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Dear Fellow Angus Seedstock Producers,

Over the past few years we have had considerable enquiry for our Raff Angus genetics from breeders in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Due to the long, complex and expensive process of quarantine to qualify our bulls for the EU we have been reluctant to do so. However following my trip to the UK in June last year it was obvious that there was potentially sufficient interest to justify qualifying a Raff Angus bull.

We are pleased to advise that Raff Hercules H411 has now qualified for export to the EU and his semen is now available.

Raff Hercules H411 was calved on 13th September 2012.

He is sired by the world acclaimed Raff Empire E269 who was undefeated, all breeds, on the country show circuit in Australia during his show career within the recent three year marketing campaign of Raff Angus when 34 shows were attended and over 28,000km were travelled.

His wins included -

- Junior Champion at the Sydney Royal Show in 2011
- Senior Champion and Supreme Angus exhibit at the Sydney Royal Show in 2012
- Senior Champion, Best Angus Exhibit and Supreme Champion Beef Exhibit (all breeds) at Melbourne Royal Angus Feature Show 2012
- Grand Champion Angus at Beef Australia 2012.

Raff Empire E269 is a 12th generation Raff bred sire regarded by stud founder David Raff as the greatest bull ever bred in the studs 49 year history.

The dam of Hercules is Raff Blackbird E305 who is sired by Shady Brook Prime 251F. Her dam, Hoff Blackbird 5217, was purchased by us at the famous Hoff Scotch Cap Angus dispersion sale in 2006. She is a maternal sister to Hoff Limited Edition and dam of numerous sons now used at Raff Angus.

A full sister to Hercules topped our 2012 Female Sale selling for \$17,000 when just 7 months of age while a three quarter brother, sired by Raff Empire E269 from another Blackbird 5217 daughter, topped our 2013 bull sale selling for \$32,000 at 14 months old. A full sister to this bull, Raff Blackbird H4, is one of the highest Terminal \$Index Angus females in the Angus breed within Australia and New Zealand. She weighed 770kg when just 23 months of age.

Raff Hercules H411 typifies the type of bull Raff Angus strive to breed – big and powerful, correct in his structure, long & wide based with a high yielding carcase of quality beef.

I-I0 straws
II plus straws

£80 per straw £60 per straw

Raff Hercules H411 photographed at 17 months after completion of six months in travel and in quarantine and collection. He weighed 724 kilograms for a whole of life adjusted daily gain of 1.35 kilograms. He is a bull with real performance and of exceptional pedigree merit





Raff Blackbird E305 - dam of Hercules

> Raff Empire E269 - sire of Hercules





J&C Appeal A10 grandsire of Hercules







Raff Blackbird D349 the half-sister to the dam of Hercules. Supreme Champion **Inter-breed Female** 2012 Brisbane Royal Show.





Raff Empire H385 three quarter brother selling for \$32,000 at 13 months weighing 608kg.



Raff Empire E269 - Supreme Beef Exhibit of the Show II times including Sydney, Melbourne and Rockhampton.

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Raff Empire E269 ~ 2011 Brisbane Royal

Show when 23 months weighing 1150kg.