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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Benefits of Angus brand and breed should be promoted and protected

Welcome to the Angus Magazine. Our editor Sarah Horrocks has ensured we are covering a wide variety of our reading audience's interests with in-depth stories.

Angus the 'breed' and the 'brand' have enjoyed another stellar year in the stockyards and in the retail/restaurant trade. Our previous boards and management need to be congratulated for their foresight in propelling the benefits of Angus. I believe the brand 'Angus' is second to none.

Highlights through the year must be the strength of the 2-year-old Bull Sales. That started off with the first PGG Wrightson Livestock National Video Sale, held with both Hereford and Shorthorn. While we were happy with the results of this new initiative, we have decided the National Sale will be held over two days in May with Hereford having a day on their own and Angus the first day on the 13th. These are being held at Orlando Country Club, Palmerston North.

The averages for the bull sales that were achieved through the selling ring were up right around the country, which is a stamp of approval for the different breeding programmes that breeders are developing. Being able to fit into many different farming environments is a strength of the breed.

In July the board appointed Jane Allan into the contracted role of breed officer for Angus New Zealand. Jane had previously been working in a joint venture role for Angus NZ and AngusPure NZ Ltd. The board decided it needed someone focused solely on Angus NZ business and hence the appointment.

The export of Angus heifers to China has again seen strong demand from exporters to obtain breeding stock. Angus NZ is involved only with the verification of breeding certificates, required for export purposes. This business certainly reinforces the need to keep accurate records and that all transfers are in order.

Focussing on the brand Angus is where I see the board needing to spend some time and energy on projects, progress, promotion and protection.

The projects around genetic research and development and beef progeny testing are all happening now, be it with help from outside interests. We should embrace the work that these outside providers are doing and involve ourselves wherever we can to enhance the accuracy of the outcomes.

The promotion of our core values is important if we are in any way going to help drive the benefits of grass-fed red meat. We should not only deliver a good product to the market but demonstrate the product has had a good and happy life before reaching the consumer. There needs to be a collective push from the red meat

sector to make sure our story is being told in a medium that is easy to reach for the consumer. In the world of smart phones this media story should not be too hard to achieve. We as producers of this fine product all know that the electronic recording of movements is already set up and running, so why is it that there is unwillingness to share this data with the end user (consumer)? After all, we are the ones that supply the data in the first place.

The progress that we are making with compulsory use of DNA to ensure accurate parent verification should not slip under the radar. At time of writing, we are the only breed society enforcing this requirement. Similarly, the emerging predictability of our EBVs, with the results from beef progeny testing, is another outcome we should share.

The protection of 'Angus' is something that we should all be thinking about. It seems that there has been a foray of businesses jumping onto 'Angus' in their marketing with no real auditing being done to prove authenticity of their claim. Perhaps there is an opportunity for Angus to set up an auditing programme where we can be the provider of this service. We have all helped get 'Angus' to gold status in the marketplace; we should now all help to protect that status.

If the society can achieve all the above points, then the breeders, finishers and the retail sector will want to ensure that 'Angus' is part of their business. We all need to be working together to place product in the market worthy of gold status.

I wish you all well in the year ahead and hope you enjoy reading our magazine.



Kind regards
John Cochrane,
Angus NZ President



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It has dawned on me while producing this magazine that many of you are unaware of the value in telling your story. Not the story of how many wives you've had or what age your children were when you transferred their bedroom back to an 'office' on your tax return...

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There is no replacement in the market for ethically produced Angus beef, sourced from a sustainable farming operation. You must get on board and follow the lead of the value added brand programs here in New Zealand. They are ensuring the consumer continues to demand Angus beef and this will ultimately put more money in the farmer's back pocket.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Angus magazine, as much as I have enjoyed creating it.

Sarah Horrocks

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In January the EAT-Lancet Commission released a report highlighting, amongst other things, the importance of reorienting global food production towards systems that produce food in a more sustainable manner. This recommendation comes at a time when New Zealand farmers are required to increasingly invest in the ethical and sustainable aspects of their production systems in order to meet tightening regulatory requirements. This article discusses how changing global consumer trends and markets requirements ensure there are benefits to be realised from these investments.

Global beef production under the spotlight

Beef production globally is coming under increasing scrutiny in relation to the impact livestock farming is having on animals and the environment. This has resulted in a wide range of stakeholders pressuring beef producers to adhere to higher production standards in relation to the ethical and sustainable aspects of their farming systems. Regulators have responded to this public pressure by tightening regulation of their respective local beef production systems.

Beef production standards, and the emphasis placed on each particular production standard, vary between countries depending upon their specific farming systems, the impact of those systems on the environment in which they operate, and the relevant stakeholders. However, the three aspects of beef production that are most commonly the focus of public and regulatory attention are:

- environmental sustainability (including freshwater use and pollution; loss of biodiversity/land use change);
- greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and
- animal welfare

New Zealand regulations set to tighten

To date, regulations relating to freshwater quality have been the primary focus of regulators in New Zealand. However, continued public pressure in respect to other aspects of livestock production systems are set to see the breadth and depth of regulation faced by New Zealand beef producers grow.

While the exact form, timing, and ultimately impact of these pending changes is still unknown, the following changes have been signalled.

Freshwater – Further reform on the way

Public consultation will soon commence on freshwater amendments that will provide regional councils with greater

direction on how to set limits on resource use and provide the government with a mechanism for prohibiting or restricting certain activities. Agricultural activities that have been highlighted for potentially greater controls include intensive winter-grazing, hill-country cropping, feedlots and nutrient allocation limits.

Biodiversity – Potential for changes under new National Policy Statement (NPS)

The Government has signalled it will be releasing a draft NPS for public consultation during 2019. The NPS will require councils to introduce measures under the Resource Management Act to provide greater protection for indigenous biodiversity within their respective regions. There has been no indication of what, if any, implications this will have for beef farmers. However, with 24 percent of New Zealand's native vegetation (approximately 2.8m hectares) estimated to be on sheep and beef farms, there is potential for rules to be introduced that will further restrict farmers' ability to convert any existing native vegetation into pasture in order to expand production.

GHG emissions – Work underway investigating how to bring agriculture into the ETS

In April, the Interim Climate Change Committee is due to release findings on how agriculture could be introduced into the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). Although the committee's findings are not binding for the Government, the report will be used as the basis for developing any future policy framework should the Government decide to bring agriculture into the ETS. Should that occur, that would introduce a new cost into the farming system in the form of an emissions price.

Animal Welfare – New regulation takes effect

New Zealand's animal welfare standards were further strengthened on 1 October 2018, when The Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations came into force. The most relevant changes for red meat farmers are the introduction of new minimum standards for castration, stock handling, de-budding and dehorning (de-budding and dehorning regulations don't take effect until 1 October 2019).

Consumer expectations and market access requirements are also changing

Many of the regulatory changes set out above are designed to

address specific effects that livestock production is having on the local New Zealand environment. However, at a global level, many consumers are progressively asking questions about how beef is being produced, and want to be reassured that the beef they are purchasing was produced under conditions they consider to be acceptable.

This change is best evidenced through the actions of major global food retailers and foodservice companies, such as Tesco

and Sainsbury's in the UK, and Walmart and Whole Foods Market (which was acquired by online giant Amazon in late 2017) in the US. These companies are responding to this changing consumer behaviour by progressively introducing a range of tougher production standards that suppliers are required to meet if they want continued access to these markets. See Box 1 for a specific example of supplier standards required by the world's largest fast-food company, McDonald's.

Box 1: Foodservice: McDonald's – Leading the movement for beef sustainability

As one of the world's largest beef purchasers, McDonald's has a major influence on how beef is produced globally. In 2014, in response to increasing pressure from consumers and other stakeholders, McDonald's committed to purchasing verified sustainable beef based on the guiding principles and criteria published by the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (of which McDonald's was a co-founder).

Specific performance standards for each of their top-ten beef-sourcing countries (including New Zealand) either have been developed, or are currently being developed.

In 2016, Canada became the first country to finalise its performance standards for McDonald's. Canada has made the following commitments:

| | Goal | KPI |
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| Environmental sustainability | Enhance ecosystem services and biodiversity on lands managed by beef producers AND enhance riparian health and reduce the water footprint of beef production | Area of native grassland utilised by the beef industry AND blue water footprint intensity |
| GHG emissions | Reduce the GHG footprint of Canadian beef per unit of product produced | Carbon footprint intensity of Canadian beef |
| Animal welfare | Promote excellence in animal care | Uptake and implementation of the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle |

Source: Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, 'National Beef Sustainability Assessment and Strategy' 2016



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CONSUMER PREFERENCES AND ATTITUDES WHEN PURCHASING RED MEAT PRODUCTS ARE DRIVEN BY A WIDE VARIETY OF FACTORS.

However, while compliance with these non-regulatory standards is essential to ensure continued access to these sales channels, to date, mainstream consumers have proved reluctant to pay noticeably more for products that meet these higher standards.

Consumer preferences and attitudes when purchasing red meat products are driven by a wide variety of factors. While consumer surveys consistently show that the ethical and sustainable aspects of production are important to consumers, there are other values that currently have a greater influence over their purchasing decisions (see Box 2).

Consumers' willingness to pay for ethical and sustainably produced beef will vary between different markets. In emerging markets like China, where food safety and quality are the dominant driver of purchasing decisions, consumer willingness to pay for ethical and sustainability production attributes is likely to be even lower than in mature markets such as the US. This will make it difficult in the short to medium term for New Zealand beef farmers to directly pass additional production costs onto consumers in full.

Benefits to be realised from investing in production standards

Adhering to the pending regulatory changes discussed above will require increased investment from the New Zealand beef sector. The value that the sector can realise through meeting higher ethical and sustainable production standards goes beyond simply appeasing the needs of the local community, and will deliver mitigation against future risks, while also providing New Zealand beef producers with some key strategic advantages.

1. Risk mitigation – future-proofing the New Zealand beef sector

At a minimum, investments should ensure current production standards are met. However, by progressively investing in ethical and sustainability production improvements that go beyond minimum compliance standards, producers will help to reduce risks that could eventuate for those who are unable to meet acceptable standards of production in the future.

- At an individual farm level, this investment will help protect against future regulatory changes that may otherwise threaten the viability of the operation, and/or necessitate a significant one-off capital spend.
- For processors, and the sector as a whole, future risk primarily comes in the form of reputational damage, and the flow-on effect that damage could have on market value and access. If New Zealand is unable to meet the non-regulatory production standards prescribed by major food retailers, and foodservice providers, it will increasingly find itself excluded from these sales channels, and unable to access these markets.

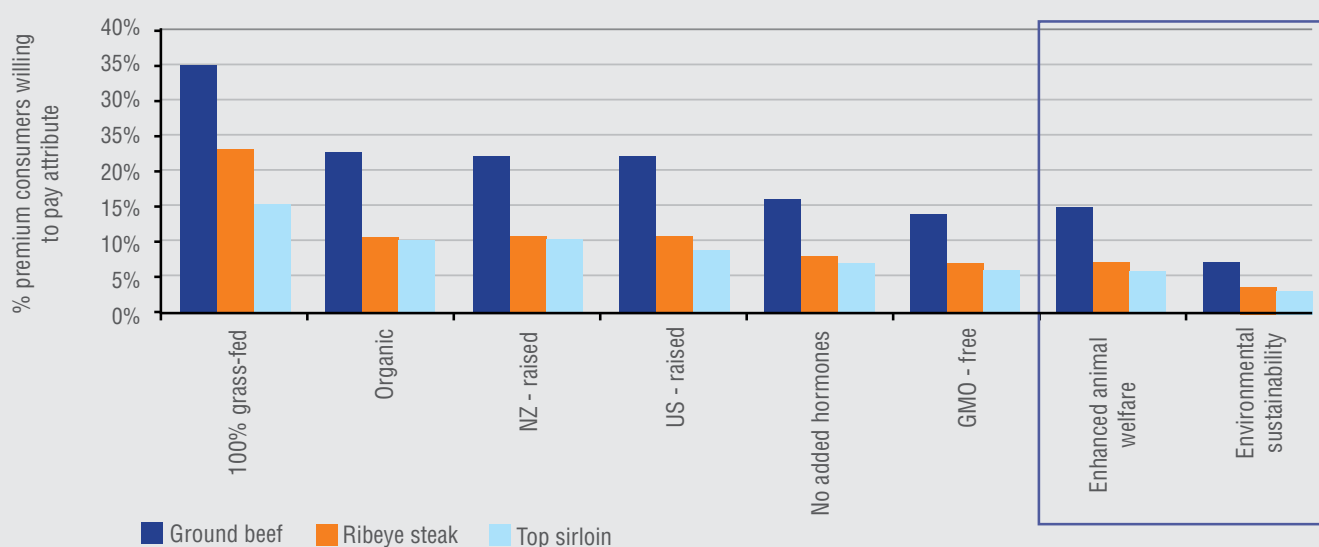
2. Strategic advantages unlocked by investments

There are a number of strong strategic advantages that will become available to the New Zealand beef sector from its increased investments in the ethical and sustainability aspects of its production systems.

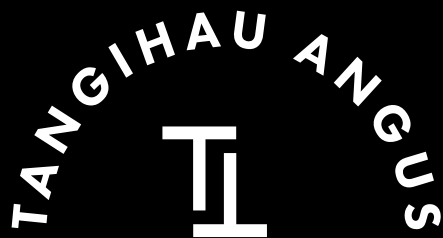
- Observing robust production standards will help to position New Zealand as a credible and reliable source of ethical and sustainable beef products in the eyes of major

Box 2: Animal welfare and environmental sustainability attributes valued well-below 100 percent (grass-fed and NZ-raised)

Figure 1: Consumer willingness to pay for production attributes: beef products in California, US



Source: Lincoln University Agribusiness and Economics Research Unit 'Consumer insights and willingness to pay for attributes: New Zealand beef products in California, USA, 2018



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food buyers, food retailers and foodservice providers. This will increasingly create strategic opportunities to enter into long-term supply agreements that provide New Zealand farmers and processors with increased confidence around future price and supply levels, reducing market volatility, and giving greater assurance when making future production investment decisions.

- Adhering to these higher standards will be an important complement to the other aspects of New Zealand's production systems (such as pasture-raised) that underpin New Zealand's country-of-origin brand.
- It will also create an opportunity to identify and supply those niche markets where consumers are willing to pay a premium for ethical and sustainably produced food now, while also placing New Zealand in a strong position to capitalise on any change in mainstream consumer behaviour should they start to increase their willingness to pay for attributes such as low-carbon produced beef.
- It is important that the sector has the power to sufficiently influence the final shape of any regulations impacting its future to ensure they are not ineffective, overly burdensome, or ultimately unnecessary. This influencing power flows directly from how much trust the public has in the sector to act in a way it considers to be acceptable. Therefore, investments made to secure the beef sector's trust now, will place the sector in a stronger position to control how it is regulated in the future.

Grasping the opportunities at hand

The New Zealand beef sector has an opportunity to leverage the increased investment that will be required by pending regulatory changes in the areas of environmental sustainability, GHG emissions and animal welfare. The most efficient means of capitalising on this opportunity will be to ensure there is as much alignment as possible between the needs of the consumers (as signposted by supply requirements from major F&A companies like McDonald's), the needs of the local community (manifested through regulations), and the investments made by the sector.

This will require open and transparent communication between regulators, the industry and farmers to ensure future production standards are appropriately designed. Any change in standards should be signalled sufficiently in advance to inform any future investment decisions.

It will be important for the sector to be able to demonstrate and communicate how investments have resulted in higher levels of ethical and sustainable production. Adherence to accreditation schemes such as the Farm Assurance Programme (or equivalent) will play a crucial role in validating investments made by the sector.

The article above includes excerpts from the Rabobank Agriculture in Focus report – Realising the Sustainable Advantage – How Investments in Sustainability Can Benefit the NZ Red Meat Sector, authored by Blake Holgate. If you would like to obtain a copy of the full report, please contact Rabobank on **0800 500 933**

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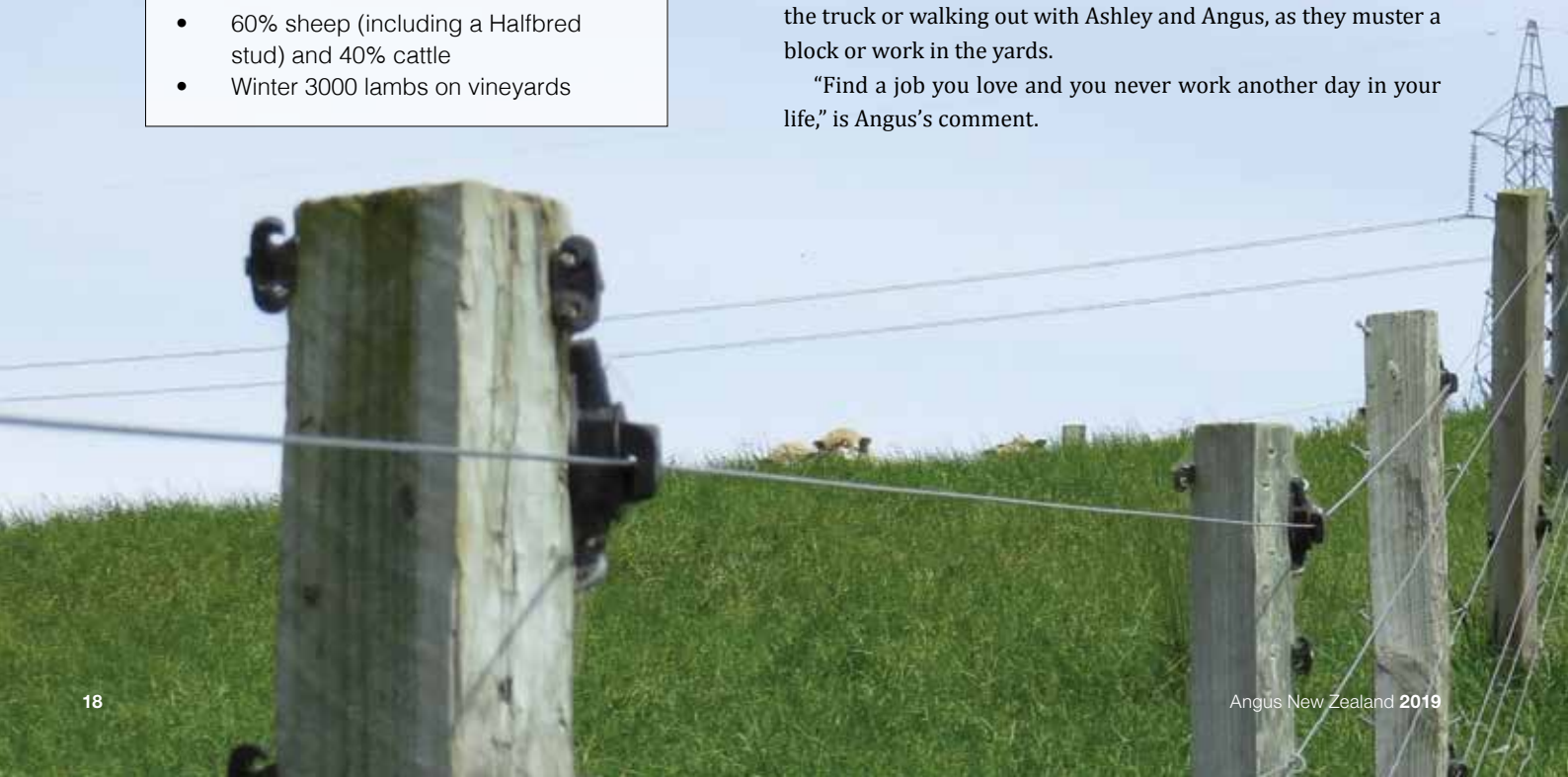
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- Winter 3000 lambs on vineyards

Three years into running Brackenfield Angus stud, Angus and Ashley Peter have the accelerator down.

Since purchasing the livestock from Angus's parents Andy and Michelle, the Peters have bought more cows, developed 50 ha into improved irrigated pasture and leased another 50 ha for cow-overflow in the lower Dashwood. This has all happened within three years, as well as having two daughters Elsie and Ailee, with baby number three on the way.

Both are stock people through and through. Angus admits to a ram collection of six breeds and Ashley loves raising orphan lambs and calves. Family time typically includes the girls tagging along in the truck or walking out with Ashley and Angus, as they muster a block or work in the yards.

"Find a job you love and you never work another day in your life," is Angus's comment.



That said, he was looking forward to a weekend off down to the Marlborough Sounds, after three months of busy weekends.

The master plan was to increase the number of bulls sold from 7 to 15 per year and to grow more beef from the commercial operation. Through using embryo transfer into commercial cows, the stud cow tally increased from 50 to 70 in three seasons.

Alongside the cattle and sheep farm is the 200 ha vineyard of Angus's family, in the heart of the lower Awatere Valley. Cattle graze over the fence from rows of vines and cows calve around the three hectare dam that irrigates the vines.

Having an alternative land use right next door is a good challenge for Angus to keep cattle financially competitive on potential pinot noir rolling country. Improving pasture from danthonia and older cocksfoot to ryegrass/annual legumes, brassicas or oats, is part of the plan to increase production.

Angus has increased the number of steers and heifers retained and finished prime, from 30 to around 130 each year. This has also been made possible through adding irrigation to a 50 ha down country block (originally Alton Downs), subdividing it and re-sowing old pasture.

This unit now carries triple the number of stock numbers than it carried pre-development. The feed is far better quality and there is more of it.

Having 60 per cent of stock as trading (mostly lambs grazed in vineyards over winter) gives flexibility to the system. Angus said lamb are their biggest money earner for the business but he finds the stud operation is the most interesting and rewarding. This year he would have liked a bit more feed for cows but the opportunity to add weight to winter lambs was more financially attractive.

Commercial cows are run on the new lease block, freeing up home ground for embryo transfer cows and stud cows who calve

WATER PLUS FENCES CREATES GROWTHY BEEF UNIT

A little bit of beef paradise sits at the base of the Alton Downs hills.

A water consent from the Awatere River meant the opportunity was there to irrigate 50 ha of south facing country. In 2016 Angus and Ashley Peter took the plunge and bought a gun irrigator and a tractor to pull it. The tractor has been put to use with drilling oats on the dryland country as well.

On this area, 500 kg of super phosphate was applied to lift the P levels up from 11 to closer to 40.

Using old vineyard half round posts and a Gallagher electric wire and gate system, the Peters subdivided the area into three ha blocks.

The resulting sward of clover, plantain and chicory is used for yearling stud and trading cattle and wintering lambs.

on the down country. They spend 120 days on this better country then return to the steep hill. The hill has 60 ha blocks, characterised by danthonia, sub-clover and patches of manuka. Heifers typically achieve a 90 per cent in-calf rate and the mixed age cows 95 per cent (stud and commercial). This is for a 40-day joining period.

Priority feeding time is from calving up to mating. Paddocks are shut up over winter to grow feed for this time.

Any surplus feed is used for yearling beef calves, purchased from farmers who use the Brackenfield bulls. These are finished to 280 to 300 kg carcass weight and sold to SPM AFFCO, Wanganui.

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FIRST HOME SALE

Brackenfield bulls will be sold from the Peter's property on Awatere Valley Road in 2019. Traditionally they have been sold at the Blenheim Bull Sale, at the Blenheim Sale Yards. Angus Peter said this decision has been driven by the need to guarantee bulls are free from M Bovis.

"Many of our clients run closed herds, with the only introduced animals being our bull."

The Peter family bought the stud along with Alton Downs from the Elliot's in 2000. They added it to the home block, which was purchased in the 1970s. The Brackenfield Angus Cattle and Halfbred Sheep Facebook page, run by Angus and Ashley, has 830 followers and features videos of sale bulls and cows walking out on hill country.

"It's a good way to tell people a pretty big story in a small amount of time," Angus said.

Angus said social media is often the first step to get people's interest in the bulls. He plans to get footage of bulls over time, as they grow and mature. "The hardest thing is to remember to get the footage when out on the job."

In 2018, farmers and agents who came on their bull walk had the chance to win a case of wine with a guess-the-weight competition. Whoever was closest to the correct bull weight won the wine.

"It was a talking point and a good challenge for agents and farmers."

Adding growth and yield

Angus Peter is keen to retain the confirmation and constitution valued in Brackenfield bulls.

With mainly hill country clients selling weaner calves, the ability to get in calf, rear a heavy calf and walk the hills, is the type of cow they like.

"Three bulls this year went to Canterbury hill country, another six to Marlborough hill country, where the focus is producing weaners," Angus says.

"Most people are weaner orientated."

Angus has focused on 200 day weight estimated breeding values (EBVs) when selecting stud bulls, with his ideal bull having an EBV for 200 day weight in the 40s.

For 12 years, under the stewardship of Andy and Michelle, the stud has bought bulls from Turihaua, described by Angus as sound safe types. Te Mania Lightyear, now used for three seasons, has niched well with Turihaua cattle and Angus really rates him on eye muscle area results in his progeny.

Local bull Taimate 637-16 (Superstar) introduced for the 2018 mating, shows a shift towards adding rump fat and rib fat and 400 and 600 day weight to the genetic pool.

"He has really nice positive fat scores and is a popular type; people go crazy for this type of easy doing chunky bull.

"We use him to retain our constitution but add better yield."

Turihaua Immortal M86, introduced to the cows in 2018, scores even higher in the 400 and 600 day weight on BREEDPLAN, with +83 and +116 respectively.

"He topped the sale and, on the eye, shows a meaty carcass."

All stud yearlings are scanned for eye muscle area and fat scores. On average 46 calves are recorded each year. The stud holds a comprehensive BREEDPLAN Completeness of Recording Level of 4.5 stars, out of five.





Being able to purchase top genetics as a small stud, is made possible through sharing four bulls with Jono and Sarah Reed at Grampians Angus stud in Culverden. Immortal was a \$25,000 investment.

"It works really well as we use the bulls first, for two cycles in October and November. They get two weeks off, then are off to the Grampians cows."

Casting an eye over the cows shows the influence of the larger bull frame (from Lightyear genetics) and the meatier, shorter legged Taimate types.

Angus doesn't discount the heavier cows, as long as they wean

a calf relative to their size.

"Last year the two year olds weaned 60 per cent of their body weight in calf weight, on average, and we target 50 per cent over all cows."

Several older cows that only weaned 35 per cent of their body weight were culled.

Semen from a S Chisum 6175 bull from the USA has been put with eggs from top cows at Brackenfield and the resulting embryos implanted in surrogate cows.

"This allows us to have a high standard of culling rate and get some fantastic genetics quickly."



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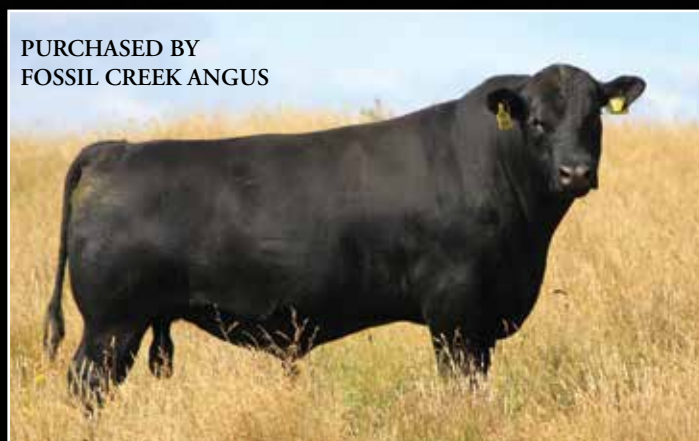
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Beef Progeny Test turns spotlight onto structural assessment

BY MAX TWEEDIE, BEEF + LAMB NZ GENETICS NATIONAL BEEF GENETICS MANAGER

The Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ) Genetics Beef Progeny Test (BPT) compares bulls under New Zealand commercial farming conditions. It includes a project assessing the performance of sires for structural soundness.

How the progeny test works

Now in its fifth year, the test involves mating more than 3000 cows and heifers annually across four large stations and one dairy farm. Dairy-born calves are assessed for calving ease, while beef-born steers are assessed on their finishing performance and carcass traits. Replacement heifers are tracked for their maternal characteristics.

A mix of both internationally sourced and New Zealand semen is used from more than 10 breeds. Specific bulls are included to provide genetic links to international programmes, where carcass data is being collected.

Over time, the test will:

- Evaluate maternal performance and survival for different cow types in commercial conditions.
- Generate potential new EBVs for cow performance – e.g. heifer puberty, cow condition score and cow stayability.
- Evaluate the relationship between maternal performance, finishing performance and carcass quality/market attributes.
- Evaluate across breeds.

Structural assessment looks at variations

The 1027 calves from cohort 1 were structurally assessed at 14-16 months old, using the Beefclass Structural Assessment

system. The progeny test was looking for variation in structure to see:

- if a trait was problematic;
- how much variation existed between sires, to see if the trait was under genetic control; and
- whether overseas genetics were different to local genetics.

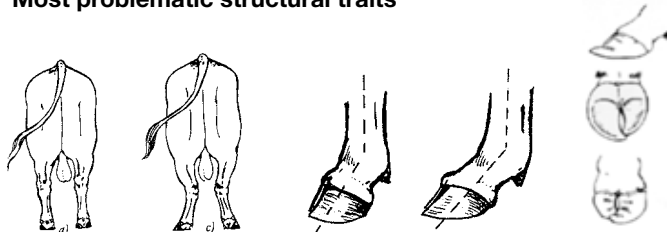
The Beefclass Structural Assessment System was used to assess the sires. Traits were assigned a score of 1-9, with a score of 5 generally considered ideal. The table below shows how much the traits deviated from ideal. For example, for Rear Legs Hind View the sires' calves were on average 0.8 of a score away from ideal and at the most 1.1 score from ideal.

Across the cohort assessment, the most problematic traits were:

- Rear Legs Hind View (often tending cow hocked/6s),
- Front Feet Angle (often tending low angle/6s) and
- Front Feet Claw Set (often tending scissor/6s).

These same structural traits also tended to be genetic – i.e. associated with the bull.

Most problematic structural traits



Rear Legs, Hind view, Front Feet Angle and Front Feet Claw Set.

| Beef Class Structural Traits sire deviations from ideal | | | | |
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| Beef Class Structural Trait | Min | Max | Mean | SD |
| Rear Legs Hind View | 0.594 | 1.134 | 0.847 | 0.106 |
| Front Feet Angle | 0.624 | 1.061 | 0.834 | 0.093 |
| Front Feet Claw Set | 0.611 | 0.974 | 0.787 | 0.063 |
| Rear legs Side View | 0.549 | 0.848 | 0.714 | 0.052 |
| Rear Feed Angle | 0.627 | 0.832 | 0.718 | 0.038 |
| Front Legs Front View | 0.398 | 0.612 | 0.536 | 0.035 |
| Rear Feet Claw Set | 0.064 | 0.112 | 0.087 | 0.009 |

Next stage of the test

B+LNZ Genetics will look at the economic cost of unsound structure on production and cow longevity. EBVs could then be developed for more effective genetic gain in structural soundness.

Australian data shows the structural traits found to be problematic in the B+LNZ Genetics Beef Progeny Test are 30-50 per cent heritable. Angus Australia publishes five structural EBVs and breeders can submit data by using a Beefclass accredited assessor.

If you are a breeder collecting this data already, then it can be submitted to BREEDPLAN and stored until a time when EBVs are available.

Angus sires well represented

To date, the test programme has accepted 149 Angus sires – more than half of the 254 sires used across the 10,123 total cow matings and resulting 7086 calves.

Most Angus sires nominated by breeders have been accepted, representing a true and broad cross section of New Zealand's Angus gene pool. The progeny test is an important resource for research and EBV prediction for New Zealand Angus breeders, because the test's data informs BREEDPLAN.

All cohort 1 steers have been processed and sires' results for all traits are now available on the B+LNZ Genetics website. About 470 Angus-sired steers have each had 25 individual measurements collected – informing their 26 sires for genetic evaluation. Cohort 2 sires and progeny will soon have results available on growth, carcass and structural assessment.

Key ongoing female measurements are still being collected and will take many years to be fully reported on. Sires' daughters from

Cohort 1 at Rangitaiki Station have now produced three calves and have had reproduction data collected from four matings.

Rangitaiki Station confirms value of EBVs

Rangitaiki Station is the programme's 9600ha, high-performing property on the Central Plateau near Taupo.

Each year, the 75,000 stock unit station artificially inseminates about 400 of its 1250 breeding cows to maternal and terminal sires and achieves Fixed Time A.I conception rates above 60 per cent.

Rangitaiki farm operations manager James van Bohemen says the most valuable message from the project is the strength of EBVs.

"It's absolutely worth paying more for a bull with better EBVs. I've seen bulls being verified under large-scale commercial conditions for several seasons. I can tell you that EBVs deliver on what they predict."



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On arriving at Godley Peaks Station it's a typical mid-January day; stinking hot, tinder dry and they're dipping Merinos to stop the dreaded fly strike.

General manager Rob Glover emerges out from under the two-storey woolshed blanketed in dust with a grin on his face.

"Giddy Sarah. Been up this way before?"

He asks this because so few people ever have. The station is 14,886 ha of pristine high country, nestled in beside the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo and collared to the north by Aoraki Mount Cook National Park. A national treasure, is a term often phrased.

Rob and his wife Karen have lived at Godley Peaks for 19 years. He now has it running 19,000 stock units and a large chunk of this is sheep. There are 5,000 Merino ewes and 2,800 Merino ewe hoggets, which average a very fine 18.4 micron wool clip. Just on 85 per cent of this is under a 10-year contract with Icebreaker, which Rob sees as a "good solid option".

A relatively new shift has been made towards quarter-bred sheep. Two thousand Border-Merino ewes that grow a 22.5 micron wool clip and a bit more meat provide more diversity and widen the market options, for the lambs especially.

"Fine wool is a huge part of our operation and, as most are aware, the crossbred wool industry is obviously at a low point. People are starting to realise the natural attributes of wool and the benefits of using items such as wool carpets - the anti-plastics movement is

certainly helping. But the bottom line is that wool is still a far more expensive option and for most people, that's the deciding factor."

Approximately 6,500 home bred lambs are finished on farm. The quarter-bred lambs are killed as prime in the autumn and the Merino wether lambs go off as prime after shearing in October. A long association with Alliance provides good avenues for the sale and purchase of stock and, most years, up to 10,000 crossbred lambs are traded and finished.

Irrigated land helps immensely with the stock finishing and this development has progressed over the years, since the first irrigator was put in place in 1974. There are now 540 ha under a complex system of centre pivots and guns.

"Irrigation is our insurance really," says Rob. "It's critical in the Mackenzie Basin as we get extreme droughts throughout the year, combined with prevailing nor-westerly winds and 40 degree days in the summer months."

Rob also believes that irrigation is the key to ensuring the land is not exploited.

"From an environmental point of view, it's a no-brainer. Two tonne of topsoil blows out of this basin every year, so if you're really into conservation and protecting the environment, why would you just let it blow away? As soon as you add water you can get some cover on it, which in turn will eventually break down to organic matter and the end result is actually building up the soil."

The irrigation has also allowed Rob to largely retire the fragile higher hill country, which spans up to 2,800 metres above sea level,





holding the majority of the stock on the 3,000 ha of lower country (710-1300 metres above sea level).

The fertiliser plan fits in with the same ideology.

"I'm quite convinced that what we used to do with heavy metal fertiliser was wrong."

Consequently, natural fertilisers are used. This plan includes but is not limited to lime, zinc, salt, fishmeal for nitrogen, milk powder for protein, mussels for essential microbes and even, "Iguana droppings, mined in Indonesia for its richness of calcium and phosphates".

The pasture growing is abundant, with no shortage of feed in sight.

"This has been one of those seasons where it's been very difficult to keep feed quality as everything has just bolted. It's quite embarrassing really."

The farm is an absolute picture of health and production, and the biggest mouths to feed are of course the cattle. The residents are 300 mixed-age Angus cows, 100 rising 2-year-old heifers, 170 yearling heifers and 180 yearling steers and they want for nothing.

Rob has built the herd up from just 52 cows when he arrived. He chose Angus because of its versatility within the market.

"I'm an Angus fan. There are so many solid options for selling them at various ages and stages throughout the supply chain."

The climate at Godley Peaks has largely influenced the progression of the herd and Rob's breeding plan.

"For a long time our 15-months-old steers went to Five Star Beef at about 460kg to be finished off, because they're mid-October born and I couldn't get them done before a second winter. Then

we realised that if we put more emphasis on CW, IMF and EMA, we could lift the yield up and get them finished quicker, ourselves."

The last two years have seen steers killed by Alliance at 59.2 per cent yield.

"If you take a 510-520kg steer that's 18 months old and he kills out at 310-312kg, you've got a very lucrative business."

This emphasis on IMF and EMA has come down to Rob's bull selection process, which has been part of progressive change implemented over the past five or six years. Gerald Hargreaves, and now Tom Hargreaves, at Kakahu Angus have played a key role in this development.

Rob buys two or three bulls every year from Kakahu and says if you're buying your bulls on what they look like, you'll get the same result every time and never make any progress.

"EBVs work. You can actually take out the guesswork and make predictions with a lot more certainty. My cattle are now a lucrative part of this operation, rather than just a pasture cleaning tool."

Cow size matters and Rob won't tolerate a 700-800kg cow that weans a 200kg calf.

"Our cows are 550-600kg at weaning and they're bringing in calves that are around 240-260kg."

Within the sale catalogue, Rob looks to calving ease first and foremost with his bull selection.

"Without a live calf I've got nothing."

From there, he looks to gestation length and growth rates, focussing on the 200 DW and 400 DW figures. The 400 DW and Mature Cow Weight (MCW) must be fairly similar for efficiencies.

"Carcass Weight, Eye Muscle Area and Intra-muscular Fats are



crucial for me. The IMF is obviously all about the eating experience, which is vital for the end consumer."

Rob ultimately buys the bulls he wants from the Kakahu catalogue and has noticed that these bulls are now coming with heftier price tags.

"Your bulls have got to be taking you forward in your breeding programme and I can't see why anyone would buy a bull with EBVs that are below breed average. As people are catching onto this fact, I seem to be paying a bit more for the ones I want."

Although Rob tends toward a very specific bull within the Kakahu catalogue, he knows that there are different bulls suited to varying operations and they come from studs right across the country.

"Phenotype or genotype aside, all these Angus breeders across the country are incredibly passionate about their various programmes and the bulls they're breeding. You can't take that away from them."

All of Rob's bulls are purchased as 2 year olds, to ensure he has the most accurate figures.

"I dabbled in yearlings thinking I was getting a bargain, but the reliability of the information on the bulls at that age is less accurate."

The MA cow herd is relatively young, with about 100 cows or heifers culled annually.

"We retain most of our heifers, aside from selling the bottom 5-10 per cent as calves, so for the past six or seven years we have eye muscle scanned all the heifers before they go to the bull. We have a tidy up and cull anything that's not satisfactory and only breed from the ones with good scanning results."

Bill and Judy Austin do the scanning and one thing Rob has noticed is that the broken faced females never scan as well as the straight black Angus heifers.

The R1 heifers are given two cycles with the bull after it's put out on Christmas Eve and they're culled if they don't get in calf. This

has bred good fertility and Rob is getting about 98 per cent of those heifers back in calf for a second year, which he sees as the hard part.

The heifers, as well as the yearling steers, are well looked after all year round on the lower country under irrigation. The basic pasture mix is ryegrass, red and white clover, plantain, cocksfoot, timothy and chickory. Crops are also break-fed in the winter months.

Rod has dabbled in lucerne but finds he is able to grow more kilograms of dry matter with good grass mixes than he ever could with lucerne.

At calving time, the majority of the MA cows are left to calve and fend for themselves in the fenced river valley, producing a 94 per cent calving rate. The odd older cow is kept down with the young stock and fed some of the 4,000 tonne of silage that is made on farm annually.

Silage is vital as the winters can be long and bitterly cold at -20°C, with a metre of snow being all too common.

The year is a busy one at Godley Peaks and it's a hard slog at times for Rob and his team of three other permanent staff.

As the dust settles on my day in the high country and I pick the last of the grass seed out of my socks, I can't help but reflect on just how lucky these people are to live here. Let's hope that overregulation doesn't ruin the postcard magic. ■



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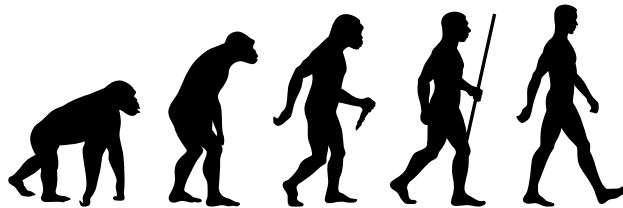
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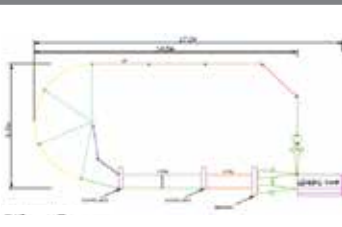
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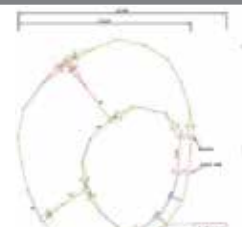
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BY MAX TWEEDIE, B+LNZ GENETICS NATIONAL BEEF GENETICS MANAGER

You've just been along to the pub to catch up with a mate and he reckons there are some extra cents – or even dollars – per kg to be picked up from processing cattle that eat better.

You've decided you're going to give it a go, so you send a line of 30 cattle along to this new programme. Your steers average 300 kgs carcass weight and they only just grade Ps with 4 mm of fat. You wait (happy enough) as the carcasses sit in the chiller overnight and a grader assesses them the next morning, before cutting and packing.

You get the email saying that, out of the 30 steers:

- 25 graded marble score (MS) 1 (base schedule price)
- 3 graded MS 2 (extra 10 cents/kg) and
- 2 graded MS 3 (extra 20 cents/kg).

You've just earned a grand total of \$210 extra over the line. What?!

You head back to the pub to spend some of your token \$210 and tune up the guy that put you crook on this 'premium' programme. You get a talking. He tells you his line of 30 steers were 340 kgs, all graded Ps with 11 mm of fat. Ten steers graded MS 3 and he received an extra \$1020 over the line.

So, you have another crack. This time you get them heavier and fatter and you look after them better. But you still only gain an extra \$800 from the line.

You're about to give up but decide to have one more go and this time buy in a line of steers. You feed them the same as the second line and even muck around shifting breaks and flicking a bit of balage their way (while also keeping an eye on costs). When they are processed in spring, you add \$2720 to the line. Now you're cooking with gas.

So you ask the stock agent where he found the cattle. Turns out the vendor selects his bulls for marbling using the IMF (Intramuscular Fat) EBV. Was this the limiting factor? Is this why your early line of steers weren't smashing better marble scores and pulling you in more cash?

A trait like marbling is up to 40 per cent heritable – i.e. 40 per cent of what you see is about the genetics. Combine that genetic predisposition with optimal feeding and handling and you're on to something.

US dropping commodity beef

In late 2018, the USDA, which manages the American national beef grading system, informed farmers that Select Grade will likely be phased out. Select is effectively equivalent to our MS 2 (or less) beef. It's a grade that, in the previous example, you would expect

to be paid a premium for in a New Zealand eating quality focused programme.

According to the American Red Angus Association, Select Grade beef accounted for 40 per cent of carcasses in 2006-2007. That dropped to less than 18 per cent by 2018. At that rate, the expectation is that Select beef tonnage will reduce to 10 per cent by 2022, and 5 per cent by 2025.

Many of our new eating quality focused programmes are supplying the US market. I wonder if our equivalent to Select Grade beef will make the cut with the Americans in the future?

But the real question is: How did the US get to a point where they can consider dropping Select Grade?

Yes, feeding and handling are key. But according to the Americans, recording and using that recording to make informed decisions in bull selection has actually been the major driver of the change.

That's great news for Angus bull breeders, as the B+LNZ Genetics Beef Progeny Test has confirmed the breed as leaders for IMF. I'm not suggesting it's a good idea to go out and single trait select for IMF (single trait selection is never a good idea), but there is an opportunity to turn the data into information and improve our Select equivalent cattle.

The 'mandate to measure'

The gold standard for recording marbling is to hang the cattle up at the works. This is great in principal – it's the real thing that's driving the premium we receive.

However, we can't just grab any old line of steers. We need to know individuals – their date of birth, the sire, information on the mob – in order for the data to be useful for genetic evaluation.

Q: Where do you find cattle with that sort of information?

A: Studs and progeny tests.

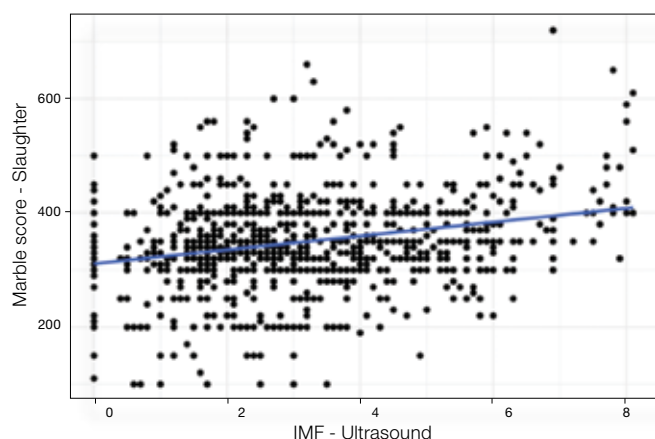
Progeny tests are great, but they're expensive. And studs have only small numbers of cull bulls and heifers to process, which often make for ineffective contemporary groups. So, we are forced to find another way to record the trait.

PIE technology (PIE Medical scanners, the Netherlands) is the current baseline. PIE was introduced as the BREEDPLAN standard in the 1990s and scanners must be accredited with BREEDPLAN in order for the data to be submitted for calculating EBVs. Scanners interpret the image they see, record them and then send to the Angus society. Breeders have used this successfully and made good genetic gain using PIE for many years.

In the Beef Progeny Test, we observed only a moderate

phenotypic relationship between PIE scanning and marble score at slaughter; i.e. generally, the best cattle scanned were still the best cattle for marbling at the works. This was to be expected. The time between scanning and slaughter was up to a year for some mobs and other research has shown only a moderate relationship between scanning and carcass traits (phenotypically). In saying this here has been no abattoir carcass data from New Zealand submitted for BREEDPLAN analysis ever and ultrasound scanning has facilitated good levels of genetic gain for us and internationally. Further on the genetic front, the genetic correlation between PIE scanning and Aus-Meat Marble Score (the gold standard at the works) is only moderate at 0.65 (Reverter, et al. 2000). In a perfect world we would expect a genetic correlation of 1, i.e. for sire selection, scanning is good but not perfect. This was not the case with Eye Muscle Area, Rib and Rump Fat showing scanning's excellent genetic correlations of 0.9 with Aus-Meat records at the works. This reinforces the case that we still need lots of ultrasound recording from studs but lots more carcass records from progeny tests to improve our EBVs too.

Comparing Aus-Meat Marble score to ultrasound IMF scanned - on the same BPT animals



Genetic correlations between carcass traits

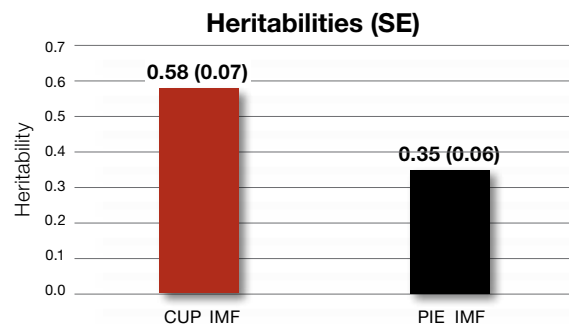
| Trait 1 | Trait 2 | Genetic Correlation | Comment |
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| PIE Scan Marbling | Aus-Meat Marble score | 0.65 | Moderate correlation and standard error |
| Scan rib, rump fat, EMA | Aus-Meat Marble Score | 0.9 | Very strong correlation, low standard error |

Christian Duff from Angus Australia submitted a paper to last year's World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production in Auckland. It compared crush side PIE with CUP (Central Ultrasound Processing System). CUP is a software that interprets the image collected, rather than the scanner interpreting it. The scanner takes a photo and sends it to CUP for processing, allowing for a more accurate interpretation of IMF percentage in the image.

Cattle scanning at the upper ends of IMF percentage are not as well differentiated by the scanner's eye, compared to CUP. Using CUP, we see more variation in the trait and therefore a significant lift in the heritability (h^2) of IMF (from 0.35 h^2 to 0.65 h^2), as shown in the Australian Angus heritabilities graph.

Comparison of two live animal ultrasound systems to predict carcass intramuscular fat and marbling in Australian Angus cattle

In a nutshell, CUP is able to detect more variation in IMF than the scanner, making it apparent that the trait is, in fact, under more genetic control than we previously thought.



If you are considering using CUP, here is a question: Are you currently scanning cattle with IMF greater than 8 per cent? If so, then it probably would warrant paying the extra money to get your cattle analysed using CUP software. Lower than 8 per cent, and there is unlikely to be the cost-benefit in adopting CUP.

Do note:

1. Young animals need to be heavy and fat (relative to their mature weight) at the time of scanning to detect the extra variation.
2. At this point, CUP does not offer extra value for the other live carcass traits.

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"In spite of these financial bonuses, I'd still be farming Angus because they're the best cattle around," says Dean.

In late 2016 AngusPure signed a deal with Broadleaf Game in the United States to supply it with APSR for all 12 months of the year.

Exported solely to the United States and Hong Kong since May 2017 as premium grass-fed beef, this exclusive product is supplied to Wilson Hellaby's Auckland processing plant by a small number of farms in the North Island, all of whom are finishing large numbers of Angus cattle.

Awhi's two finishing blocks, Ohotu and Tohunga (totalling 2530 ha) are both managed by Dean, ably assisted by his wife Donna, who looks after the books and pasture topping. Combined, they finish about 1500 steers annually at an average carcass weight (CW) of 320 kg for the APSR programme.

Strict specifications are required to be met by the suppliers:

- No antibiotics or growth-promoting hormones are allowed to be used at any stage throughout the lifetime of the animal
- Must grade P1, P2 or T
- Only heifers or steers
- Must be within a weight range of 250kg–350kg CW
- Minimum marble score of 1 (Ausmeat)
- Must be \leq PH5.8
- Less than 30 months of age
- Sired by a registered or PRAC Angus bull and out of an Angus or first cross Angus dam
- Killed at Wilson Hellaby's processing plant in Auckland
- From 2020, animals will not be accepted into the programme unless they are tagged with an AngusPure Source and Trace tag.

PGG Wrightson coordinates the supply of animals for the programme. Awhi is a large 42,000 ha Maori Incorporation, owning land between Whanganui and the foothills of Mt Ruapehu in the central North Island.

Finishing cattle on pasture in such beautiful country, at the base of such an imposing mountain and next door to a world heritage park provides a compelling provenance for APSR. When eight of the foremost distributors of APSR in the United States visited the farm in April last year they were totally blown away by the experience.



"Sitting in the middle of a grass paddock and having animals come up to you and lick your hand is a totally foreign experience for them," says Dean.

Maggie Healey, who represented TF Kinnealey, one of the distributors in Boston, said that the highlight of her trip was the visit to Ohotu.

"Seeing the expanse of the land for the Angus cattle made me wish we raised more cattle like that in the States. The farmer's love for the land and what the land offers really resonates with me," she said.

Mark Mitchell, the Kiwi born and raised principle of Broadleaf Game did, however, have one word of warning for Awhi, AngusPure NZ and Angus farmers in general.

"We really need more marbling," he said.

Dean and his staff, Alfred Alabaster (stock manager) and Sam Wood (shepherd) on Ohotu, Simon Lee (stock manager) and Jackson Cherry (shepherd) on Tohunga and Awhi second-year cadet Ezekiel Anderson, pull out all stops to meet the APSR specifications and satisfy their overseas end consumers.

Animal welfare and keeping stress levels to a minimum are at the top of their management priority list. Dogs are only used to 'lift' cattle and once underway, barking is 'switched' off with animals being moved quietly. Quality pasture is fed to the finishing animals at all times, particularly to those closest to slaughter.

"Once the marbling fat is laid down it mustn't be mobilised otherwise it will never be replaced," says Dean. "Underfeeding and/or poor quality feed can cause this."

Pastures are dominated by red and white clover over the spring and summer, which sometimes leads to bloat, particularly in younger animals. Treating the troughs with bloat oil generally remedies the problem.

Cleaning up pastures may be performed by some of the younger animals at times but the aim is not to let them lose weight. Pasture



residuals are not taken below 1500 kg dry matter per hectare by the steers. A mob of 160 breeding cows, a mulching mower, making balage and sometimes buying in young steers suitable for the APSR programme help to maintain pasture quality, particularly over the late spring and summer period.

Animals are rotated throughout the year around paddocks of high-sugar grasses (Asset and Halo) and red/white clover in small mobs of similar weight. Every two weeks the heavier cattle are brought into the yards for weighing and are drafted for slaughter. Dean personally weighs and assesses the condition of each animal by placing his hand over its rump, viewing the level of fat either side of its tail head and around the brisket.

"Some steers may have a bigger frame than others and may be heavy enough, however they may not be carrying enough condition, so we hold on to them a bit longer."

Steers are trucked overnight to avoid heat stress to Wilson Hellaby's processing plant in Auckland by local trucking company, Foleys. Its drivers are all animal welfare conscious so there is no excessive noise and no electric prodders when loading, which is important for minimising stress and meeting the pH specifications of APSR.

"Most of the cattle load themselves," Dean says. "I have a quiet chat with them in the forcing pen before loading and most go on with a minimum of fuss."

Of the 1900 steers killed by Awhi for the APSR programme,

about 1500 meet the required specifications, averaging a carcass weight of 320 kg and an average marble score of 2.5-3.0. Most of the cattle killed in the winter are R3s.

The best of the 20-month-old steers are sent to Greenlea in Hamilton to avoid the extra 0.5-1 per cent weight loss in trucking them to Auckland and the delay in getting them killed. The average slaughter weight of these is 290 kg CW.

Most steers for the APSR programme originate from Awhi's 5000 strong Angus cow herd and are sired by moderate framed, high marbling bulls with good growth figures, predominantly from Te Mania, Stern and Storth Oaks Angus studs.

Steers come onto the finishing farms as either weaners or 15 month olds, depending on the feed situation on the breeding blocks. Weaners receive an oral quarantine drench on arrival and three other oral drenches throughout the winter and early spring. None of the older cattle are drenched.

Weighing is a vital monitoring tool in the APSR programme. A weaner may be weighed at least 12 times before it goes to slaughter. Ohotu has two sets of cattle yards to make this easier.

Most of Awhi breeding country is rolling to steep and lies from 760 metres above sea level down to 50, a lower altitude than the two finishing blocks, which is the wrong way round according to Dean.

Winters are long and hard on Ohotu and Tohunga with 4-5 falls of snow each about 20cm deep expected annually. Fortunately because the two farms lie north-south and are exposed, the snow

In April 2018, Mark Mitchell of Broadleaf Game brought eight of his clients out from the USA to visit Awhi.





disappears relatively quickly. If it lies on the ground for longer than 24 hours the animals are fed balage.

Being in the centre of the island, little wind is experienced with most of the rain coming from the north-west. Annual rainfall is 1450mm and droughts are rare. Ohotu does however have two irrigators: a centre pivot covering 70 ha and a gun covering 35 ha. There is provision for another gun but it is not used.

Most of the stock finished on the two blocks (2500 cattle and 45,000-50,000 lambs) originate from Awhi's breeding blocks. Depending upon the season, predominantly Romney (with some Sufftex and a few Perendale) trading lambs start arriving in December and are all killed at Ovation before the winter at 17-19 kg CW. In a recent development a small number of lambs are now being marketed in the United States under the Broadleaf brand.

Trading lambs are integrated with cattle in a grazing programme aimed at maintaining pasture quality and reducing the larval worm population. Generally cattle follow lambs in the rotation.

Besides steers, the farms winter 650 cull R2 heifers from the

breeding farms. These are carried through for three months of the winter (June-August) on 150 ha of kale with most being killed before Christmas when they're 30 months old at 240-260 kg CW.

To minimise soil damage by having such a high concentration of cattle on the kale, the heifers are grazed in blocks instead of in strips. If and when the blocks dry out, balage is fed out until they become too muddy again.

The farms also winter 2,500 one-year ewes, mated to terminal sires and 160 Angus breeding cows mated to Angus bulls. Both classes of stock are killed after their progeny are weaned. The hills are where the breeding cows spend most of their time.

In conjunction with Horizons Regional Council, Ohotu and Tohunga have completed individual Farm Plans resulting in the fencing off of most of the waterways. In addition, 100 ha has been retired from farming under the Nga Whenua Rahui Fund, designed to protect indigenous ecosystems on Maori-owned land.

In 2018 Ohotu made the finals of the Ballance Environmental Awards and achieved a Farm Stewardship Award.



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Ingredients

Beef

- 1 kg Angus beef eye fillet, cut from the thinner end, trimmed of silver skin
- olive oil for rubbing

Salad

- 2 cups Israeli couscous
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 250g baby carrots, scrubbed and cut in half lengthwise
- 250g baby purple carrots, scrubbed and cut in half lengthwise
- 1 eggplant, cut into 1.5cm slices
- 1 tablespoon chopped preserved lemon (see tips)
- 1 lemon for squeezing
- 4 handfuls baby green leaves
- small handful mint leaves, shredded

Green herb dressing

- 1 well packed cup flat leaf parsley leaves
- 1 well packed cup coriander leaves
- 2 spring onions, trimmed and roughly chopped
- 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- finely grated zest of 1 lemon
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- good pinch dried red chilli flakes
- ½ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

Prep: 30 mins | Cook: 25 mins | Serves 8

Method

Green herb dressing

1. Place the herbs, spring onion, garlic, lemon zest, cumin and chilli in the bowl of a food processor. Process to roughly chop the herbs. While the processor is on, drizzle in the olive oil followed by the vinegar. Season with salt and place dressing in a small screw top jar. Keep in the fridge.

Beef

1. Heat a barbecue plate until medium-hot.
2. Rub the beef with olive oil and place on the barbecue plate. Barbecue for 20 minutes, turning beef 4 times to brown all sides. Lower the heat and barbecue for a further 5 minutes for medium rare beef.
3. Transfer to a large plate, season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Cover loosely with foil or baking paper and a clean tea towel and leave to rest for at least 20 minutes.

Salad

1. Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to the boil. Add the Israeli couscous and cook for 7-8 minutes until tender. Drain and refresh under cold water to arrest cooking. Drain well, then place in a large bowl and drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil to prevent sticking and set aside.
2. Brush eggplant slices with some of the remaining olive oil and place on the grill and cook until very tender. Cut into big chunks and add to the Israeli couscous.
3. Place the carrots in a bowl with the remaining olive oil and season. Place the carrots on the grill, turning often, until tender or cooked to your liking. Remove and place in with the Israeli couscous.
4. Add the preserved lemon, greens and mint. Toss gently to combine, adding a little extra olive oil if needed and a good few squeezes of lemon juice. Place on a large shallow serving plate.

To serve: Slice the eye fillet across the grain and arrange on top of the salad. Drizzle with some of the green herb dressing and serve the remainder in a separate small bowl for passing.

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STORY BY RUSSELL PRIEST AND PHOTOS BY SARAH IVEY

Forty-seven-year-old Edward (Ed) Sherriff's a busy man. With 170 stud MA Angus cows and 70 R2 heifers to calve down, plus 1500 recorded MA ewes and 600 hoggets to lamb in an intensively farmed operation, you'd wonder how he finds enough time to sleep. But he doesn't seem to complain – he loves his job.

"The worst thing in terms of management is the number of classes of stock I have to deal with – up to seven on the home block sometimes," says Ed.

"I try to simplify it as much as possible by running all the different terminal breeds together. But I can't do this at mating time."

Fortunately, he's got two separate blocks which helps simplify things: the flat 260 ha home farm called Pine Park and a 280 ha hill block 6km away,

40 per cent of which is easy contour. The two blocks are farmed in partnership with Ed's parents, Philson and Judy.

The terminal breed ewes and all male stock are run on Pine Park and the cows, Coopworth stud and commercial ewes, hoggets and weaner heifers on the other farm.

Ed and wife Kirsty have three children Sam (17), Lily (15) and Monty (13).

The Pine Park Herd

Established in 1952 on a farm (Pine Park) on the outskirts of Marton by Ed's father Philson in partnership with stud stock agent Bernie Edgecombe, the Pine Park herd has increased steadily in size from 80 cows since Ed took over management in 2013.

Foundation females came from Laws' Glendale Stud, Taihape, Phil Bayley's Kai Iwi Stud, Wanganui and the Hope House Stud. The most influential sires used in the early years were Archer of Southwold, a son of Massive of Kaharau who was used in the stud for 14 years and didn't miss a beat, according to



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Philson. Waitapu Enterprise, a son of Pine Drive Big Sky also left his mark, as also did Kiln of Cricklewood. The best homebred sire has been Pine Park Yes Yes described by Bruce Orr as being the best GT Max son he has ever seen and was used extensively throughout New Zealand. Matauri, Stern and Merchiston studs have supplied the most recent herd sires.

Today AI is used sparingly on selected MA females and extensively on 15-month-old heifers, where one round of synchronisation followed by AI is performed. Tail-up yearling bulls are generally only put out for one cycle and on rare occasions for two. Heifers conceiving in this last cycle are sold as commercial animals and dries are killed. Sometimes the smaller heifers are mated from December 1 and if they get in calf, are sold as commercials.

“We’ve been calving two year olds for many years and if they don’t get in calf we’re not interested in them. Our average mating weight is about 320 kg and we won’t mate anything less than 280 kg.”

“We find the American AI bulls we use are consistently easy calving. We’ve had to assist only one heifer in the last six years in spite of feeding the hell out of them during the winter. Any females assisted are culled.”

Mating begins between November 10-15 and the bulls are out by Christmas.

“Our cow fertility is pretty stable at between 90-95% with our average cow weight sitting at about 550 kg.”

Breeding objectives

Pine Park’s focus is to breed bulls that will sire good hill country cows.

“Cows are being pushed further back into the hills so we’ve got to breed bulls that sire cows that can stand up to that challenge.”

Ed targets sound, moderate-framed, meaty herd sires with the mature cow weight (MCW) no more than 105, as a direct response to clients’ wishes.

“We’ve got a lot of cows with low MCWs so we can handle the occasional herd sire with a high MCW EBV but he must have high growth figures otherwise we’re not interested.

“Most of our clients’ cows reflect the cow size in our herd. Many of them feed their cows better than we do in spite of them being used as a pasture management tool. They have changed their attitude to cows since the returns from beef have improved and they now treat them better.”

Ed says he’s not looking to target top-end EBVs but wants to be above average in most traits, particularly calving ease, 200 and 400-Day weights, EMA and fats with less emphasis on 600-Day weight.

“I find using EBVs in a breeding programme frustrating at times. Quite often you use a bull with EBVs that are ideal for your programme, however with time these often change so that you end up with EBVs that you don’t want.”

Like his clients, Ed places a lot of emphasis on a sound phenotype.

“I suppose I’m a 50/50 man when it comes to apportioning



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importance between phenotype and genotype.

"Before I go to a sale I'll grab a catalogue and do my genetic selection before I see the bulls. Then I'll base my final selection on what the bulls look like.

"Many of my clients select their bulls in the same way, however we all realise compromises are inevitable. But whereas commercial farmers have more scope to compromise, stud breeders have to be more focused on where they want to go and stick to it. Otherwise they'll end up where they don't want to be."

Annual sale

Pine Park has an annual 2yr bull sale in early June and sometimes a yearling sale. In 2018 34 out of 37 2yr bulls sold for an average of \$7400 with a top price of \$10,000.

"We have a young client base of repeat buyers, all with beef herds who buy at our sale."

To satisfy any dairy farmer enquiries Ed winters 20-30 R2 bulls on a maintenance ration as they don't like bulls to be too big for their females. Yearling bulls are also sold.

"We're trying to get into the yearling sale business but didn't do it in 2018 because our bulls were too small as the result of our dry summer. We view this as our greatest opportunity to expand our cattle business with many beef farmers now buying yearlings, as the two year olds are too expensive."

Pine Park generally sells 40 per cent of its bull calves born.

The hill block is home to the cows and heifers where the former are often called on to do a clean-up job after weaning. Once this is finished a crop of break fed kale, supplemented with straw carries them through June and July before being brought out onto saved pasture in groups (based on their expected calving dates) and break fed behind a hot wire. Calving of MA cows generally starts around August 10 with heifers a week earlier. Once calves are mobile enough, mum and calf are shed onto the hills.

Grass supplemented with kale, swedes and balage is used to winter the weaner bulls on Pine Park and the heifers on the hill block. A summer crop of turnips or rape is sometimes fed to prospective sale bulls while grass supplemented with balage is used for wintering.

Working on the business rather than in it is an area Ed wants to change. This would free up time to do things like spending more time visiting ram and bull clients and fine-tuning the business.



"At the moment I'm flat out going from one job to another with barely any time to think. I do have full-time employee Darin Arnott who lives on the hill block, but he's pretty busy also. I really need to employ more casual labour to help during periods of high workload.

"My kids, who are all interested in farming, are growing up fast and are reaching an age where they're becoming quite helpful."

The sheep operation

Pine Park is home to 900 recorded terminal-breed ewes some being pure and some an assortment of crosses. Featuring prominently in the mix are Suffolks, Texels and Poll Dorsets.

Single-sire mating of the three breeds and their crosses begins between March 15-20 for 23 days only (80 per cent of ewes are in lamb), after which mobs are boxed up and run with harnessed rams for another 11 days. A change of crayon colour for the third cycle identifies late cycling ewes, which are culled.

Sometimes terminal-breed ewe hoggets are mated on April 1 but Ed finds them useful as a safety valve in his intensive operation.

"Even though they are massive at mating and get in lamb easily they are extremely lively presenting problems at lambing time if intervention is required.

"Coopworth hoggets have always been mated to Coopworth rams producing commercial progeny only. The ram goes out on April 20 and we're not afraid to wean lambs at six weeks. In fact



I'm a fan of early weaning and did it very successfully last year when it turned dry."

The hill block runs 600 recorded and 400 commercial Coopworth ewes. The latter are the rejects from the recorded flock and are mated to blackface rams. These ewes are slowly being phased out of the operation.

The recorded Coopworths regularly wean 170 per cent.

"We get lots of triplets and lose a few, however we don't shed them out, leaving them to run with the rest of the ewes and lambs.

"The better triplets average 26-27 kg at weaning while the poorer ones 22-23 kg. Average overall 100-day weaning weights for the Coopworths are 30-33 kg and the terminals 40-43 kg."

Stud ram hoggets (650) are all wintered together on Pine Park with over 300 being sold privately in the spring. Selling takes a valuable month out of Ed's busy schedule.

"In some ways I'd like to go to auction because it would all be over quickly."

Another distraction for Ed in the spring is preparing ground for summer and winter crops.

Pine Park is a facial eczema prone farm so Ed's been working on increasing the tolerance in his flocks while also satisfying the demand for eczema-tolerant sires from some of his clients.

You get the impression with Ed having such a busy schedule he has no time to tolerate poor performance in his beef and sheep breeding programmes. He has been forced to adopt a survival of the fittest mentality, which is good news for his clients: they know the sires they are buying are coming from a commercially run breeding environment. ■

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When Mark Prebble came home to help his parents on their Dunback farm Mt Blue 10 years ago his dad had Simmentals.

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His partner Sarah Lee sums it up probably the best calling the Simmentals the "crazy gingers".

They switched to Angus and haven't looked back, the move made easier with Waimara Angus Stud just down the road at Goodwood.

Each year they buy a Waimara bull, with a budget somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000, and have always been impressed.

Two years ago they sold the first bull they bought from the stud after using it for six years with never a break down. They got \$2,500 for it at the works.

"Not bad money when you think about it," says Mark.

He looks for a bull with medium birth weight EBVs and good growth rates for the first 200 days.

"I walk around them at the sale and pick a bull I like the look of. I watch to see how it stands."

Helping him with the decision making are the owners of Waimara Angus stud Tom and Sally Law, with their daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Chris Pont.

"Tom really looks after us. We had a few more cows than we expected last year and they let us borrow a bull at mating which we later bought.

"I can't speak highly enough of them. And it's nice to be able to support the locals, too."

He said the bulls are nice natured – a welcome contrast to the Simmentals.

The 920 ha farm, which includes 70 ha of lease land from the Graymont lime works, runs between 5200 and 5300 stock units throughout the year and is about 40 per cent flat country and 60 per cent hill tussock.

The 136 cows last spring produced 130 calves including one set of twins. He also has 28 heifers which went to the bull for the first time this season.

The bulls go in 28 November to the cows and 10 days earlier to the heifers which are single sire mated.

The first cut of steers go to Ashburton feedlot Five Star Beef at 15 months old at about 420 kg. This season, with ample grass growth, the first 30 averaged 502.5 kg.

"With the Waimara bulls, the growth rates seem to be getting better and better each year," says Mark.

The heifers are usually sold through PGG Wrightson in the



second spring cattle sale at the Palmerston sales yards, a few kilometres away.

With scales now at the sale yards, they know that the heifers averaged 370 kgs last year.

"They usually get sold there to breeders which is good. I usually sell the all blacks. I like to keep the white faces because I like them but we're getting less and less of them each year."

Finances were tight when he took over from his parents so the cows he bought were Angus cross, hence the white faces.

With his relationship with Five Star, he normally grazes another 100 weight gainer Angus steers, but M Bovis has made him wary of buying in stock so he's planning to keep his own longer this year.

He has a half share of the farm with his parents, Heather and John Prebble, and although both are now retired, John still has an interest in the trees on the property, felling two years ago 15 ha of radiata pines he had planted 26 years earlier.

There are still more trees maturing on the property and Mark and Sarah are thinking of planting their own nest egg for the future as well.

Usually in mid-December the farm is drying off but this season it was lush with green grass, something Mark and Sarah couldn't quite get their heads around.

"We had 266mm of rain in November. Usually we have an average of 50mm. Our average rainfall for the whole year is only 750mm," Mark said.

"I always try to get the crops sown, about 25 ha of rape and another 15 ha of leafy turnip, for lamb fattening early November

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because we'll get a downpour or two in December. We usually need that rain to get them up out of the ground but this season it was just too wet to even get a tractor through the gateway."

Paddocks sprayed out at the end of October and ready for the drill were growing weeds.

They also have several paddocks in lucerne for when it gets dry.

Now they're making excess grass into balage, double wrapping it so it will last years. The Angus steers and heifers get a mix of turnips, grass and balage for wintering.

"The situation got worse with my lawn mowers gone so the cows and calves had to come down off the hill and onto the paddocks to try to tidy up the roughage."

His "lawn mowers", 30 Angus steers, the heaviest of their age group, went to Five Star.

Mark does all of the tractor work on the farm and has a neighbour, who works shift work at the lime works, helping him out a couple of days a week.

Sarah is a registered nurse and works Mondays and Tuesdays as a theatre nurse at Dunedin Hospital, almost an hour's drive away. During the rest of the week she helps Mark out in the yards on the farm when she can.

She grew up in Ashburton as a townie but used to tag along with her dad Chris Lee who was a lamb drafter for Silver Fern Farms.

"We were always going out on farms with him, and to the sale yards when we were young," she says.

Mark worked on various South Island farms before coming home to Dunback and the couple met in Wanaka. They have now been together eight years and have two children – Josh who is already farm-mad at the age of five and two-year-old Sam.

The two kids have been going into Dunedin with Sarah, spending the two days at the hospital's childcare centre, but with Josh turning five in mid-March he's now starting at Palmerston Primary School.

As well as the Angus cattle, there are 2300 Halfbred ewes and another 780 hoggets on the farm. Dorset and South Down are used as terminal sires. Lambing is 145 per cent to the ram and at weaning, usually in mid-December for the mobs on the flats, and mid-January for the hill ewes, about 2000 go on the truck to the works.

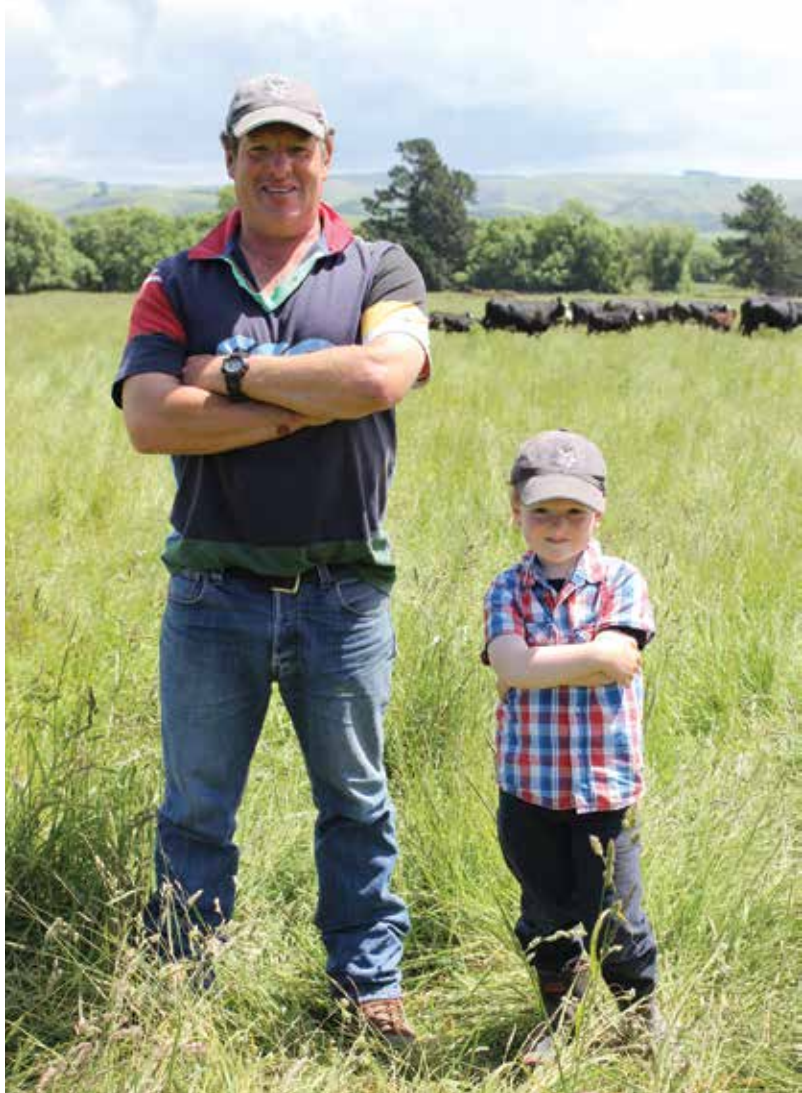
"This season we weaned both mobs after New Year. It's just been too wet and the lambs have really suffered," says Mark.

The start of lambing is 4 September on the flats and 25 September for the hill girls.

Mark usually buys in about 1500 store lambs as well, carrying them through the winter.

The Halfbreds have proved their worth in the woolshed with them averaging \$40 of wool each last shearing, a figure that would make most farmers closer to the coast weep.

"They were a challenge this spring though with scald. And with



the lambs on them there is not a lot you can do about it except trough them when you can," says Mark.

A plane flies Super 30 at a rate of 300 kg/ha over the hill country with about a third done each year depending on finances. DAP goes on the crops and new grasses in the drill. The rest of the paddocks get done with the bulky annually.

A chopper deals with the always-growing gorse.

Stock water, especially on the hills, can cause them to worry. They've got six 30,000 litre holding tanks with 90,000 litres from the Dunback scheme per annum. They also take about 90,000 litres from a spring on the hill, which hardly ever dries up, even in the height of summer.

They've been slowly fencing off the two creeks on the property to keep stock out but are yet to do their Overseer nutrient budget to find their nitrogen loss. The Otago Regional Council's water plan comes into effect on 1 April next year [2020] and they have to be at less than 30 kg N/ha/year.

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Improved Angus carcass values possible with GENETIC SELECTION

BY CHRISTIAN DUFF, ANGUS AUSTRALIA

A repeated study in Australia has validated the variation that exists in Angus carcass value. The study revealed a A\$695 per carcass difference based on carcass data collected in Cohort 5 of the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program (ASBP).

This study included progeny from 49 Angus sires, including 10 New Zealand-bred sires. The average number of progeny per sire was 12. The study compared carcass values, on a progeny average basis, between the highest and lowest ranked sires. This is similar to the difference observed in Cohort 4 of the ASBP, being A\$619. The range from the top (9th) ranked New Zealand-bred sire to the lowest (47th) ranked New Zealand-bred sire was A\$458.

The progeny average carcass values were derived by applying Australian beef industry-based parameters to each steer carcass (n=556) from Cohort 5 of the ASBP. The parameters are based on a general long-fed production system (200+ days) with the aim of producing and selling high quality Angus beef products. The specific parameters applied were:

- \$8/kg carcass weight for an AUS-MEAT marbling score 3 carcass
- Add \$0.40/kg carcass weight per AUS-MEAT marbling score above 3.
- subtract \$0.80/kg carcass weight per AUS-MEAT marbling score below 3
- Subtract 10c/kg carcass weight if >25 mm but less than 30 mm p8 (i.e rump) fat
- Subtract 15c/kg carcass weight if 30 mm of p8 (i.e rump) fat or greater.

Additionally, progeny average values, including Carcass Value (\$), are calculated using a least squares means (LSM) model which takes into herd and other contemporary group effects.

The carcass value progeny averages for each sire is listed in table 1 and graphed in figure 1. The progeny average figures for the component traits (Carcass Weight, Marbling Score and Rump fat) are also listed in table 1. The 10 New Zealand-bred sires in this study are noted in table 1 and highlighted in figure 1.

As expected, the sires with the highest carcass value progeny averages had progeny with higher carcass weights, coupled with

higher marbling scores and rump fat in the optimum range. For example, the top New Zealand sire (9th) with a carcass value progeny average of \$3,573 had a carcass weight, MSA Marbling Score and Rump Fat progeny averages of 436 kg, 478 score and 18.4 mm respectively.

The outcomes show that there is significant scope to select Angus sires and genetics for the component traits that impact on the overall value of Angus carcasses, such as carcass weight and marbling score.

Importantly, the corresponding EBVs available for selection decisions, being the Carcass Weight EBV and Intramuscular Fat (IMF) EBV, have a strong, positive relationship with the progeny average values as shown in figure 2 for carcass weight and figure 3 for IMF EBV to MSA Marbling score. Angus breeders with a goal of genetically improving carcass value should therefore have confidence in utilising related EBVs in their selection decisions.

The latest BREEDPLAN EBVs and progeny average figures for the ASBP sires are available from the Angus Australia website on angus.tech, specifically through the ASBP SELECT facility (<https://angus.tech/enquiry/animal/asbp>) or Sire Benchmarking Catalogue (<https://angus.tech/catalogue/asbp>).

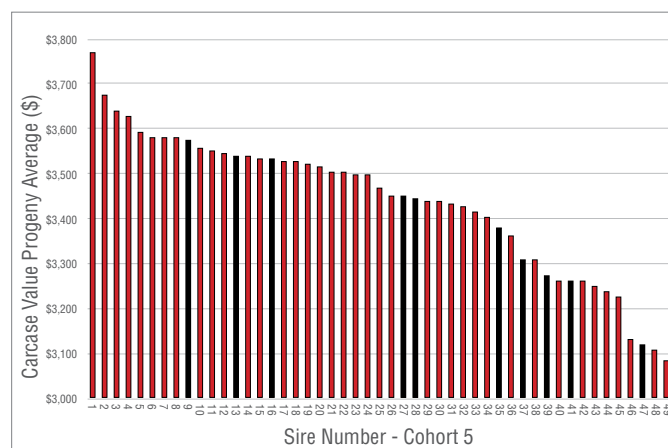


Figure 1 – Cohort 5 ASBP Sires Carcass Value Progeny Averages (\$). NZ Bred Sire = Black Bars

Table 1 – Progeny Average Values for the Cohort 5 ASBP Sires
Sorted in descending order by Carcass Value (\$)

| Sire | Country of Origin | Carcass Weight (kg) | MSA Marbling (Score) | Rump Fat (mm) | Carcass Value (\$) |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 | AUS | 449 | 508 | 14.3 | \$3,774 |
| 2 | AUS | 446 | 500 | 14.3 | \$3,677 |
| 3 | AUS | 443 | 444 | 20.9 | \$3,642 |
| 4 | AUS | 445 | 485 | 17.8 | \$3,623 |
| 5 | AUS | 440 | 453 | 15.3 | \$3,587 |
| 6 | AUS | 434 | 480 | 18.0 | \$3,582 |
| 7 | AUS | 421 | 474 | 19.7 | \$3,579 |
| 8 | AUS | 438 | 446 | 15.7 | \$3,578 |
| 9 | NZ | 436 | 478 | 18.4 | \$3,573 |
| 10 | AUS | 433 | 454 | 17.0 | \$3,556 |
| 11 | AUS | 443 | 486 | 21.6 | \$3,550 |
| 12 | AUS | 437 | 473 | 22.1 | \$3,549 |
| 13 | NZ | 421 | 506 | 16.8 | \$3,541 |
| 14 | AUS | 437 | 472 | 17.8 | \$3,539 |
| 15 | AUS | 428 | 518 | 19.6 | \$3,536 |
| 16 | NZ | 422 | 502 | 18.1 | \$3,531 |
| 17 | AUS | 439 | 452 | 18.2 | \$3,530 |
| 18 | AUS | 429 | 446 | 20.0 | \$3,528 |
| 19 | AUS | 422 | 423 | 19.9 | \$3,523 |
| 20 | AUS | 436 | 424 | 17.2 | \$3,516 |
| 21 | AUS | 413 | 600 | 16.2 | \$3,505 |
| 22 | AUS | 422 | 504 | 19.1 | \$3,505 |
| 23 | AUS | 435 | 402 | 17.1 | \$3,502 |
| 24 | AUS | 421 | 579 | 16.7 | \$3,498 |
| 25 | AUS | 421 | 467 | 17.1 | \$3,469 |
| 26 | AUS | 420 | 461 | 17.6 | \$3,455 |
| 27 | NZ | 417 | 428 | 18.9 | \$3,450 |
| 28 | NZ | 411 | 497 | 22.6 | \$3,444 |
| 29 | AUS | 436 | 425 | 21.3 | \$3,442 |
| 30 | AUS | 441 | 415 | 19.1 | \$3,441 |
| 31 | AUS | 419 | 498 | 18.4 | \$3,435 |
| 32 | AUS | 424 | 459 | 20.1 | \$3,424 |
| 33 | AUS | 421 | 475 | 20.1 | \$3,412 |
| 34 | AUS | 426 | 432 | 20.1 | \$3,401 |
| 35 | NZ | 419 | 448 | 20.3 | \$3,377 |
| 36 | AUS | 416 | 457 | 19.5 | \$3,362 |
| 37 | NZ | 414 | 435 | 20.5 | \$3,308 |
| 38 | AUS | 419 | 387 | 19.7 | \$3,306 |
| 39 | NZ | 403 | 467 | 19.1 | \$3,275 |
| 40 | AUS | 409 | 413 | 20.6 | \$3,265 |
| 41 | NZ | 406 | 413 | 22.1 | \$3,264 |
| 42 | AUS | 417 | 385 | 20.3 | \$3,262 |
| 43 | AUS | 412 | 416 | 18.7 | \$3,255 |
| 44 | AUS | 411 | 435 | 20.5 | \$3,241 |
| 45 | AUS | 406 | 414 | 17.7 | \$3,222 |
| 46 | AUS | 394 | 406 | 17.1 | \$3,132 |
| 47 | NZ | 390 | 400 | 19.1 | \$3,115 |
| 48 | AUS | 396 | 411 | 22.2 | \$3,106 |
| 49 | AUS | 398 | 364 | 23.9 | \$3,079 |

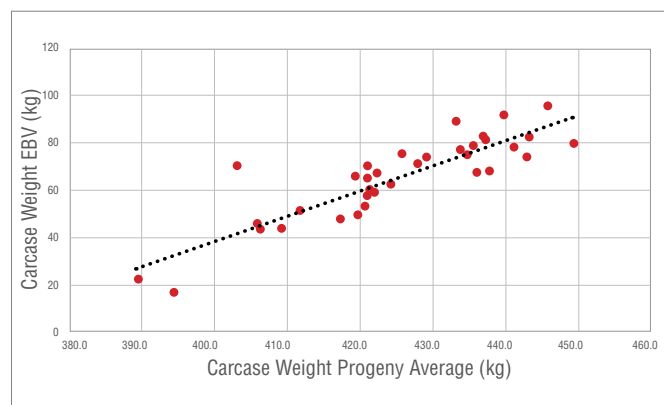


Figure 2 – Relationship between carcass weight progeny averages and EBVs for the ASBP Cohort 5 Sires with 10 or more ASBP carcass progeny.

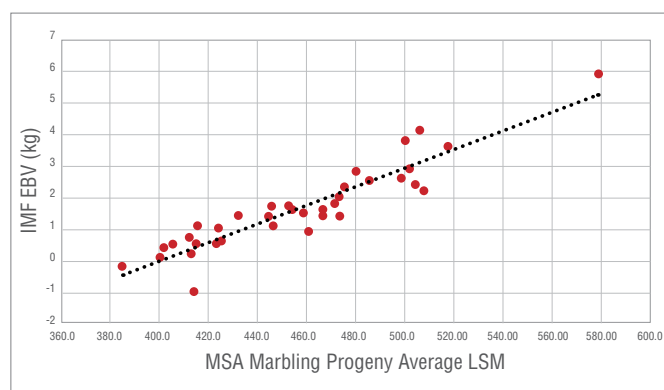


Figure 3 – Relationship between MSA Marbling Score progeny averages and IMF EBVs for the ASBP Cohort 5 Sires with 10 or more ASBP carcass progeny.








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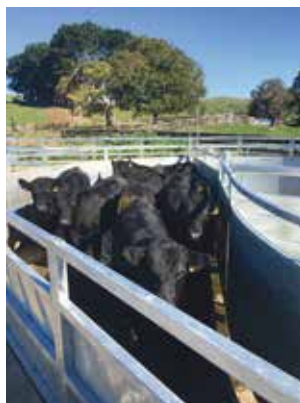
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|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| EBV | 0.0 | -0.1 | -4.2 | +4.7 | +48 | +91 | +122 | +98 | +18 | +1.8 | -5.2 | +64 | +4.7 | -0.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 | +2.2 | +\$144 | +\$180 |
| Breed Average | +0.2 | +0.4 | -4.0 | +4.3 | +44 | +81 | +106 | +91 | +15 | +1.8 | -4.2 | +59 | +5.1 | +0.0 | -0.2 | +0.4 | +1.7 | +\$113 | +\$131 |

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Ingredients

Beef

- 2 x 200g Angus sirloin steaks (2-2.5cm thick)

Dipping sauce

- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 spring onion, trimmed and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon each of chopped coriander and mint leaves
- 1 tablespoon soft brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- finely grated zest and juice of
- 1 lime
- 1 tablespoon roasted and skinned peanuts, optional

Filling

- 100g rice vermicelli
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into thin strips
- 2 stalks celery, strings removed with a peeler and cut into thin strips
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, cut lengthwise, seeded and cut into thin strips
- 3-4 spring onions, trimmed and cut into thin strips
- 100g snowpea shoots or mung bean sprouts
- iceberg or cos lettuce leaves, finely shredded

Rolls

- 1 packet rice paper (16cm rounds or larger if you find easier to work with)
- 20 mint leaves
- 20 coriander leaves

Method

Preheat the barbecue grill until hot.

Beef

1. Rub steaks with a little oil, season and place on the hot grill. Grill for 3 minutes then turn over and grill for a further 3 minutes for medium-rare beef. Remove from the grill and place on a plate. Cover loosely with foil and leave to rest and cool.

Dipping sauce

1. Combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Cover and set aside to allow the flavours to mingle.
2. Filling: Place the vermicelli in a bowl and cover with boiling water. Leave for 5 minutes or until soft, then drain and rinse with cold water. Drain again before using kitchen scissors to snip into smaller pieces, to make vermicelli simpler to work with.

Rolls

1. Cut steaks across the grain into thin slices. To assemble – dip 1 sheet of rice paper into a bowl of warm water, removing it when soft – after about 1 minute. Place on a clean, dry tea towel on the bench. The rice paper will be pliable and easy to roll.
2. Place a coriander and mint leaf on the rice paper then a slice of steak followed by a tablespoon of filling on top (be careful not to overfill). Turn in the sides and carefully roll up into a cigar shape, making sure that the coriander and mint leaves are visible.

To serve: Place on a serving plate covering with damp kitchen paper as you go, along with a small bowl of the dipping sauce. Repeat the assembly process to make more rolls.

Prep: 40 mins | Cook: 6 mins | Makes about 20



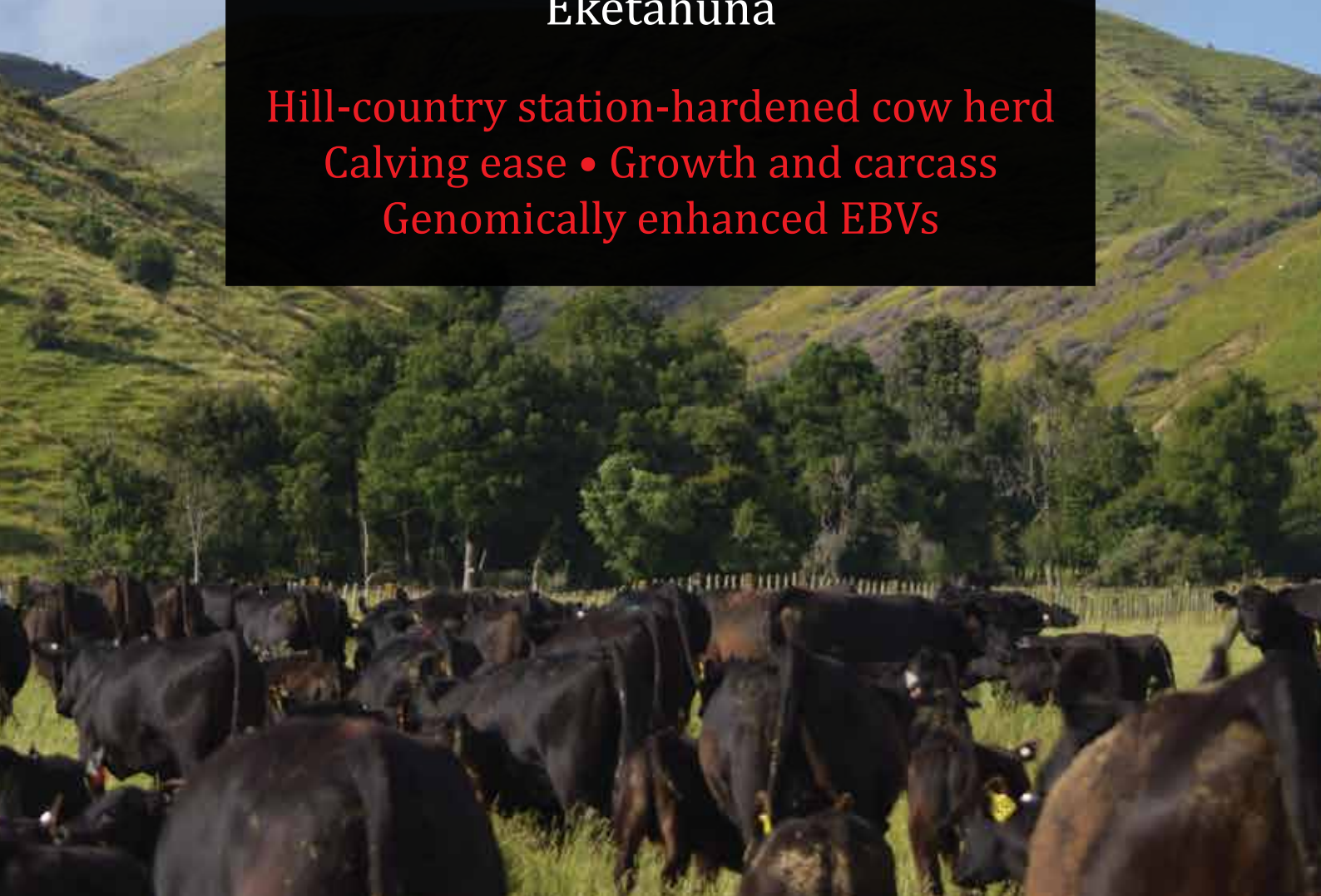
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RUGGED TERRAIN *brings out the best in* TOUGH BREED

STORY BY RUSSELL PRIEST AND PHOTOS BY SARAH IVEY



With virtually no flat land on the 800 ha Gorrington Family Trust farm “Makapua”, manager Guy Carrington relies heavily on 170 predominantly Angus mixed-age cows to help maintain pasture quality.

Makapua Farm, situated just south west of Taihape, ranges in altitude between 450-800m, is subject to significant falls of snow and an annual rainfall of 1200mm. The area is renowned for strong late spring/summer pasture growth and is considered to be summer safe with considerable localised rain occurring during November and December.

Makapua has been in the Gorrington family since 1905 and is now run by Guy Carrington, assisted by his wife, South Island-born Charlotte. They have two young children, Oliver (22 months) and Pippa (5 months).

Guy grew up on a sheep and beef farm in Hawke’s Bay on the Napier-Taupo Road. After attending high school he went to Lincoln University then travelled overseas for two years before returning to Taihape to work.

The 800 ha property is subdivided by only 25 paddocks, one of which is over 100 ha. With the stock numbers available it can be challenging to fully control the rampant growth.

However, Guy says cows are the best equipped stock class to go some way towards achieving this while still generating a reasonable return. Winter sees them cleaning up the low quality roughage remaining, leaving pastures in good shape to begin the growth cycle again in the spring.

A recent change in wintering policy has resulted in all weaners being retained, meaning more mouths to assist the cows to make a hole in this surplus. Until recently all but replacement weaner heifers were sold in the autumn. The 100 extra cattle wintered is, in effect, a stocking rate increase of 0.5/ha as no other stock classes have been reduced in numbers.

Guy says he focuses on maintaining pasture quality whenever possible to help generate extra quality feed.

“Weaners are easier to winter on this country than older cattle and while some R2 cattle are wintered I try and avoid running them on the wetter soils.” says Guy.

Paddock size is the farm’s greatest limitation so a sub-divisional programme has been initiated to address this problem.



“We’ve started by spending this year’s fertiliser allocation on fencing but at \$20 - \$22/m for a bulldozed line it’s not cheap.”

“The farm has a good history of fertiliser application so missing a year or two shouldn’t make any difference to overall production.

“In fact the more even grazing, better pasture utilisation and distribution of dung and urine resulting from the extra fencing will in itself generate greater production.”

Guy is adamant increasing the number of paddocks will not only assist his management but also significantly improve pasture quality, stocking rate and stock performance.

With the present number of paddocks he finds it impossible to generate a worthwhile winter rotation length and with the additional stock classes wintered this has put further pressure on his management.

Cows are arguably the stock class that suffers most from large paddocks. They are the ones who have to do the donkey work in the winter spending long periods of time in these paddocks cleaning up. As a result their condition score at calving is compromised. While Guy says their condition at mating is generally satisfactory, other



MIXED-AGE COW MATING BEGINS
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underlying factors have contributed to a 10 per cent dry rate in the past. This figure is now improving.

Cow death rate is 3-4 per cent. Most deaths are the result of misadventure on the steep terrain.

Ewes and cows are set stocked together for lambing and calving respectively on August 20. They remain set stocked until after calf marking in mid-late November when cows with calves are mobbed up and their pasture-grooming role begins.

Mixed-age (MA) cow mating begins in mobs of 40 on December 23 for an October 1 start to calving. Cows are single-sire mated for 2½ cycles with bulls being rotated after one cycle. Mobs are closely supervised to ensure bulls are sound and doing their job. Few bull breakdowns occur and bulls display excellent activity.

Heifers are mated at 15 months at a minimum of 330kg. Normally 50 are mated on December 5 for two cycles using two bulls with low birthweight EBVs and ideally above average growth figures. An 80-85 per cent conception rate is achieved giving the 40 plus required replacements. Pregnant heifers receive priority treatment through the autumn and early winter. When pasture covers bottom out their feed intake is maintained until calving begins in mid-September.

Calving occurs on saved pasture in an easier-contoured hill paddock subdivided with a hot wire shifted daily to provide a fresh



break. Inspection of the heifers occurs twice daily. Guy has never lost a heifer during calving and this year only assisted two having bigger calves.

After calving, heifer and calf are moved across the hot wire and receive ad lib feeding. When grass runs out on the calving block and starts coming away in the lambing paddocks, heifers and their calves are set stocked amongst ewes and lambs.

Heifers are remated as a single mob and managed separately from the MA cows throughout the summer. They may be introduced to the latter after weaning but only if there is not too much clean-up work to do.

"I keep a close eye on this group as they are vulnerable to condition loss if not managed carefully."

Yard weaning occurs in early April when weaners are held in close confinement for 4-5 days in the yards and an adjacent small holding paddock and fed balage. Guy says it certainly quietens them down. Weaning weights are normally 200 – 220kg.

Generally he regards temperament across the herd as excellent.

Weaners, especially heifers receive priority treatment throughout the winter so as to get them up to the target mating weight by December 5.

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cow weights. Guy likes bulls to be sound, moderate framed, well-muscled animals with good temperament.

“Bulls with these criteria are hard to come by so you may have to pay a premium, however they’re worth it because you can use them over both the heifers and the MA cows.”

Bulls come from Tim and Kelly Brittain’s Storth Oaks and Bryan Bendall’s Seven Hills studs.

The recent change in cattle policy to retain all weaners has not only provided Guy with more mouths to cope with the spring flush and improved pasture quality but also enabled him to add to their value.

“We could have continued selling weaners and bought older cattle in the spring to help control the feed however the spring cattle market can be overheated and you never know what you’re buying genetically. At least with our cattle we know their genetics and how they will perform.”

The majority of weaner steers are now sold as 18-month stores (400kg live weight) with a few being carried through a second winter and sold forward store at 27 months (570kg live weight).



“Older cattle winter well without supplements on this country and are a useful tool to have to help mop up the spring surplus.”

Heifers not required as replacements and dries are either sold at 18 months at 400kg live weight or carried through a second winter and killed in the summer at 270 – 280 kg carcass weight.

All cattle have to be supplemented with copper and selenium.

Benefiting from the pasture-grooming role performed by the cows and older cattle are 4000 Perendale ewes and 1200 ewe hoggets.

Another recent policy change to improve the fertility/fecundity of, particularly, the hoggets and two toothed, and reduce the mature size of the ewes, has involved mating the Perendales with Ngaputahi Romney rams.

The first crop of lambs resulting from mating 66 per cent of



the Perendale ewes to Romney rams hit the ground last year and already Guy has seen a noticeable improvement in the number of lambs killed off mum and their weights. A third of the lambs destined for sale were killed at weaning (first week of January) at an average weight of 17.0kg CW (\$125).

Ewes are mated on April 10 for two cycles at an average mating weight of close to 70kg. Their average docking percentage is 135–140 per cent.

Conception rates of hoggets averaging 43kg at mating and put to Sufftex rams on May 1 for 40 days are between 50-60 per cent. This results in about 600 in-lamb hoggets being wintered. Lambing takes place on urea-boosted lambing paddocks ensuring hoggets

continue to grow while producing excellent lambs. All hogget lambs are sold store.

Normally 60-70 per cent of the lambs born are finished depending upon the strength of the store market. All sale lambs are usually gone by mid-April enabling Guy to feed the ewes better and set the farm up for the winter.

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On arrival at the farm in December, all bulls were retagged thanks to Allflex and HD 50K sampled. HD 50K is the latest innovation in genomic technologies that enables Zoetis to provide higher density genotyping services to New Zealand Angus producers. It delivers increases in the accuracy of Angus BREEDPLAN EBVs and indexes, primarily for young Angus bulls and heifers, with limited or no progeny, daughters, or carcass information. Ultimately it enables producers to select, mate and market Angus seed stock with greater confidence.

The bulls were also all weighed thanks to Tru-test and the average weight back in December was 585 kgs. The past few months have been trying in the Manawatu, with drought conditions



since January. Despite this, the bulls have been looked after and have performed well, with some still averaging 2 kg daily weight gains.

Bull Unit co-ordinator Cedric Lander believes they're the strongest group of bulls that he's ever seen at the property.

"Despite the conditions, Dave Wright has kept the bulls well fed and they're in tremendous order. The HD 50K results are in and some of the bulls are looking very promising so I'd expect to see some pretty competitive bidding on a few of these bulls, come sale day," says Cedric.





The Open Day in March was well attended and aside from the open day, there has been a large amount of interest in the bulls, with the PGW Genetics team showing clients through on a regular basis to get a good look at the bulls before sale day.

PGG Wrightson Livestock are again sponsoring the 2019 Angus NZ National Bull Sale which will be held at Orlando Country Club, Palmerston North on Monday 13th May 2019. If you're after a bull, why not head along and buy yourself one of the best around. ■

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Future of Angus breed is what we make it

BY EMMA POLLITT

"Where do you see the future of *insert any breed name*?" It's a question often asked of youth involved in the cattle-breeding scene.

It's a tough one. With no crystal ball or fortune-teller to provide a glimpse, the general consensus is that it will become what we make of it.

In my relatively short involvement with Angus in New Zealand, I have already seen changes and improvements sure to cement our product as the choice of discerning diners for the foreseeable future. Advances in technology have allowed vast progress in our ability to record, assess and predict the animal's current and subsequent performance. This is a luxury our forebears never had.

Having the opportunity to visit and assess various stud cattle from all over the country for my day job, there is no doubt that Angus breeders are passionate people. Every operation has a different style, a different ambition and, of course, a different client base. This diversity is where our strength may well lie.

No matter what the commercial farmer's objective, there is an Angus breeder in this country that has shaped their programme to suit exactly what that farmer requires. Some may be feet fans or calving ease chasers, or perhaps they want both. Finding an animal with exceptional phenotype and genotype may be a daunting task to some, as the full packages are often in hot demand and can stretch anyone's budget beyond what they expected. But the breeder should be rewarded for producing an outstanding animal; they are securing the breed as the efficient, robust choice of the modern beef farmer.

From a youth perspective, slowly but surely, more of these outstanding animals are coming onto the scene, as our genetic gains amplify. This reassures me that we can provide the industry with the full package in the future. In our camp, 'everything in moderation' is a common stance. Measureable traits are weighted alongside structure and type to consider the true completeness of an animal, while also considering the past – why the black cow has remained the beef cow queen since her arrival in New Zealand – and the future consumer and market trends. We can't lose sight of where we have been, and where we are headed, when designing our current programmes to encompass the now.

This is not to say we see all bull breeders coming to the playing field with identical animals. We will not chase traits to the extreme at the risk of losing out elsewhere. There will always be diversity, as there is in our environments, ideas and limitations. There will always be breeders that prioritise different things to suit their systems and clients. If we all did the same thing, how boring would that be? The beef breeder would just go around in circles, incapable of improving a particular area or trait that they believe requires attention.

We consider ourselves a spoilt bunch. Most of us have had abundant overseas experience with cattle and farming systems in our young lives and we continue to relish the opportunities. As cattle enthusiasts we all form predisposed ideas of how the rest of world produce their beef, mainly through what we hear, read and see on the internet. The popularity of social media enables producers to bring their best to the fore – to put their product in front of a receptive global audience. The reality of an operation – or in fact a single animal – can vary greatly from what a marketer decides they want you to see.

Trust can go a long way in the stud game, particularly with the amount of international AI we indulge in here. Unfortunately life in general can often restrict the luxury of touring the globe to go and see all the sires up close, and it's not until after you have progeny on the ground that you could discover a temperament or toe issue. But without risk, there would be no progress. So down here in our corner of the world it is even more important that we share our experiences, victories and misfortunes for the betterment of the breed.

It can be easy to forget where you started and, more importantly, why. Opportunities are abundant; choices aplenty. So what path did you choose that led you to this article, in this magazine? The only thing I can assume is that you probably like steak. Other than that, your journey is as individual and unique as the way you cook your porterhouse.

Most Angus breeders entered the industry from typically humble beginnings, and have grown to where they are now through determination, vigilance and foresight. No one strategy is wrong. But they are diverse. Stud breeding is a business, so to remain financially viable, product has to be saleable to the commercial farmers that keep coming back for more. With Angus bull sales in 2018 more positive than ever, that tells me the breed as a whole is providing what the market wants. Every stud that sells bulls into the industry is a success, or else they simply wouldn't exist.

I feel we have a great deal to learn from each other, with open minds and a mutual fondness for the black beast. Our fellow breeders' trials and errors, wins and losses, can be lessons for us all. If you are thinking of doing something, chances are someone has already tried it, and that valuable insight is priceless. With the rest of world consumed by the theatrics of politics, celebrities and what's trending at the vegan food store, there is no time like the present to come together and set a harmonious example for the next generation. It's time we straighten that crown on the black cow's head, strap it on tight and approach the future boldly. Because the Angus breed will only become what we make of it. ■



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BY REBECCA HICKSON, MASSEY UNIVERSITY



A 2018 UPDATE ON THE BEEF+LAMB NZ GENETICS DAIRY BEEF PROGENY TEST AT LIMESTONE DOWNS

The Dairy Beef Progeny test at Limestone Downs aimed to demonstrate the effectiveness of BREEDPLAN EBVs in a dairy beef system, and identify the types of bulls suited for dairy beef.

The dairy farmer typically wants easy-calving, short-gestation calves that generate high value calves without compromising their cows. PhD candidate Lucy Coleman reports that the bulls used (which had birth weight EBV lighter than breed average) were not negatively affecting the cows' performance in the dairy herd. There was no difference in lactation or rebreeding performance of cows at Limestone Downs calving Angus or Hereford calves. Calf birth weight had no effect on lactation or rebreeding performance either, despite a 30 kg range in calf birth weight in the experiment.

The bulls used over the mixed-aged cows in the Dairy Beef Progeny test have been a resounding success for calving difficulty, with fewer than 1 per cent of cows assisted at calving, a similar rate to what the farm would usually have seen using Friesian sires.

Similarly, we have demonstrated a good relationship between birth weight EBV and calf birth weight, and gestation length EBV and gestation length. Similarly, 200-day weight EBV was a good predictor of weaning age – calves with greater 200d EBV reached weaning weight (85 kg) earlier. It is clear that dairy farmers can select Angus bulls for dairy cows knowing that selection for improved birth weight, gestation length or 200-day weight EBVs will result in the desired improvements in their calves.

Post-weaning growth performance of the dairy beef calves in relation to their 200-day weight EBV was less convincing, with no relationship observed between 200-day weight EBV and weight of progeny at 200 days. This is probably explained by the potential bias created in favour of low-EBV bulls by weaning progeny at a fixed weight rather than a fixed age, and because early-weaned dairy-beef calves experience a markedly different environment to beef calves pre-weaning. Fortunately, by 400 days of age, there



is again a relationship between 400-day weight EBV and progeny live weight, with 1 kg of 400-day weight EBV translating to an extra 0.2 kg in mean progeny live weight at 400 days (compared with an expectation of 0.5 kg). Finishing farmers can purchase dairy-beef calves from higher growth sires to get heavier cattle at 400 days of age.

Sire means for birth weight differed by 10.6 kg between the heaviest and lightest sires, whilst sire means for 400-day weight had a 33 kg range, demonstrating the importance of selecting appropriate sires to achieve the desired performance for calves. Generally, low birth weight bulls were also lower 400-day weight sires, but three bulls were in the top 20 for both birth weight and 400-day weight (out of 65 bulls used over mixed-aged cows). Given the experimental design was to achieve a wide spread of breeding values for each trait, it is not surprising that relatively few bulls

were high performers for all traits. Breeders have been provided data on individual bull performance for traits up to 400 days of age.

The second cohort of calves will reach 600 days of age in autumn 2019 so analysis of 600-day weight EBVs will occur then.

Carcass performance and meat quality assessment has begun, with all of the heifers and two out of three groups of steers in the first cohort to be processed before Christmas 2018. Despite a wide weight range (88 kg carcass weight in the first group) in animals going for slaughter, more than 96 per cent of cattle so far have been graded "P".

Meat quality analysis by PhD candidate Natalia Martin on the first group of heifers indicates the meat is high quality and tender with few animals displaying yellow fat or high pH. Further carcass and meat quality analysis will take place in the coming months, and in late 2019 for the second cohort. ■



High and low EMA carcasses from the heifers: 94 cm² EMA in a 255 kg carcass (first photo) versus 54 cm² in a 261 kg carcass (second photo). A nice demonstration of the difference in meat distribution among similar weight animals.

Research to identify outstanding bulls enters its second breeding round

A 2018 UPDATE ON BEEF+LAMB NZ GENETICS DAIRY BEEF PROGENY TEST AT WAIRAKEI RENOWN

Following the demonstration of the effectiveness of EBVs for predicting performance in the dairy beef system, the project at Renown aims to identify outstanding bulls for use in dairy beef that perform strongly at calving, rearing, finishing and carcass stages of the supply chain. Eight hundred calves were tagged and weighed on-farm in spring 2018, and DNA parentage is currently pending to allow us to determine the performance of individual sires. Calves are weaned and have moved to Pamu's Orakonui property within the Wairakei complex for finishing. Calving was successful, with around 1 per cent of calves assisted at birth, and a mean birth weight of 37 kg.

The second round of mating is complete, with pregnancy testing to follow in autumn 2019. We look forward to following the performance of the many promising bulls entered in this test. ■





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WHENUAPAPA ANGUS



The Phenotype or Genotype Dilemma

BY RUSSELL PRIEST



Achieving an acceptable balance between genotype and phenotype is Whenuapapa Angus breeder Andrew Stewart's greatest challenge and, as have many that have gone before him, he's not finding it easy.

"If you don't produce bulls that are visually acceptable to buyers, you won't sell them no matter how good their performance background is," Andrew says.

"However if you don't strive to improve herd performance you are not doing your clients or the beef industry justice."

In his experience, high-performing genotypes often suffer from structural and constitutional issues so he tends to selectively mate between these and those with sound phenotypes. For this reason he stays close to New Zealand bloodlines in his breeding programme.

"Our broad objective is to breed bulls that sire efficient females that will improve the profitability of the beef industry; animals that are above the breed average for early growth, are fertile and have positive fats indicating the ability to put on condition. I target mature weight EBVs of under 100; however, sometimes we have to go above this to achieve acceptable early growth figures.

"I'm trying to breed bulls that sire profitable females, not necessarily ones with high performance EBVs."

When questioned about intra-muscular fat (IMF) Andrew agreed the Whenuapapa herd needs more. However, he's adamant rib fat was more important in his breeding programme and he wasn't going to chase IMF at its expense.

"In our East Coast pasture-based production systems we need females that can lay down subcutaneous fat when there is an



abundance of feed and use it to get them through hard times. The challenge is to improve IMF without compromising environmental suitability."

History

Andrew, wife Debra, and their two daughters Kate (16) and Libby (15), have been breeding pedigree Angus cattle in the Kereru area, 62 km south-west of Napier, for 10 years.

Andrew was raised on a dairy and bull-beef farm near Te Puke before completing a B.Com.Ag at Lincoln University. While there he also attained his artificial insemination (AI) certificate, a qualification that would prove invaluable later in life.





Andrew with rising 3 year old herd sire, Tangihau L21.

Debra is Takapau born and raised so buying the 280 ha (230 ha effective) farm at Kereru was like a homecoming for her. She is the Reserves Manager at the Napier City Council.

Before farm acquisition the couple dabbled in olives and grapes in Hawke's Bay before realising their dream.

"I've always liked Angus cattle and breeding them was an opportunity I thought I would never get," says Andrew.

Their 13 R2 and 15 yearling foundation females were bought in 2009 from the Dalziell's Atahua Stud and were artificially inseminated that year and tailed up with a non-registered bull. Fortunately the conception rate was excellent, with only three unregistrable calves born.

For the next five years Andrew returned to Atahua and had the pick of the surplus yearling heifers that the Dalziells considered good enough to be transferable.

"We will be forever grateful to Alan and Michele for giving us the opportunity to buy such outstanding genetics."

Given the success Whenuapapa Angus has already had in the show ring, there is no doubt their choice of foundation genetics was a wise one. Whenuapapa Angus won the Supreme Champion Angus award at the Hastings Royal Show in 2015 with a yearling heifer sired by Whenuapapa Crumble who was led by Libby Stewart.

The Stewarts achieved instant breeding success by using AI on the initial line of Atahua heifers with Turihaua Crumble. One of the matings produced Whenuapapa Crumble out of the stud's best female Atahua 536. She has also produced another outstanding sire Whenuapapa Unanimous who has an excellent phenotype with growth figures in the top 10 per cent. She remains in the stud at the age of 12 and is the epitome of constitution, according to Andrew.

"She's one of those cows who comes in at weaning time from a competitive environment with a condition score 3 (CS scoring system 10) above the herd average and with a calf in the top five per cent for weaning weight. Cows like this can't be consuming that much more energy than an average cow and yet they're looking after themselves and still producing a top calf, so there must be something special about them."

A half share in Whenuapapa Crumble was sold to Turiroa Stud

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as a five year old and Andrew's greatest regret is that he didn't use him more heavily because he lacked the confidence to use homebred sires in the early years.

"His phenotype and temperament was impeccable; he left beautiful females and had the libido of a fox terrier on an oyster-only diet."

Other bulls used that have left their mark have been Merchiston Infinity who produced some impressive females and Matauri Outlier who sired two sons that have been used in the herd. Millah Murrah Loch Up has promising calves on the ground this year.

Whenuapapa's resident sire is Tangihau L21 a three year old bought in partnership with Turiroa. Andrew describes this bull as having an excellent phenotype with ordinary figures but hopes he will pass on his physical features to his progeny.

The herd

Whenuapapa calves 160 registered females including 35 R2 heifers and a further 30 commercial cows. Calving of both heifers and MA cows begins on August 10 behind a hot wire and as cows calve they are set stocked briefly until there are 40 units in a paddock when they are again put behind a hot wire to force them to eat the predominantly cocksfoot sward as it grows.

Grass doesn't start growing until mid-September. October and November are the only months that can be relied upon to produce a feed surplus providing the cows with a narrow window to improve their condition and rebreed. Mating starts on November 1. Weaning

ON FARM WITH ANGUS

is in early March with the bulls averaging 280 kg and heifers 260 kg.

All weaners are wintered along with some sale bulls. The 80-90 weaner bulls are fed on grass and hay until early November when scanning and selection of potential sale animals takes place. The lesser mob is used for cleaning up and is taken through a second winter. The pick of bulls from this mob are sold in the spring for breeding with the balance being sold into the dairy industry or finished.

Whenuapapa sells about 30 breeding bulls in the autumn as 18-month-old animals and about 10 in the spring as two year olds.

Mating and management

Last year Andrew ran an AI programme for 50 of their 15-month-old heifers using heat detection patches. He found the results were better and cheaper than synchronisation, although it was more time consuming. The average mating weight was 380 kg.

His goal is to grow heifers to 500 kg by May 1 when they enter their winter rotation. Calving weight is generally less than 500 kg as he likes to check their growth in the third trimester and especially in the last month of pregnancy. He expects to assist a few to calve as the tail-up bulls he generally uses after a cycle of AI have birth EBVs of about 5. Any heifers that don't cycle during the AI programme are culled and are not exposed to the tail-up bulls.

Andrew also ran an AI programme last year involving 90 MA cows, 45 of which were synchronised and the other 45 heat detected using patches. The medium-term goal is to AI annually all yearling heifers as well as 40 MA cows with the structure and constitution to complement AI sires with high performance backgrounds. The balance will be mated to proven New Zealand bloodlines.

The farming environment

Whenuapapa sits at an altitude of 360 m and has a rainfall of 1100 mm. It is regarded as summer dry, which is exacerbated by the light, relatively infertile (Olsen Ps 12-15 with about 90 per cent P retention) alluvial soils over gravel. An area of the farm lies on an impenetrable pan, which gets extremely wet after a significant rain event. Winters are generally long and hard with little growth expected.

The dry nature of the soil and the presence of grass grub means ryegrass will not persist for more than two years. As a result cocksfoot is the predominant grass species.

Sixty percent of the farm is flat while the rest consists of a deep but open 75 ha gully bordered by the Poporangi Stream. This is where the cows and heifers spend much of the winter before returning to the flats for calving. The cows and calves spend some time in this area after mating. ■

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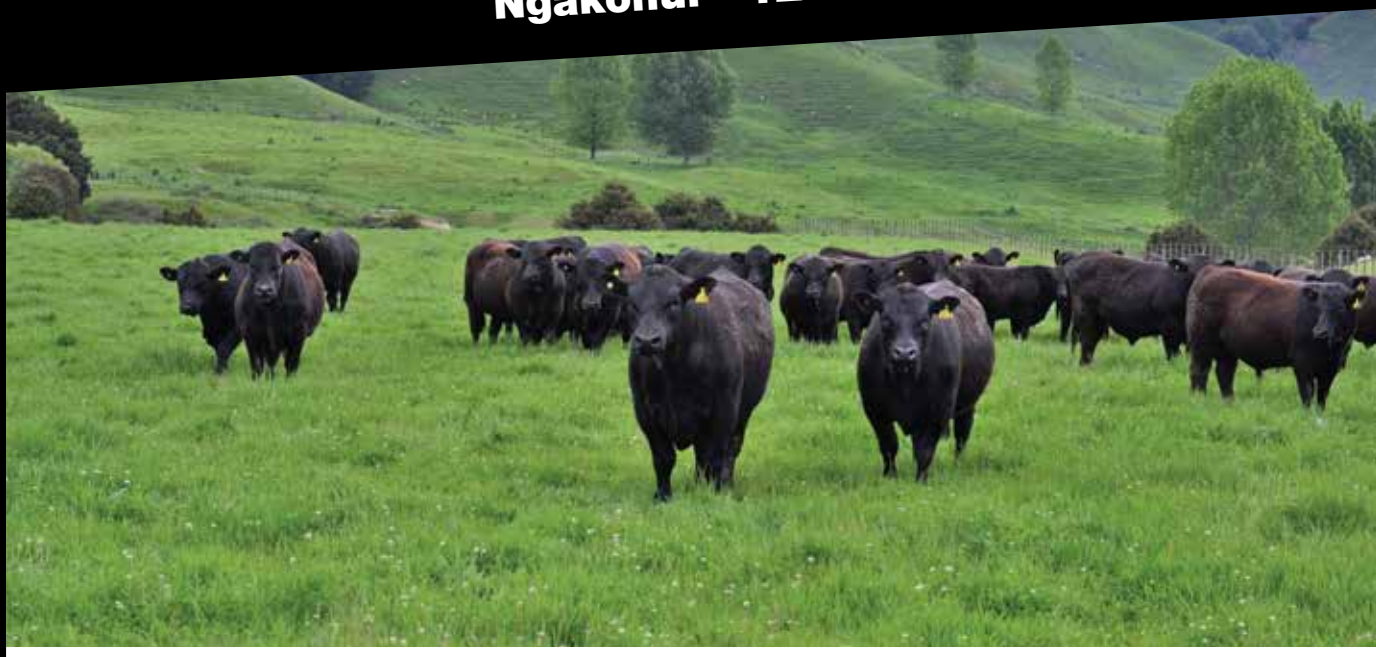
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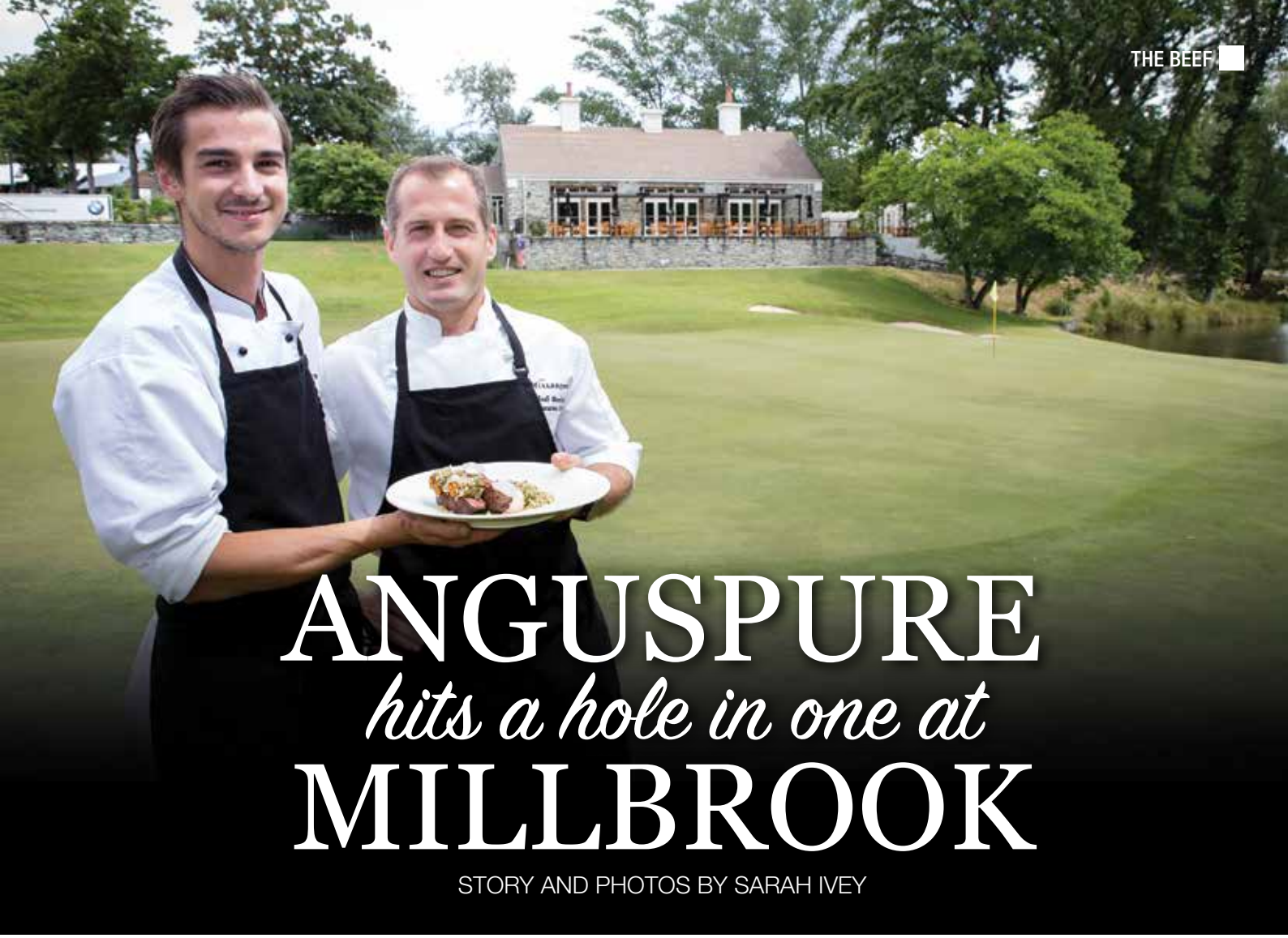


Sires of Sale Bulls

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ANGUSPURE

hits a hole in one at

MILLBROOK

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SARAH IVEY

Angus steaks are the pick of the bunch according to Millbrook Resorts executive chef Andi Bozhiqi.

"For me the Angus is the best animal here in New Zealand. I find it stronger in flavour, a bit more gamey," he says.

Andi, who has been a Beef & Lamb NZ ambassador in the past, runs five kitchens and a function marquee at Millbrook and nothing is served up on a plate unless he's tasted the dish himself.

"Just like I prefer Akaroa Salmon, AngusPure is my favourite."

Large quantities of AngusPure beef is consumed at Millbrook every day, with consistency in the whole cut size being crucial.

"We charge a lot for a steak so it's very important that the beef we are buying from Neat Meats is a consistent size and quality. The product must be perfect 100 per cent of the time."

Across the five restaurants there is a vast range in menus: Hole in One Cafe serves mainstream Kiwi café-style food, Kobe has beautiful Asian fusion by sushi master Yuki Aruia and Millhouse is an award winning, grand affair in fine dining.

"We are running in a tough industry because everyone judges us on our bad days and word spreads very quickly with social media."

Having witnessed Andi and his team in action, one can guess that these guys can probably count their bad days on one hand... They're a slick operation.

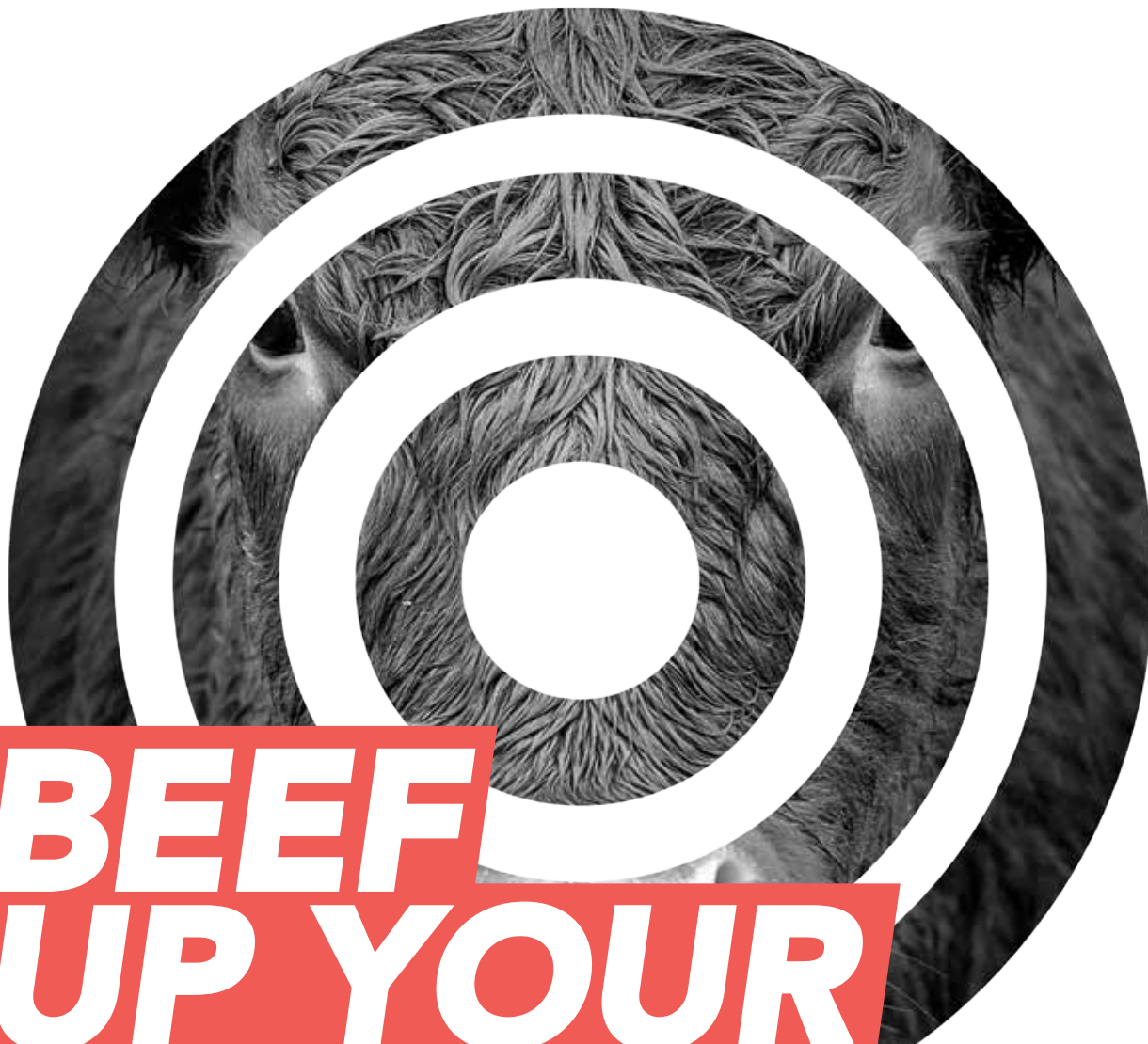
The AngusPure fillet with salted carrot, organic spinach, Japanese mustard, kohlrabi and smoked bone marrow jus is, quite simply, to die for.

The dish was designed by Millhouse head chef Fabrizio Ferlo. In an attempt to use as much of the beef animal as possible, Fabrizio has smoked the bone marrow on wine barrels and drizzled the drippings over breadcrumbs.

The potato mash - well that's a very simplified version of the truth - is pumped onto the dish in a CO2 canister, to ensure it's gloriously light and fluffy.

"For me, the AngusPure is about the flavour. The marbling is less important than the beef's natural flavour," adds Andi. ■





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BY SANDRA TAYLOR



George, Hamish, Fred and Mary McRae on Lochiel Station near Hamner Springs during calf marking.

Adding a finishing farm to their sheep and beef operation is giving a North Canterbury couple the chance to see how their genetics perform for themselves.

Hamish and Mary McRae have owned Lochiel Station, a 5200 ha sheep and beef breeding property near Hanmer in North Canterbury, for 16 years. Three years ago they added Avonvale to their business, a 540 ha finishing farm. This farm, near Waiau, has allowed them to add value to the lambs and calves they breed on Lochiel, but has also given them options in terms of trading stock which can include lambs and dairy beef bulls and beef calves.

Hamish and Mary say they can now make decisions based on market dynamics rather than it being imperative to sell stock because they have no ability to carry them.

While having the ability to carry their calves through to finishing means the McRaes no longer support the local Culverden calf sale, they are now seeing why their calves had been so sought after by finishers.

In a bid to capture hybrid vigour, the McRaes have been operating a three-way cross in their beef operation, running both Hereford

and Angus breeding cows whose progeny are put to a Charolais terminal sire. This breeding programme meant the Lochiel calves had a reputation for growing well with the ability to be finished to good weights before their second winter.

A total of 760 breeding cows are run on Lochiel alongside 8500 Romdale ewes. As well as producing quality calves, the breeding cows play an important role in maintaining feed quality on the hill country.

Since taking over the farm, Hamish and Mary have carried out extensive country development, spraying, burning and over-sowing well over 2000 ha. This has lifted the quantity and quality of the feed grown and increased the carrying capacity of the farm with both breeding cow and ewe numbers increasing incrementally over recent years.

Lochiel's climate is harsh and Hamish, who grew up on a high-country station near Wanaka, believes the climate on Lochiel is much tougher, particularly when the nor-west wind blows in spring.

He says the cows need to be able to survive and thrive in this environment and the British breeds prove their worth with their ability to live off their own back in winter and early spring and recover body condition while feeding a calf over spring and summer.

Amongst their breeding cows are 200 straight Angus which are central to their cross-breeding programme and of their cow herd, 560 are Angus or Angus cross.

"The Angus do give us a lot of potential sales avenues. We can either sell them as calves, yearlings, to Five Star or finish them to prime ourselves", says Hamish.

"They give us a number of different options depending on the season and the price."

To get the genetics they need for their environment, Hamish and Mary have





been sourcing Angus bulls from both Grampians and Woodbank studs.

Hamish says they are looking for “grunty”, sound bulls with average EBVs for growth rate and birthweight and preferably higher EBVs for fat and eye muscle.

While the couple say EBVs are important, they also select on soundness and visual appeal.

“They need to have good conformation,” says Hamish. “I’m looking for a bit of bone in them.”

He feels some genetics produce a finer-boned cow and this is something they steer clear of. They also avoid very low EBVs for birthweight because these can mean smaller cows than what they want for their environment.

“The focus with our genetic selection is on breeding a good cow because you need a good cow to produce a good steer.”

Around 200 of their yearling heifers are put to a Woodbank yearling bull every year and this bull is used for a total of three years.

“We do use three-year-old bulls over our heifers so long as they are not going over their daughters.”

In selecting bulls for heifer mating they look at EBVs for calving ease and they will look back over several generations of calving ease figures to ensure the trait is well and truly established in the genetics.

“This is particularly important with heifer mating and has made a huge difference to our ease of calving.

“Calving has improved year-on-year with this selection process.”

Last year they only assisted three out of 160 first calving heifers.

After weaning, all the potential replacement heifer calves are wintered on fodder beet crops. Hamish and Mary initially select 220 heifers as replacements and these are gradually whittled back to 160 based on winter growth rates, type and pregnancy scanning.

There are no second chances for heifers or cows not rearing a calf on Lochiel.

All the non-replacement calves are trucked down to Avonvale where they are wintered on fodder beet. The couple have had no real problems transitioning calves onto fodder beet although they

do ensure they have had a full five-in-one vaccine programme (two initial vaccines and another before they run onto the beet) and have access to plenty of grass to ensure they are getting sufficient protein.

Once the fodder beet is finished, the calves are run onto rape and grass which keeps them contained while they are lambing ewes on Avonvale.

The calves are then on grass from late spring and summer.

If there is a strong market for R1 cattle in spring, they will sell calves; otherwise they will either take them through to feedlot weights or finish the cattle themselves.

The cattle on Avonvale are run alongside 1200 one- and two-year ewes, all of which are out to a Suftex terminal sire, and 1000 Lochiel hoggets which are mated and lambled on Avonvale before returning to Lochiel as two-tooths.

Last year the couple installed three pivot irrigators on Avonvale which irrigate 150 ha. They have consents to irrigate a total of 500 ha which they hope to do in the future.

The pastures they have been establishing under the pivots are a mix of ryegrass, plantain, red and white clover and chicory.

Crops they grow on Avonvale include the fodder beet, 25 ha of raphano and 25 ha of rape.

Hamish and Anna point out that they are still in the setting-up phase on Avonvale, installing the irrigation – which is new territory for the hill country farmers – and establishing new pastures. But they are enjoying the options open to them with the intensive property. This is very different to the constraints of a hill country farm where trading and finishing options are minimal.

But what is essential is having high quality breeding stock to allow the couple to maximise returns from their progeny and generate a return on their investment in land, irrigation and pastures.

A high performing breeding cow herd has a dual purpose in maintaining pasture quality of the hill country and producing calves that will provide cashflow options.

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- 300-400g Angus beef sirloin steak
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- 270g ramen noodles
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 4 medium-sized eggs, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 100g shiitake mushrooms, left whole if small
- 200g button mushrooms, wiped clean and sliced
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels, optional
- light soy sauce to season, if needed
- 4 baby bok choy, cut in half lengthwise and steamed until tender
- 3 spring onions, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 4 teaspoons naturally fermented white miso paste

Prep: 25 mins | Cook: 15 mins | Serves 4

Method

1. Place the beef stock in a saucepan and place over low heat.
2. Cook the ramen noodles in boiling water for 4 minutes. Drain well, then toss through the sesame oil to prevent noodles sticking.
3. Place the eggs in boiling water and boil for 6 minutes for runny yolks. Drain and run under the cold tap, then remove their shells.
4. Heat the vegetable oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and cook until lightly coloured. Add the corn and mix to combine.

To serve: Slice the sirloin as thinly as you can and divide between 4 small dishes. Turn up the heat on the beef stock so it is steaming-hot. Taste and season with soy sauce and salt and pepper, if needed.

Divide the ramen noodles between 4 warmed ramen bowls or large soup bowls. Pour in the steaming-hot beef stock, then add the mushrooms, corn and bok choy. Cut the eggs in half and add to each bowl, topping with spring onions.

Serve each bowl of beef stock with a teaspoon of miso paste to stir through for that delicious umami flavour. Each person then has their own dish of thinly sliced beef to add to their ramen bowl. Dip and swirl the beef pieces into the broth. If cut very thin the beef will change colour. Eat and repeat until you have had enough.





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Ingredients

Beef

- 2 x Angus rib eye steaks on the bone (approx. 500g each)

Smashed Potatoes

- 600-800g small potatoes, scrubbed
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped rosemary leaves

Herb sauce

- 2 handfuls basil leaves
- 1 small handful flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ¾ cup olive oil

To Serve

- Crisp green salad

Method

Preheat the oven to 210°C. Place a shallow roasting tray in the oven to heat. Line a second shallow roasting tray with baking paper

Beef

1. Heat a barbecue grill plate until hot. Rub beef with a little oil and season.
2. Place on the hot grill and barbecue for 8 minutes. Transfer to the hot tray and place in the oven for a further 17 minutes. Remove from the oven and place beef on a warmed plate, cover loosely with foil and a clean tea towel. Leave to rest in a warm place for 15 minutes or more.

Smashed potatoes

1. Parboil the potatoes in lightly salted boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain.
2. Place potatoes on the baking paper lined tray and crush lightly with a potato masher (you want to break the skin). Drizzle with the oil and season. Place in the oven and roast for 15 minutes, then remove and sprinkle over the garlic and rosemary. Return to the oven and roast for a further 10 minutes until crisp and golden.

Herb sauce

1. Place the herbs and garlic in a food processor and season. Process until the herbs are well chopped. Add the lemon juice, drizzle in the olive oil and process until well combined.
2. Place the sauce in a small bowl, cover well with plastic wrap and place in the fridge.

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BY SANDRA TAYLOR

Functionality and longevity are important to Andrew and Anna Laing.

Eyeing up a two-year bull they have retained for use over a proportion of their stud herd, Andrew is particularly pleased with the bull's balance and body proportions of front, middle and hind quarter.

These attributes, combined with sound feet, legs and jaw, make for a highly functional animal on the hill country that is the domain of this country's commercial beef cow.

The Canterbury Plains couple, who own Sudeley Angus Genetics,

joke that their breeding philosophy is very simple: "We want to breed bulls that will breed good cows and if you have good cows you will always have good calves."

But it is this simplicity and focus on functionality that has earned them a loyal following of commercial breeders throughout the South and North Islands.

Farmers who buy Sudeley Angus bulls for three years or more have the name of their property stencilled onto the wall of the Laing's bull-selling complex and it reads as a wall of honour featuring many high-profile properties.

THE COUPLE WILL LOOK BOTH OVERSEAS AND WITHIN NEW ZEALAND WHEN SELECTING GENETICS. WHILE THE PRIORITY IS SOUNDNESS, THEY WANT PROVEN SIRES WITH PLENTY OF PROGENY AND THE PRODUCTION FIGURES TO GO WITH IT.

The stud was founded 25 years ago by Anna and her parents. After Anna's father's untimely death in 2001, Andrew and Anna took it over, purchasing the cows.

This year, 320 cows will calve and this includes first calving heifers.

While Andrew and Anna live on their 285 ha home farm on rich Canterbury Plain soils near Irwell, the cows live on hill country representative of the environment the Sudeley genetics will be sold into.

At the time of the interview, the couple were in a transition phase, finishing the lease of one hill country block, they were looking to purchase another hill country property. In the meantime, the cows were being run in Omihi, North Canterbury.

Andrew says the type and size of their cows – with a mature weight of 650 kg – is where they would like them; functional without being small, with minimal wastage.

"We need them to rear a calf that has the ability to finish to 300 kg CW or better."

They also need to have that elasticity that is so important in beef cows that gives them the ability to tough it out when feed supplies are tight while being able to efficiently convert drymatter to milk and body condition when feed is plentiful.

While the couple look to old-fashioned stockmanship in terms of breeding functional cattle, they have also fully embraced technology in both their breeding programme and recording systems.

Last season they have carried out a large artificial insemination (AI) programme, using AI on 220 cows. In the past they have only artificially inseminated all of the yearling heifers as they are easy to run in and out the yards without having calves at foot.

Last year they also used AI on 22 of their elite cows and this year they will flush the eggs from these cows and hold them in storage as an insurance policy. Amongst them are two cows – Georgie and Harriet (which happens to be the names of Andrew and Anna's daughters) both born in 2006 – which have had a big impact on their stud.

These cows have consistently produced outstanding calves that have impacted immensely on their herd both in production and performance, and it is genetics such as these that the Laings are so eager to protect.

Anna explains the M Bovis outbreak made them aware of how easily a biosecurity breach of any sort could destroy their stud.

"Everything we've worked for we could lose just like that. You can't replace 25 years of genetics."

Andrew says they are now at a stage where they have enough cows of the type they want, that they can afford to experiment using different genetics in their AI programmes.

The couple will look both overseas and within New Zealand when selecting genetics. While the priority is soundness, they want proven sires with plenty of progeny and the production figures to go with it.





The walls of their selling complex feature the farm names of their loyal clients.

"We want a spread of growth rates but not excessive as the female progeny still have to perform in a range of environments," says Anna.

She says temperament has always been a feature of their cows and puts this down to a combination of genetics and good stockmanship; all their staff and family work with the cattle respectfully, calmly and quietly.

"It definitely makes for a more enjoyable experience for the cattle and for us."

Anna does all the paperwork for the stud and each cow has its own folder with EBVs and production data. If, after three calvings, a calf from a cow has not been retained, the cow is dropped out of the stud.

While all this information is also on their computer, it is the papers that are spread out over the dining room table and mulled over when it comes to selecting bulls at mating time. Each cow's performance is analysed – including her progeny – and her mate selected.

Electronic identification has been a valuable tool and information loaded into the scanning wand will tell them what bull each cow is in calf to, so at calving they know the sire of each calf and add in the birthweight and subsequent weights. Calves are given an electronic ear tag at birth along with a visual ear tag.

Weaning takes place at the end of March and last year the top 100 bull calves averaged 300 kg with the top calf weighing a whopping 370 kg. Nothing weighed less than 260 kg.

After three years of drought, these weaning weights were gratifying – and 30 kg ahead of weaning weights during those tough years.

Cows are condition scored and weighed at weaning. All cull calves – heifers and bulls – are retained and finished on the home farm and grown out on kale crops over winter. The couple goes through the retained calves again in August, taking out any that haven't made the grade and bulls are then selected for the yearling bull sale.

The bulls are eye muscle scanned in September. Andrew says 13 years ago they used a bull that, along with his other attributes, happened to be trait leader for Intra-muscle Fat (IMF) in Australasia.

Andrew says this is when they began doing IMF measurements and while they strive to retain and improve IMF, it is well-established in their genetics.

"We were lucky, it was just there and suddenly we noticed a difference."

Fifty bulls are sold as yearlings every year and 50 retained to be grown out and sold as two year olds.

Last year was the first time they have held an on-farm yearling bull sale and this year it will again be held in the second week of October.

The bulls were mainly sold to beef breeders looking to use them over their heifers and the couple is particularly conscious of selling yearling bulls that will produce good calves without compromising the still-maturing heifer.

"You've got to be 100 per cent right with the yearling because you are messing with people's livelihoods," says Andrew.

The main bull sale is in the second week of June and is the day after the nearby Silverstream Stud's Charolais sale. This means buyers can buy their terminal and maternal sires over two days.

Sudeley Angus stud is run alongside the couple's Perendale, Texel and Suftex studs and a flock of commercial Perendale ewes.

The family also grows pea and bean crops for Watties.





Andrew says what he finds most satisfying is visiting long-term clients and seeing the difference their genetics have made to their business.

“Seeing them lift weaning weights from 170-180 to 230 kg or lambing percentages without changing their pastures or management and knowing that it’s just due to genetics.”

The couple have been fortunate – or maybe it was just good management – that they have always run a closed cattle operation with no trading cattle and no leased-out bulls. This means they

were well positioned to assure clients that their bulls had not been exposed to outside cattle when M Bovis became an issue. They have also set up buffer zones around their properties.

Anna says they had a lot of questions from vendors about their biosecurity measures and in response, each of their yearling bulls was sold with a passport showing their Nait number, where they had travelled from and outlining biosecurity measures taken.

This gives their clients a level of security as well as a genetic package bred to perform on hill country.

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 NAIT#: **326131**
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These products and ongoing developments are only possible due to continually reinvesting nearly double the industry standard back into R&D, so it's little wonder that Boehringer Ingelheim is regarded a leader in innovation and development.

Not only does Boehringer Ingelheim continue to develop tangible products for cattle, sheep, equine, swine, poultry and domestic animals globally, it's also investing in less traditional animal health products. One of the more recent developments has been in the area of farm management.

The Animal Health Plan (AHP) is a program that has been custom-built here in New Zealand to help farmers keep track of tasks, treatments and simplify day-to-day farm management. Designed to be a working document between farmer and veterinarian, AHP helps maximise farm productivity and profitability and is set up with plans to manage various stock types - even the dogs. Each plan is mob specific and is developed with all stock issues likely to be associated with that mob for the period of the plan. This includes such things as specific yardings, shearing, dipping, docking, condition scoring and drenching, and so on. Each mob has a single plan created for it which runs on the AHP app, available for both Apple and Android, so it's perfect for your home computer, tablet or smart phone.

The farmer then gets regular reminder emails and texts to the phone at predetermined timings, e.g. an email reminder for a mob that requires drenching in seven days, which can be followed up by a text message through the app at four days. These reminders

are designed to prompt farmers to check that they have the correct product and gear for upcoming jobs - we all know how we can be caught out in these instances.

Once a plan is set up, AHP generates a calendar plan that can be printed out and shared with staff or pinned up in the shed. All staff have access to the app as required by the farm administrator, which allows all workers to see what tasks are coming up and with what mobs of stock - sheep, beef, dogs, etc. It is soon to be available for deer.

AHP also assists with compliance reporting and allows staff completing any treatments to easily capture all information that may be required by your meat company. Things such as: mob name, stock type, stock count, product treated with, withholding periods (meat and milk), batch numbers, expiry dates, treated by and dose rate. Most of this information is actually prepopulated when the plan is put together by your veterinarian - all that you need to do is take a picture of the batch number and expiry date, note who treated the stock and at what dose rate. From there you have all the information that you are required to hold as part of your NZ Farm Assurance Standard for your meat company. If you require a compliance report for any, or all stock mobs, it is emailed back to you immediately. There is no longer a need to note down information like batch numbers and expiry dates - capture it all on your phone.

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BY SANDRA TAYLOR

For someone who once vowed she was never going to go farming, Marie Timperley looks completely at home on the Oxford farm she runs for her family's farming business.

Now in her late 20s, Marie is in charge of the 735 ha dry stock block that provides support for her family's dairying businesses and more importantly, is home for her Angus stud "Timperlea" – which is where her true passion lies.

Walking amongst her 120 cows – several of which enjoy a pat and a scratch despite having very young calves at foot – it is hard to imagine she once worked at the other end of the supply chain.

After leaving school Marie trained as a chef, working in Rotherams and Leinster Rd Bistro, both top-end Christchurch restaurants. But the Christchurch earthquakes made Marie reconsider her career path and she took a job working on a North Canterbury sheep and beef farm.

Marie had never worked on a sheep and beef farm before and says she just loved it.

What followed was the move to the family's newly acquired Oxford block and taking on a whole lot of responsibilities including running 700 dairy heifers, wintering dairy cows and making all the supplementary feed for the wider business.

At the same time, she was renovating pastures – they have

renewed three-quarters of the pastures on the farm in the past six years – and upgrading the farm's infrastructure.

In her very limited down time she has completed Primary ITO courses in pastures and management and is actively involved in Generation Angus, Angus New Zealand's youth programme that helps interested young people get a taste of cattle farming.

Marie works with local secondary schools in North Canterbury and says the cancellation of cattle classes in many A&P shows due to M Bovis means she has not had the students helping her break in heifers. While not overly concerned about the cancellation of the show classes, she says she really misses the contact with the students and the opportunity to share her love of cattle and the industry.

Showing has always been a big part of Marie's life, although more for the camaraderie than a drive to win ribbons.

Marie has also twice represented New Zealand at the International Beef Alliance, which represents the beef-producing organisations of seven of the world's largest beef producers and exporters.

But it is her experience in the restaurant business that Marie credits for giving her insight into the need for beef producers to get more consistency in their product.

"I saw that repeatedly and I know that good quality restaurants will pay more for consistently high-quality beef."

As a breeder this means having the genetics in place to allow the commercial farmers to hit carcass targets.

In her own stud, Marie is breeding a moderate, easy calving, easy-doing cow with a focus on temperament, fertility, 200-day growth rate and carcass attributes.

Mirroring what the family do with their dairy cows, artificial insemination (AI) has always been a big part of the breeding programme in the Angus herd and for the first-time last year, Marie carried out embryo transfers.

She used two cows – which optimise the type she wants to breed – and flushed eggs from these cows and transplanted them into cows that might otherwise have been culled.

"It's a lot of money but I'm doing it to get more heifers than bulls. So far those cows have mainly given me bulls."

All of the heifers and the top cows are artificially inseminated and they typically get a 70-80 per cent take.

"We see the value in it; it's not as expensive as a top bull and as our bull budget isn't high, the only way to get the genetics we want is to do AI heavily."

The cows spend most of the year on a hill bush block that sits at around 700 metres above sea level. Aspect and altitude mean snow can sit around for several weeks so the cows need to be able to survive and thrive in this environment.

Because autumns can be very cold, the calves are weaned at the end of January. Marie says this gives the calves a chance to recover from their weaning check and head on an upward growth trajectory before it gets too cold.

This year the heifers' weaning weights averaged 260 kg, while the bulls averaged 280 kg.

Calving starts in mid-August – which fits with the pasture growth curve on the farm – and is all over quickly due to so many of the cows being synchronised with the AI programme.

After spending their first winter on snow-tolerant swede crops, the bulls are sold as yearlings and, for Marie, this is a point of difference in her stud operation.

"It was a market that was ready to be exploited. Buyers can get better genetic gain and it suits our system."

It started five years ago with hill station farmers approaching Marie about buying yearling bulls and just grew from there.

"We haven't had to do much marketing until now."

On 11th October 2019, Marie will hold her first on-farm yearling bull sale after holding an open day in 2018 and selling all 30 bulls – hence the need to start marketing.

"I'm really excited about it," she says. "We will have our first line-up of 30-35 Angus bulls and about five bulls from my sister who breeds Herefords."

Marie has been able to take this step because the stud now has the scope and genetic consistency to offer buyers bulls that meet the requirements of commercial breeders.

Marie admits it was frustratingly slow getting the stud herd to number 100 cows, but she is unapologetic about her relentless culling to ensure she gets the type of animal she wants.

The stud was moved from the Canterbury Plains to the hills when the family bought the Oxford block and Marie has adjusted the breeding programme to match this environment.

"We get snow and wind up here so we wanted a more moderate, deep cow that can hold on to condition for longer.

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Rings in 100 years in 2019

Angus Australia is celebrating 100 years as a cattle society in 2019, with centenary celebrations throughout the year to rejoice this momentous occasion.

Angus Australia was originally named the Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book Society and was founded by a tenacious group of Queenslanders in 1919. The first meeting held by the future society had the aim of 'forming a society for the preservation of pedigrees' and took place in Brisbane on 12 August 1918.

The society was not officially established until its second meeting on 9 May 1919, becoming the Aberdeen-Angus Society Herd Book Society of Australia, after a constitution was drawn up by Mr RS Maynard.

The original society's additional aim, 'for the promotion of the best interests of importer, breeders and owners of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and thereby the public generally', resonates with the current Angus Australia aim of 'promoting and enhancing the value of Angus', almost 100 years on from the original sentiment.

Angus Australia today is a far cry from the society it was when first formed in 1919. When the first Herd Book was published by the society in 1922, there were 14 listed members from every state except South Australia. It included 65 bulls, 313 cows, a number of cattle in the appendices and a list of the royal show winners from the previous years.

As of December 2018 there were 3,838 registered Angus Australia members, ranging from life members down to junior members. There were 84,717 animals registered with Angus Australia, 34,792 males, 44,970 females and 4,955 steers.

Since the development of the society many initiatives have been implemented. Angus BREEDPLAN reached 559,413 traits recorded in 2018 and there have been a total of 28,974 DNA requests submitted by Angus breeders. The numbers nowadays show a vastly different society then that of its humble beginnings.

To celebrate 100 years of Angus Australia, the 2019 events calendar is full of special and exciting Angus events.

The first event of the centenary calendar was the Thomas Foods International Angus Youth Roundup, which took place in Armidale, NSW on January 10-13. The annual event saw 171 participants from around Australia, New Zealand and Germany attend the 4-day event, taking part in cattle classes, junior judging and educational activities.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show will host an Angus Feature Show, being held April 8-16, 2019.



Bald Blair prize winners at the 1922 Sydney Royal Show, Bald Blair Angus have been part of the Angus Society of Australia since its development in 1919.

The Angus National Conference will take place in Albury, New South Wales on May 23-24, with the theme of "Angus through the ages - building better beef". The programme will cover a wide range of topics and present the latest information developed by Angus Australia, including leaders in technology, how Angus beef has adapted to 'meat' consumer expectations, managing genetics and reproduction in a commercial herd and staying ahead of the game. An ode to the 100-year history of Angus Australia will look back at how far Angus Australia has come.

And for the first time, Angus Australia will host a Verified Black Angus Beef BBQ Challenge in the Queen Elizabeth II Square in Albury on May 22, prior to the beginning of the conference.

To continue the celebrations, Angus Royal Feature shows are also set for Royal Adelaide from August 30 - September 8, and Royal Melbourne from September 21 to October 1.

Angus Australia President Brad Gilmour looks forward to the centenary year and the events that will transpire.

"Feature shows, the WA Spring Walk, plus events and field days around the country will give everyone an opportunity to celebrate our centenary year," he says.

In looking back Mr Gilmour reflected on how far the Angus breed has come in the past 100 years.

"It's remarkable to think that Angus cattle were once considered undesirable. Today, the breed influences every corner of the market – both here and increasingly overseas. There's huge demand fueled by a reputation for producing some of the best beef in the world."

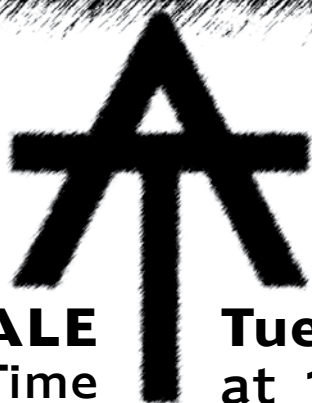
"Angus have got market acceptability right across the board, whether that's through the commercial industry and processing line, seedstock breeding or live export. The demand is unsurpassed."

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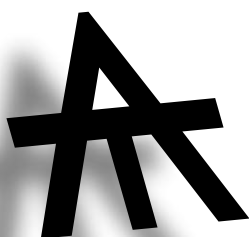
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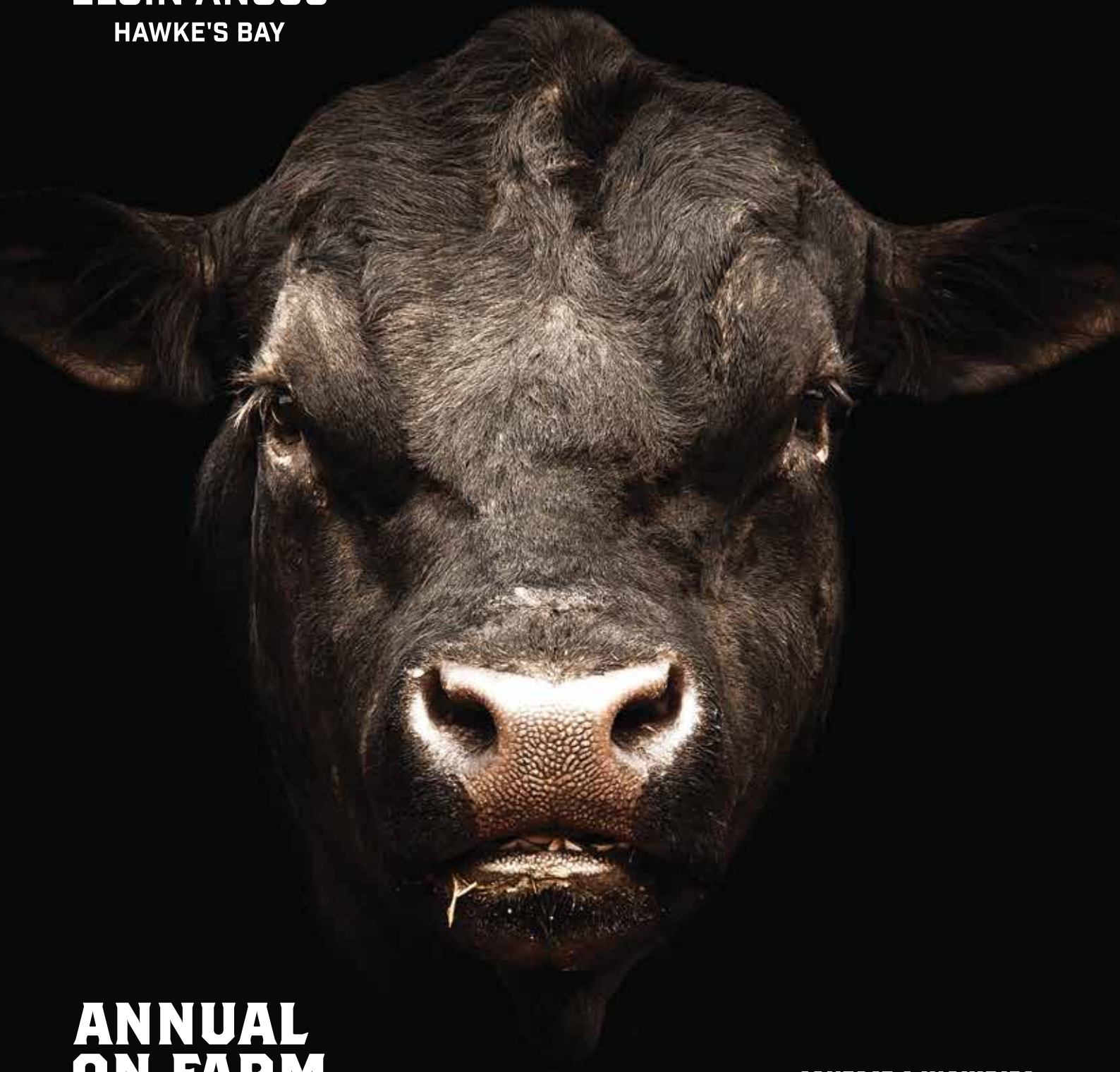


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ANGUS ON-FARM SALE CALENDAR 2019

information that you can rely on www.angusnz.com

April

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| 29th | King Country Combined Bull Breeders Open Day | King Country |
| 30th | King Country Angus Bull Walk | King Country |

May

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| 1st | D Giddings | Meadowslea Angus Female Sale, 12.00pm | Fairlie |
| 1st - 2nd | East Coast Angus Bull Walk | | Gisborne |
| 2nd | J Fraser | Stern Angus Female Sale, 1.00pm | Totara Valley |
| 7th | Manawatu & Rangitikei Angus Bull Walk | | Manawatu |
| 9th | Taumarunui Angus Open Day | | Taumarunui |
| 11th | Future Beef | | Masterton |
| 12th | Future Beef | | Masterton |
| 12th | Angus National Sale Viewing - Wright Property, 641 Milson Line, 12.00pm - 4.30pm | | Palmerston North |
| 12th | Angus NZ Breed Dinner , Aberdeen Restaurant, Palmerston North. 6.30pm | | Palmerston North |
| 13th | Angus National Sale Viewing - Wright Property, 641 Milson Line, 9.30am - 12.30pm | | Palmerston North |
| 13th | Angus National Video Sale - Orlando Country Club, 748 Rangitikei Line, 1.00pm | | Palmerston North |
| 16th | Central Wairarapa Angus Bull Walk | | Wairarapa |
| 16th | J & H Hammond | Ruaview Angus Bull Sale, 12 noon | Ohakune |
| 16th | M Howie | Glenwood Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Mosgiel |
| 17th | Duncan Family | Penvose Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Wedderburn |
| 18th | Focus Genetics Angus Bull Sale | | Te Anau |
| 20th | G Crutchley | Puketoi Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am | Patearoa |
| 20th | D & G Stringer | Kowai Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty | Wendon Valley |
| 21st | J & T Cochrane | Delmont Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm | Clinton |
| 21st | Mid South Canterbury Angus Bull Walk | | Mid Sth Canterbury |
| 22nd | Central Canterbury Angus Bull Walk | | Central Canterbury |
| 23rd | North Canterbury and Conway Flat Angus Bull Walk | | North Canterbury |
| 23rd-25th | Central Hawke's Bay Angus Bull Walk | | Hawke's Bay |
| 24th | Marlborough Angus Bull Walk | | Marlborough |
| 24th | Nelson Angus Bull Walk | | Nelson |
| 24th | T & S Law | Waimara Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Palmerston South |
| 25th | D Scott | Bannock Burn Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | South Westland |
| 27th | J & S Gunton | Umbrella Range Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Waikaia |
| 28th | R & M Kane | Blue Mountain Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am | Tapanui |
| 28th | R & N Purdie | Tarangower Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Mahonui |
| 29th | R Jolly | Hingaia Angus Bull Sale, 3.30pm | Te Awamutu |
| 29th | T & K Brittain | Storth Oaks Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Otorohanga |
| 29th | A & C Donaldson | Puke-Nui Angus Bull Sale, 4.00pm | Taumarunui |
| 29th | A & I Devery | Pikoburn Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am | Otautau |
| 30th | D & T Sherson | Black Ridge Angus Bull Sale, 9.30am | Taumarunui |
| 30th | ID & KI Borck | Springdale Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Taumarunui |
| 30th | B & S Sherson | Shian Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Taumarunui |
| 31st | T & K Peters | Peters Angus Bull Sale, 11.30am | Roxburgh |
| 31st | N & J Kjestrup | KayJay Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Masterton |

HAWKE'S BAY BULL WEEK

10-14 JUNE
2019



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2yr 10th June, 2.30pm
1yr 23rd Sept, 12.00pm
K & M Friel 06 376 4543

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11th June, 10.30am
W Philip 06 374 8857
J Philip 06 374 2861

MOTERE

2yr 11th June 3.00pm
1yr 26th Sept 2.30pm
I Pharazyn 06 857 3828

BROOKWOOD

12th June, 9.00am
J & M King 06 855 8288

WAIWHERO

12th June, 12.00pm
CE Pattison 06 858 8863

ELGIN

12th June, 3.00pm
S & S Duncan 06 858 4904

HALLMARK

13th June, 10.00am
Max Tweedie 06 836 5477

WAITERENUI

2yr 14th June, 1.00pm
1yr 27th Sept 12.00pm
WA MacFarlane 06 874 8762

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June

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| 4th | L Carruthers | Nethertown Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Middlemarch |
| 4th | M & F Crawford | Hillcroft Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Huntly |
| 4th | C Lander | Wairere Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Hawera |
| 4th | K & G Higgins | Oregon Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Masterton |
| 5th | R McLachlan | Tapiri Angus Bull Sale, 9.30am | Masterton |
| 5th | A & T Thomson | Dandaloo Angus Sale, 12.00 noon | Masterton |
| 5th | R Rowe | Merchiston Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm | Rata |
| 6th | C & A Jeffries | Riverlands J Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Cheviot |
| 6th | B Bevege | Iona Angus Bull Sale, 1.30pm | Te Kuiti |
| 6th | P & E Sherriff | Pine Park Angus Bull Sale, 11.30am | Marton |
| 6th | L & L Johnstone | Ranui Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Wanganui |
| 6th | J & J Bayly | Waitangi Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Waitangi |
| 7th | D Reynolds & T Jackson | Totaranui Angus Bull Sale, 1.30pm | Pahiatua |
| 7th | R & R Borthwick | Te Whanga Angus Bull Sale, 10.00am | Masterton |
| 7th | R & S Hayward | Twin Oaks Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Te Akau |
| 7th | A Campbell | Earnsleugh Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Alexandra |
| 10th | R Martin | Martin Farming Bull Sale, 2.30pm | Wakefield |
| 10th | A & C Dalziel | Atahua Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am | Kiwitea |
| 10th | K & M Friel | Mt Mable Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm | Dannevirke |
| 10th | A & F Cameron | Ngaputahi Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Pohangina |
| 11th | A & A Laing | Sudeley Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Irwell |
| 11th | W Philip | Dandaleith Angus Bull Sale, 10.30am | Dannevirke |
| 11th | I & J Pharazyn | Motere Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Waipukurau |
| 12th | J & M King | Brookwood Angus Bull Sale, 9.00am | Takapu |
| 12th | C Pattison | Waiwhero Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Waipukurau |
| 12th | M Duncan | Elgin Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Elsthorpe |
| 12th | Focus Genetics Angus Bull Sale | | Reporoa |
| 13th | N & R Sanderson | Fossil Creek Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Ngapara |
| 13th | B Johns | Kaiwara Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am | Culverden |
| 13th | M Tweedie | Hallmark Angus Bull Sale, 10.00am | Stortford Lodge |
| 14th | J Reed | Grampians Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am | Culverden |
| 14th | R & D Orr | Red Oak Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Weka Pass |
| 14th | W & V MacFarlane | Waiterenui Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Hastings |
| 17th | Blenheim Angus Bull Sale | A Peter (Brackfield), C Waddy (Waterfall), B Maisey (Blacknight) | Blenheim |
| 17th | O & P Hickman | Taimate Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Ward |
| 17th | T & A, G & S Hargreaves | Kakahu Angus Bull Sale, 1.30pm | Geraldine |
| 18th | J & R Murray | Woodbank Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Clarence Bridge |
| 19th | W, T & K Wilding | Te Mania Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm | Conway Flats |
| 20th | J Fraser | Stern Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm | Totara Valley |
| 20th | A & P Sharpe | Waitawheta Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Paeroa |
| 21st | D Giddings | Meadowslea Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Fairlie |
| 24th | D McHardy & J Bayly | (Tangihau and Cricklewood) Combined Angus Bull Sale, 9.00am | Gisborne |
| 24th | B & J Johnson, S Herries & P&E Watson | Combined Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm | Matawhero |
| 24th | P Hoogerbrug & C Williams | Kaharau Angus Bull Sale, 4.00pm | Gisborne |
| 25th | M & N Story | Ratanui Angus Bull Sale, 9.00am | Tologa Bay |
| 25th | P Lane | Whangara Angus Bull Sale, 12 noon | Gisborne |
| 25th | H & A Williams & Family | Turihaua Angus Bull Sale, 3.30pm | Gisborne |
| 26th | C & S Dowding | Rangatira Angus Bull Sale, 9.00am | Gisborne |
| 26th | G & S Crawshaw | Kenhardt Angus Bull Sale, 12 noon | Nuhaka |
| 26th | R & A Powdrell | Turiroa Angus Bull Sale, 4.00pm | Wairoa |
| 27th | B Bendall | Seven Hills Angus Bull Sale, 11.30am | Eketahuna |
| 27th | S, J & L Fouhy | Glanworth Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm | Pahiatua |

July

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|------|-----------|--|-------------|
| 25th | C Maxwell | Matauri Angus 1yr & 2yr Bull Sale, 12.30pm | Matauri Bay |
| 29th | RJ Quinn | Argyle Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Kaikohe |

September

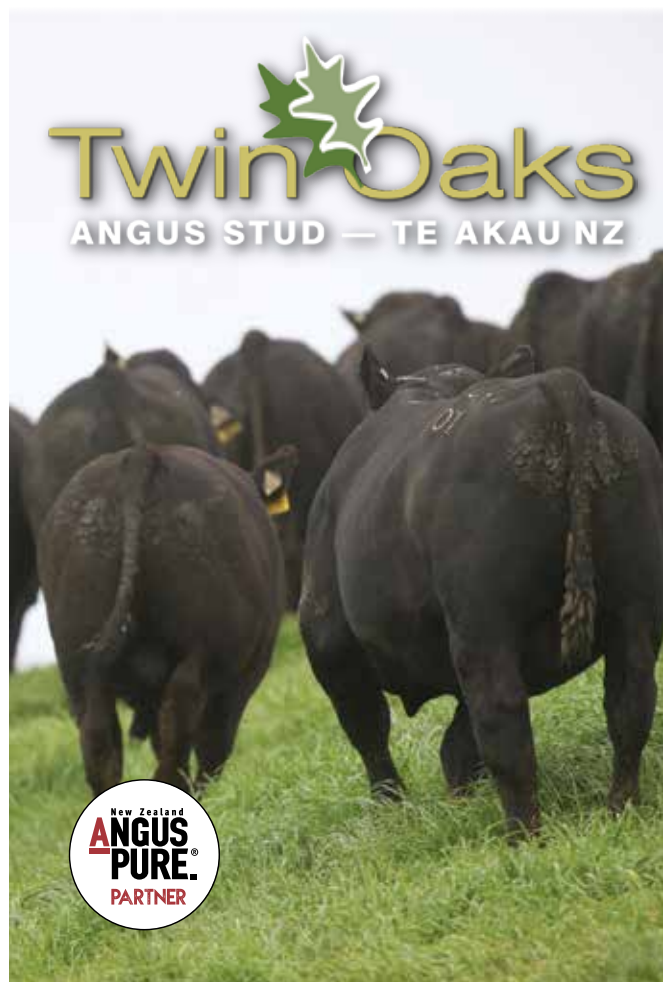
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| 1st | C Davie-Martin | Puketi Spring Private treaty, 9.00am | Waiotira |
| 4th | C & K Biddles | Te Atarangi Angus Yearling Sale, 12.30pm | Te Kopuru |
| 10th | L & L Johnstone | Ranui Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Wanganui |
| 16th | M & F Crawford | Hillcroft 2yr & Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 11.30am | Huntly |
| 16th | R & R Borthwick | Te Whanga Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 10.00am | Masterton |

ANGUS YEAR

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| 17th | J & J Bayly | Waitangi Yearling Angus Sale, 12.00 noon | Waitangi |
| 18th | M & S Stokman | Sitz-Stokman Yearling Angus Sale, 1.00pm | Taupo |
| 18th | B & N Heather | Heather-Dell Angus 1yr Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Taupo |
| 18th | A & P Sharpe | Waitawheta Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Paeroa |
| 19th | Wellsford All Breeds Bull Sale, 11.30am | | Wellsford |
| 19th | R & J, Blackwell | Mangaotea Angus Bull Sale, 12.00 noon | Tariki |
| 19th | I & J Pharazyn | Motere Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Waipukurau |
| 20th | N & J Kjestrup | KayJay Angus Yearling Bull & Heifer, 12.30pm | Masterton |
| 20th | J & M Allen | Mahuta Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Drury |
| 23rd | K & M Friel | Mt Mable Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm | Dannevirke |
| 24th | S Le Cren | Takapoto Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Cambridge |
| 25th | D Reynolds & T Jackson | Totaranui Yearling Angus Sale, 12.00 noon | Pahiatua |
| 25th | P & E Sherriff | Pine Park Angus Yearling Sale, 12.00 noon | Marton |
| 25th | D Fogarty | Kauri Downs Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm | Waihi |
| 25th | H & A Williams & Family | Turihaua Yearling Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Gisborne |
| 26th | R & S Hayward | Twin Oaks Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Te Akau |
| 26th | P Morresey | Paddyvale 1yr Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Dargaville |
| 27th | AT & KA Peters | Peters Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 2.00pm | Millers Flat |
| 27th | W & V MacFarlane | Waiterenui Yearling Angus Sale, 12.00 noon | Hastings |
| 30th | P & H Heddell | Glen R Angus Bull Sale, 1.30pm | Rangiora |

October

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| 1st | J & R Murray | Woodbank Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 3.00pm | Clarence Bridge |
| 2nd | W, T & K Wilding | Te Mania Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Conway Flat |
| 3rd | R & D Orr | Red Oak Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Weka Pass |
| 3rd | T & A, G & S Hargreaves | Kakahu Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Geraldine |
| 3rd | S, J & L Fouhy | Glanworth Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm | Pahiatua |
| 4th | D Giddings | Medowslea Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Fairlie |
| 9th | J Fraser | Stern Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm | Totara Valley |
| 12th | Focus Genetics Annual Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm | | Te Anau |
| 16th | P & K McCallum | Rockley Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 12.30pm | Balfour |
| 17th | P, R & MA Kane | Blue Mountain Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm | Tapanui |



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ANGUS - Bull Sale Results 2018

| Stud | Breeder | Sold | Offered | Av. | Top |
|----------------------------|----------|------|---------|-------|-------|
| National Video Sale | Multiple | 25 | 25 | 11860 | 35000 |

Ward 1: Northland

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|----------|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| Matauri | C Maxwell | 62 | 62 | 8403 | 44000 |
| Waitangi | J Bayly | 58 | 65 | 6827 | 13000 |

Ward 2: Bay of Plenty-Waikato

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|------------|----------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Hillcroft | M & F Crawford | 11 | 26 | 4100 | 5000 |
| Waitawheta | A & P Sharpe | 17 | 23 | 4260 | 5500 |
| Twin Oaks | R & S Hayward | 42 | 49 | 9040 | 22000 |

Ward 3: Taranaki-King Country

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|-------------|-----------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| Black Ridge | D Sherson | 27 | 27 | 8389 | 13000 |
| Aywon | P Bishop | 15 | 15 | 6080 | |
| Te Kupe | P Martin | 7 | 7 | 6320 | |
| Iona | B Bevege | 6 | 6 | 4900 | 9500 |
| Mangaotea | R & J Blackwell | 44 | 44 | 3837 | 4600 |
| Shian | B & J Sherson | 38 | 39 | 8776 | 13000 |
| Springdale | ID Borck | 41 | 43 | 11125 | 62000 |
| Storth Oaks | T Brittain | 81 | 82 | 8409 | 16000 |
| Tarangower | Purdie Family | 35 | 35 | 7157 | 8700 |
| Puke-Nui | A & C Donaldson | 28 | 28 | 6778 | 12500 |
| Wairere | C & J Lander | 21 | 22 | 7400 | 10500 |
| Hingaia | R Jolly | 19 | 29 | 6390 | 12000 |

Ward 4: Gisborne

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|-------------|------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| Cricklewood | J Bayly | 4 | 4 | 10500 | |
| Kaharau | P & S Hoogerbrug | 51 | 51 | 14970 | 95000 |
| Kenhardt | G & S Crawshaw | 22 | 22 | 8454 | 12000 |
| Ratanui | M & N Story | 34 | 34 | 9515 | 30000 |
| Tangihau | D McHardy | 25 | 25 | 10820 | 15000 |
| Turihaua | H & P Williams | 74 | 74 | 12486 | 25000 |
| Turiroa | A&T Powdrell | 44 | 44 | 10897 | 14500 |
| Whangara | Lane Bros | 35 | 36 | 9794 | 14000 |
| Rangatira | C & S Dowding | 57 | 57 | 11868 | 21500 |

Ward 5: Hawkes Bay

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| Moanaroa | D Ramsden | 26 | 26 | 3000 | 4000 |
| Elgin | M & B Duncan | 28 | 28 | 9767 | 17000 |
| Mt Mable | K & M Friel | 41 | 43 | 10707 | 20000 |
| Dandaleith | W Phillip | 26 | 27 | 7261 | 11500 |
| Waiterenui | WA MacFarlane | 47 | 47 | 7138 | 12500 |
| Waiwhero | C Pattison | 17 | 22 | 6441 | 9000 |
| Motere | I Pharazyn | 17 | 24 | 5600 | 7500 |
| Hallmark | M Tweedie | 23 | 23 | 8456 | 14500 |
| Brookwood | J King | 26 | 27 | 7538 | 12000 |

Ward 6: Wairarapa

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|-------------|----------------------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Dandaloo | AH & T Thomson | 30 | 30 | 8233 | 13200 |
| KayJay | N & J Kjestrup | 36 | 36 | 9750 | 21000 |
| Seven Hills | B Bendall | 52 | 60 | 7000 | 20000 |
| Oregon | K Higgins | 27 | 29 | 8111 | 18000 |
| Te Whanga | R & R Borthwick | 22 | 23 | 6336 | 11500 |
| Totaranui | T Jackson & D Reynolds | 28 | 31 | 8200 | 15000 |
| Tapiri | R&J McLachlan & R&L Thorneycroft | 10 | 10 | 8790 | 14000 |
| Glanworth | J Fouhy | 31 | 31 | 8000 | 16500 |

Ward 7: Wanganui-Manawatu-Rangitikei

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|------------|-----------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Atahua | A & C Dalziell | 33 | 33 | 9227 | 21000 |
| Merchiston | R Rowe | 42 | 45 | 7078 | 14000 |
| Ngaputahi | F & A Cameron | 44 | 48 | 8556 | 15000 |
| Pine Park | P & E Sheriff | 34 | 37 | 7176 | 10000 |
| Ranui | L & M Johnstone | 34 | 38 | 6647 | 13000 |
| Ruaview | J & H Hammond | 13 | 15 | 5538 | 9000 |

| Stud | Breeder | Sold | Offered | Av. | Top |
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Ward 8: Nelson-Marlborough

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| Martin Farming | R Martin | 28 | 28 | 6340 | 12000 |
| Taimate | P Hickman | 55 | 55 | 9827 | 17000 |
| Woodbank | J & R Murray | 58 | 58 | 8655 | 17000 |
| Brackenfield | A Peter | 10 | 10 | 7820 | 9000 |
| Waterfall | C & C Waddy | 6 | 6 | 4700 | 5500 |
| Blacknight | B & N Maisey | 7 | 7 | 5071 | 7000 |

Ward 9: Canterbury-Westland

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|--------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Bannock Burn | D Scott | 8 | 8 | 6437 | 9000 |
| Fossil Creek | N & R Sanderson | 50 | 54 | 8656 | 18500 |
| Glen R | P & H Heddell | 30 | 33 | 6040 | 10000 |
| Kakahu | G & S Hargreaves | 93 | 95 | 8935 | 19000 |
| Meadowslea | D Giddings | 66 | 71 | 9295 | 18000 |
| Red Oak | R & D Orr | 40 | 40 | 8034 | 13500 |
| Riverlands | C & A Jeffries | 12 | 15 | 5990 | 8000 |
| Stern | J Fraser | 111 | 111 | 11023 | 20000 |
| Sudeley | A & A Laing | 44 | 44 | 7363 | 15000 |
| Te Mania | T & K Wilding | 128 | 129 | 11333 | 49000 |
| Kaiwara | G Johns | 23 | 23 | 7100 | 10500 |
| Grampians | J Reed | 36 | 36 | 8780 | 13500 |

Ward 10: Otago-Southland

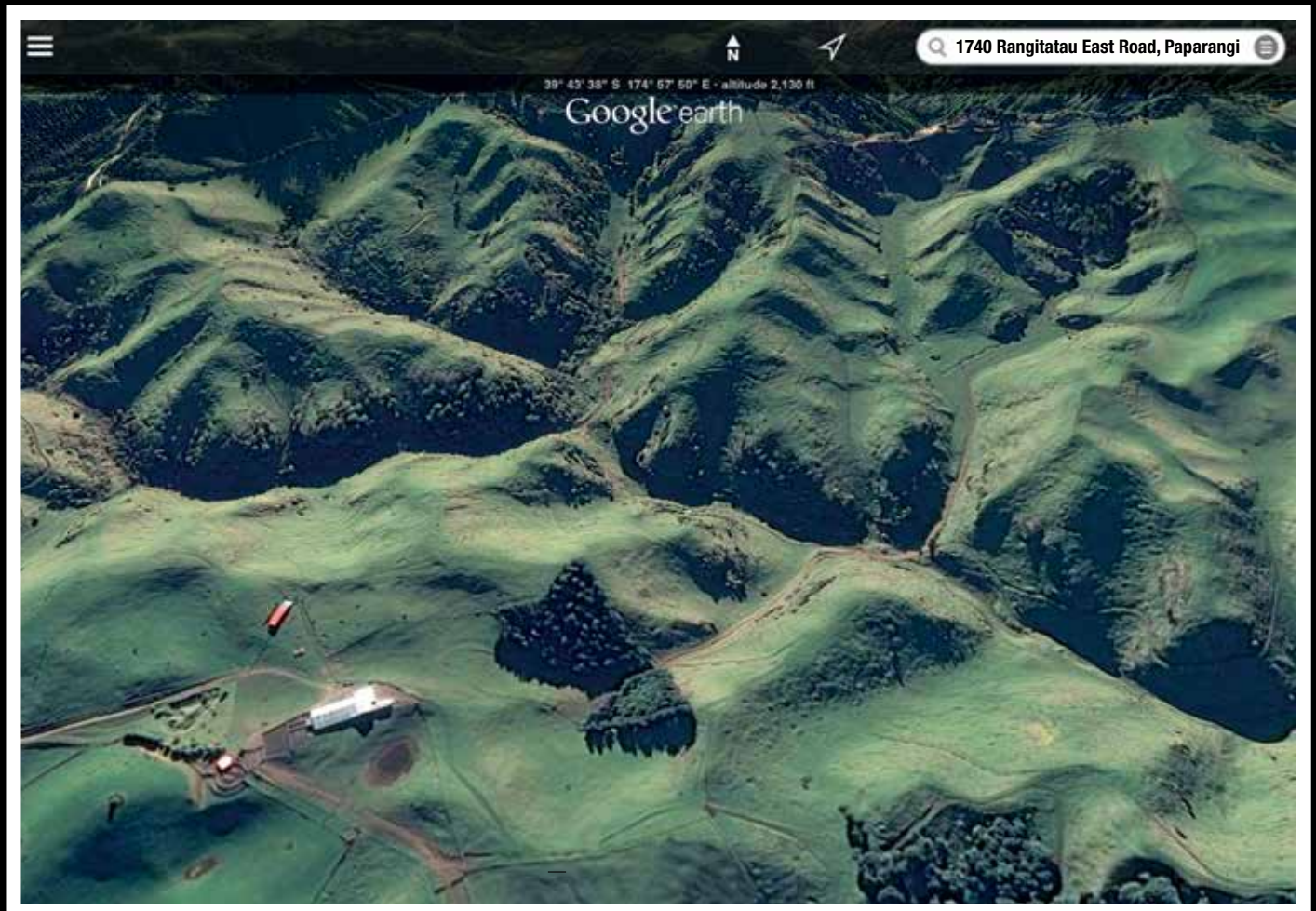
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| Peters | T & K Peters | 26 | 26 | 6950 | 12000 |
| Delmont | J & T Cochrane | 23 | 24 | 7000 | 11500 |
| Earnsleugh | A Campbell | 33 | 38 | 6818 | 12000 |
| Kowai | D & G Stringer | 19 | 19 | 6400 | 10000 |
| Blue Mountain | R & M Kane | 7 | 9 | 5400 | 6500 |
| Nethertown | J & L Carruthers | 23 | 25 | 8022 | 15000 |
| Penvose | GL Duncan | 29 | 29 | 6400 | 12000 |
| Pikoburn | A & I Devery | 18 | 18 | 7227 | 9500 |
| Puketoi | G & N Crutchley | 19 | 26 | 5500 | 8500 |
| Waimara | T & S Law | 24 | 26 | 6770 | 12500 |
| Glenwood | M & C Howie | 10 | 10 | 7200 | 10500 |
| Umbrella Range | J & S Gunton | 25 | 25 | 9380 | 14500 |

YEARLING SALES

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|--------------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Te Atarangi | C Biddles | 106 | 106 | 3409 | 6700 |
| Ranui | L & M Johnstone | 30 | 30 | 2600 | 4600 |
| Te Whanga | R & R Borthwick | 30 | 49 | 2983 | 6000 |
| KayJay | N & J Kjestrup | 23 | 29 | 3629 | 5000 |
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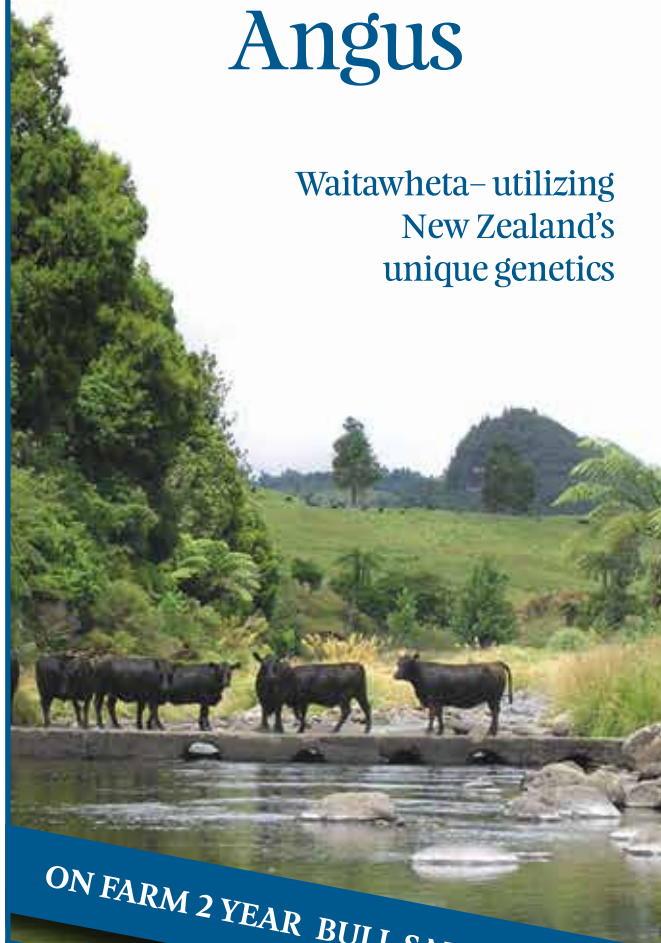
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