

# Inverell weaner steers to \$855

## Calves sell to strong highs in stellar market

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### Sale Summary

- Prices in line with recent markets
- Heifers sold to \$760
- Cows sold to \$1340

**T**HE dollars kept rolling in for fresh calves at the Inverell Sapphire City Weaner and Breeder Sale last Thursday.

Backgrounders, restockers and lot-feeders were active on the 2500 head resulting in prices every bit as strong as recent sales in the north.

Sundown Pastoral Company cattle buyer, Antony Glynn, Kingstown, set the pace early with the purchase of lots one (\$830), two (\$825) and three (\$842).

Pen one (15 head of black baldies) was knocked down by Alex Johnston and Company on behalf of breeders, Alan and Elisabeth Uebergang, Blue Nobby Station, North Star.

The money climbed to \$855 for a pen of 333kg Angus steers.

McGregor Livestock, Inverell, knocked them down on account of clients, Susan and Cameron Grey, "Forest Lodge", Delungra, to Jafam Trading, Guy Fawkes Station, Guyra.

McGregors sold a subsequent pen of Angus steers for \$702 to Sundown (302kg) on account of Raymond and Nicky Price, "Ashton", North Star.

Glenwhy Partnership, "Glenelton", Crooble, sold Hereford steers (300kg) for \$745.

In the Euro lines, John Mair and Company, Inverell, sold 30 Charolais steers on account of the Campion family, Croppa Creek, for \$765 weighing 302kg.

Heifers sold equally strongly.



Angus heifers weighing 265kg to \$760, on account of Nicky Denham, "Kilton", Tingha, to George Fuhrmann, Casino,

McGregor Livestock knocked down the champion pen of heifers for \$630 – Santa Gertrudis-cross – on account Geoff and Vicki Smith, "Dalkeith", Warilada.

Pregnancy-tested-in-calf cows met keen interest.

The Statham family, Sundown Pastoral Company, sold 221 Angus and Angus-cross cows joined to Angus, Hereford and Charolais bulls.

Aged four to six years; these cows sold from \$1080 to \$1340 to average \$1209.

Phillip Hallam, McGregor Livestock and Property, Inverell, said the sale was equally as strong as the recent markets.

"There were people from north, south, east and west and more than a few who went away empty handed," he said.

"One restocker paid 330 cents for

## North Star presents winner

**WINNING** the ribbon for best presented steers was a pleasing moment for Alan and Elisabeth Uebergang, "Blue Nobby", North Star, as was the money they fetched.

The 15 baldy-faced steers weighed 320kg and made \$830. Another pen of 18 Angus/Braford steers weighed 318kg and achieved \$842.

The couple (pictured) have taken on the family farm from Alan's parents, Neil and Sylvie Uebergang, including 600-plus Angus/Braford cows with 30 years' breeding.

Mr Uebergang said these were just the tops of the 2010-calvers having kept plenty more at home.

heifers which is unbelievable money."

The sale was conducted by combined agents J.A McGregor Livestock

"It's tempting to sell them all at these prices," he said.

"We'll wait and see what the markets do."

The climate's somewhat kinder than the New England winter, however, giving the Uebergangs confidence to hold onto them.

The calves are presently grazing some forage sorghum and will soon go onto forage oats – having received a timely shower on a crop recently sown.

"We'll work closely with our agent, Spencer White (Alex Johnston and Company), to determine how we'll market the rest," Mr Uebergang said.

and Property, Inverell; H. Roy Miller, Bingara; John Mair and Company, Inverell; and Alex Johnston and Company, Inverell.

### What They Said



We purchased 50 Hereford steers



We bought a mixture of Hereford and



We bought 185 steers to average