



Opportunity knocks at Bandedeka

COMMERCIAL buyers looking for quality bulls to make their cattle operation more efficient and lower maintenance are invited to the annual Bandedeka on-property bull sale on Thursday, February 21.

While this sale may be one of the later ones on the bull sale calendar, the stud believes it has assembled a large selection of quality bulls that will make the wait worthwhile for the discerning buyer.

Simmental

This year's line-up of Simmental bulls is especially pleasing for their evenness and carcass performance traits.

The stud has a quality sire battery in place and these sires are passing that performance on to their sons.

Sires include Optimal, a South African sire from which there is no more semen available due to this bull's popularity, and the well proven Wichita.

Wichita sired the stud's 2007 Perth Royal Show junior champion bull and is producing calves that are making many commercial farmers very happy.

His calves are heavy and grow out rapidly — an ideal baby beef producer.

A relatively new sire on the scene is Bandedeka Yass River.

This year will see the first of his sons offered in the sale and they are looking exceptional.

Yass River is a 2003-drop calf which looks to have a real future within the stud.

Long term clients are reporting excellent results every year from Bandedeka bulls.

Most of the comments revolve around the weights they are getting in their calves, including figures such as 254kg averages over 50 or more calves.

A standout lot to be offered in the sale will be Bandedeka Adam — a bull that was sashed the interbreed champion of all shows in 2007.

Adam is a real standout sire and has all the attributes that any breed would be happy with.

He is as long as a train and structurally very well put together.

He is not only a stand out physically, but is also placed in the top 5pc of the breed for his

400-day weight EBV of +45.

Adam is also well above breed average on supermarket index and Japan index at +\$24 and +\$19 respectively.

Red Angus

The Bandedeka Red Angus stud continues to grow and this year's sale team is bred in the purple with three sired by Ferndale Rambo — the red meat bull.

Rambo's babies are easy to pick, they are the ones with the biggest butts.

Five of the team are by Ferndale Workman, which is an Adelaide Royal Show interbreed champion, and whose semen is being used by a number of studs across Australia who were fortunate enough to get hold of it.

Another bull in the team, sired by Glacier Chateau, is a powerful bull and sure to impress.

In an exciting development for all involved at Bandedeka, the stud has been fortunate enough to purchase 50 Ferndale females (Bob has kept a few favourites).

These females are due to arrive this week and from reports back to the stud, were highly admired for their quality by the quarantine officers on duty at Kalgoorlie.

Of course 50 more females means some cattle have to make way for these and the stud has decided to offer the Liveringa matrons along with some selected C heifers. This offering will total about 30 head.

The Liveringa matrons were purchased from the stud's dispersal four years ago and have bred some wonderful calves for Bandedeka although the stud decided to retain only the Bandedeka and Ferndale prefix cattle.

The Red Angus cows on offer have been AI mated to some of the breed's top sires including Mulberry, Bona Fide and New Trend and running with Ferndale Park Rambo as back-up.

New Simmental sire

Bandedeka stud has more exciting news to announce with the purchase of a new Simmental stud sire from the Woonallee stud, Furner SA, for \$23,000.

Although not the top price from the on-property sale, the bull was breeder Top Baker's top choice of the crop and offers a



Typical baby beef with a Bandedeka sired Simmental-Friesian calf. Fifty of these particular calves averaged 254kg dressed weight.



Bandedeka Tasha (left) and her exciting young calf at foot by Bar 5 Piona and lot 4 Bandedeka Adam. Tasha's 2005 drop bull calf sold to Gowrie Simmental stud for \$14,000 last year.



Bandedeka Breaker will open the Red Angus catalogue at lot 26 of the Bandedeka on-property sale on Thursday, February 21. Breaker's dam was a supreme exhibit at the Perth Royal Show as a 2yo.

total outcross for the Bandedeka stud with a combination of South African genetics and top Woonallee female lines.

Bandedeka cattle are run as commercially as possible with minimal feeding however a cooked grain palletised feed is used to finish the bulls as it assists with semen quality and production.

This also ensures the bulls are ready to work and require very little letting down following the sale.

Bandedeka cattle are available for inspection at anytime. Phone 0407 771 302 or 9727 2207 or leave a message to make an appointment and for further information on the bull sale teams.