

# Wallawong

MURRAY GREYS

## 2008 Sale Results

New and repeat buyers from three states showed strong support at the Wallawong Murray Grey Sale on 10 July. 15 of 20 bulls sold to top at \$6,000 five times to average \$4300. 3 of 5 registered cows with young calves at foot sold to \$3,000 to average \$2583. A total clearance of eight yearling unjoined registered females was also achieved, topping at \$2250 twice to average \$1481.

Buyers and under bidders travelled from Tasmania, Southern and Northern NSW and Queensland to inspect the outstanding line up of bulls. The dynamic and powerful nature of the bulls was complimented by comprehensive performance and actual data. 35% of the offering possessed eye muscle areas 120 square centimetres or larger, while 80% of bulls displayed scrotal sizes 40cm or larger. Weights were also substantial with 60% of bulls having weights in excess of 800kg.

Of the five bulls that achieved the top price of \$6,000 the first was lot 3, Wallawong Quasimodo, 25 months. He was purchased by repeat buyers the Louis family of Barraba and possessed a 125cm<sup>2</sup> eye muscle area, 860kg and a 42cm scrotal size. His performance data placed him in the top 5% for all growth traits and top 1% for EMA. He will be used to increase the muscle content and butt profile of the herd, with progeny destined to be sold as heavy weight weaners.

Lot 4, Wallawong Quintessential, 24 months, was the second bull to reach \$6,000 and was sold to the Barnier family of Somerton. Quintessential had EBVs in the top 5% and an Eye Muscle Area EBV in the top 1%. He weighed 935kg and had an eye muscle area of 119cm<sup>2</sup> and a 41cm scrotal size. The Barniers went on to purchase another two sires for an average of \$3667.

Tasmanian buyers were also keen to snap up Wallawong genetics with the Menegon Family, Big Park Murray Greys, securing lot 8, Wallawong Quench, 23 mths, for \$6,000. The frame score 6.6 Quench exhibited an eye muscle area of 121 cm<sup>2</sup>, was 845kg and had a scrotal size of 40cm. He was selected for his excellent structure and high performance data.

Another of the top selling bulls to head to Tasmania was lot 13, Wallawong Quiver, 26 months. He was purchased for \$6,000 by John and Miriam Young, Cam Grove Murray Greys for the specific purpose of joining to heifers to produce low birthweight, high growth calves. Quiver possessed an outstanding calving ease EBV of +3.8, while still being in the top 5% for EMA. His actual data included a weight of 830kg, 118cm<sup>2</sup> eye muscle area and a 43cm scrotal size.

Another Starbright S117 son to reach \$6,000 was lot 14, Wallawong Quorum, 25 months. He was purchased by long time repeat clients the Lucas family of Gunnedah. Quorum was selected for his exceptional combination of muscle and fat cover. He weighed in at 835kg and displayed a substantial 123cm<sup>2</sup> eye muscle area, 40cm scrotal size and a fat scans of 13 and 8mm.

The offering of females was also keenly sought after with the top cow and calf going to Peter Smith, Cassino Murray Greys, Glen Innes for \$3,000. The five year old cow, Wallawong Miss Anita 25<sup>th</sup> was sold with an outstanding calf at foot by Lindsay Starbright S117. The calf is destined to be used as the next stud sire in the Cassino herd.

Another highlight of the sale was the outstanding offering of yearling unjoined heifers, which saw prices reach \$2250 twice. The first of the top selling heifers was lot 29, Wallawong Caldora 2<sup>nd</sup>, who will make her way to the Bundaleer Murray Grey stud in Karridale Western Australia. Caldora was secured for the herd due to her exceptional scan data, being the highest ranked heifer for EMA while still maintaining softness and doing ability. The Owen family, Bundaleer Murray Greys also went on to secure another female in lot 31, Wallawong Gale 6<sup>th</sup>.

The other top selling heifer was lot 33, Wallawong Ester 5<sup>th</sup>, who was purchased by Cadfor Murray Greys, Binda NSW. They also purchased another two heifers and a young bull, Wallawong Rocket, to complete their requirements.



Kate pictured with the Barnier family and Wallawong Quintessential

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