

MINIMAL DROUGHT IMPACT AT GYRANDA SALE

Although sales to local areas have been severely impacted on by drought, the wide client base established over the years has paid dividends for Burnett and Louise Joyce (Gyranda Santa Gertrudis Stud). They were pleased with the outcome of their Annual Bull Sale, on Thursday 30th August.

The season has continued to be extremely tough in the surrounding region, which normally takes 80% of the draft. This year, only 7% went into the local area (Theodore-Taroom-Eidsvold).

The sale attracted 12 new clients, coming from as far as Bourke in NSW, the Atherton Tableland, and Julia Creek. There were many return customers, from regions less adversely affected.

The quality of the bulls was evident from the strength of the bidding, and a healthy average was achieved, \$5,170 for 91 bulls, with nearly a 90% clearance.

First time customer, Peter Hughes (Bourke), took home 9 bulls, averaging \$4,440. Another new client, Paul Woodhouse (Julia Creek), averaged \$5,200 for 5 bulls, with a top of \$8,000.

John and Carol Brownlie, (Meandarra) bought 4 bulls for a \$7,000 average. Ian Mitchelmore purchased 3 bulls, averaging \$7,167 with a top of \$9,000.

The top priced bull Gyranda Bravo went to Glen and Dawn Cox, (Ayr) for \$13,000. Jack Dillon, (Alpha) bought Gyranda Bounty Hunter for \$9,000. The successful show bull Gyranda Bonfire was purchased by John Ranclaud (Springsure), for \$10,000.

The Paine Family, (Springsure) bought 5 bulls, averaging \$7,400, with a top of \$9,000. The Rodman Family, Tambo, averaged \$8,333 for 3 bulls, with a top of \$10,500. The Sloss Family, (Monto) returned to buy 5 bulls for a \$4,440 average.

Jack and Bev Spurdle travelled down from Ravenswood to attend the sale. They had previously purchased X3X bulls from the Charters Towers Santa Gertrudis Sale, and said they do so well for them, that they were eager to purchase more. They took home four, averaging \$6,250, with a top of \$12,000.

Principal of Gyranda, Burnett Joyce, said he was pleased to see the X3X bulls going to so many new clients, and from such diverse regions, as well as the regular clients. He hopes future rain in the local region will see a return of demand in the surrounding region. He said clients appreciated the quality of the Gyranda bulls. They had been prepared on pasture and fodder crops, and are renowned for their ability to perform under adverse conditions (that have become the norm in recent years), and to continue to grow out, making them not only a sound investment, but one where profits are maximized.