

Shorthorns selected for cross-breeding benefits.

The 16th Annual Turanville Shorthorns Bull Sale was well supported by return buyers considering current seasonal conditions in the surrounding Upper Hunter. A total of 24 bulls out of 29 offered sold to a top of \$18000 and averaged \$7833.

The top priced bull Lot 19 Turanville Encryption T9 was purchased by Weebollabolla Shorthorns, Moree. The impressive young 17 month old sire presented with a very good physical appearance, moderate growth with a good soft skin and plenty of muscle definition. His Performance Herds Australia Breedplan figures put him in the top 1% for IMF, top 15% for fats and top 25% for calving ease, gestation length and birthweight. Sired by The Grove Terabytes N0615, his dam was Turanville Wallflower P6.

The Grove Shorthorns Condamine Queensland secured the next highest seller in Lot 2 at \$17000. Turanville Encryption S227 weighed in at 860kg with a scrotal of 42cm and a 200 day weight figure in the top 10%. He headed the draft of 3 sires purchased by The Grove for an average of \$11333.

Other volume buyers operating successfully on the day included Lynoch Pty Ltd, with Warren Coventry booking his 3 lots through Mike Wilson Studstock for an average of \$6666. Ben McNaughton, manager of St Aubyns Station, Walcha selected 4 bulls including 2 yearling Durham Red bulls for the commercial cross breeding programme. St Aubyns supplies feeder steers and grass fed slaughter steers from the herd using Shorthorn and Red Angus genetics bred up from a base of Mandalong Special cows.

Other purchasers included Peter Cumming from Rouchel selecting 2 sires to a top of \$9000 for Turanville Oscar S182 and also the Webb families from Oberon taking 2 sires topping at \$9000 to add to their successful Shorthorn cross Angus commercial programme.

The helmsman sale was conducted by Turanville Partnership and interfaced on Auctions Plus with 5 lots selling online. The board was marked by Stuart Sheldrake of McGrath Upper Hunter.