

Violet Hills Charolais Newsletter 2020

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The only worthwhile moisture that we have received in the last 12 months (August 2019)

Welcome to our 2020 newsletter. Our thoughts go out to our many clients and friends who are severely impacted by the relentless drought and in some cases bushfires as well.

At Violet Hills we are experiencing our third poor year in a row with the early weaning of the calves (at 2 to 4 months) becoming standard practice. Like so many other people, lack of water is becoming a problem. I never thought that it would happen on our place with so many, normally, active springs.

To put everything into correct perspective, there are a lot of people in a far worse position than we are.

2019 On Farm Sale Report

Considering the poor season being experienced over a lot of NSW and Victoria we were pleased with the 90% clearance and average price of \$5500.00 achieved at our 2019 on farm sale. The top price of \$11000.00 was paid by Clare Charolais, Theodore, Queensland for Violet Hills Neon (P). Neon is a homozygous polled bull excelling in all traits. His temperament is outstanding. We consider him one of the most suitable bulls, for the grass fed market, that we have bred. As a result we have retained semen for in stud use.



On a bright note it is a real pleasure to continue to receive positive feedback from our clients.

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NEWS

Local stud hooks a win

BY MATTHEW CHOWN

GREENTHORPE Galloways principal, Peter Koppman, has recently enjoyed success at the Albury Show's Hoof and Hook competition.

Mr Koppman took a contingent of 11 steers to the competition, a mix of Galloways and Charolais crosses and returned with three third place carcasses, a second place carcass and a first place carcass.

Mr Koppman said it was an exciting result for a small stud during the harsh drought conditions.

"I've probably put 300 steers in hoof and hook competitions in my time and this is one of the most pleasing results I've had," he said.

"The average points of all the steers at the competition was 71.83, my Charolais cross Belties were 78.5 point, my Charolais cross Galloways were 76 point and my pure Galloway's were 74 points so my overall average was 76 points.

"To take 11 steers off one property and be around four points above the average is amazing, especially when I

was up against Yanco Ag and a lot of other big jockies. So it's not a bad result.

"When something like this comes along (during a drought) it picks you up," he said.

Mr Koppman said the Charolais crosses had done slightly better in the competition and put that success down to the genetics provided by the Violet Hills Charolais bull he put across his cows.

"I'd like to acknowledge Violet Hills Charolais in Rydal, they gave me a really good bull," he said.

"They were ecstatic, said it's good to know one of their bulls has produced these results. They are very happy with the feedback.

"When people saw them (at the show) they were saying they look as good as they do because of the Charolais genetics but that's only 50 per cent of the genetics you have to have the good cows to go with them.

"They said they had potential but until you cut the head off and they are in the chiller and being measured you don't know. Those Charolais



Two of Peter Koppman's Charolais cross Galloways on farm before the competition.

cross carcasses were crack-ers," he said.

Mr Koppman said he was surprised at the results and hoped to increase the popularity of the Galloway breed.

"They were finished on pellets so I knew they would do reasonably well, but they did a lot better than I thought

and shocked a few people at the show," he said.

"I have very good cows, they've done well in the past with a fair few going into the Sydney Royal.

"The last Galloway that went to Sydney came second live and fist on the hook and won the taste competition

"The sad part of it is you take Galloways, sell them and people consider them no good compared to Angus but then you have a competition like this and get these results. "There's a bit of meet bias but I blew the Angus away," he said.

out of 90pts

For many years Peter Koppman from Bumbaldry, NSW, has had considerable success in carcase competitions, with his Galloways and Belted Galloways. Peter decided to try a Violet Hills Charolais bull over some of his Galloways and Belties and has been delighted with the results.

With thanks to the Cowra Guardian



It was great to hear from Audrey Scott , Stanley, Tasmania who continues to do a wonderful job producing cattle for the Greenhams, Cape Grimm Grass fed brand. This is a premium brand from Tasmania. Audrey crosses Charolais over Red Angus with tremendous results. Her 2 tooth steers have been dressing over 380kg with excellent fat cover and muscling. Since changing to Violet Hills bulls, with their genuine early maturity, she has been able to turn the steers off at a younger age and still have the carcase weight and quality.



Andrew Allan (Rodwells, Alexandra, Vic) sent me a photo of Stu Gilmore's steer. Stu has been crossing Violet Hills bulls over Hereford and Angus/ Hereford cross cows and has commented favourably on their ease of care and ability to finish on grass. I love looking at these photos and seeing the lovely grass pastures.



I'm sure Phil Kirk, who farms at Peak Hill, NSW would love to see green paddocks like these, too. He has been suffering a horrible drought for a few years, eventually running out of water as well as grass. He kindly sent a photo of steers his children had prepared for showing.



VIOLET HILLS ANNUAL ON FARM SALE

THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2020 1PM

Presented will be 45 Bulls that will be 20- 21 months old.

Many are polled, some are red and all are very easy doing, easy care bulls with tremendous fleshing and an excellent temperament.

The bulls will be auctioned in our sale ring with facilities for absentee bidders via phone or on Auctionsplus. The agent conducting the sale is Elders, (Andrew Bickford, Elders Bathurst, 0427943781 and Brian Kennedy , Elders Stud Stock, 0427844047)

Delivery will be co-ordinated by Violet Hills. A concessional rate of \$200.00 per head may apply to many areas of Victoria and NSW. Please make arrangements with Daryl (0428639674) or Sean (0419416197)



All of us at Violet Hills would like to thank our clients for the wonderful support and friendship you have given us over the years. Your feedback is invaluable for us as we continue to strive to produce a product that increases the profitability of your business. Sorry, we can't make it rain !!!!

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