

ALC BRAHMANS



ALC UPDATE



When it all seems too good to be true, it probably is! The year started off with very good prices for cattle, green grass over a fair area, low interest rates and a promising look to the wet season. "Here we go this is good", I thought, until the wet season stopped suddenly and a cyclone blew the roof off two meat works in Rockhampton. Cattle prices dropped by \$0.40/kg and we have gone from "here we go", to "hang on tight"! This is just another reminder that **we have very little control over factors outside our own business, so we need to make every post a winner at home.** With steers selling for \$2.00/kg live, even with all things against us, the beef business is still strong. I believe we will see some good times very soon, as the bottle neck of cattle supply starts to clear.

The three things most important to our business; **grass, herd management and genetics** become very clear in these tougher times. Remember the three legged stool! There is no room for non-productive, inefficient cattle at any time, but when feed becomes scarce, it drives the message home even harder.

The heifer pregnancy test was very pleasing this year with a 92% result at "Gundaroo" and 79% at "Tondara", all done on 90 days of mating. Tondara has had 250mm in the past 12 months, in a 700mm rainfall area, so things are getting a little tight. It is reassuring the cattle are still delivering regardless of what Mother Nature throws our way. I believe this is where genetics play a big part. All non-pregnant females have been marketed to let the productive cattle utilize what grass we have grown.

Pregnancy testing in the breeder herds will be finished in a couple of weeks, with early results looking very promising. The speed is on now to find any females who did not wean a calf and re-breed, so we can sell them, thus not wasting any valuable feed going into the dry season.

The ALC bull sale will be held at "Gundaroo" Friday 3rd July 2015. The bulls this year are doing very well and there will be a fair percentage of them

polled. This year we hope to have more than 100 bulls on the sale day. We will keep you posted as we get closer to the time.

Beef 2015 in Rockhampton is fast approaching. I believe this is a great opportunity to meet with people we don't get to see as often as we would like to. Louise and I will be at Beef most days during the week so please give us a call if you would like to catch up or come for a visit to ALC while you are in the area. We would love to see you.

On the following page you will see **two new semen sires** from ALC. These bulls are in the top of the breed for Jap OX and Live Ex \$ indexes. This is driven by fertility with adequate growth. We have just weaned calves from both these bulls this week and are very pleased with the results. There is more information on these sires and others on the "Semen" page of our web site; www.alcbrahmans.com.au Alternatively, don't hesitate to give us a call.

I hope to see you at Beef 2015 or ALC Bull Sale 3rd July at "Gundaroo" and after some long awaited rain-fall.

Have a lovely Easter.

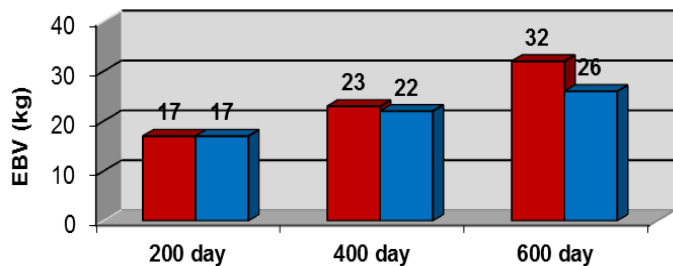
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Alf, children and horses having a well deserved drink after a hot day mustering.

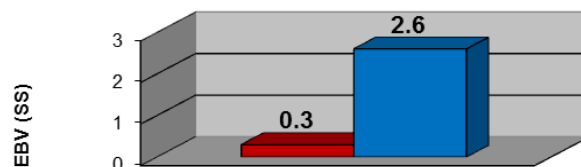
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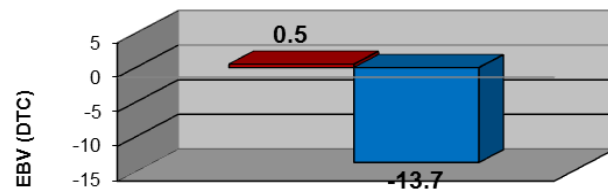
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+17	+22	+26	+2.6	-13.7	03-1557	01-9734	2.9	11	372	-22.1	97-7304	97-7521	2.7	3	369	-14.6

Tom XL Crata Progeny



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Top 1% for Days To Calving EBV

Top 5% for Scrotal Size EBV

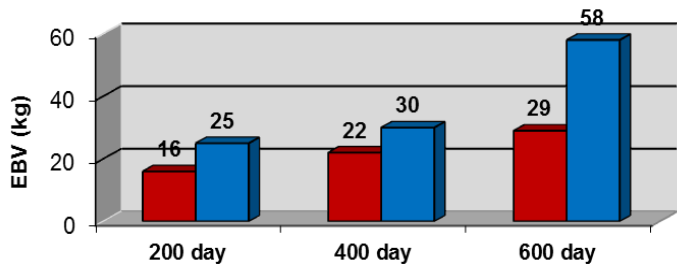
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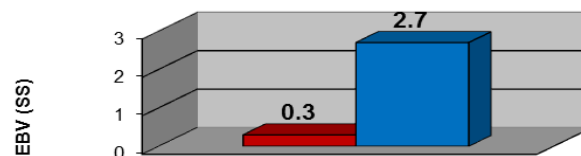
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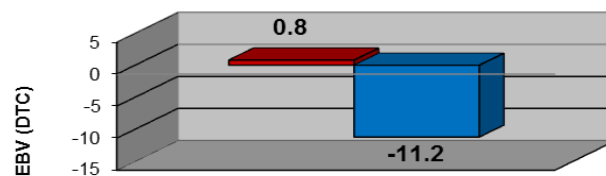
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Tom Pro Bono Progeny



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Top 5% for 600 Day Growth EBV

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Top 5% for Scrotal Size EBV

Top 1% for Jap Ox & L Ex \$ indexes



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 Many thanks for your response Louise.

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