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Kenny's Creek heifer to $19k

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ANGUS studs chasing maternal lines and figures drove prices to a $19,000 top and allowed for a full clearance at the Kenny's Creek Angus Female Sale at Boorowa, last Thursday.

Overall the Burton Taylor family sold all 99 lots for a total sale average of $6934, with their Q-drop heifers demanding attention from buyers.

A syndicate of Angus breeders including Knowla Livestock and JRGV Angus both of Moppy, Aarden Angus, Corowa, and Waitara Angus, Trangie, joined forces to secure Kenny's Creek Bara Q423 for $19,000.

The 14-month-old daughter of Rennylea Edmund E11 was out of Kenny's Creek Bara L101, and presented a credible data set which had her in the top one per cent of the breed for all selection indexes, as well as top 5pc or higher for eight traits and top 20pc for another three traits.

Jack Laurie from Knowla and JRGV said they selected the Q423 heifer for her length, width and overall balance combined with a data set and cow family that speaks for its self.

Kenny's Creek co-principal Sam Burton Taylor and daughter Billie, 7, with auctioneer Luke Whitty, KMWL, with the $19,000 high-priced female. **Photo: Hannah Powe**

Greg White of Robrick Lodge Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, Parkville, paid the second top price of $16,000 for Kenny's Creek Ninah Q428.

By HPCA Intensity and from Kenny's Creek Ninah K309, at 14 months she sat top 10pc for all growth traits.

Mr White purchased three lots for a $14,333 average.

In the breakdown, 70 cows and calves topped at $15,000 and averaged $7028, while 29 yearling heifers topped at $19,000 and averaged $6706.

Sam Burton Taylor of Kenny's Creek said they were really pleased with the results, which saw females sold to some great studs throughout the eastern states.

"The Q yearling females sold really well," Mr Burton Taylor said. "They were a good representation of our breeding going forward."

Sara Park Angus and Duddy Angus at Glen Innes paid the top money of $15,000 in the cow section for a donor female in Kenny's Creek Bara L120. Sired by GAR Prophet out of Kenny's Creek Bara J246, she sold with a calf at foot by GAR Ashland.

Large volume buyers were JA and DM Flemming of Wagga Wagga who bought 14 for a top of $7000 top, twice, and average of $5429.

First-time buyers Col Flanagan and Pat Ebert of Prime Angus, Benalla, Vic purchased 10 females through Ryan Morris of Glasser Total Sales Management for a top of $12,000, to average $7400.

Kevin Miller, Whitty, Lennon and Co were agents, with auctioneers Luke Whitty and Liam Murphy.

Bongongo finish Angus sale run strongly

ANGUS bulls continued their solid stance this spring as Bongongo Angus finished the NSW run of Angus bull sales by lifting their average $3591 on last year.

The sale met a top price of $16,500 and averaged $9891 for a full clearance of 78 bulls, which was up from $6300 in 2019, while also being a 20 per cent larger catalogue.

The Graham family offered the opportunity for young up and coming auctioneer Harry Waters of Elders Gundagai to have a crack in the stud sale ring and he didn't miss a beat as he picked up the pace through the middle of the auction.

The top bull along with eight of his stable mates sold to Tim, Charlie and David Graham, DJ Graham Trust, Red Hill, Adjungbilly, for $16,500, with all nine bulls averaging $12,444.

The top sire was the first of the 18-month-old bulls by the Bongongo L80 sire, with good growth through to +134 for 600-day, matched with positive rib and rump numbers and solid Index figures to +$140 for the heavy grain index.

The Grahams run 1500 Angus cows, breeding steers for the feedlots at 450 to 500 kilogram, which was the reason they targeted the 400-day growth figure and intramuscular fat percentage as a focus.

Chris Longley, Longaroo Pastoral Company, Yass, paid $14,000 for Bongongo Q361, a son of the GAR Fail Safe sire, with a low birthweight estimated breeding value at +2.7 and a strong eye muscle area figure of +11.3, with good carcase data and attractive gestation length.

Mr Longley bought three bulls to a top of $14,000, averaging $12,000 and had an emphasis on heifer bulls for his 450 cows, where he aims to produce steers for the feedlot.

A strong gallery of repeat buyers was led by the Lenehan family, Beggan Beggan Pastoral Company, Harden, who secured six bulls for an average of $10,750, while Steve and Liz Phillips, Yarrawonga Pastoral Company, Harden, purchased their three at a $6833 average.

David Clarke, TA Field Estates, Jugiong, secured three bulls for their Congi and Wyvern Station properties to average $10,333, targeting a good 400-day weight figure to produce feedlot steers.

PF and PJ Crowe, Gobbarralong East, Coolac, averaged $10,500 for three, Matt and Zoe Bull, Curralee Pastoral Co, Ladysmith, bought three at $7000 apiece and Baltimore Enterprises, Junee, loaded up and secured six bulls at an average of $9417.

Julong Partnership at Tumut along with Wylarah Pastoral Company at Tallong bought two bulls each to $12,000 tops to average $11,000 and $10,500 respectively.

The Nicholls family, Coolac, rounded out the sale with three at a $10,000 average.

The sale was conducted by Elders with Steve Ridley and Harry Waters as auctioneers.

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Georgia and Shauna Graham , Bongongo Angus, Coolac, with top priced buyers Tim and Charlie Graham, DJ Graham Trust, Coolac, and Elders auctioneers Steve Ridley and Harry Waters.