



CATTLE DISPERSALS

Studs sell up

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A STRING of big cattle stud dispersal sales have been occurring, but despite the numbers, auctioneers say it's just a coincidence and not reflective of a broader trend within the industry.

Witherswood Angus, Tam-inick, and Yancowinna Angus, Cape Paterson, both held dispersal sales in the past week, while dispersals are on the horizon for Anvil Angus, Acheron, Birubi Limousin, Wagga Wagga, and Glenburn Station Angus, Glenburn.

Glasser Total Sales Management's Michael Glasser was the auctioneer at both Witherswood and Yancowinna sales. He said the current run of dispersal sales was due to varying personal reasons.

"We go through these phases — it just happens to be that

in Victoria we have three major studs that have decided they can no longer continue," he said — referring to Yancowinna, Witherswood and Anvil.

"There's no flow-on effects for other sales — it's the culmination of 20 or 25 years of breeding and for various reasons the studs have decided that's to come to an end.

"It is rare to have three major dispersals going on within that geographic area."

Birubi's Limousin and Lim-Flex dispersal sale was announced in recent weeks, and will be held on Saturday, November 10.

SEJ's Rod Draper said Monday's Yancowinna dispersal sale "reached all our expectations, if not a little better".

There were 94 buyers registered for the sale, where 40 bulls averaged \$4300.

An offering of 208 cows, some with calves, averaged \$2538 and 88 heifers averaged \$1269.

"Cattle sold to NSW and even a heifer to Queensland, and we had quite a bit of competition on Auctions Plus," Mr Draper said.

Witherswood Angus's dispersal sale last week saw a total of 441 lots sold.

The stud's 19 bulls averaged \$4684 to top at \$7000, while 133 heifers topped at the same price and averaged \$2921.

From the 290 cows with calves offered, 253 sold to a top price of \$38,000 and average of \$5652.

Anvil Angus' dispersal sale will be held just a few days after Birubi's, running over two days on November 14 and 15.

More than 850 lots are expected to be offered across the two days.



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RESULTS FROM THE PAST WEEK



Sale	Offered	Sold	Top price	Average	2017 average
Ardene Australian White, Darlington	104	58	\$4000	\$1593	\$1887 (60)
Athlone Poll Dorset and Southdown, Penshurst	303	303	\$1500	\$1025	\$1006 (250)
Bungulla Merino, Manilla, NSW	108	104	\$4500	\$1701	N/A
Egelabra Merino, Warren, NSW	160	160	\$9000	\$2731	\$2521 (184)
Firgrove Merino, Dunkeld	44	44	\$3200	\$1380	\$1106 (36)
Gemini White Suffolk, Suffolk & Poll Dorset, Werneth	133	95	\$7000	\$1325	\$1501 (91)
Glenara Merino, Dunkeld	52	51	\$5000	\$2144	\$2210 (39)
Greenland Merino & Poll Merino, Nimmitabel, NSW	68	59	\$4300	\$1609	N/A
Grogansworth Merino, Yass, NSW	102	89	\$6500	\$2155	\$2088 (98)
Hillcreston Park Merino, Bigga, NSW	50	44	\$3500	\$1809	\$1397 (29)
Jackson Border Leicester and Poll Dorset, Moyston	140	136	\$12,000	\$1840	\$1782 (129)
Melrose Merino, Nurrabiel	52	50	\$5800	\$2072	\$1646 (51)
Stavely Park Merino, Willaura	72	70	\$4500	\$2473	\$2188 (83)
Tallawong Merino, Murrumbateman, NSW	139	119	\$5500	\$2220	N/A
West Wail White Suffolk and Dohne, Horsham	150	136	\$2300	\$1380	\$1470 (100)

COMING SALES

Thursday, 25 October

- Avonside Merino, Cooma, NSW
- Cottage Park Merino, Cooma, NSW
- Wurrook Merino, Rokewood

Friday, 26 October

- Clear Hills, Hamilton
- Nareeb Nareeb Merino, Nareeb

- Paxton Border Leicester, Western Flat, SA
- Thalabah Merino, Laggan, NSW

Saturday, 27 October

- Carrabungla Merino, Laggan, NSW

Monday, 29 October

- Montrose Hill, Illabarook

- Rogara Merino, Goulburn, NSW

Tuesday, 30 October

- Coryule Merino, Willowvale
- Rettalack Border Leicester, Ariaiah Park, NSW