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Australian Lowlines - 25 years.....The Book

After many months of researching, collecting & collating, the Australian Lowline book is in the final stage of production!



This anniversary book is a celebration of 25 years of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association and the acceptance of the Australian Lowline as a breed in its own right.

We take a look at the heritage and the history of Australian Lowlines – encompassing the arrival of the Glencarnock Angus in 1929 to the Trangie Research Station in New South Wales through to the Lowline cattle of today.

This publication highlights the fantastic attributes these compact and versatile cattle have to offer to the small acreage farmer and commercial enterprise alike.

Carefully collated and containing contributions from many ALCA members both within Australia and abroad, members past and present, it is complete with a full listing of ALCA members for the 2017/2018 year.

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Including never seen before photos and some long forgotten facts along with shared stories and experiences of the breeders dedicated to preserving the purity of these unique genetics, this book is sure to be enjoyed by all.

Containing over 300 information packed pages presented in hardcover and filled with colour images. Purchase this book as a keepsake for yourself or as a gift.

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2018 Southern Region Promotion Group On Farm Challenge

The 2018 SRPG On Farm Challenge was held on 10th, 11th & 12th March 2018. The event's organisation is complex and expensive and is therefore held bi-annually.

This year the event covered nearly 1500km and was judged by well-known Angus breeder and cattle-woman Fiona Glover. A total of fourteen studs entered the competition and three studs participated for the first time this year. Sixty animals were judged over the three days.

Presentation of the results was made at a luncheon on farm on Sunday 15th April 2018. All SRPG members were invited to attend. There was an electronic display of results and photos of entries during the presentation.

Participation in the On-Farm Challenge is not expensive, and the event is accessible to all Victoria ALCA members

Getting animals ready and taking them to a show can be very expensive and a massive effort for breeders. To reduce this burden and allow all Victorian breeders to have feedback on their cattle and their breeding program through classes like the pen of 3 steers and sire's progeny group, the SRPG initiated the On-Farm Challenge four years ago, and it has been a great success with Victorian members.



Participants for SRPG On Farm Challenge

The competition uses the same judging criteria of structure, temperament and type as a traditional show cattle are judged on farm and in 'paddock condition' with no show preparation or handling required for them to be eligible to enter the challenge. Scores are weighted according to traits deemed by the Judge to be most desirable. Breeders receive written feedback from the Judge on each of the animals they present. The Challenge provides a great opportunity for benchmarking and a valuable learning experience for Victorian Lowline breeders.

The event is run in a professional way and attracts cattle judges of the highest calibre. It was not always this way and in the early days it was quite difficult to find a judge for the event.

Since that time however, the SRPG On Farm Challenge has become recognised as a well organised and enjoyable judging gig. There is no problem recruiting well known judges for the event now.

The On-Farm Challenge has raised the profile of Lowline cattle (and the SRPG more generally) in the wider cattle world. Judges can be introduced to the Lowline breed through the event, they meet and talk with breeders and establish relationships which in turn helps to counter prejudice against our smaller cattle breed.

The competition draws on committee members and SRPG member volunteers to make the event happen. Skills gained by members are transferrable to the organisation of other events.

The On-Farm Challenge can also be the vehicle for media promotion of the Lowline breed.



2018 Southern Region Promotion Group On Farm Challenge.....cont

The social aspect of the On-Farm Challenge is important. All SRPG members are invited to attend the presentation luncheon and it provides an enjoyable way to network with other breeders which ultimately maintains and supports relationships within the SRPG.

In conclusion, the On-Farm Challenge is an important showcase event for the SRPG. The competition provides many benefits to members. These benefits include knowledge and skills acquisition, promotion of the breed to the wider cattle world and social networking within the group. The SRPG looks forward to running many more successful On-Farm Challenge competitions.



Winner of the Sire's Progeny Class at the On Farm Challenge.

Patricia Ellis and Gary Smith
Glenholme Stud, Yarra Glen

The Class was sponsored by Hoogies of Yarra Glen. Pictured are Lacey & Rose from Hoogies with Patricia Ellis. The prize was a \$100 voucher from Hoogies, a local Agricultural supplier.

CHAMPION MALE Whitby Farm Squizzy (86.40)
Whitby Farm – Gill & Ken Lorains

CHAMPION FEMALE Elandra Park Wish (91.60)
Rotherwood – Vicki Gilbert

SUPREME CHAMPION Elandra Park Wish (91.60)
Rotherwood – Vicki Gilbert

CLASS 2 – BULL 12–18 MONTHS

1. Whitby Farm Richard II – Ken & Gill Lorains
2. Yarra Ranges Major Tom – Natarsha & John Canny
3. Tarrawarra Flashdance – Jacqui & Richard Feagan

CLASS 4 – BULL OVER 2 YEARS

1. Whitby Farm Squizzy – Ken & Gill Lorains
2. Barregowa Jetstream – Alexie & Steve O'Brien
3. Ballarat Grammar JD – Ballarat Grammar

CLASS 5 – FEMALE 9–12 MONTHS

1. Riverside Ranges Nova – Jo-Ann Jackson
2. Riverside Ranges Nicholli – Jo-Ann Jackson

CLASS 6 – FEMALE 12–18 MONTHS

1. Tarrawarra Fifi – Jacqui & Richard Feagan
2. Yarra Ranges Midnight Diamond – Natarsha & John Canny
3. Rose Hill Millie – Maryanne & Ron Sawyer

CLASS 7 – FEMALE 18–24 MONTHS

1. Rotherwood Lady Madonna – Matt Cooney
2. Rotherwood Moulin Rouge – Vicki Gilbert
3. Riverside Ranges Mocha – Jo-Ann Jackson

CLASS 8 – FEMALE 2–5 YEARS

1. Rotherwood Lady Liberty – Heather & Karl Hales
2. Black Label Karen – Sue Pace & Craig Davis
3. Whitby Farm Lucinda – Patricia Ellis & Gary Smith

CLASS 9 – FEMALE OVER 5 YEARS

1. Elandra Park Wish – Vicki Gilbert
2. Rotherwood Glamour Girl – Vicki Gilbert
3. Barregowa Groovy (89.08) – Sue Pace & Craig Davis

CLASS 10 – PEN OF 3 STEERS 12–24 MONTHS

1. Tarrawarra – Jacqui & Richard Feagan
2. Whitby Farm – Gill & Ken Lorains

CLASS 12 – XBRED / COMMERCIAL FEMALE OVER 12 MONTHS

1. Glenholme Lucy – Patricia Ellis & Gary Smith
2. Tarrawarra Twiggy – Jacqui & Richard Feagan
3. Rotherwood EX1 – Vicki Gilbert

CLASS 13 – SIRE'S PROGENY GROUP OF 3 ANIMALS

1. Whitby Farm Taylor Made – Patricia Ellis & Gary Smith
2. Whitby Farm Taylor Made – Gill & Ken Lorains
3. Tarrawarra Barak – Jacqui & Richard Feagan



What I look for & Why when I assess Cattle

By On Farm Challenge Judge, Fiona Glover, Wattlewood Angus

I would like to give you now an idea of what I look for in an animal starting from the ground up.

Feet: Well shaped hooves, that are ideally straight in between the claws– i.e. no pinch and that have a good depth of heel to promote natural wear in the toe. In saying that, I don't like them with no space as they may become prone to footrot or other fungal issues in damp climates due to the lack of air in the hoof/ between the claws.

Legs: I look for a round boned animal with the correct angles in the joints, probably more noticeable in the hind quarter. They need to have strength through the pasterns and fetlocks while having an ideal angle through the hocks, thurls and up to the hips. Too straight, and there is jarring pressure on each joint while moving around, while too much angle, there tends to be stretching and weakness on the ligaments and joints. In the front end, the forearm is a good indicator of how much meat an animal is carrying, as there is very little fat in this area.

Head and neck: Firstly, a bull must look like a bull and have some width between the eyes and across the forehead and some "hooding" over the eyes, a female should be feminine. Both sexes should be alert and not have ears that droop.

All cattle need a good broad muzzle is an indicator of width that can flow through the body. An animal must have clean bite (i.e. not under or overshot in the jaw), as they can consume grass and fodder more effectively which contribute to the ability to convert energy into growth, beef and reproduction ability.

While the neck should have a reasonable length and blend back into the shoulder. A short neck tends to lead into "block" shoulders which are generally heavier than genetically could lead to calving issues.

A quick look at the brisket as well as over the ribs will give you an idea of how much condition an animal has, as these are areas that will deposit fat.

Shoulders: I find this quite an important part of the animal, especially the bulls. Once again as with the back legs, too straight and we see jarring through their movement and when they come down off their cows at serving. Something else I look at is the height of the chine (the area over the shoulder blades where the spine passes in between).

If the shoulders are too high in comparison to the spine there is not much room for compression when the bull hits the ground after serving. The chine also needs to be open, as this sets the width for the eye muscle area to develop and travel along the spine.

Ribs and body: While looking from the front, we need to see some width in the chest. This is where the workings (heart, lungs etc.) of the animals live. When I look to see how the shoulder comes back into the body, I want to see the start of a "wedge", narrow at the front that widens as the body goes back into the hind quarters.

While we need some capacity to the chest, the shoulders should be laid-in. Genetically the parents can pass on smooth shouldered calves to their progeny and this assists in the calves being born easier and not getting the calves shoulders hooked up in the cow's pelvis at calving.

When we look behind the shoulder the ribs should "spring" behind the shoulders and the spine. "Spring of rib" from the spine allows a "shelf" for the eye muscle to sit. The best cuts of the animal come from the top third, so the deeper the top third equals more of the good meat.

The rib cage should also be open allowing room for the stomachs to ruminate and digest fodder and convert into energy and grow a calf in the case of our females.

I like to see good depth though the ribs that follows along to the flank, creating a visual of a "box of meat on legs".



What I look for & Why when I assess Cattle.....cont.

Loins: I like to see again, a good deep “shelf” in this area this is where your tenderloin/ porterhouse/ t bone steaks come from and you like to see this cut round and juicy, not flat and boring. Likewise, animals that are high in the hips detract from the strength through this area.

Rump: When I assess this area, I look at the butt shape and depth of the animal’s twist. Also looking at the pins either side of the tail. On breeding stock, I don’t like to see fatty deposits. These will be any size from a small golf ball to large softball size and even larger. This impacts the reproductive organs, leaving fatty deposits around the uterus and ovaries in females and around the testicles in bulls which can lead to fertility problem

I am also very interested in the width through the hips, thurls and the pins and the angles and heights between each of these.

Over my years of being an A.I. technician, I pretty much can tell where a cow’s reproductive organs are going to sit and the complications that come along with this if, it is not right. If the pins are too high, the angle of the anus and vulva is jeopardised and there is a risk of manure falling into the vulva and causing infection in the uterus. The hip, pins and thurls are also the birth passage for the calf. The tighter this area, the more problems potentially could arise during calving.

Testicles and Udders: Both these organs should not be “hairy” and are directly related. I take notice of the way scrotum hang as it is an indicator on the strength of the suspensory ligaments of the udders in the female. When a scrotum swings forward, the female equivalent problem is an udder that droops in the back quarters.

Testicles that are small tend to be reproductively immature and the female’s version of this problem is that the ovaries are often underdeveloped and inconsistent in follicle release. A mature bull’s testicles should be “2 stubbies around (38–42 cm circumference). The epididymis should be clearly visible at the bottom of the testicles

When assessing the sheath and penis, I want to see a sheath that is close to the underbelly of the bull. A sheath that is too “loose” could see the bull prone to injury whilst serving and coming off a cow as there is a lack of support and a lot of movement. In saying that, there does need to be a little movement. If the bull is too “tight” in the sheath and a cow moves while the bull is serving, he lacks the ability to move with the cow and could have an injury because of been too ridged.

The penis should not droop from the sheath, keeping it clean from environmental contamination, thus reducing the risk of infections. When the penis is extended from the bull through ejaculation, it should be straight and smooth, free of any lesions and warts. (N.B. This is something that isn’t normally seen in a show ring).

A cow’s udder should have four even quarters with teats that hang straight down and should be about the width of an adult’s thumb. “Bottle teats” cause issues to a young calf while trying to attach as they are too big for the calf’s mouth. This can lead to the calf not suckling properly and not taking in the food/ energy to grow and develop properly, the flow on effect for the cow is that that quarter may stop producing milk or worse still develop mastitis or other infections and losing the quarter completely.

Temperament: Lets face it, who wants to be chased out of the yard by a 500 kg beast– male or female. Problems with aggressive and nervous temperament is that meat animals will kill out dark as they have a high pH level which directly influences the colour, appeal and tenderness of the meat. These traits are also inherited, maybe not in the first generation, but can pop up in later generations long after the original problem animal is long gone.

Type: I like to see an animal that has a moderate maturity pattern. This makes the animal a little more diverse and has the ability to breed a change of type if necessary. Usually these animals are saleable if times fall hard. Later maturing/harder doing cattle don’t carry too much excess so if there is a flush of grass they won’t go to fat as earlier maturing/easier doing cattle are prone to.



Why your Bull Selection is so important

Your bull contributes 50% of the genetic material to your herd. Given that both his strengths and weaknesses will be passed onto the next generation, potentially he will be influencing the breeding outcomes in your herd for the next 20 years or more.

What you produce and sell as breeding stock is not only important for your reputation as a breeder but for the future of the breed as whole. In effect, the future structural correctness, the fertility, longevity and the commercial viability of the breed is in the hands of the breeders of today.

If you want to achieve consistency in attributes in your herd and continue to improve the breed then you have to be prepared to cull.

Australian Lowline calves are undeniably cute – they definitely have that face appeal. Their inquisitive nature and the gentleness of manner make them irresistible. But being a good breeder requires discipline. Not every bull calf born is going to be worthy of being a herd sire. Some may indeed be worthy of being that herd sire but genetically he's not really of use to you in your programme, especially if he is related to your females. However they will make great steers and at the end of the day that's what it's all about – beef.

Selling less than quality bulls to others as breeding stock isn't the answer. It's just a quick way to ruin your own reputation as a breeder of quality and that of the breed.



Tandarra Winston

It's also a quick way of multiplying the faults in a breed – remember the bull is 50% of the genetic makeup of a herd. Even if someone just wants a bull for their hobby farm, why should we as breeders, settle for anything less than the best representations of the breed being out there, especially if it has your stud name on it.

Learning to cast a critical eye over your stock is essential to your success. Looking for structural correctness, temperament, testicle size, health, maternal milking ability and feed efficiency are just the beginning of the exercise. Spending time in your paddock with your stock is key to this. Noticing all the strengths along with the weaknesses of each animal is important. It will help you identify which two animals to pair in a mating so as to achieve maximum advantage of the genetics on offer.

Looking at a beef breed you should be able to see the beef. Achieving a practised eye is just that – practice.

Learning from more experienced breeders is essential and will only enhance your skills. Asking questions is a must, as is being willing to listen to advice and if necessary, criticism of your methods. The only way we all improve is by being willing to learn from others. Educating yourself with the breed standards and getting out and seeing as many examples of the breed as possible with help your understanding.

If the breeders of generations past had settled for average as the herd sires of our breed then we wouldn't be in the strong position that the Australian Lowline is in today.

There is plenty of potential in this breed to not only continue its success but to enhance the commercial viability of it.

The other thing to remember is that it takes a lot longer & is more costly to grow a good bull to maturity than to produce a steer.....and a steer is a quicker way to get a return for your investment than by growing out a bull, hoping that someone will come along and want to buy it.



2018 Sydney Show Results

The Royal Sydney Show judging was held on Friday 23rd March, 2018 at the Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush, NSW.

Once again, another Easter is over & Lowline exhibitors are celebrating their successes. A line-up of quality cattle exhibited by 9 studs from New South Wales & Victoria, impressed young judge, Mr Tim Eyes, making his final choices quite difficult at times.

The broad ribbons wins were shared around the studs proving the overall consistency of the breed.

Congratulations to all exhibitors on a great, friendly show.



Lily & Ella Falkenberg with their heifer,
Blue Jem Scarlett

Congratulations to youth members,
Lily and Ella Falkenberg of Quartz Hill Stud.

What better way to start your showing career than
winning Junior Champion Female at Sydney Royal
Easter Show!

FEMALES

Class 100: Heifer 9 – 12months

1st Cann Valley Nefertitti Girl – Matt Cooney

Class 101: Heifer 12 – 16 mths

1st Rotherwood Number One Girl – V.Gilbert

Class 102: Heifer 16 – 20 mths

1st Blue Jem Scarlett – L & E Falkenberg

Junior Champion Heifer:

Blue Jem Scarlett – L & E Falkenberg

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer:

Rotherwood Number One Girl – V Gilbert

Class 105: Heifer 20 – 24 mths

1st Serena Downs McKenzie – C & M Noel

Class 107: Cow over 30 mths

1st Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse – M Cooney

2nd Wanamara Tilly Devine – G & J Knight

3rd Elle Kay Stellar – Kuipers Family

4th Elle Kay Ruby – Kuipers Family

Senior Champion Female:

Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse – M Cooney

Reserve Senior Champion Female:

Wanamara Tilly Devine – G & J Knight

Grand Champion Female:

Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse – M Cooney



Supreme Exhibit – Rotherwood Master Maelstrom



2018 Sydney Show Results cont.

BULLS

Class 112: Bull 12 – 16 mths

- 1st Rotherwood Master Maelstrom – V Gilbert
- 2nd Elle Kay Notanotherbull – Kuipers Family
- 3rd Serena Downs Nutcracker – C & M Noel

Class 113: Bull 16 – 20 mths

- 1st Serena Downs Magnitude – C & M Noel
- 2nd Serena Downs Maximus – C & M Noel

Junior Champion Bull:

Rotherwood Master Maelstrom – V Gilbert

Reserve Junior Champion Bull:

Serena Downs Magnitude – C & M Noel

Class 116: Bull 20 – 24 mths

- 1st Wanamara Consentino – G & J Knight
- 2nd Rotherwood Masterpiece – V Gilbert

Class 117: Bull 24 – 30 mths

- 1st Cann Valley Momentous – M McNamara &
G Urquhart

Class 118: Bull 30 – 36 mths

- 1st Platinum Park The Red Baron – V Gilbert

Senior Champion Bull:

**Cann Valley Momentous – M McNamara &
G Urquhart**

Reserve Senior Champion Bull:

Wanamara Consentino – G & J Knight

Grand Champion Bull:

Rotherwood Master Maelstrom – V Gilbert

Roger Barlow Perpetual Trophy – Best Exhibit:

Rotherwood Master Maelstrom – V Gilbert

Class 122: Best Two Bulls not over 24 mths

- 1st Rotherwood Lowlines – V Gilbert

The Caves Show, Qld

Rockhampton Girls Grammar had a great day at the local show, The Caves on Sat 28 April, coming home with both male and female Grand Champion ribbons, with Desire Red National Pride taking out the female and McIntosh Creek Mondaroo taking out the male.

The girls also performed very well.

Kasey Davies placed 1st, Shyane Yates 3rd and Brianna Austin 5th in the 16–25 years judging.

Heidi Davison placed 1st and Logan Cox 4th in the 15 years age group. Shakeeta Yates placed 5th in the U13 years age group.

Heidi Davison, Jemma Green and Kimberley Weier also placed in Junior Parading events.

Lowlines were very well represented as usual, with 9 local studs competing. Congratulations to all participants on the day. We certainly all did the lowline breed proud.

Ku Lacey,
Rockhampton Girls Grammar



Rockhampton Girls Grammar students with the Compact Breeds Grand Champion Female, Desire Red National Pride & the Compact Breeds Grand Champion Bull, McIntosh Creek Mondaroo



Transport vehicles and facilities for livestock

Whether you are a first-time cattle owner or you have been breeding cattle for a while, it is always so important to ensure the safety of your Lowline cattle when being transported.

You must remember that even though your Lowline cattle might be smaller framed than some other breeds, they are cattle & NOT pets so the vehicle for transportation must be a decent size & height to make the animals secure & free from harm while being transported. Using small bike trailers or anything without an overhead barrier is not safe.

If you are purchasing a calf, you must remember that calves will grow so a larger vehicle or stock crate will be needed at a later date.

If you don't have a suitable vehicle, stock crates & horse floats can be hired or a livestock carrier should be engaged to transport your stock.

The following regulations are taken from the
AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES
LAND TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK
Edition One Version 1.1 21 September 2012

Objective: Livestock transport vehicles and facilities for holding, loading and unloading are constructed, maintained and operated to minimise risks to livestock welfare.

SA3.1 A person in charge must ensure that the vehicles and livestock handling facilities are constructed, maintained and operated in a way that minimises risk to the welfare of livestock. Vehicles and facilities must:

- i) be appropriate to contain the species; and
- ii) have effective airflow; and
- iii) have flooring that minimises the likelihood of injury or of livestock slipping or falling; and
- iv) be free from internal protrusions and other objects that could cause injury; and
- v) have sufficient vertical clearance for livestock to minimise the risk of injury.



Other things to think about

Facilities, vehicles, crates and containers

should provide a suitable environment to minimise the risk to the welfare of livestock from extremes of temperature, weather and humidity

Vehicle gates and facilities should be sufficiently wide to ensure easy movement of livestock and to minimise injuries.

The livestock crate should be designed to ensure that livestock can rise from lying in a normal manner without contacting overhead deck structures.....not jump out!

Flooring and surfaces should be designed to maximise grip and minimise slipping and falling.

Fixed partitions should be available in the livestock crate for use when travelling in hilly or high-traffic areas or when carrying small numbers of livestock, to prevent livestock being thrown around or injured. Partitions should also be used for segregation when required.

For livestock that are susceptible to cold (such as young livestock), transport vehicles should have either fully enclosed fronts or the ability for the vehicle front, roof or canopy to be covered to prevent wind chill and cold stress.



Rockhampton Beef 2018 - 6th to 12th May



*We're Talking
and you're invited*

Monday

The Advantages of the Lowline Cow

Presented by—

Philip Worthington, Woolstone Park Stud, New Zealand

Tuesday

Fixed time AI Programs

Presented by—

Matt Brown, Beef Extension Officer, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Wednesday

Marketing your Beef and the Certified Lowline Beef story

Presented by—

Mandy & Kell Tennent, Cloudbreak Lowlines & Eungella Beef

Friday

The Importance of Bull Selection Red genes and Export

Presented by—

Ku Lacey, Desire Red Stud & Exporter of Australian Lowline Genetics

*Commencing at 11:00am
Australian Lowline Cattle Site C222*

*Everyone, from all breeds, welcome!
Come and have a seat, have a chat
and ask questions!*

www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au
www.lowlineshop.com

There are 58 Lowlines entered in the showing for the largest cattle show in the southern hemisphere, and the competition will be fierce but friendly!

That is happening on Thursday May 10th.

But that's not the only reason to check out Beef Australia 2018.

ALCA has a trade site to promote the breed both nationally and also to all our international visitors in partnership with the Beef Australia Handshakes program that links international guests with cattle breeds and breeders. It will be just to the right of the main entry and opposite great food and drink outlets.

We are bracing to host more than 3000 school children with colour ins and stickers and crosswords, several thousand other visitors from Australia and overseas and will provide information about the breed, promotional materials and merchandise.

Cattle will be on display at the site and speakers on a range of topics of interest to all will speak each day – from fixed time AI programs to the advantages of the Lowline cow to export and marketing.

As well, there will be a congregation of Lowline members from Victoria to New Zealand and far north Queensland to share ideas and enthusiasm with everyone.

We will endeavour to keep everyone updated through the ALCA facebook pages as the event unfolds.

If you can't be here, follow what we are doing!

If you can be here, you are most welcome!
Come and say G'day!



The Cattle Parasite Atlas produced by meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)

A regional guide to parasite control in Australia

The 'atlas' of parasite control in cattle has been developed as a rapid reference for advisors and producers on the best practice for parasite control for all the major livestock regions in Australia.

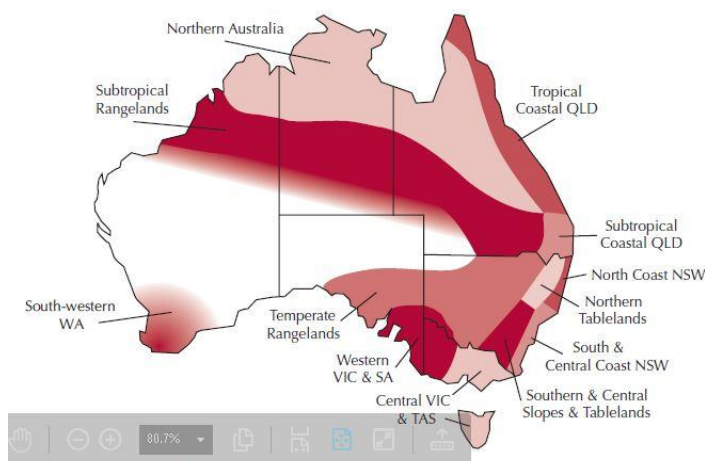
The atlas is divided into two sections. The first section describes the program of treatments and interventions for each climatic and geographical region. The regional guides highlight the main production systems, the most important parasites, management procedures that may be used to assist in their control and, where the information is known, the cost-effectiveness of those programs.

The recommendations for each region are generic and therefore need to be customised to the needs of individual producers and delivered by those with knowledge in the field.

The second section of the atlas examines in more detail the most important parasites, basic principles of parasite control and the range of treatments available.

The atlas is a compilation of available information and represents the end result of 30 years of investigation, research and application by veterinarians, advisors and producers. The publication has relied on the effort and input from a number of sources, particularly from Dr David Buckley who has collated the information and provided unique approaches to presentation and delivery.

Further acknowledgement should be given to Queensland Department of Primary Industries, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Department of Primary Industries, Victoria, South Australian Research and Development Institute, Western Australian Department of Agriculture, Rural Lands Boards in NSW and a number of manufacturers of antiparasitic products. Dr Malcolm Smeal has provided expert technical advice and review.

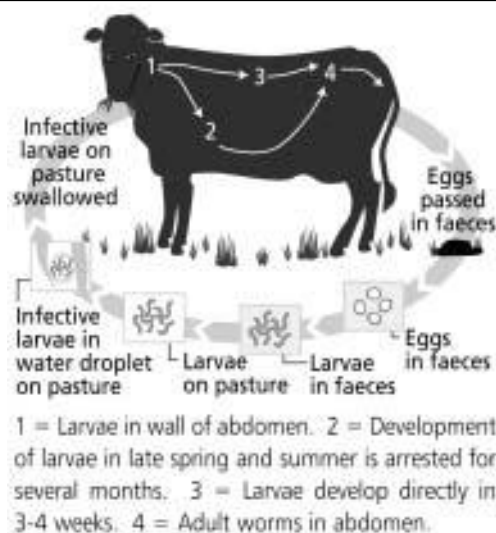


It is really important to have a regular drench program for your cattle for parasite control.

This 'atlas' is extremely informative with separate sections for each region & can be downloaded from the Meat & Livestock website

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Or the ALCA website => FORMS & DOWNLOADS



New South Wales Lowline Promotion Group - Cattle Workshop

NSWPG is hosting a workshop for all things cattle. It will be held on the 26th May at the home of Elle Kay Lowline's, Tuena NSW.

It will be a hands on day, which will be a great learning opportunity for people of all experience levels.

NSWLPG CATTLE WORKSHOP

WHEN

**May 26th 2018
8:30am – 3pm**

WHERE

Elle Kay Lowlines

'The Junction' Abercrombie Road, Tuena, NSW 2583

RSVP 20TH MAY 2018



**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**ADVANCE
TICKETS**

**\$20 per person
Includes morning tea,
lunch and afternoon tea
as well as an
information pack**

RSVP

**20th May 2018
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TOPICS

**How to register cattle
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management skills
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Bull selection
Vaccinating
Drenching
Nutrition
Farm tours**

Oxford A & P Show, N.Z

Oxford A&P Show was the last show of the season in North Canterbury (NZ) on March 31. It was affected by the *Microplasma bovis* concerns and cattle breed classes were cancelled. Several shows have cancelled their cattle sections this season because of the disease.

However the cattle organisers at Oxford invited Woolstone Park to take their Lowlines so that Junior Judging and Handling competitions could still be held.

Woolstone, who are regular exhibitors at Oxford, took 16 animals – yearlings/rising two-year-olds and calves – to cover the number of handlers who are in the team and any youth who would normally lead with other breeders and who entered on the day.

Eleven Rangiora High students, two primary members of the Woolstone team and six other handlers ranging from 7 to 22 all took part.

Amy Hoogenboom, the judge for both the Handlers and the Stock Judging, gave every entrant time and feedback and it proved a great learning experience for all. Some were at only their second show, and some were doing stock judging and speaking on the microphone for the first time. Everyone got the chance to speak on the microphone.

The show ran a commentary during the cattle competitions, drawing the crowd to watch.

At the end all competitors were included in a group photo with Geoff Smith, the national president of the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ, who was at the show for the royal sheep event. Geoff was thrilled to see the focus on the youth and insisted on a photo with everyone and all the Lowlines.



Malvern Show, N.Z

Rangiora High School (Canterbury, New Zealand) competed at the Malvern Show last Saturday. The team of 12 high school students, ranging from 12 to 17 years, took part in breed classes, all beef breeds class and a paraders class across the age groups.

Two junior primary school members boosted team numbers to 14. The students led the 17 Woolstone Park Lowlines (Rangiora) at the show.

For seven young handlers it was their first show, a sign of the growing interest at the school in cattle handling. The team is pictured below, just after the Grand Parade. Edsal stud was also represented, having made the hour-long drive from Ashburton, with their four animals.



2018 Royal Adelaide Show Entries are Open

Beef Cattle Judging at the 2018 Royal Adelaide Show will be on from 31st August 2018.

Entries are now open.

Entries Close: 8 June 2018

For further information:

<http://theshow.com.au/show-entries/competitions/beef-cattle/>



Flashback – 2014 Royal Adelaide Show –
Senior Champion Female – Glenlonney Georgie
Girl

2018 Royal Queensland Show (EKKA) - Entries Open

Entries are now open for the 2018 EKKA.
Show dates 10th – 19th August 2018.
Judging timetable will be available on-line.

Entries Close: 15th June 2018

<https://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/categories/animals/beef-cattle>

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Managing Your Rural Property - Free Training Event - Victoria

Saturday 19th May 2018

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Lilydale Lakeside Campus, Jarlo Drive, Lilydale
Vic 3140 —

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