

Dunlop Park Angus Newsletter

Summer 2016



To our friends, clients and fellow Angus breeders,

Welcome to our 2016 Newsletter, our annual update on what is happening at Dunlop Park.

The good news this year is that we are once again holding a field Day, and we have picked a topic that we believe is very relevant to the beef industry in Tasmania, so do come along and join us on the day. (There is more information over the page). There is no need to tell anyone that this has been a very tough season, we have been kept very busy which has delayed this newsletter. We do hope that it arrives in time so that those interested can plan ahead to attend.

We would also love to see you at our annual sale in March. You don't have to be a buyer, it is a very friendly and relaxed day at which you can meet and chat with other producers over a barbeque lunch.

We extend our best wishes for 2016 to you.

Regards,

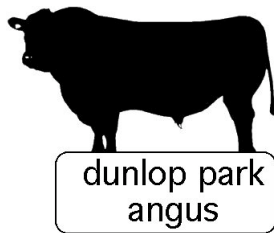
Patricia, Brian and Dorothy, Ian and Judy Stewart

Dates

Dunlop Park Beef Field Day: Friday February 26th, 10.50am

Dunlop Park Annual Bull Sale: Tuesday March 22nd, 11.30am

Annual Beef Field Day



We cordially invite you to attend our annual field day on Friday February 26th.

We are delighted to once again be running a field day. This year we are looking at 2 different finishing regimes in Tasmania, feedlot and grass feed beef. We ask the question can cattle be bred that are suitable for either system or does a producer need to specialise. The field day will cover what is required for each system, selecting the genetics and managing the herd.

Speakers

The Speakers at the field day will include

Dr Emily Piper – Technical Manager - Genetics, Zoetis

Graeme Pretty – Livestock Manager, Greenhams Tasmania Pty

Andrew Thompson – Managing Director, Tasmanian Feedlots

Emma Egan – MLA Intern Consultant, RM Consulting Group

Peter Ball – Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research

Times

10.50 am - 3.00pm

The day is free and open to all beef producers regardless of which breed you run. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided. You are welcome to turn up on the day if you make a last minute decision to come along, however it would help us to know how many to cater for if you could let us know that you are coming beforehand.

RSVP

Phone 64 269 239 or mobile 0400 950 872
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Introducing Waimata Sky High



This year we will be offering sons of a pure New Zealand bull, Waimata Sky High M228. Sky High has been used by studs in New Zealand and North America. His progeny are easy calving, easy doing animals with a lovely softness. We have been very impressed with his daughters who are showing the classic New Zealand type.

A Zoetis 50K test placed Sky High in the top 5% of the breed for DMI (dry matter intake), a measure of feed efficiency.

Waimata Angus Stud

In 2014 Dorothy and I were fortunate to visit the Waimata Angus Stud and spend the day with Pat and Evelyn Watson. Situated in the Waimata Valley west of Gisborne Waimata is a herd of classic New Zealand grassfed Angus with no North American Blood. Several Waimata bulls have been used extensively in Australia, Zulu 689 of Waimata and Waimata E230. Waimata bulls have also been used in North America; E230 sired Schaff's S A V Worldwide now a leading AI sire in North America.



This picture gives you an idea of both the cattle and the country at Waimata



A new feature at Waimata is a feedlot where the breeding cows are kept through winter. This has enabled the breeding herd to be increased from 350 to 1000 cows



The dogs have it easy at Waimata



A typical Waimata bull, Waimata 299

New Animal Performance Data

In this years sale catalogue (due out in late February) we will for the first time be presenting EBV data on feed efficiency and temperament.

Feed Efficiency

Feed efficiency is something that hasn't so far received much attention from beef producers but it is an important component of profitability. The amount of feed an animal needs to put on each kilogram of weight is important, especially in grass fed systems in a season like the one we have been having. Sadly many of the high growth animals of today have very poor feed efficiency. The good news is that both EBVs and the Zoetis 50K test have been showing us that Dunlop Park cattle have very high feed efficiency and several of our herd sires have EBV's in the top 10% in Australia.

Temperament

In the past 2 years we have been putting a temperament score for our bulls in the structural assessment table of our catalogue. In 2016 we will also have Docility EBV's which are a measurement of temperament. A word of caution, Breedplan is a useful guide but can get individual animals wrong. We feel the best guide is the temperament score given when we have the structural assessment done.

Dunlop Park Annual Bull Sale

Tuesday March 22nd - 11.30am

On property Helmsman Auction

Selling agents: Roberts Limited, Elders Limited

Viewing from 10am on sale day or prior to the sale any time by appointment

A BBQ lunch will be available after the sale.

Stud Sires: Dunlop Park Falcon F7
Waimata Sky High M228
Dunlop Park Edinburgh E31
Dunlop Park Emperor E18
Dunlop Park Halkirk H32



Dunlop Park Halkirk H32 A son of leading British AI sire Aynho Rossiter Eric. Halkirk is in the top 10% for both feed efficiency EBV's.



Dunlop Park Falcon F7 A son of Taloozy Zulu Z98. His sons have length and muscling.



Dunlop Park Emperor E18 A son of UK sire Netherton Lord Jordan. His daughters are very impressive.



Dunlop Park Edinburgh E18 A son of Netherton Lord Jordan, his sons have scale and a lovely temperament.

Catalogues: Sale Catalogues are due out in late February. If you would like one and are not on our catalogue mailing list (i.e. you didn't receive a catalogue in 2015) please either send us your name and address, phone (03 64 269 239 or 0400 950 872) or e-mail: bstewart1@iinet.net.au

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