



Pictured during the presentation of the White Angus Junior Judges Competition, 12yrs & Under Division, at Beef Australia 2015 – (L to R) Sam White, Bald Blair Angus, 1st Georgie Coombe, Rockhampton, 2nd Bow Connor, Morinish, 3rd Marshall Leeson, Moura, =4th Isabelle Hanson, Moura & Peter New, Rockhampton Grammar School, Andrew White, Eastern Plains Angus.

WHITE ANGUS BULLS are thoroughly and comprehensively tested

- Semen morphology testing; not just crush side semen testing

The foundation of White Angus bull testing is a thorough bull breeding soundness evaluation carried out by Australian Cattle Veterinarians accredited vet, Dr Leisa Brown, Guyra District Veterinary Services. This involved a general examination of each bull's structure, conformation and gait, an examination of the upper reproductive tract, internal and external genitalia, an examination of the testes and measurement of scrotal size and collection of a crush side semen sample to assess for semen motility (ie semen quantity and its ability to move).

However, more importantly, this evaluation also involved collection of a semen sample for off-site laboratory examination of sperm morphology. This is a test conducted under laboratory conditions, by an Australian Cattle Veterinarians accredited lab, using a much higher powered, specialised microscope compared to that used in crush side semen testing, to determine semen shape, size and structure (referred to as semen morphology). A sample of preserved semen is counted and 100 sperm are classed as either normal or abnormal,

with abnormal sperm being categorised into their differing abnormalities.

Bull buyers purchasing semen morphology tested bulls can be confident that these bulls meet a high quality control standard. Morphology (anatomy) of the sperm has been shown to be one of the most important indicators of fertility in the bull. Morphology results can predict the sperm's ability to get a calf from the egg, and importantly it can pick up defects which may initially start to fertilise the egg but then fail to result in an ongoing pregnancy. Normal morphology has been demonstrated to be heritable, relatively repeatable (doesn't change much year to year), can be used to predict the number of calves a bull can produce and can even predict the fertility of his male and female offspring. A heifer's age at puberty and her time between calving and cycling again, can also be influenced by the morphology of her sire. The selection of bulls with high normal sperm morphology counts results in increased calving rates, tighter calving periods, reduced empty cows, increased weaning weights and faster rates of genetic gain. The stocking rate of bulls to females may also be lowered.

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150 ANGUS BULLS FOR SALE IN 2015

EASTERN PLAINS ANGUS BULL SALE TUESDAY 28 JULY AT 1PM GUYRA NSW

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BALD BLAIR ANGUS BULL SALE TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST AT 1PM GUYRA NSW

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WHITE ANGUS BULL WALK 2015

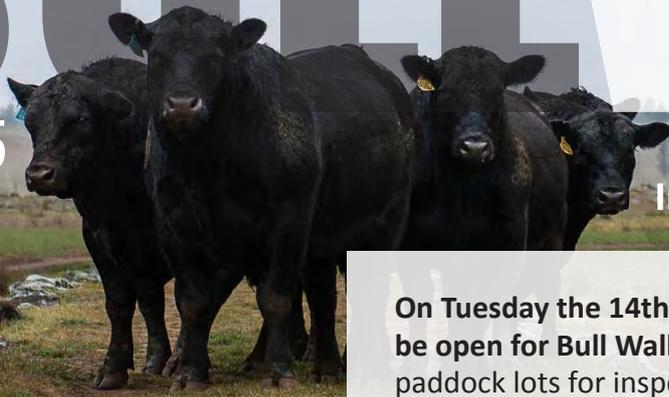
TUESDAY 14TH JULY

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BULLWALK

2015



Inspect the sale bulls at your leisure.

TUESDAY 14TH JULY

On Tuesday the 14th July, both Eastern Plains and Bald Blair will be open for Bull Walks, where the sale bulls will be presented in paddock lots for inspection a few weeks out from the sale.

We will also have some females on display so you can see the heart of our stud and commercial herds.

Both studs will be open throughout the day and there will be refreshments available.

Morning tea available from 9am at Eastern Plains with a presentation at 10am from Andrew Byrne, Angus Australia Extension Manager, on the new Angus Indexes and how to use them. Both studs will then be open and sale bulls on display from 10.00am until 3pm.

Full details on the website (www.whiteangus.com.au) or call Sam on 0438 792 140 or Andrew on 02 6779 4237.

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• Ear notch tested negative for Pestivirus; not just Pestiguard vaccinated

This test determines whether a bull is persistently infected (PI) with pestivirus. If identified as a PI, this animal would necessarily shed pestivirus in all their bodily fluids all their life. Vaccinating a PI bull/animal will not cure it of pestivirus and not prevent it from spreading the virus. So, we urge buyers to purchase bulls that have been ear notch tested PI negative, as White Angus sale bulls are!!! Additionally, White Angus bulls are vaccinated with Pestiguard prior to sale so they are protected in the event they come in contact with the virus after sale time. Bulls are also vaccinated with vibriovax and 7in1 prior to sale.

• Progeny tested and recorded

Bald Blair and Eastern Plains Angus have a well-documented, 100+ year history of breeding and performance recording stud and commercial Angus cattle. Both studs have been involved with Angus Group Breedplan since its inception, collecting data for the full range of EBV traits including scan data for carcase EBVs. Third party, independent structural assessment of the sale draft of bulls is carried out by Dick Whale, IBMS, Wangaratta (shown as Genetic Type Summary in our catalogues). Our female herds, both stud and commercial, represent many decades of selection for fertility and low maintenance. Using only our own stud-bred yearling bulls in joining's for commercial females and as back-up/clean-up bulls in our annual stud AI programs, we are continually progeny testing our seedstock genetics in our own, self-replacing herds of approx. 1500 females in total. Commercial progeny from both studs have been supplied into a range of markets, including 18mth feeder steers for long-fed export markets, domestic trade & MSA graded markets as well as selling in the Northern Tablelands weaner sales.



Beef Australia 2015 White Angus Young Stud Judges Competition

What a week!! We commend the Beef Australia 2015 Committee and Board, on such a superb event and were proud to be part of it all. Glad just to have been able to play a small part in fostering the future players in the beef industry so our best wishes to all those who participated in White Angus Young Stud Judges Competition. Special congratulations to the winners and place getters in each of the age groups. The depth of knowledge and expertise displayed by competitors in critiquing the bulls in the judging ring was truly remarkable and was a privilege to witness. We look forward to doing it all again in 2018!



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

Will McGregor, Bell, who placed 4th in the 13-14yrs Division, White Angus Junior Judges Competition at Beef Australia 2015, and Andrew White, Eastern Plains Angus.

Giving his bull assessment is young Connor Leeson, Moura, in the 12yrs & Under Division of the White Angus Junior Judges Competition, Beef Australia 2015.

Presenting 2nd place to Brendan Jones, Comet, in the 15yrs Division of the White Angus Junior Judges Competition at Beef Australia 2015, is Sam White, Bald Blair Angus.

Deep in discussion, are some young participants in the White Angus Junior Judges Competition at Beef Australia 2015, Rockhampton.