



2013 RAFF ANGUS BULL SALE REPORT

The thirty third Raff Angus bull sale was held at Mundibulnga Drillham Queensland on Monday 23rd September which saw bulls sell to all areas of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia for the solid average price of \$5,375, topping at \$32,000.

The quality draft of young bulls offered were the highest performing group of bulls ever offered by the Raff family. At an average age of 16 months they had an average weight of 668kg giving them a whopping 1.33kg/day average adjusted daily gain. Buyers were selective and paying top money for real performance bulls with growth, thickness and yield.

The sale top of \$32,000 was paid by Bob Andrews from the Old Kentucky Angus Stud who travelled from Londrigan Victoria to make his selections. Purchasing through Michael Glasser, Glasser Total Sales Management, who operated the sale went home with three stud sires. The sale topping lot 47 was a thirteen month old son of Australia's most acclaimed show bull Raff Empire E269 and boasted a 1.50kg/day whole of life daily gain with a 94^{cm²} EMA with 6.1% IMF. Kentucky Angus were also successful purchasers of lot 17, Raff Dazzler H33 for \$10,500 and Raff Distinction H229 for \$20,000. This was Bob Andrews first visit to a Raff sale.

Colin Flanagan of the Granite Ridge Angus Stud travelled from South Australia to purchase three stud sires including lot 27, Raff Explosive H68 for \$9,000. Colin was also a first time visitor to a sale. Regular buyer David Young of the Londavra Angus stud St Marys Tasmania purchased his third Raff sire in lot 61, Raff Explosive H127 for \$23,000. A son of Raff Explosive E108 this bull boasted a 1.52kg/day daily gain and was a full brother to last year's sale topper at \$40,000.

Regular clients and purchaser of last year's top bull, the Wilkinson family from Guyra NSW, returned to purchase two new sires including proven sire Raff Fortune F344 for \$12,000 and Raff Duke H135 for \$11,000. Consolidated Pastoral Co. Isis Downs Isisford returned to purchase lot 36, Raff Dazzler for \$13,000. William Day from the Milong Stud at Young NSW returned to purchase two new sires including Raff Stockman G424 for \$9,500. Other stud breeders returning for Raff sires included Kelly Smith and Steve Hayward K5X stud Allora and Paul Land from Victoria. Greg and Sally Chappell took home two of the first sons of O'Neill's Prime Star 80 for their Dulverton Stud at Glen Innes NSW. Strong commercial support came from regular buyers Top End Partnership Blackwater with 7 bulls to average \$4,400. The Reddie family from Hughenden purchased 4 bulls for an \$8,125 average. Costello Rural from Cudgewa Victoria returned with regular clients to purchase 6 bulls including lot 14, Raff Duke H27 for Charlie Paton for \$9,000. GJ & CJ Newberry from Guyra NSW returned to purchase 4 bulls for an average of \$3,250. GP Cattle Pty Ltd Portland Downs Ilfacombe returned to purchase 8 bulls for a \$3,500 average while Aurifer Partnership from Bungunya returned to purchase

5 bulls for a \$3,500 average. Among the new clients was RG & VY Clifford from Thangool who took home 6 bulls for a \$3,500 average.

Commenting after the sale Andrew Raff said while over 60% of Queensland was in drought conditions the sale was a fantastic result. "So many of our loyal clients have spent a lot of money at our sales over the years and it is so pleasing for us that this year they were able to make their purchases in a 'buyers market'. The way so many regular clients just keep coming back year after year is so satisfying for us" Andrew said.