



Raff Angus 2012 Bull Sale Report

A new \$40,000 record for Raff Angus bull at 2012 sale

A large crowd of 250 buyers and spectators were at “Mundibulanga” Drillham on Monday to witness a new Raff record auction top price sale of \$40,000 selling to regular buyers the Wilkinson family of ‘Messines’ Guyra New South Wales. The lot 82 bull, Raff Explosive G174, was a fifteen month old frame 7.6 son of Raff Explosive E108 weighed a whopping 794kg with a whole of life daily gain of 1.63 kg. At scanning on 12th August he recorded an EMA of 108^{cm²} 46.5cm scrotal with 6/6mm fat.

Andrew Raff described Explosive G174 as “One of the outstanding bulls offered that stands proud with outstanding feet, tremendous bone and excellent smoothness – his pedigree and performance are as good as we have to offer.” Andrew said.

Guest auctioneers Michael Glasser and Brian Leslie operating for GTSM sold the record 150 bulls in an action packed 2 hours with spirited bidding from buyers operating from all areas of Queensland, New South Wales & Victoria as well as South Australia and Tasmania, with many operating by phone and on Auctions Plus. The majority of bulls were purchased by repeat buyers. Twenty one bulls sold for over \$10,000 of which 15 went to repeat buyers.



In his sale opening comment, stud founder David Raff mentioned that “85% of the offering are sired by Raff bred bulls that were the culmination of a six year project that saw the purchase of four cows in USA in 2006 and the importation of 300 embryos which produced in excess of twenty stud sires.”

Following the \$40,000 top seller was lot 6, Raff Fonzie F352 who was purchased by long standing Raff clients Ed and Kym Lahey of the Dungay Park Angus stud, Kempsey New South Wales for \$30,000. Fonzie F352 is the first natural calf of this year’s Brisbane Royal Interbreed Supreme Champion Cow, Raff Blackbird D349. Sired by Raff Danny Boy D207 the 21 month old frame 7.2 bull

recorded a daily weight gain of 1.41 kg weighing in at 966kg with 130^{cm2} EMA, 45cm scrotal and an IMF scan of 7.1%. A further three bulls sold for over \$20,000 – the first being lot 39 Raff Dynamite G73 to the Oak Creek Angus stud Texas Queensland for \$24,000. Lot 45 Raff Dazzler G82 was purchased by regular buyers Consolidated Pastoral Company, Isis Downs Isisford Queensland for \$23,000. Paul and Faye Land from Cudgewa Victoria returned this year to purchase lot 93 Raff Duke G196 for \$22,000. Mrs Joyce Hodgkinson of Wallangra Angus at Wandoan purchased two very well bred and high performing lots, Raff Defender G142 and Raff Encore G274.

Volume buyers included long standing buyers MDH of Devoncourt, Cloncurry and GP Cattle Company Portland Downs Ilfracombe Queensland each purchasing ten bulls.

The average age of sale bulls was 16¹/₂ months with an average weight of 705 kg and an average 1.34 kg/day whole of life gain.

“It was a wonderful result for us” Andrew Raff commented at the conclusion of the sale “To be able to sell 30 more bulls than last year and still achieve a total clearance was a very pleasing result and with 20% of bulls selling for \$3,000 to \$3,500 it ensured that there were bulls for everyone” Andrew Raff concluded. [For full list of buyers and prices see separate report](#)