

## **2013 BULL AND “MATRONS OF MANDAYEN” SALES REPORT.**

Mandayen once again reaffirmed its status as one of the nation's leading Limousin studs with a total clearance and buyer momentum right to the end of its eighth annual bull sale last Wednesday.

The stud sold 61 Limousin and Lim-Flex bulls for a \$5008 average at their Eight Mile sale complex near Keith.

The consistent quality of the offering featuring sire prospects with performance, docility and structural soundness left buyers with a great line up of bulls to choose from.

A total clearance was realised in a selling season when 80-90pc clearances have been the norm and the sale shed was packed to the rafters with the crowd being one of the largest the stud has accommodated.

Lot 1, Mandayen Ionesco G1862-an apricot, polled bull was the sale topper at \$10,500. He was sired by the homebred bull Ionesco C927, Ionesco G1862 had performance figures ranking in the highest 10pc of the breed for six production traits and all \$ indexes. The bull was knocked down to Garrison Cattle Feeders, Swan Hill who purchased three sires for a \$8167 average.

Deepwater Pastoral, Keith bought the top priced black Limousin securing Mandayen Realtor G1856 for \$9000 and paid an average of \$6,500 for their six purchases.

Elders Mildura's Kelvin Fitzgerald purchased 13 bulls for the Neyland family, Prill Park Nominees, Tammit Station via Euston, NSW who bought eight bulls for a \$5688 average, and Mark Collett, representing the family partnership of RM Collett & Sons, Mildura with five bulls for a \$5700 average.

The Hardwick family, Sutton Grange, Keith bought with six bulls between \$2500 and \$4000.

Nine Lim- Flex bulls also sold well averaging \$4222. Walangha Pastoral, Millicent bought the \$6500 top priced LimFlex, a homozygous black sire Mandayen LimFlex G259. This sire has been collected by the Mandayen stud and will be used in the Mandayen LimFlex Elite Program to produce bulls. The sale grossed \$305,488 for the stud.

Stud principal Damian Gommers was thrilled with the result and said the Limousin breed was really on the improve but they had to be the right type of cattle to attract demand. He noted that "There is an increase in demand from those producing vealers and heavy trade domestic cattle as long as the cattle are docile and they can display softness and finishing ability to meet market specifications."

The inaugural “Matrons of Mandayen” Sale was held on the afternoon before the annual bull sale and achieved an 87.5% clearance and an average of \$3496.

Top price honours of \$7,000 went to Lot 50 Mandayen Krystal G1829, a 2011 drop heifer by Wulfs Realtor. She was purchased by Andrew and Lyn Ralph, Tooronga Limousin Strathfieldsaye, Vic.

25 of 27 cow/calf units sold to a top price of \$6,750 and averaged a healthy \$4,180.

16 of 19 mature aged joined females sold to a top price of \$4,500 and averaged \$2,308.

9 of 10 winter joined heifers sold to a top price of \$7,000 and averaged \$3,555.

6 of 9 spring joined heifers sold to a top of \$3,500 and averaged \$2,833.

7 of 7 show prospect, unjoined heifers sold to a top price of \$6,500 and averaged \$3,214.

3 embryo packages sold to a top price of \$700 per embryo to average \$580 per embryo.

Volume buyers in the females were Mount Gambier Limousins, Harlees Limousins, Lidco Limousins, New Day Limousins, Quirindi High School and Tooronga Limousins. The sale grossed \$220,248 and the joint selling agents for both auctions were Spence Dix & Co, Landmark and Elders.



Lyn and Andrew Ralph, Tooronga stud, Bendigo, Victoria paid the \$7000 top price at the inaugural Matrons of Mandayen sale for a PTIC heifer, Mandayen Krystal G1829. It was one of their three purchases. They are pictured with stud principal Damian Gommers, Keith.



Redbanks manager Darren Jenke, Lucindale (bottom left) outlaid the \$10,500 top price for Garrison Cattle Feeders for Mandayen Ionesco G1862 at Mandayen's eighth annual bull sale. He is pictured with auctioneers Landmark's Gordon Wood, Spence Dix & Co director Jono Spence and Elders southern zone studstock manager Ross Milne along with Mandayen stud principals Mandy and Damian Gommers.