



Karoo's \$20,000 top bull heads west

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VALUE for money was what buyers were talking about as they left the sale barn at the Karoo Angus sale at Meadow Flat last Friday with 48 of the 77 bulls offered selling under \$5000.

The sale still met top-end competition as five studs chased the leading bulls to a top of \$20,000, the sale averaging \$5513 for a total clearance.

Stud interest was ever present pushing keen commercial buyers to their limits as they chased the next generation of stud sires for their respective operations.

The top bull sold to Lou Schmidt, Koojan Hills Angus, Kojonup, Western Australia, for \$20,000 via a phone bid.

The bull was Karoo 458N Design G253, a son of Sitz New Design 458N, weighing 924 kilograms with a 46 centimetre scrotal circumference and estimated breeding values (EBVs) of +132 for 600-day weight, +120 for mature cow weight and +5.1 for eye muscle area.

Theo Onisforou, KO Angus, Kangaloon, paid \$16,000 for one of the highly sought-after sons of Tuwaretoa

Regent D145, Karoo D145 Regent, which at 890kg backed its presence with EBVs of +8.0 for EMA, +3.4 for intramuscular fat, with positive rib and rump fat and low birthweight.

Ron Cowley, Roseleigh Angus, Pinnaroo, South Australia, paid \$9000 for a son of Booroomooka Dulcify D98, weighing 840kg with a +\$132 long fed/CAAB index.

Tony Lettice, Waverley Station Angus, Gundy, near Scone, also snapped up two sons of Dulcify for \$10,000 and \$5000 respectively.

Colin Bannerman, Kywarra Angus, Blayney, purchased a Regent son for \$6000, weighing 828kg with a long fed/CAAB index of +\$138, low birthweight, high growth and positive carcass weight, including +6.1 for EMA.

Mark, Sue and Sam Evans, "Netherby", Walgett, bought five bulls to a top of \$10,000, averaging \$7200.

Their top bull was the lead bull in the March 2012-drop calves, Karoo D145 Regent H40, by Tuwaretoa Regent.

First time buyer at Karoo, Greg Capon, "Kurragh", Tenterfield, paid a \$4750 average for four low birthweight bulls, to join with his heifers.

Mr Capon joins 200 cows annually to breed steers for the northern



Auctioneer Ben Emms, Ray White Emms Mooney, Blayney, with Tony, Riley and Annie Scott, Karoo Angus, Meadow Flat, and the top-priced bull bought by Lou Schmidt, Koojan Hills Angus, Kojonup, Western Australia, for \$20,000.

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Chris and Peter Stonestreet, Barry, averaged \$7667 for three bulls, while James Freeman, JMF Livestock, Barry, bought three bulls for \$6667

and Tuglo Station, Edith, loaded three bulls for \$6000.

Matt Kerin, Bathurst, secured four bulls for \$3500 and Ray White Livestock, Blackall, Queensland, took

five bulls back north of the border for \$3600 apiece.

The sale was conducted by Ray White Emms Mooney, Blayney, with Ben Emms as the auctioneer.