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Established 1965

'Pedigrees with a Difference with Performance on the Hook'

# TWO SALES ONE DAY!

Monday 23rd August

## 100 Black Beef Bulls Sell at DRILLHAM, Queensland

- Sire Verified, HD50k Genomic Tested
  - Semen Tested & Breeding Soundness Examined
  - Ear notch tested free of Pestivirus.
  - Vaccinated for 7in1. Pestiguard & Tick Fever
- Inspections welcome by prior arrangement

*'This unique sale day not only celebrates my parent's retirement but showcases their breeding direction since establishment in 1965 and their amazing dedication to the Angus breed for the Australian Beef Industry. We welcome and encourage your attendance to join with us to celebrate their remarkable journey.'*

*Stud founders David and Jill Raff no longer reside on farm having moved to Toowoomba, Queensland earlier this year following 56 years of dedicated breeding of Angus Seedstock cattle. Along with the bulls, this Spring Celebration Sale will see the very best of Raff Angus females sell – showcasing our pick females from each year. Never before have we offered a complete sale line-up of top end females like this. We offer a unique opportunity to invest in the very best Raff Angus maternal lines. The Females sell first at Walwa 12 midday auctioned by Brian Leslie – the bulls follow at Drillham 1pm auctioned by Michael Glasser. Both sale groups sell open cry through the ring at the two separate farm locations. With the enhanced usage of online selling platforms, we have decided to offer both Elite Livestock Auctions and AuctionsPlus – your choice.*

Andrew Raff.

## 30 Elite Stud females Sell at WALWA, Victoria

- Spring calvers sell PTIC – some with bull calves at foot.
  - Autumn calvers sell with calves at foot and re-joined.
  - Both PTIC spring and autumn calving heifers sell.
  - Parent Verified & HD50k Genomic Tested. Ear notch tested free of Pestivirus.
- **Inspection – DAY 1 Southern Beef Week Monday 26th July**



Stud founder David Raff pictured 1988 at his first of two consecutive Australian Angus Record Averaging on-property sales.

## First sons and daughters of new United Kingdom AI sires sell August 23rd

Linton Gilbertines Powerhouse



Idvies Eric S735



Rawburn Jumbo Eric T627



# SALE DAY MONDAY 23RD OF AUGUST

## Auction 1 – FEMALE SALE

**Sale starts 12 midday**  
**'Langi-Dorn' 96 McHargs Rd. WALWA Victoria 3709**

- Elite stud females including donors, both spring and autumn cow calf units and PTIC heifers sell as lots 1 – 30.
- Elite stud sire Raff Napoleon N327 (a Raff Empire E269 son) sells as lot 31.
- Sale auctioneer – Brian Leslie.

Those who are physically at the bull sale will be able to watch the videos of sale females, hear the live sale auctioneering and be able to bid & buy from Drillham.

## Auction 2 – BULL SALE

**Sale starts 1pm – immediately following on from female sale**  
**'Mundibulanga' 641 Moores-Bice Rd. DRILLHAM Queensland 4424**

- Fifty rising two-year-old bulls sell as lots 32 – 82
- Fifty 16 – 18-month-old bulls sell as lots 83 – 131
- Sale auctioneer – Michael Glasser

Those who are physically at the female sale will be able to watch the videos of sale bulls, hear the live sale auctioneering and be able to bid & buy from Walwa.

Both sales sell on property by 'open cry' auction through the ring and interfaced with Elite Livestock & AuctionsPlus – your choice. Catalogues will be posted to those who request by late July. Individual lot videos will be available early of August.



She sells – Raff Blackbird J173



He sells – Raff Napoleon N327



She sells – Raff Doris M189

## Raff Angus returns to the spring selling season with commitment...

With any move, and perhaps enhanced by such a move to King Island, it takes a few years to understand a new environment and a new management system. With our relocation, management readjustment and in some way herd re-build we were not in the position or location to continue with annual on-property bull sales. For the first four years we sold bulls privately from the paddock. This suited some, particularly for those who wanted to visit the island, but it soon became hard for us to manage the order of inspection fairly for our clients. The past two years saw us quietly return to the public auction system but did not allow us to return to our professional ways of the past when in Queensland.

Our Monday August 23rd Pedigrees with a Difference with Performance on the Hook Spring Celebration Sale is the beginning of a new chapter for us. We are excited to combine the two sales, in two different states

on the one day. Why... Returning to Queensland was never dismissed for a bull sale however we had not exactly planned on being able to re-access our magnificent selling complex at Drillham – to the Milson Family we are truly appreciative. Having bred bulls in Queensland for fifty years it is exciting to return after a 5-year absence. This will allow past northern clients easy access to our program's genetics.

Our return is with commitment – not a one off – and we look forward to catching up with familiar faces on sale day. The female sale is the celebration sale. This offering truly celebrates the past 56 years breeding direction of stud founder David with the support of Jilly. Whilst we have not overlooked the market interest in the north for our females, we wanted to showcase Dad's dedication of breed type to those who have not often seen them. Holding a sale at Walwa allows for them to be displayed during the Southern Beef Week on day 1 Monday 26th of July.

## Raff Angus Bulls that sell

Moving into such a contrastingly different environment has given question by many fellow breeders as to whether we have changed both our breeding direction and breed type. The answer is no. If anything, with the hundreds of steer brothers processed over recent years with individual carcass feedback received, it has confirmed that weight continues to be the ultimate driver of profitability. Good heads, strong muzzles with masculine bodies of beef hanging on sound footed and strong boned structure continue to appeal to us. This sale draft are a combination of spring and autumn born bulls most of which are sired by home bred bulls genetically varied to the mainstream. The United Kingdom, the home of Aberdeen Angus, has seen a recent genetic infusion into our herd. Following the Hoff Scotch Cap influence a number of years ago we have since found it hard to source bulls beyond

a frame six in stature. Further we have not got caught up in the low birthweight, low mature cow weight industry belief which – we believe – has a natural diminishing effect on growth. In the UK market they want animals that grow fast and weigh heavy off grass – with due diligence we have found herds that mirror our program and have combined these nicely into our herd. Having arrived at Condamine mid-May this sale draft of bulls sell simply in age order. We will not be printing individual photos of bulls within the catalogue. Instead, all lots will be videoed with these available 2 to 3 weeks prior to sale on our website or online selling platforms. With my parents' retirement I'm hoping most will personally attend sale day to celebrate with them their lifetime in agriculture dedicated to breeding Angus Seedstock for the Australian Beef Industry.

## Raff Angus Females that sell



Raff Blackbird F14 – several lots sell with her genetic influence

If ever there was a time to showcase our best cows in both pedigree and phenotype then this would have to be such time. This is an outstanding draft of females. When breeders sell such females, you often read in their comments – ‘we should not be selling her...’ However, we have no regrets selling such

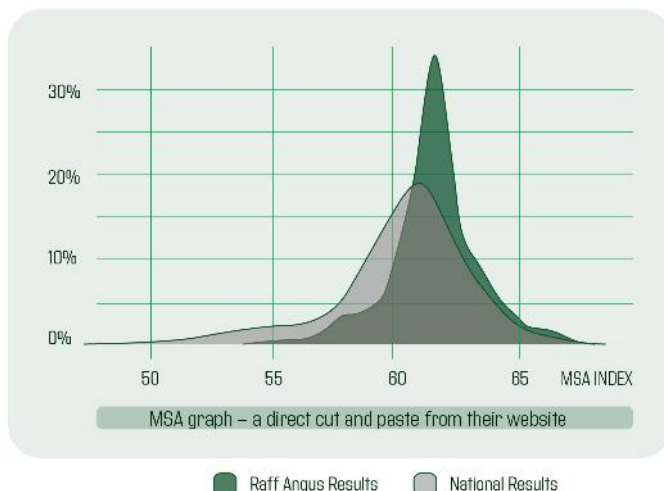
females as it is exciting for us to offer these lots of such quality and wish the eventual purchaser's every success with their breeding decisions. There are numerous modern bulls that these females will carry. How often do you see top end cows sell into other leading seedstock producers' herds then have them go on to breed highly acclaimed and well industry accepted progeny? I truly believe these cows can do that. They are all big volumed sound footed individuals with the front-end neck extension and smoothness of shoulders that our Raff program is well known for. They have been catalogued in an order that best places each potential purchaser the opportunity to get the females of their choice. They will be on display Day 1 of the Southern Beef Week Open Day Monday 28th July. They sell first on Monday 23rd August. I will be in attendance for the open day so hope to see those interested on this day.

## Performance on the Hook

Full brothers to our rising two-year-old sale bulls selling August 23rd were processed through the JBS Longford Plant Tasmania in late June. These were the complete group of spring born steers and represented the bottom 50% of all male calves born in that contemporary. With an average age of 21 months, they boasted an average carcass weight of 355kg. Comparing these 59 Raff bred steers Nationally against the 2,211 bodies processed that same day – steers only, no HGP, Grass Fed, Ossification <230 – our steers had more marbling, more fat, a higher MSA Index and, with the same ossification score, a 35-kilogram heavier carcass weight. At that day's grid of \$7.40 it equated to \$259 per carcass more value or nearly \$10,000 extra for the two-deck trailer load. The complete consignment averaged \$2,638 per head (topping at \$3,273) with a two-deck trailer load of 38 steers grossing \$100,245.



Pictured is a Milk Tooth Raff bred steer from the above consignment that yielded a carcass weight of 452kg with a Marble Score 4 and MSA Index of 67.51. He returned \$3,273.32



## Position available – Livestock/Grazing/Pasture Management

Raff Angus is a family owned and operated Angus Seedstock beef breeding business, and we are looking for a polite and energetic person who wants to work with us on our Certified Organic property. You must have good cattle management knowledge, experience with best grass management practices and rotational grazing systems, along with a keen interest in soil health and organic principals. This is an opportunity to work and live within a pristine rural environment with unique lifestyle opportunities located on King Island, Tasmania.

For further information please contact Andrew 0429 691975 or visit our website.

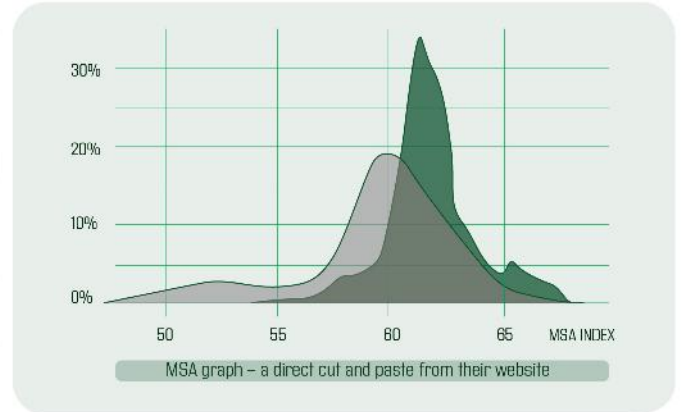
## Performance on the Hook

The 12-month processing period from June 2020 to June 2021 saw 1,041,003 bodies of beef processed nationally within a No HGP, Grass Fed, either sex, and ossification score <230 sorting selection. Two hundred and sixty of these were Raff Angus steers and heifers fattened and finished on farm prior to being ferried across to either the JBS, Longford or Greenham, Smithton Tasmanian processing plants.

With the same ossification average these 290 Raff Angus steer and heifers processed during the past 12-month period yielded a 52-kilo-gram heavier carcass weight or 15% more. At say a \$6/kg carcass weight average value these bodies equated to over \$300 more profit per carcass.

Below are some interesting Raff Angus v National, 12-month average comparisons :

	Raff Angus	National
<b>Carcass Weight</b>	351kg	299kg
<b>Marble Score</b>	1.3	1.0
<b>Index Av</b>	61.34	59.98
<b>Fat Av.</b>	9mm	7mm



● Raff Angus Results    ● National Results

## Performance in the Feedlot

Steers sired by Raff Angus bulls excelled at the recent Barcoo Feedlot Challenge. Congratulations to Eli and Michelle Vogel on the success of their steer exhibits where, after 100 days on feed at the Rodgers Creek Feedlot outside Warwick, they were rewarded with the following accolades:

- Highest Aggregate Weight Gain for vendor bred cattle & Overall Aggregate Weight Gain Champion with their pen group average gain of 2.92kg/day
- Single Animal Weight Gain Champion Exhibit with the steer gaining an incredible 3.96kg/day after 100 days on feed.
- Overall Champion Carcass pen



Pictured is the Champion Weight Gain Steer. Sired by a Raff Angus sire he gained 3.96kg/day after 100 days on feed – photo courtesy BFeeders

## Performance in the Paddock

Bos Taurus cattle in traditionally Bos Indicus cattle country allow greater market competition and earlier sale opportunities for the Goodwin Family. Congratulations to Tony and Mandy Goodwin who this year sold their lead draft of steers through Auction Plus. After spirited bidding the steers sold at \$2196 delivered and cleared tick free to Moura Saleyards. They were sold to Nullamanna Feedlot Inverell N.S.W. This follows on from their success in 2019 at the RNA Paddock to Palate Competition where they gained first place for MSA Eating Quality Index for Aggregate pen of six steers. Since their first purchase in 2004 they have been loyal supporters of our program with near 70 bulls purchased over the years for use in their herd at Blackwater in Central Queensland.

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