



Volume buyer, Malcolm Williams, "Neringah", Frogmore via Boorowa, and Claypool Poll Hereford principal, Allan Rutherford, "Windfall", Manilla, with Claypool One Way E816 (ET) that sold for \$3500.

Buyers push Claypool average up to \$2700

By SAM NORRIS

POLL Hereford bulls sold to properties as far afield as Hernani and Boorowa at the annual Claypool on-property sale last Wednesday, with 18 of the 19 bulls offered selling for an average of \$2700.

Vendors, Allan and Dorothy Rutherford, Claypool Poll Herefords, Manilla, said crossbreeders were most active at the sale driving the average past the \$2197 recorded last year.

Claypool Zac D303(AI)(ET), the 2011 Ekka grand champion Poll Hereford, attracted keen interest, quickly pushing bidding to \$8000.

However, it fell short of the \$10,000 reserve and remained on "Windfall", the home of Claypool, at the time of *The Land* going to press.

Crossbreeders, Jolly and Liz Coward, "Wirriialpa", Hernani, topped the sale

with the purchase of Claypool Spence E807, at \$4750.

Spence, with Aqua Hollow Big Red in its sire line, possessed a daily weight gain of 1.1 kilograms and an intramuscular fat (IMF) score of 4.2 per cent.

The Cowards bought a second bull, Claypool Headliner EX11, possessing an 4.6pcIMF, for \$3000.

The Rutherford's volume buyer was Malcolm Williams, "Neringah", Frogmore near Boorowa.

The weaner producer bought three bulls to a top of \$3500 for Claypool One Way E816 (ET), to average \$3333.

One Way - junior champion at Gun-nedah last year - was an artificial insemination son of Floral View One Way 95M IMP CAN (P), kept in the tank 23 years, and from the dam, Sevenbardot Ursula B74 (AI) (P).

Mr Williams has built his herd on Claypool and Elfdale blood having also travelled to Manilla in 2008 and 2009.

"These are bulls that will go into the paddock and do very well," he said.

"They haven't been pumped full of feed and what you see is the genetics."

Mr Williams sold weaners to a top of \$775 at Carcoar prior to Easter, where 10,000 head were yarded.

Commercial whiteface breeder, Len Monk, "Ebbeville", Upper Manilla, bought two bulls to average \$2000.

Tony Donnelly, "Strathfield", Manilla, bought one bull for \$3750, selling crossbred weaners via the Tamworth yards.

Mr Rutherford, who actively seeks crossbreeders, said it was satisfying to see the return buyers from diverse operations.

"I'm happy selling bulls at that \$2700 average because that's a fair price for commercial breeders to put a white face on them," he said.

"I'm really looking forward to next year because the draft of 40 is looking even better than this year's."

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These will be held at the Nyngan LHPA office on Tuesday, July 26, and the Warren Bowling Club on Monday, August 1, both starting at 9:30am.

"There are many causes of poor reproductive rates in cattle herds - nutrition, management and bull fertility all play a big part. But so can reproductive diseases such as bovine viral diarrhoea virus (BVDV), also known as pestivirus," Dr Kelly said.

"It is estimated that BVDV is circulating in about 90 per cent of beef herds, and this is certainly the incidence that we are detecting in the Central West.

"As BVDV is so prevalent, and chances are it is circulating in your herd, it is a disease worth knowing more about - so make sure you come along to one of the information sessions."

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