

JAD equals \$55,000 best

Sizzler the red hot pick of the sale

BY DENIS HOWARD

THE fifth annual JAD Speckle Park bull and female sale drew strong competition, pushing the top price to the stud's equal record price of \$55,000 on the way to grossing over \$1.1 million.

Held on-farm at Greenvale, Yeoval, the sale was conducted by Bowyer and Livermore and had 100 per cent clearance of 87 lots with \$55,000 top price going to JAD Sizzler S50.

This equalled last year's top price for JAD Rare Cat R109.

The 699 kilogram son of Minnamurra Montezuma M25 and dam JAD E11 Amy's Girl Q5, JAD Sizzler S50 ranked in the top five per cent of the breed on Breedplan for rib fat (+1.4) and rump fat (+1.9) and the top 10pc for carcass weight (+27), mature cow weight (+55), 400-day weight (+37), and gestation length (-1.1).

The 19-month-old polled leopard-coloured bull was purchased by Big Star Speckle Park, Valroona, Hillston, and Ron Potter Farms, Hillston.

Ben Wesley, of Big Star, said JAD Sizzler S50 would fit in nicely with his breeding program.

"His stats just tick all the boxes for us for where we are and what we need," he said.

"He is that heifer's (JAD E11 Amy's Girl Q5) first calf and that was a real stand-



JAD Sizzler S50 with (back) Nick Fogarty, Bowyer and Livermore, Brian Leslie, Dairy Livestock Services, Jock Potter, Ron Potter Farms, and (front) Ben Wesley, Big Star Speckle Park, and Amy and Justin Dickens, JAD Speckle Park.



Top priced lot, JAD Sizzler S50, proved popular among bidders, eventually selling for \$55,000. Pictures by Denis Howard

out for us. He'll be going over heifers and will suit our program.

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Jock Potter, Ron Potter Farms, said he would use JAD Sizzler S50 as an artificial insemination sire on some of the operation's 1200 breeders.

"I'm looking forward to

seeing how it goes," he said.

"We bought a share in this bull because we wanted to make a jump ahead in our genetics."

The sale featured 36 stud bulls which averaged \$12,917, 18 pregnancy-tested-in-calf (PTIC) stud heifers averaged \$11,667, 12 commercial bulls averaged \$8583, 15 lots of PTIC commercial heifers, comprising 122 head, averaged \$2777 and six lots of five semen straws averaged \$496

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Top priced PTIC stud heifer was JAD Northern Star S106, purchased by Celamba Pty Ltd, Westmar, Qld, for \$20,000.

The 19-month-old heifer was sired by Prairie Hill Loaded Up 5E and from Ravenworth Northern Star 101A.

Northern Star S106 had Breedplan figures in the top 15pc for rib fat (+0.9), rump fat (+1.2) and intramuscular fat (+0.4), and was joined to homebred stud sire JAD Quistacat Q48.

Celamba Speckle Park's

Celia Mackay, Westmar, Qld, has 80 breeders and has been searching for strong genetics to take her stud in the right direction.

"She has the genetics I have been looking for to continue improving the stud," Ms Mackay said.

"Over the past year we have really been focused on getting quality genetic lines.

"I look for temperament, fertility, doing ability, growth and marbling.

"The two heifers I bought from JAD go back to Ravenworth Northern Star and I am confident they

will provide progeny with those features.

"I have always found good females breed good quality."

Stud principals Justin and Amy Dickens were pleased with the sale result.

"We had a tremendous crowd here today and good solid support," Mr Dickens said.

"Obviously the beef job has come back a bit and so does the sale result, but overall we're very happy to get them all sold.

"They've gone out to a lot of new buyers from all states of Australia and there were lots of return buyers also which is good."

Mr Dickens said it wasn't the easiest year at Greenvale.

"Season-wise we started off really wet and it was quite challenging through spring," he said.

"But then we cut off and in December it was quite tough here. We only got rain here a couple weeks ago and it greened up.

Mr Dickens said he was happy with how the stock presented.

"We are getting much more predictability in our breeding nowadays and combined with increased numbers coming forward, our cattle have become much more affordable, which is pleasing to both us and our clients."

Auctioneer Brian Leslie, Dairy Livestock Services, was pleased with how the sale went.

"It was a really strong sale, right the way through there was bidding from all over Australia on AuctionsPlus, and there were folks here from a long way away as well," he said.

"I've been selling this sale for five years and you know, I thought this was the best line of bulls that we've sold here at JAD."

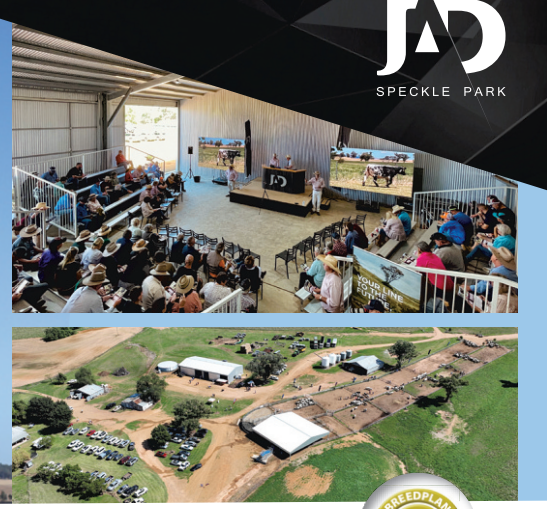
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