

Poll Hereford Bordertown Bonanza

Thirteen is unlucky for some, but certainly not for the Day families at Bordertown. Their combined 13th Annual Allendale & Days Whiteface Poll Hereford sale achieved their best ever on-property sale result last Monday (21st Feb) with a magnificent sale gross of \$352,000 for 74 head.

67 outstanding quality and industry relevant bulls sold to a sale top of \$11,000 and averaged \$4948; up \$1153 on last year's excellent result. A select draft of mated heifers offered at the end of the sale saw seven sell to \$5500 and average \$2929 to round out a great day.

Repeat buyers only return if the cattle are performing well in their herds and on that basis the Allendale and Days bloodlines must be excelling. Over 200 people gathered for the sale, with 57 registered bidders in a wonderful vote of confidence in the bloodlines on offer. There is more confidence in the industry at present on the back of an excellent season in the eastern half of the country, but bidders are still being careful and budget conscious. There was no runaway big money on offer at this sale, but the middle ground from \$4000 to \$8000 was extremely strong. 80% of the bulls sold in this range, a price bracket that has been lacking competition in most sales in recent years.

Both studs sold very well, achieving very similar results. Alastair and Jayne Day and family, Allendale sold 33 of 34 bulls to the sale top of \$11,000 for an average of \$4894. Lachy and Lou Day, Days Whiteface sold 34 of 35 bulls to a top of \$10,000(x2) for a \$5000 average.

Ralph Nemeth, Dunrobin Grazing, Mansfield and buying through Rodwells Mansfield agent Jamie Beckingsale was again the purchaser of the top priced bull. This was for Allendale Amazon E16, an impressive 22 month old son of New Zealand sire Okawa Commodore, and had been used in the Allendale stud over heifers. He had tremendous weight gain, great muscling and softness and was supported by well balanced EBVs, topping at +93 for 600 day weight, +1.3 for eye muscle and +23 for milk.

Ralph paid the \$22,000 Allendale on-property record price 2 years ago and the \$11,000 second top price last year in a long line of purchases from this sale over the years.

"We have had greater success with the Allendale bloodlines than any other line and we are now getting widely recognised for our young cattle in the saleyards. This is giving us premium prices, so we see no reason to change. They keep producing the top quality bulls that perform so well for us in our hill country grazing," Ralph said. He later added an impressive 20 month old youngster from Days Whiteface for \$4500 to average out his buying.

Jamie Beckingsale, Rodwells Mansfield has been a very strong supporter of Allendale/Days genetics for a long time and this year he was also the buying agent for four other bulls; the six in total averaging \$6250. Tim Roberts-Thomson, Howquadale Station purchased the first Allendale bull offered for \$7000, Craig Wedlock, Howes Creek Hills bought a top Days youngster for \$6000 and Yemoken Pastoral Co bought two Days bulls at \$4500 each.

Not far behind the Allendale sale topper were two outstanding bulls from the Days Whiteface draft that sold for \$10,000 each. Andrew & Kate Stoney, "Ellingerrin", Inverleigh paid this for Days Vermont E97, an impressive soft and deep sided son of Markowen Intruder, with EBVs for low birthweight and IMF (that placed him in the top 10% of the breed) being prominent in his excellent objective data.

Chris England, "The Snuggery", Kingston also paid \$10,000 for Days Robin Hood E124, a son of Allendale Washington C77. This deep bodied, smooth skinned and strong headed young sire is from the cow Allendale Fancy U5, a magnificent breeder in the herd that has produced 6 sale bulls to date that have sold to \$30,000 and averaged \$15,333.

Keith and Meryl Diprose, Chartwell Farms and buying through Rodwells Romsey branch put the heat on these top priced bulls, but were then successful in purchasing Days Awesome E52 for \$7500 and Allendale Willalooka E87 for \$8000. Both these impressive bulls were sired by Allendale Superstar, a sire that is breeding exceptionally well in the two herds.

GA Young & Sons, Kalangadoo and buying through Landmark Millicent agent Jim Noonan were again very strong repeat buyers, having been the volume buyers in past sales. They purchased three top young Days Whiteface bulls for \$7000, \$6500 & \$,000 in this year's sale.

The volume buying honours were shared by Yalanda Pastoral Co, Meningie, buying through Spence Dix & Co's Jono Spence, and Rodney & Jenny Betts, Circle T Cattle Company, Tippaburra, buying through Elders Broken Hill agent Jack Maloney. They purchased six bulls each, with three from each vendor. Yalanda averaged \$3583 for their six bulls while Circle T averaged \$3083; great value buying in such a good sale.

Brook Partners, Murpeowie and represented by Charlie Wayman-Jones provided strong bidding, picking up four bulls from \$3000 to \$4000, while Mike Brazel, Gidgealpa Station and buying through Landmark Adelaide's Trevor Driver also purchased four; all at \$4000.

37 of the registered bidders were successful in purchasing bulls, with other prominent multiple bull buyers including Considine Brothers, through Landmark Tonkin George, Mt Gambier (2 at \$7500 & \$5000), Tim Moulds, Emu Springs who bought two at \$5500 & \$4000 through Elders Tintinara has bought at all 13 sales, Gabriel Martin, "Mahkwallok East" and through Landmark Ararat (2 at \$5500 & \$4500), Andrew Hill through TDC Penola (2 at \$5000 & \$4500), Chris Bailey, Lake Cullulleraine, through Landmark Bordertown (2 at \$4500 & \$4000) and Ian Sutherland, Harrow and buying through Elders Hamilton (2 at \$6000 & \$4000).

Higher price single bull buyers included Fraser Bros, Clunes and through Elders Mortlake (\$7500), Nathan Clark, "Wongawilli", Kingston and through Landmark Naracoorte (\$7000), David & Katrina Copping, Cannawigra stud, Avenue Range (\$6500), Coryule Pastoral, Willowvale and also through Crawford Dowling, Ballarat (\$6500) and David Chaffey, "Woodlands" and through Landmark Casterton (\$6000).

B, D & W Kinghorn, Milroy Herefords and buying through Landmark Hamilton's Miles Pfitzner bought a bull at \$4500 from Allendale, then added 5 of the 7 mated heifers that sold, all at \$2500 each. Repeat buyer Brian Burgess, Ravensdale Poll Herefords, Tamworth, NSW hooked in by phone to operate on select heifers. He was successful with one Days heifer, but was underbidder on the top selling lot, Days Cora E8, by Allendale Vagabond A74 and AI'd to Pine Hill Energiser E604. The successful bidder at \$5500 was Ken Gray, Bundalguah, buying through Landmark's Sale office.

Sale Summary

Bulls	Allendale	Days	Overall
Offered	34	35	69
Sold	33	34	67
Top	\$11,000	\$10,000 (x2)	\$11,000
Average	\$4894	\$5000	\$4948
Heifers			
Offered	6	6	12
Sold	3	4	7
Top	\$2500	\$5500	\$5500
Average	\$2500	\$3250	\$2929

Agents: Landmark & Elders

Auctioneers: Malcolm Scroop & Gordon Wood (Landmark) & Nick Harton (Elders)



Pictured with the \$11,000 top priced bull at the combined Allendale/Days Poll Hereford bull sale are buyer Ralph Nemeth, Dunrobin Grazing, Mansfield, Landmark auctioneer Malcolm Scroop, Ralph's agent Jamie Beckingsale, Rodwells Mansfield and Allendale stud principal Alastair Day.



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Equal high volume buyers at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface Poll Hereford sale were Yalanda Pastoral Co, Meningie with six bulls, three from each stud. Here, Alastair Day (Allendale) and Lachlan Day (Days Whiteface) discuss their purchases with buying agent Jono Spence (Spence Dix & Co) and Yalanda manager John Turra and overseer Phil Harvey.



Equal high volume buyers at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface Poll Hereford sale were Rodney (right) & Jenny Betts (left), Circle T Cattle Co, Tippaburra. They are pictured inspecting some of their purchases after the sale with their Elders agents Jack Maloney, Broken Hill and Tom Penna, Adelaide. They bought six bulls; three coming from each stud.



Putting real bidding pressure on the top lots at the combined Allendale/Days Whiteface Poll Hereford sale was Keith & Meryl Diprose, Chartwell Farms, Romsey. They bought an Allendale bull for \$8000 and a Days Bull for \$7500 and are seen inspecting one of their easy doing and extremely docile bulls post sale.