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One hundred efficient feed converters sell Friday 16th August 2024...

Celebrating our 59th year of dedicated Angus Seedstock breeding for the Australian Beef Industry we will again be holding our annual bull sale at Drillham, Queensland on Friday 16th August.

Understanding the importance of balancing all things 'measured' with 'on ground breed character and raw performance' we continue to name this year's sale the 'Boots on the Ground Annual Spring Bull Sale'.

We strongly encourage and welcome everyone to personally inspect our draft of bulls to give opportunity to not only eyeball our offering but to allow for a little more insight into our pedigree, performance, and general breeding direction that our herd has evolved to become.

Since establishment in 1965 we have had a clear breeding direction – that is to maintain all the wonderful natural qualities of an Angus animal including calving ease, their exceptional maternal and carcass qualities, along with their ability to forage and survive in a wide range of environments. However, our genetics must also excel for weight for age, carcass weight and yield. Feed conversion is also important. We aim to produce cattle that can eat less feed per day relative to their individual weight and rate of weight gain. These key selection preferences continue to make our herd genetically unique.

"With the entire industry's goal towards Carbon Neutrality by 2030 and moderating methane, efficiency of our production system becomes increasingly important. An efficient animal that takes less days on feed and produces a heavy carcass weight must obviously produce less methane."

Of the 100 bulls selling there will be three groups.

Several used stud sires will lead the sale. These were used on both cows and heifers. One of these, Raff Thumper T285, contains within his pedigree Hoff import genetic sires Raff Distinction, Raff Ego, Raff Explosive and our most acclaimed show and unique breeding sire Raff Empire E269 – Raff Thumper T285 will impress all... Following lots are 45 spring born 22 month old bulls. Within this group are the first sons of our new high performance AI sire EG Eyes Onyou. His sons are exceptional showing docility, great skin types, extra carcass quality and extreme muscle within a compact yet heavy body mass and strong bone type.

One such son, Raff Tycoon T356, at 400 days weighed 628kg to be gaining 1.42kg/day (grass only), had a frame score of 7 with a scrotal measurement of 43cm. Not only was he a top performer for these traits but he also excelled for carcass scanning with even fats 6/6mm, a massive EMA of 104sq cm and a very high IMF% scan of 6.9% - all at 400 days of age.

He is a twin, with his retained brother having already been used with semen in the tank. Tycoon's dam, now a donor, is sired by Raff Dazzler D353 (full brother to Hoff import and the 2012 Brisbane Royal Show Interbreed Champion cow Raff Blackbird D349). Tycoons maternal grandam is sired by another Hoff import sire Raff Dakota D85 (a $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to Hoff Limited Edition SC594). One more generation back and a full sister to one of the most popular and successful Australian bred AI sires of his time, Raff Midland Z204 emerges. Just magnificent...

Within the 50 autumn born 18 month old bulls there is a diverse genetic mix including the first sons of another high performance AI sire Ellingson Three Rivers.

He is a powerful bull with extra length and back end shape that maintains frame size. One IVF son, from Hoff Blackbird E267 / O'Neill's Expedition import cow, recorded a 114 sq cm EMA at just 16 months. A full brother to him has been retained. There are also two ET brothers by Ardrossan Equator A241 out of a full sister to this Blackbird cow – one of these bulls is a magnificent deep bodied and docile sire.

- ❖ **Morphology Tested** – Breeding Soundness Examined by Ced Wise AB Services.
- ❖ **Fully Performance Recorded** – Calving ease scored. Weighed 200, 400 & 600 days. Measured for scrotal size & frame score. Ultrasound scanned for carcass – EMA, IMF% & Rib/Rump fat. TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluated – TACE.
- ❖ **Genomic Tested** – HD50K - 21 traits.
- ❖ **Vaccinated** – Tick Fever, 3 Day Sickness, Vibrio, Pestiguard, Ultravac 7in1, Bovillus MH+IBR.
- ❖ **Parent Verified** – complete herd.
- ❖ **Pesti Virus** – tested free & double vaccinated.

Raw Data including Weights, Whole of life ADG, Docility Score, Frame and Scrotal size and Ultrasound Scanning data will be detailed within sale catalogue. Updated weights available on sale day.

Individual Lot Videos and photos will be available 1st August.

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Sale will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus.

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The home of Raff Angus is Queensland for sourcing Seedstock Breeding Bulls. Whilst we have moved south, Raff Angus gives absolute assurance to our northern clients that we are totally committed to holding an annual auction sale for our bulls in Queensland.