

5TH ANNUAL NSW BRAFORD BREEDERS SALE

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by Craig Chad

The continuing extreme dry conditions throughout the majority of the state and particularly in the western division made for a tough day for the ten vendors who had presented a top quality line up of bulls and females at the 5th Annual NSW Braford Breeders Sale on Wednesday 30th August at the Dubbo Showground. John Horne of Elders Stud Stock conducted the sale with Stephen Moy in the rostrum. In all 18 Bulls sold to a top of \$7500 and averaged \$3514 while the 5 Registered females that sold topped at \$2250 to average \$2000.



The top price bull was Clareveiw Ti'armo, an extremely long and stylish poll bull offered by the Tremain family at Nyngan and bought by Helen Hunt of Budgerie Braford's at Gulargambone. The 27mth old Ti'armo weighed 805kg with ideal carcass measurements of 116 cm² EMA and 9/13mm of fat. Mrs Hunt also purchased another 2 large framed, long bodied poll bulls, which included Wenbry Ocker for \$4000, offered by Reg & Chris Hindmarsh at Millthorpe and Cloudy Hill Osaka for \$3250, sold on account of Mark & Jennie Robson at Carcoar.

The second top money of \$4500 was paid by Col Slade of Largs in the lower Hunter for the 830 kg Chadwick Downs Stocktake sold by the Lill family of Coonabarabran with 119cm² Ema and 10/14mm of fat at 26mths. Chadwick Downs sold another bull for \$4000 to Peter Hammond of Rosewood near Tumbarrumba. Brett Tremain, The Windmill Braford Stud at Yoeval purchased Clareveiw Zephyr for \$3500, while Dick & Donna Croake sold Eldon Court Bon Bon, a 22mths polled bull weighing 745kgs to Darryl Riley on behalf of Barnett Properties, Wickam.

The Chad family, Donrinda / Double C Braford's of Dubbo averaged \$3250 for their 5 bulls which included to Jarrod Bennetts of Coolah for \$3500. Mr Bennett breeds and finishes predominately Braford cattle to sell through his Black Stump Butchery shop at Coolah. He likes the Braford cattle for their high yielding carcasses and consistent meat quality. Another \$3500 sale was to Maureen Cottam at Benalla in Vic., who purchased Double C Gigilo. Mangoola Beef at Singleton purchased 2 Donrinda bulls to be joined to predominately white faced cows while Paul and Lyndal O'Leary of Merrygoen took home a bull for \$3000. The Kilby family of Sandy Creek Braford's at Gilgandra sold to K & J Sandford of Tooraweena for \$3250. Don Campbell of Collarenabri bought from Doug Barnett, Baroma Downs at Croppa Creek for \$3000. Marilyn and Wayne Owers of Beddingdown Braford's at Dungog sold to the Powers family at Cobbora for \$3000. John Bigden of Somerton took home 2 bulls for \$2500 on account of Rudi Palinkas, Uplands Braford's at Boggabri.

In the female offering the Lill Family sold Chadwick Downs Hennessy to Peter Bell, Bellray Braford's at Muswellbrook and Chadwick Downs Crystal to Andrew Buttenshaw, Butttaba Braford's, West Wyalong, both for \$2250. Col and Leslie Kilby supported the sale with the purchase of a Chadwick Downs heifer for \$2000 while Dick and Donna Croake sold Eldon Court Prudey, to the Lill Family for \$1500.

In all it was a solid result with an increase in the number of purchasers from previous years, which saw a number of bulls go into non Braford herds for crossbreeding, while the overall result felt the effects of none of the usual orders from the Western Division due to the extreme dry throughout the region.