

The below average birthweight calving ease high indexing bull recorded solid performance with weight intervals in the top 18-24pc, top 12pc docility, top 6pc NFI-F, top 19pc EMA and top 17-18pc for both breeding indexes.

Several buyers shared volume buyer status after securing three bulls each.

This included return volume buyers Capel Creek, Donnybrook, paying from \$7000 to a \$13,000 top price for the final bull offered, a late August 2022 born AI-bred son of Texas Iceman R725 and a SAV Resource 1441 daughter Black Market Wilcoola R160, which is believed to be the first Iceman genetics offered in WA.

In their fourth year buying Black Market bulls, Capel Creek manager Dean Taaffe said they had built its self-replacing female herd to 300 Angus breeders which calve from early March.

Steers and surplus heifers are weaned in early November for four weeks and sold through the Boyanup weaner fixtures from late November, early December weighing up to 360-370kg and averaging around 320kg.

He said the Black Market bulls have been performing for them, are deep and thick with good temperament.

An Esperance region buyer operating on AuctionsPlus secured three bulls at a healthy average of \$9667 and to a \$11,000 top price for an AI-bred son of USA sire Mogck Entice.

Other buyers to secure three



Black Market T311 (by Black Market Aldean Q121) sold to GL & RK Dickson, Nannup, for the sale's \$19,000 second top price.



WA College of Agriculture, Harvey, year 11 students Jake Lynch (left), Jake Pich, Amelia Addison, Sean Smith, Will McLarty, Samara Moss and Hamish Omodei with WACOA Harvey farm manager Tony Abel, assistant farm manager Brad Falkingham and cattle technical officer Brian Edwards attended the Black Market bull sale.

bulls were Nannup Fresh Fruit, Nannup and EB & G Quick, Donnybrook, which included one of the overlooked bulls following the sale.

A further six buyers finished with two bulls each, headed by return buyer LT Toovey & Son,

Cranbrook, with its account topping at \$13,000 for Black Market Troopy T155, a 762kg mid-July 2022 born AI-bred bull by Paratrooper P15 and a Deer Valley All In daughter Black Market Princess N008 with a strong spread of figures.

The below average birthweight bull ranked in the top 14pc for gestation length (GL), top 11-21pc for all weight intervals, top 9pc EMA, top 18pc CW, top 25pc milk, positive fats and top 23-27pc breeding indexes.

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