

Best practice agriculture

SCOTTS Angus' commitment to be a 'good farming citizen' has seen bull sale numbers increase by more than 30 per cent in the past two years.

The angus stud, near Henty in southern NSW, takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and its dedication to the industry is paying off.

"Best practice agriculture guides every aspect of our operation, and this means looking after our clients as well as the environment," said stud principal Steven Scott.

This year Steven and his wife Cindy have 175 bulls available for sale by private treaty and while the increase in bull sales means more clients, Steven says clients still come first.

"They are front and centre in all we do; we have increased our work force to ensure there is no compromise on our service.

"Clients know they have unlimited time in the yards to choose their bulls and with that comes the opportunity for me to learn about their operation and 'diag-



BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS: Scotts Angus invest in pasture management strategies that are both good for the environment and their stock and have revegetated approximately eight per cent of their total land mass. **Photo: Supplied**

nose' their needs, so we can make the best bull selection for their particular herd."

The Scotts also understand the contribution their bulls must make to their client's profitability and main-

tain a focus on performance genetics, with an emphasis on docility, calving ease, and structural soundness.

"Ease of calving translates to ease of living for the farmer, so that is paramount. I've

never heard of anyone leaving a party to check on their heifers' marbling scores!"

The sires used for this year's selection of bulls include Paratrooper, Kicking, Keystone, Klooney,

and Fireball.

The bulls from Scotts Angus are backed by a two year structural soundness guarantee, but Cindy believes clients can also have confidence in the stud's environ-

mental credentials.

"We realise that beef has been maligned for its contributions to emissions, but we are doing everything we can to demonstrate how sustainable management of livestock can reduce and offset these effects," she said.

"Our herd is marching quickly towards carbon neutrality," Cindy says, pointing to a recent carbon account developed for their farm by IntegrityAg through Landcare Australia, which highlights their success in this area.

The Scotts have revegetated approximately eight per cent of their total land mass, aiming for at least 10 per cent by setting aside 20 hectares every year for direct seeding and tubestock planting.

"We've been creating tree corridors and shelterbelts for over twenty years, long before carbon became a hot topic. The process can be costly and time-consuming but adds to biodiversity and the beauty of our farm and to the overall sustainability of our operation, something we are very proud of."



175 BULLS FOR PRIVATE SALE

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