her with the convergence of her eyes. It will be fantastic that we can have a purpose made bike given to a fellow Brahman family in need.

After the incredible success of last year’s online semen auction, winning the Variety International Innovation Award for fundraising, we have decided to run another one. Some of last year’s donors have already expressed interest to be involved again. If you have a bull that has made an impact as a sire in the Brahman breed or a young up & coming sire we would more than welcome your semen donation. Last year’s auction certainly was a hit with everyone! Contact Wendy or Lyn if you are interested in donating to this auction. More details about this soon!

We will give our donors and sponsors plenty of exposure depending on the level of support. The back door panel with all the stud logos of those who participated last year looked great. For corporate type sponsorship direct consultation with Wendy, who is our sponsorship co-ordinator, is a prerequisite. The Variety Club is a registered charity therefore all donations are tax deductible.

Together we are pretty excited about our next adventure and to have it go hand in hand with fundraising for a worthy charity makes it so much more worthwhile. ‘The Hump Express’ certainly made an impact last year winning the highest fundraisers award – let’s see what we can do in 2018.

Attached is the link for this great charity if you would like to know more detail

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Two enthusiastic young Brahman breeders were recognised for their efforts with cattle, the community and sport at the Australia Day Awards on January 26.

Nanci Wilson, 18, received the Junior Cultural Award at the Monto Australia Day event, while New South Wales’ Jordan Green, 18, was presented with the Youth Citizen Award at Urbenville.

Nanci, who is the daughter of Becky Wilson, Eureka Creek Brahman stud, finished school last year as the Dux of Monto State High School and was captain of the school’s Cattle Club. She had a tremendous year showing off her cattle skills in 2017. In June she secured the 16-under 25 years’ age group championship at the Rockhampton Junior Beef Show and also received the hotly-contested Herdsman’s Award, competing against 180 entrants.

“I’ve been going to Junior Beef since 2008 and this was my last year and my biggest win. I’ve had my eye on that (Herdsman’s Award) since I started,” Nanci said.

The Rockhampton results gave the teenager entry into three events at Brisbane Royal Show in August: the Prime Cattle Young Judges’, Stud Cattle Young Judges’ and Junior Paraders’ contests.

To her credit, Nanci placed first in the “Ekka’s” prime cattle judging section, which gave her immediate entry into the QCAS Young Judges’ State Championship, which she also won.

Nanci said she learnt to assess cattle by being around them for much of her life.

“I’ve just grown up with it. The end game for any stud is to produce beef, so it’s something I’ve always had to consider,” she said.

The talented teenager is currently having a gap year, working at home preparing cattle for Beef Australia 2018 and helping out at the local vet surgery.

As well as breaking in her family’s own show team, Nanci is showing cattle for Bardia stud, owned by Del and Narelle Chapman, Wowan. Eureka Creek has shares in the 2017 ABBA Sire of the Year Bardia Ambassador, and Nanci said most of their cattle going to Beef Australia were by the well-performed polled bull. The Wilsons runs close to 80 registered females, using Ambassador as their lead sire for natural mating and conducting AI programs using US genetics.

Although she has been accepted to study Pharmacy at university next year, Nanci said she was still deciding which study path to take. She said receiving the Australia Day Award was a huge thrill.

“I wasn’t expecting it. I was really proud and I felt really chuffed,” she said.

Another inspirational Australia Day Award recipient was 18-year-old Jordan Green, who owns Richmond Valley Brahman stud at Old Bonalbo, NSW, in partnership with her sister Megan.

Jordan received the Junior Citizen of the Year Award at Urbenville for her volunteer contribution to the Urbenville Progress Association, excellence in competitive pistol shooting, and success in stud cattle showing. While completing her Year 12 studies at Woodenbong Central School last year, Jordan also found time to graduate with a Certificate II in Agriculture.

She said her volunteer work with the Progress Association was spurred by a desire to help the local community, and involved serving morning teas and cooking and cleaning at charity functions at the local hall.

Jordan’s sporting achievements last year were incredibly impressive, the youngster collecting a swag of awards for Action Pistol Shooting, in three different states. In Queensland competitions, Jordan placed first at the South Qld Action Cup, the Qld Pistol Shooting State Championships, and the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Qld State Titles, where she was also awarded Top Junior. In NSW, Jordan notched up first place at the Amateur Pistol Association State Titles, At the ACT Action Pistol Championships, she collected the Junior Female Shooter title and placed third in the...
Sharp Shooter section. Jordan has also been an integral member of the Clay Target Shooting School Representative Team.

“I’ve been shooting since I was 12. My dad is a shooter, and living on the land we are allowed to have guns,” she said.

In the show ring, Jordan was a finalist in the Far North Coast Group Beef Cattle Junior Judging competition and was selected to represent her region at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. She has also competed for the past six years at the Casino Bos Indicus Youth Roundup, in 2017 being awarded the Clint Edward Memorial Trophy for the second time, for her interest and dedication to the cattle industry.

Jordan said Richmond Valley Brahman stud was founded by her grandmother Shirley Green and the prefix was handed down to her and her sister Megan. The girls have a small team of commercial females that they intend to breed up to be eligible for registration.

Her parents, Robert and Brenda, run a crossbred herd of 150 breeders, selling two-year-old grassfed steers through Warwick or Casino saleyards.

“We use a Brahman bull over Charbray heifers, and run homebred Brangus bulls over F1 Charbray heifers to breed steers to suit the local market,” Jordan said.

As members of the NSW Branch of the ABBA, both sisters attended the Rockhampton Junior Beef Show last year and Megan will be representing the branch at the 2018 event.

Jordan said she was keen to continue working in the beef industry, with plans to study a Bachelor of Animal Science at the University of New England.

“I’m very interested in cattle genetics and research and I want to get involved with AI,” she said.
Australia’s National BEEF Exposition

Contribution by BEEF Australia

Seedstock Producers Positive about Beef Australia 2018

A jewel in the crown of Beef Australia 2018, the Landmark Stud Cattle Competition, will shine brightly at this year’s National expo with record nominations received.

1676 nominations have been received, which is an increase of 281 head or just over 20 percent on Beef Australia 2016 numbers. The most represented breed from a total of 32 breeds on the grounds this year, will be the Droughtmaster with over 250 animals being shown, this figure itself being a record for any individual breed in the history of the prestigious competition.

Other breeds with large numbers include Brangus, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Charolais and Simmental, whilst new entrants this year are Fleckvieh, Brahmalow and Queenslanders.

The committee have also been busy generating new ideas and initiatives for 2018, including a centre ring ‘grab and go’ outlet providing good basic food and hot and cold drinks, and plenty of shaded seating. Competitors and spectators will no longer have to leave the judging arena for a cuppa or a sandwich, and for people with extra time on their hands, a sit-down air-conditioned centre ring bistro is also an option.

If for any reason you’ve been tardy with your nominations for the Landmark Stud Cattle Competition, late entries along with withdrawals and substitutions will be accepted up until Friday, 2 March 2018.

CQUniversity Industry Symposium

The CQUniversity Industry Symposium at Beef Australia 2018 features a line-up of economic, political, digi-tech, and market and trade experts who will discuss the global disruption agenda, and how this affects the beef industry.

The Master of Ceremonies for the Symposium is renowned strategist and global emerging trend spotter, Chris Riddell. He is Australia’s most sought-after futurist, and an award-winning, industry-recognised keynote speaker on digital. Chris Riddell was the first-ever Chief Digital Officer (CDO) for MARS Incorporated in Australia and New Zealand, architeceting the corporate digital strategy behind brands such as Whiskas, Pedigree, Wrigley, Starburst, Masterfoods, Snickers and Maltesers.

The Symposium is divided into five sections: The Global State of Play, Banking the Bulls, Innovation In the Top Paddock and Disruption Consumption. Several keynote speakers will present before a panel session discusses how beef industry stakeholders can manage Digital Disruption and embrace the opportunities that arise during this time.

In session one, Keynote Speaker, Hamish McDonald, will discuss the impact of the digital movement on the Australian beef industry now, and what this means for the future. Mr McDonald is an award-winning Broadcaster and International Affairs Correspondent. He has covered war in Ukraine, Afghanistan and Libya, as well as the rise of ISIS in the Middle East, the rise of Donald Trump in America and the search for the missing schoolgirls in Nigeria. Hamish is a dynamic media professional with the capacity to shift between hard-hitting political interviews on daily breakfast programs, to hosting prime-time comedy news programs, in-depth investigations, pod-casting, digital strategy consulting and live events.

This will lead into session two where Paul Barry will facilitate discussion on the Global State of Play. Andrew Robb, former Trade Minister; Hamish McDonald, Journalist; Peter Fitzsimmons, Journalist; and Neer Korn, social trends and consumer insights expert, will discuss topics on disruption on a political and economic macro level that is happening globally. This will be supported by a second Panel who will discuss the repercussions of this in the beef industry on a global and domestic level.

The disruption agenda is relevant to all parts of the beef supply chain, this highly interactive day offers insight to what the future of beef may hold for all stakeholders from consumers to producers. The Symposium will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at Beef Australia and tickets are $400 per person and will be available to purchase on Monday, March 19.

Property Tours

The Westpac Property Tours program offers visitors from Australia and overseas a first-hand look at the operations of Central Queensland’s beef cattle producers.

This year 12 of Central Queensland’s industry leaders are inviting Westpac Property Tour participants onto their properties to share what practices they are using to run their business. This year’s program includes two platinum tours, six full-day tours, and four half-day tours. The platinum tours provide a once in a lifetime opportunity for small groups to fly to overseas a first-hand look at the properties.  The full program with all the details is available from the Beef Australia website.

For more information visit beefaustralia.com.au

Hamish McDonald,
Matilda and Pippi Williamson, Capricorn Stud, Brooweena. Capricorn sold three reds for an $18,000 average topping at $25,000 for the polled, Capricorn B Napoleon 1440.

Ivan Price, his mother Dell Price and his sons, Hunter and Iva, Moongool Stud, Yuleba. Moongool took home three for a $27,000 average including the $65,000 Hazleton All Bull 4412.

Drew Hacon, Hacon and Sons, Granada Station, Cloncurry returned to take home six for two destinations, Bunda Bunda Station, Julia Creek and the Granada Stud, Granada Station, Cloncurry. The three for Bunda Bunda averaged him $12,334 while the remaining trio for Granada came in at an average $27,333.

Territorians, Paul and Debbie Herrod, Ponderosa Stud, Ballongilly Station, Katherine with agent Ken Krienke, Elders Katherine. In all the Herrod’s signed off on 11 for an average price of $11,364.

Peter Newman, Rathlyn Studs, Emerald sold six greys to average $14,000. These topped at $60,000 for Rathlyn N Holden 12346 and six reds to average $7667.

Kellie and Brooke Brummell, Big River Stud, Rannes. Nagel Bennett, Flagstaff, Taroom took home 12 for an average $3917.

Tom Hughes, Malarga Station, Brooweena. Tom’s parents selected six bulls for an $8667 average.

Warren and Colin Fry, Arafura Cattle Company, West Inverleigh Station, Normanton, sat through the duration of the sale to end with 21 bulls for an average $3952.

Warwick Freeman, Meelambie Downs, Wallumbilla checks the supplementary sheets. His operation will be the home of 18 new bulls for an average $7611.
Brahmans underpin Hartley Grazing’s success

By Lindel Greggery

Brahman females are the backbone of a successful commercial beef operation being run by Hartley Grazing, north of Mitchell.

Tom and Sandra Hartley, their son “Rew” (Andrew), daughters and sons-in-law Michelle and Dan McInerney and Amada and Brett Slater, are all involved in the enterprise, while their youngest daughter Krystle works for Rabobank in nearby Roma.

The Hartleys run 3500-4000 females, “three-quarter Brahman content or a bit better”, on their 85,000 hectare breeding block, Crystal Brook. With the country comprising undeveloped Cypress pine forest country and native pasture, the Brahmans are the ideal animal to suit the lighter conditions.

The females are crossed with Charolais, Angus and Simmental bulls, with production focussed on marketing heavy feeder steers weighing 470-510 kg at 18 months of age.

These are grown out on two Brigalow blocks, 11,745 ha Coopermurra and 14,580 ha Southlands, located about 100km west of Injune. A fourth property, 5872 ha Morwhenna at Mitchell, has just been added to the stable, with handover in March this year.

Tom Hartley said they had close to 16,000 ha blade ploughed, with plans to improve another 4000 ha over the next five years.

“All our cattle are turned off grass. We’ve got a fair bit of Buffel on the ploughed country and we put a bit of Silk Sorghum in when we blade plough, although this only lasts a couple of years,” Mr Hartley said.

The family sells their milk tooth and two tooth steers and spayed heifers direct to feedlots, with Morgan Pastoral Co’s Whaka and Kurrawong feedlots near Dalby being their major buyer in recent years.

“They’ve been very happy with their doing ability and feed conversion. Last year we averaged $3.20 (kg) and this year it is back a bit, but we’ll hopefully get around 53 if we’re lucky.”

Mr Hartley said the heavy feeder market was ideal for them, providing flexibility if times turn dry.

“You don’t need so many cows and in dry times you can reduce the herd quickly. Keeping them as bullocks means you have to run a lot of extra stock for another 12 months and you only get about $300 or $400 more.”

He said the Brahman content kept the frame size up in the crossbred progeny and provided the best of both worlds in terms of offering functionality and hybrid vigour. Hartley Grazing has been a major bull buyer at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale for most of the past 20 years.
years. Last year they invested in 20 bulls at the sale, paying close to $6000 on average.

“We look for length and frame, those are the first things, then weight for age is the next thing. They’ve got to have reasonable breeding capability and we make sure the bulls are structurally sound, with good testicles and sperm count,” Mr Hartley said.

Hartley Grazing mates its cows from November to late March, achieving close to 80 percent calving rates.

“We keep our calving rates up by keeping the cows in good order, keeping the licks up to them and pre-testing the younger cows to make sure they are on track.”

Because of the lighter country, heifers may be given a second chance to get in calf, and females are usually not culled till 11 or 12 years of age, providing they are still in good condition and producing calves.

Mr Hartley said the enterprise’s main challenges included “keeping good feed ahead of your sale cattle” and keeping on top of finances to “make sure we are ahead of the game with borrowings”.

“We use Compudose 400-day on everything except our keeper heifers and we supplementary feed a dry mix at Crystal Brook. We also put a fair bit of phosphorus out during the summer and cut back to use more urea, around 10 percent, in the winter,” he said.

“In the next five years we are concentrating on paying down a bit of debt and then will look at more expansion in the future. But we’ll always stick with our Brahman cows and plan to stay with the heavy feeders as it’s the best market for us.”
Brahmans in a Golden cross

Contributed by Queensland Country Life

Brahman bulls are being used successfully in a crossbreeding operation at “Potter’s Flat”, Yuleba, and “Pembroke”, Roma, since their introduction after the millenium drought.

Richard and Helen Golden run close to 2000 head, with Brahman bulls joined to Hereford females, and Charolais bulls used over the first-cross females.

“Around 2000 we got rid of every beast we owned, and when we rebuilt, we bought crossbred cows, pregnancy-tested-in-calf, and changed from a self replacing herd,” Mr Golden said.

“I bought a purebred Hereford herd from dad and that’s when we decided to breed what some people call super cows – a Hereford mother and a Brahman father.”

The resulting brindle females are retained and joined to Charolais bulls.

“Brahmans make very good mothers, and they’re significantly tougher than any other breed.

“For the best hybrid vigour, you need to have a first-cross mother then a purebreed over them, and we believe we are getting the best of all the different attributes of the breeds that we’re using.”

Temperament and type are the main priorities when choosing bulls.

“Brahmans have always had a lesser reputation for temperament so that’s a really harsh selection criteria for bulls that we buy – we want them to be naturally tame.”

All maiden heifers are joined to Brahman bulls at 14 to 15 months.

Pregnancy testing is done the same day as weaning, in late April or early May, with dry cows sold through the Roma saleyards.

The calves are yard weaned on high quality lucerne hay for five to eight days.

Mr Golden keeps all Hereford and first-cross heifers, only culling on temperament before their first joining.

All Euro-cross calves are sold through the saleyards, at six to nine months, weighing between 235kg to 252kg.

All other steers are finished at “Pembroke” on buffel.

“Finishing them to feeder weights was a fantastic success first time.

“The first lot of steers averaged 960 grams per head daily weight gain. We’re able to wean at six to nine months at the beginning of May and sell in November, weighing from 450kg to 490kg. We couldn’t live without the buffel.”

Herd rotations are rotated according to feed, with about 80 to 85 per cent of the country spelled at any time.

“Giving the country that rest makes a difference, and we also start urea supplementation for the cows from weaning, because they need to be able to digest the harder, drier stuff at the end of the growing season.”

Roma based producers Richard and Helen Golden are now breeding “Super Cows”.

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The Droughtmasters Stud Breeders Society (DSBS), Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association (ABBA) and a consortium of Santa Gertrudis Breeders are currently conducting a joint progeny test project with funding assistance from the Meat & Livestock Australia Donor Company under the Beef Information Nucleus (BIN) program. This joint Northern BIN Steer Project has utilised the steer progeny from a second MLA funded project ‘Enabling genetic improvement of reproduction in tropical beef breeds (Repronomics)’ outlined below.

The project has currently purchased five cohorts of steers from Spyglass and three cohorts of steers from Brian Pastures. The Northern BIN Steer Project will provide data which will assist in the future implementation of a Multi-Breed database and a future Tropical crossbred analysis. This is possible as the Brahman and Droughtmaster steers (at Spyglass and Brian Pastures) and also Santa Gertrudis steers at Brian Pastures have been run together since birth, having only been split during the joining period of their dams in the Northern BIN Steer Project.

Overview of the Repronomics Project

This collaborative, five-year Meat & Livestock Australia funded project aims to improve the evaluation of animals within industry for a number of economically important performance traits, in particular female fertility. The collaborative partners are the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries’ Agri-Science Queensland, University of New England’s Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU) and the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries (NTDPIF).

The key component in the evaluation is the combination of strategic phenotypic recording of specifically managed cattle and new, high density SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) genotyping to build a reference population for the participating breeds. It will rapidly increase the accuracy of genetically describing the reproductive merit as well as growth, carcase and product quality traits of the tropically adapted breeds involved. The data collected through this study will also be used to seed the new genetic analysis methodology of calculating estimated breeding values for all traits. And allow genomic breeding values to be calculated for animals genotyped from tail hair samples.

Northern BIN Project

To date the Northern BIN Steer Project has purchased 1,361 steers, with a breakdown of breed and calving year shown in Table 1. The sires of the project steers are either proven sires with a large number of registered progeny (few of which have been performance recorded with BREEDPLAN) or young up and coming bulls.

The steers are by AI or natural matings out of highly recorded cows from Spyglass Research Station and Brian Pastures. The first steers to be purchased by the Northern BIN Steer Project were from the Spyglass 2013 drop, with steers from the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Spyglass drops subsequently purchased. The first steers purchased from Brian Pastures were the 2015 drop, and the 2016 and 2017 drops have since been purchased. To date the Northern BIN Steer Project includes 585 Droughtmaster steers by 52 Droughtmaster sires (representing 26 different stud prefixes), 648 Brahman steers by 53 Brahman sires (representing 26 different stud prefixes) and 128 Santa Gertrudis steers by 17 sires (representing 10 different stud prefixes).

Both 400 and 600 day weights have been or will be collected for all steers. Steers are scanned for rib fat, rump fat, intramuscular fat measurement (IMF) and eye muscle area (EMA) at the 600 day weight measurement as is a structural soundness assessment. Full MSA chiller assessments will be conducted on the steer carcases, and meat samples from all steer carcases will be analysed by the UNE Meat Science Lab for tenderness, cooking loss, meat colour and intramuscular fat (IMF). All data collected as part of the Northern BIN Steer Project will be submitted to BREEDPLAN. Tail hairs and blood samples were collected from all steers as a source of DNA information for future development and validation of genomic based technologies.

The 2013 Spyglass steer drop was purchased by and finished at Smithfield Feedlot (Proston) in February 2015. The 2014 Spyglass steer drop was backgrounded at
Banana Station, while the 2015 drop steers were backgrounded at Tawarri near Middlemount. The 2014 and 2015 drop steers were transferred to Smithfield Feedlot for finishing for around 105 day prior to slaughter. All steers were slaughtered at John Dee Abattoir in Warwick. The 2016 and 2017 steers are currently at Tawarri for backgrounding with the 2016 steers to go to the feedlot at the end of February 2018.

The 2015 Brian Pastures steers were sent to Sandstone Park at Taroom at 18 months of age for back grounding before being sent to Smithfield Feedlot for finishing on grain. The 2016 Brian Pastures steers were sent directly to Smithfield feedlot from Brian Pastures for finishing. All steers were slaughtered at John Dee abattoir. The 2017 steers were purchased in July and transferred to Berrigurra (Blackwater) for backgrounding. The property locations are shown in Figure 1.

Slaughter data has been collected on the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Spyglass steers. The slaughter data results presented in Table 2 summarise the minimum, maximum and average for the 2015 born steers. The 2015 Spyglass Brahman steers were born within a 78 day period.

It should be noted that 2015 Spyglass steers accidently received a growth promotant at feedlot entry which had a negative effect on the MSA Index for those steers.

Slaughter data has been collected on the 2015 and 2016 Brian Pastures steers. The slaughter data results presented in Table 3 summarise the minimum, maximum and average

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Table 1: Breakdown of steers origin and number per year

Figure 1. Locations of interest for the Northern BIN Steer Project
2013, 2014 and 2015 Brian Pastures born Brahman steer dataset for a number of traits. As with the Spyglass steers there is large variation in all of the carcase traits between animals.

The Northern BIN Steer Project will also purchase the 2018 drop steers from Spyglass and Brian Pastures. As these steers are currently on the dams they will be purchased following weaning later in 2018.

A major change to the project is a change in the finishing of the animals from grain to pasture. This is seen as a more industry relevant finishing method for the Brahman, Droughtmaster and Santa Gertrudis steers in Northern Australia. This will start with 2017 steers being finished on grass with the aim to turning these steers of by 30 months.

The Northern BIN Steer Project will provide vital data that will assist in the rapidly increase the accuracy of genetically describing carcase and growth traits for Droughtmaster, Brahman and Santa Gertrudis cattle. Along with fertility data being collected from the Repronomics project, the Northern BIN Steer Project will help the breeds drive genetic progress for the important traits in the future.

For more information on the Northern BIN Steer Project please contact Paul Williams from Tropical Beef Technology Services on 0427 018 982 or via email paul@tbts.une.edu.au.

Table 2. Summary of the slaughter data for the Spyglass 2013, 2014 and 2015 Brahman steers.

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Spyglass 2016 Brahman steers above and Spyglass 2017 Brahman steers at Tawarri in January 2018 below.

600 day Weight and Carcase Scanning at Tawarri on the Spyglass 2016 steers.

Spyglass Steers in the John Dee chiller.

Spyglass 2016 Brahman steers above and Spyglass 2017 Brahman steers at Tawarri in January 2018 below.
World leading cattle reproduction expert heading to Beef Week

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The Argentinian FTAI experience and what it means for Australia

Renowned cattle reproduction expert Dr Lucas Cutaia is presenting at Beef Week, to offer local producers insights into the successes and lessons of fixed time artificial insemination (FTAI) in Argentina, where the practice is now extremely widespread.

Dr Cutaia researched bovine reproduction at the Institute of Animal Reproduction of Córdoba for more than a decade and he has extensive experience devising and conducting field trials in addition to publishing more than 180 papers. He is currently Global Technical Manager for Syntex South America.

His appearance at Beef Week comes at a time when more and more Australian producers are beginning to recognise the benefits of FTAI, which simplifies AI programs that are known to contribute to sustained genetic progress and heavier calves. By tightening breeding and calving windows, FTAI also comes with efficiency gains through streamlined production.

In Dr Cutaia’s home country of Argentina, millions of cows are inseminated each season using FTAI protocols.

He says FTAI can help producers avoid the biggest barrier to the take up of AI – detecting oestrus. In 2013, less than five per cent of Argentina’s female cattle were artificially inseminated. Today, about 12 per cent are in FTAI programs.

Dr Cutaia will share examples of FTAI in various beef production systems to show the feasibility of implementing these programs under different management conditions, including those familiar to us in Australia.

Joining Dr Cutaia will be Australian cattle vet Dr Liz Pryor, Field Services Veterinarian for Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health Australia. Dr Pryor’s areas of professional interest include a focus on improved profitability through health management, nutrition and reproduction. She will discuss applications of FTAI in Australia and particularly under northern Australian production systems.

Dr Pryor says FTAI is surprisingly simple to implement once the right protocol is identified.

“One of the key challenges of FTAI is ensuring the right dosage of progesterone is used to induce synchronised oestrus. A number of recent studies have shown particular breeds – especially Bos indicus – have a higher degree of sensitivity.”

Dr Pryor says a tailored strategy for each herd is considered best practice and will deliver the best results and strongest return on investment.

“Progesterone assists in the regulation of other hormones released during a cow’s cycle and ultimately allows that animal to ovulate at the right time. The ability of certain breeds and age groups of cattle to utilise progesterone does vary, particularly in young females and Bos indicus, plus cross bred females of any age. If too much progesterone is used, fertility can be negatively affected. It can delay the onset of ovulation and will sometimes even reduce the ability to ovulate at all. These effects may also carry through to subsequent natural matings, affecting longer term fertility so it is important to tailor the amount of progesterone used in reproductive programs according to age and breed.”

Dr Cutaia and Dr Pryor will present their seminar on Monday 7 May from 10am in the James Lawrence 2 room.

Dr Cutaia is attending Beef Week with the support of Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health.

Boehringer Ingelheim’s DIB®-H progesterone device is a new and unique product in the Australian market. It offers a lower dose of progesterone that is optimised for use in all beef cows and heifers including Bos indicus. For more information about DIB®-H and the Selenta range for artificial insemination in cattle, visit Boehringer Ingelheim during Beef Week at stand P46 in the Durack Pavilion.

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Nutrition – Microminerals for Beef Cattle

Contributed by Alex Ashwood

Introduction

Grazing areas in the northern beef industry consist of the high rainfall coastal regions and the progressively drier inland areas, both of which periodically experience marginal deficiencies of some microminerals.

Whilst the incidence of clinical symptoms is very low it is recognised that adequate levels of microminerals are necessary for optimal production and animal welfare.

Cattle grazing pastures in the northern beef industry are most likely to have nutritional shortfalls when the pastures are mature, dormant or experiencing drought conditions.

"Stock at most risk are lactating cows and weaners due to their higher nutritional requirements.”

The rate of animal production (liveweight gain and milk production) depends on the nutritional value of the feed and the quantity of food eaten. Studies show that tropical pastures are 13-20 percent lower in digestibility than temperate pastures. Higher levels of indigestible fibre leads to lower total dry matter intake (TDMI) and reduced intakes of total digestible nutrients (TDN) including micro and macro minerals.

Studies have shown that animals grazing pastures and forages with marginal levels of microminerals can experience subclinical signs of deficiencies, that is, reduced reproduction rates, lower levels of production (eg growth and liveweight gains) and greater risk of infectious diseases.

While major nutrient deficiencies (energy and protein) are well defined for cattle, micromineral deficiencies are less well documented for cattle grazing pastures in the northern beef industry.

The intention of this article is to provide an introduction to the function of microminerals, discuss the impact of micromineral deficiencies on animal performance and examine factors that affect the microminerals requirements of beef cattle.

Micromineral Requirements

The micromineral requirements of beef cattle are based on the ability of the animal to maintain a desired level of performance. Table 1 shows the micromineral requirements for several categories of stock.

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Note:
(1) Recent research suggests that chromium (Cr) and molybdenum (Mo) are also important microminerals.
(2) Source – NRC 2000. Adapted from NRC Requirements for Beef Cattle.
(3) One part per million (ppm) = 1mg/kg
(4) Microminerals are maintained within a narrow concentration and where elements can be toxic, recommended levels of requirements are justifiably low (eg Se).
(5) Disease, stress and illthrift can reduce the function of microminerals.
(6) Macromineral intake is expressed as a percentage of TDMI and micromineral intake as ppm of TDMI.
homeostasis, energy functions, cell regulation and immune function.

“Micromineral deficiencies can be classified as primary and secondary.”

A primary deficiency is caused by inadequate dietary intake of one or more essential minerals, while secondary deficiencies are caused by interference in absorption, distribution and retention of a mineral. Deficiencies can occur simultaneously making the evaluation of mineral status and the calculation of micromineral supplementary programs complex.

Marginal micromineral deficiencies in the tropics and sub-tropics occurs more frequently than realised which can pose a larger problem than clinical deficiencies because losses to production and performance can go undetected and not rectified.

As with macrominerals, caution is required when providing microminerals since all elements are toxic when fed incorrectly and actual requirements are affected by many interactive factors.

“If not supplied in the correct amounts and ratios, specific metabolic diseases and/or toxicities can occur.”

Cobalt (Co)
Cobalt functions are a component of B12 (vitamin) which is synthesised by microbes in the rumen.

Cattle can tolerate approximately 100 times their dietary requirements and Co toxicity is extremely unlikely unless there are major errors in the formulation of the ration. Toxicity signs include decreased feed intake, reduced weight gain, anaemia and weakness.

Young cattle are more sensitive to Co deficiencies than older cattle. Deficiency symptoms are depressed appetite, reduced growth, immune system problems and reduced rumen microorganism production.

Whilst not common in Queensland and Northern NSW, Co deficiencies are generally seasonal and deficiencies can be accentuated when pastures receive high levels of liming and superphosphate fertiliser.

Copper (Cu)
Copper is an essential element required for enzyme systems, iron metabolism, connective tissue, metabolism and mobilisation plus the integrity of the central nervous system and immune systems.

Copper functions in the immune system through energy production, neutrophil activity and antioxidant enzyme production. It also aids the development of antibodies and lymphocyte replication. If the immune system is compromised the stock are more prone to infectious diseases and diarrhoea.

Copper is necessary in the postpartum cow for proper involution of the uterus, displaying oestrus ovulation, conception and maintenance of the new foetus (Table 2).

Table 2: Symptoms of copper and zinc deficiencies in beef cattle

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<td>• Delayed oestrus</td>
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<td>• Embryonic death</td>
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<td>• Decreased conception</td>
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<td>• Decreased ovulation</td>
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<td>• Increased dystocia</td>
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<td>• Reduced immunity and increased disease</td>
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<td>• Reduced locomotion due to lameness and reduced foot health</td>
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<td>• Abnormal oestrus</td>
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Treatment for animals showing clinical signs of Co deficiency is a vitamin B12 injection which lasts up to 3 months subject to the severity of the deficiency.

Cobalt sulphate and cobalt carbonate are examples of cobalt supplements for beef cattle. For a mineral supplement with an expected 125gms/ head/day intake the supplement should contain 10ppm cobalt.

Copper deficiency causes reduced reproductivity and embryo deaths”

Clinical signs of Cu deficiency include illthrift and poor calf growth and loss of weight in adult animals. The hair coat will be more yellow but some Cu deficient cattle show little change in hair coat colour.

Another sign of Cu deficiency is lameness and incoordination of movement and spontaneous, fractures of bones. Tissue in the heart degenerates and is replaced with fibrous tissue leading to heart failure.

In certain geographical and topography locations (eg coastal areas and low lying poorly drained country) grazing animals are more likely to develop copper deficiency due to the low content and low availability of copper in water-saturated pastures. Copper release from plants depends on the type of forage and stage of vegetative growth. Cattle grazing low quality forages, particularly in late summer and wet winters, are more likely to be copper deficient.
“Molybdenum, sulphur, iron and zinc reduce copper status and can impact on copper deficiency.”

Forage plants may have high molybdenum (Mo) levels from high Mo soils, especially soils that are highly alkaline. Mo can limit the animal’s use of copper, especially if the diet is high in iron and sulphur. High levels of Zn and Fe depress Cu absorption and tend to increase requirements.

If the Mo content of the diet is less than 1ppm of the total dry matter, 8-15ppm (TDMI) of copper in the diet should be adequate. If the Mo content in the diet is greater than 2.5ppm copper may need to be increased by 5ppm if copper levels are marginal.

Copper is more available in concentrates than forages. Forages vary greatly in copper content and may contain variable levels of Mo, S and Fe which reduce Cu levels. Legumes generally have higher levels of copper than grasses. Olseed meals have higher Cu levels than cereal grains.

Supplementation with selenium (Se) increases copper availability to the anima, but additional care needs to be taken when supplementing Se deficient cattle.

Copper supplements include copper sulphate, copper carbonate and copper oxide. In a mineral supplement fed at 125gms/head/day, 1200ppm of copper is recommended.

Copper in excess is extremely toxic particularly with young stock.

Zinc (Zn)
Zinc is a component of many enzymes and is important for immunity systems, reproduction, skin health and plays an important role in protein production. Table 2 summarises the potential effects of Zn deficiency in cattle.

Reports of Zn deficiency are rare and difficult to diagnose since cattle have a limited capacity to store zinc. Signs of deficiency include reduced feed intake and weight gain, excessive salivation, swelling of the feet and legs and lesions around the nose and mouth.

Similar to several other minerals, zinc concentration in forages depends on many factors. Zinc is higher in legumes than grasses and generally high in cereal grains.

Supplemental sources of zinc include Zn oxide, Zn sulphur, Zn methionine and protonate forms. The oxide and sulphate forms have similar bio availabilities.

In a mineral supplement designed to provide under 125g of intake/head/day, 3000ppm of zinc is recommended. Zinc is toxic at very high levels and far higher than the animal’s requirements.

Manganese (Mn)
Manganese plays an important role in growth and reproduction. Table 3 summarises the main deficiency symptoms which relate closely to reproduction and fertility and Mn is linked to enzyme functions and skeletal growth.

Ironically, Ca and P which are closely linked to bone growth can inhibit Mn absorption when fed in high levels.

Mn requirements (Table 1) vary depending on the stage of production (eg growing cattle need 20ppm whilst pregnant lactating cows need 40ppm). As with Co, Mn has a fairly safe feeding range with tolerance levels as high as 1000ppm. Mn, however, interacts with many different minerals which can alter the animals tolerance level for Mn and the minerals with which it interacts.

Forage Mn levels vary with plant species, soil pH, soil drainage and forages generally have sufficient Mn.

Supplements include manganese sulphate, manganese oxide, manganese methionine and manganese proteinate with different levels of bioavailability. Manganese methionine and proteinate have the highest levels of bioavailability.

Selenium (Se)
Selenium in conjunction with vitamin E boosts the function of immune systems and is important in the development of the antioxidant enzyme system. The symptoms of Se deficiency are shown in Table 3.

“Selenium is very toxic and should only be used carefully in a premixed form”

Signs of chronic selenium toxicity include lameness, anorexia, sore feet, cracked and deformed hooves, liver and kidney inflammation. In severe toxicity cases, difficult breathing, diarrhoea, muscle incoordination, abnormal posture and death from respiratory failure are observed.

Because of the low tolerance range, Se has been a difficult element to supplement although research suggests that Se tolerance is marginally greater than the literature indicates.

Selenium supplements include sodium selenite, sodium selyvate, selenomethionine or selenium injections.

A mineral mix fed at 125gms/head/day should not exceed 25ppm selenium.

Table 3: Symptoms of Mn, I, Se and Fe deficiency in beef cattle

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<td>• Impaired fertility</td>
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<td>• Weak or dead calves</td>
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<td>• Chronic diarrhoea</td>
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<td>Iron (Fe)</td>
<td>• Generally affects young animals</td>
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<td>• Poor feed intake and weight gain</td>
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<td>• Depressed immune system and increased sickness and mortalities</td>
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Iodine (I)
Iodine is an essential mineral for the function of the thyroid hormones. Deficiency symptoms are shown in Table 3 although deficiencies are very rarely seen in the northern beef industry.

Thiocyanate in white clover and glucosinolates in brassicas impair the uptake of iodine. Soyabean and cottonseed meal have also been reported to have goitrogenic effects but with no reported deficiencies when fed to cattle.

Iodine toxicity reduces weight gain, lower feed intake and causes coughing and nasal discharge.

Dietary iodine supplements include calcium iodate, ethylenediamine dehydroiodide (EDDI), potassium iodide and sodium iodide. Calcium iodate and EDDI forms are very stable and have high bioavailability in cattle.

Recommended supplementation rate in a mineral mix designed to provide 125gms of intake /head/day is 80ppm of iodine.

Iron (Fe)
Iron is primarily required for the formation of hemoglobin and myoglobin, two proteins used in oxygen transport throughout the body. Deficiency symptoms are shown in Table 3, however deficiencies due to low intake are very rarely seen with grazing animals. Conditions that cause blood loss (eg parasite infections and injuries) can lead to iron deficiency.

Iron deficiency causes anemia, lethargy, lowered feed intake, reduced weight gain and pale mucous membranes. Young cattle have higher iron requirements than mature cattle.

Iron toxicity includes diarrhoea, acidosis, hypothermia, reduced feed intake and reduced weight gain.

Excess iron depletes copper levels in cattle and can contribute to copper deficiency if copper supplementation does not compensate for copper losses.

Iron sources include forages, cereal grains, protein meals, water and soil ingestion. Pastures provide variable amounts of Fe and the bioavailability is also variable.

Common Fe supplements include iron sulphate, iron carbonate and iron oxide with varying bioavailability from most to least respectively.

**Bottom Line**
Microminerals are needed for vitamin syntheses, hormone production, enzyme activity, tissue syntheses, oxygen transport, energy production and other physiological processes related to growth, reproduction and health.

“The requirements for microminerals are based on the levels required for optimal performance”

The main microminerals are copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), manganese (Mn), cobalt (Co), iodine (I), iron (Fe) and selenium (Se).

There are many factors that affect an animals response to microminerals supplementation such as the duration and concentration of mineral supplementation, physiological status, the absence or presence of dietary antagonists, environmental factors and the influence of stress on micromineral metabolism.

Microminerals (trace elements) whilst required in relatively small amounts (less than 100ppm) compared to macrominerals (greater than 100ppm) are equally, if not more important.

It is essential that microminerals are supplied within narrow concentrations in the diet. Acute deficiencies and clinical symptoms are not common but subclinical deficiencies reduce growth, lower reproductive rates, use feed less efficiently and may cause the animal to be more susceptible to infectious diseases due to depressed immunity functions.

“Since many factors can affect responses to microminerals supplementation, feeding programs can be challenging”

Given the complexity of establishing micromineral deficiencies and the need for correct balances, proper ratios and amounts of microminerals it is important to consult with a nutritionist when assessing, designing and implementing micromineral supplementation programs.

Further Reading
Health – Immune Systems and Micronutrients for Beef Cattle – Brahman News, March 2017, issue 194
Nutrition – Macrominerals for Beef Cattle – Brahman News, September 2016, issue 192

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## Appendix 1

### Table 1: Source, empirical formulas, micromineral concentrations and relative bioavailabilities of common inorganic mineral sources

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### Appendix 2

#### Table 1: Example of mineral mix for lactating beef cows

**Note**

i) Magnesium should be increased to 10% if grass tetany is a concern

ii) Sulphur supplementation if necessary can be provided using sulphate found in other minerals (e.g. sodium sulphate, calcium sulphate, potassium sulphate, magnesium sulphate).

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Congratulations....

Terry and Siobhan Randell (Crinum Brahmans) married on October 28th, 2017 at Bridgeman Park Capella.

Arnie Dean Kirk was welcomed into the world on Tuesday the 24th of October 2017. Proud parents Ashley and Kate Kirk of Rockley Brahmans, based at “Ungarra”, Moura. First grandchild for Chris and Sally Kirk, “Rockley”, Bajool. (photo by Jessica Howard Photography).
2017 Sale Summary

THE GREAT SOUTHERN BRAHMAN FEMALE SALE - 21 JANUARY

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NK BRAHMAN SALE - 27 SEPTEMBER

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<td>Reg &amp; Herd Bulls</td>
<td>45</td>
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ROCKHAMPTON BRAHMAN WEEK SALE, GRACEMERE - 2, 3 & 4 OCTOBER

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<td>Reg Bulls</td>
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<td>Herd Bulls</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>$55,500</td>
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<td>844</td>
<td>$7,757,000</td>
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REEF TO RANGES, BOWEN - 13 OCTOBER

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HAMDENVALE FEMALES OF THE FUTURE, MACKAY - 27 OCTOBER

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<td>Reg Females</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>$224,000</td>
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PB FENECH SPRING INVITATION SALE, SARINA - 28 OCTOBER

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<td>TOTAL BULLS</td>
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GOLD CITY BRAHMAN SALE, GRACEMERE - 3 NOVEMBER

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BEEF COUNTRY BRAHMAN BULL SALE, NEBO - 10 NOVEMBER

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<td>$508,500</td>
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WILANGI INVITATION BRAHMAN SALE, CHARTERS TOWERS - 23-24 NOVEMBER

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<td>Reg Bulls</td>
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<td>227</td>
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<td>Reg Females</td>
<td>949</td>
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<td>3,237</td>
<td>$24,036,900</td>
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