

TESTIMONIALS FOR LOWLINE BULLS

Beef Herds

Coonong Station, a large NSW Riverina sheep and beef farming operation of 27,000 hectares between Urana & Jerilderie, purchased their first Lowline bulls in 2007.

They had calving troubles with their Hereford heifers & had tried using bulls from other breeds over the years but were still pulling calves or losing heifers calving. It was suggested by another beef producer that they try using Lowline bulls so they purchased three 2 year old bulls from Elandra Park & Wanamara studs

Since then they have purchased a few more Lowline bulls but the original bulls are still working in 2013 at 8 years old. Coonong Station is vast so the bulls work in large paddocks & sometimes harsh conditions. It goes to show that structurally good bulls will have a long working life & the Lowline bulls are proving their longevity.

Sophie Holt maintains the use of Lowline bulls for a heifer's first calf is a sensible option. By getting 100 per cent of live calves & having 100 per cent to wean is the best outcome for any producer.

Sophie says she likes that all the calves are consistent of type no matter what bulls are used. They are quick growing, black baldy calves that are weaned at 6 months old, around 200kg, & sold as grass-finished yearlings, preferably over the hooks, fetching good prices. Last season, Sophie said they had joined the Lowline bulls with some of their older Hereford cows & all the cows were in calf. She said she didn't know how the bulls had reached as some cows were quite tall – “perhaps they used each other to stand on” – but the job was done.

**Sophie Holt
Coonong Station
Urana, NSW**

Americans Love Lowline Bulls

Duff Cattle Company is a fourth generation, 500 head Angus seedstock operation in southwest Oklahoma, USA.

In their sale catalog of Spring 2014 they stated that for 20 plus years they have been looking for an easier way to calve out first calf heifers.

They tried Lowlines about three years ago and now they calve their first calf heifers out in the pasture with their cows, checking them once a day to tag the calves.

Kirk Duff says “the results have been very satisfying.”

He calls Lowlines “the best low maintenance, easy calving Angus genetics available”.

He further states that birth complications have been minimal with birth weights from 50 to 69 pounds and the calves are vigorous and grow well.

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Other Producers Promoting Lowline Bulls

Sophie Holt of Coonong Station, Urana NSW caught up with me at the 2014 Royal Melbourne Show. Sophie has been using Lowline bulls over her Hereford heifers & some cows for many years now & is a firm believer of the benefits of using these great bulls. The original bulls purchased are still working well.

Her neighbour, who also runs Hereford cattle & has been buying Hereford bulls from the Holt family for about 35 years, came to Sophie last year & said he was having problems calving his heifers.

Sophie said "We'll fix that!" & sold him one of her Lowline bulls to use over his heifers.

The neighbour was really impressed with the outcome of no calving problems & great calves so he now wants to buy more Lowline bulls!

It just goes to show that if we are persistent in promoting our bulls for calving ease, the non-believers will eventually come round to our way of thinking once they see the outcome for themselves.

*Julie Knight
Wanamara Lowlines
Major Plains, Victoria*

Another Lowline Convert

I had a phone call the other night from a Dairy client who had purchased 3 Lowline bulls last year.

The previous year's calving had been disastrous when he had to pull 32 calves from his cows/heifers (dairy & beef cross) so he decided to try Lowline bulls, as a neighbour had been doing for many years.

He told me his 80+ cows/heifers (dairy & beef cross) had calved to the 3 Lowline bulls within a 6 week period & all had healthy calves.

He has had friends & neighbors commenting on his 'well bred Angus calves' & he has had great delight telling them **they are well bred-Lowline calves!**

*Julie Knight
Wanamara Lowlines
Major Plains, Victoria*



Lowline bulls to moderate Angus Herd

With the growing concern of consumers for a healthy lifestyle, beef producers are now moving to grass-fed beef production

One well known commercial Angus enterprise in northern New South Wales is following the American Kit Pharo philosophies (Pharo Cattle Company) for moderating the size of cattle for a more economical & faster finishing steer.

Fifteen Lowline bulls have been purchased from 5 Lowline studs in Victoria and Queensland to use with the 2015 heifer joining of 300 Angus heifers. Another 800 cows have been artificially inseminated with Lowline semen from leading genetics.

The 2016 calving will result in the beginning of a new venture for this trailblazing beef producer, and hopefully open another market for top quality Lowline bulls into the mainstream commercial beef industry.

*Jacqui Feagan
Tarrawarra Lowlines
Tarrawarra, Victoria*

Ross Marriott runs almost 3000 Simmford, Angus, Red Angus and Angus cross cows on his East Gippsland and Western District properties in Victoria. He uses a dozen Lowline bulls as terminal sires in a beef operation that's large enough to sell direct to Hardwick's meat wholesalers.

"With our heifers, we were running into a lot of problems with low birthweight Red and Black [Angus] bulls. So about 5 years ago [2001] we tried to get 20 Lowline bulls, with great difficulty", he says.

"We got a few heavy end and a few lighter end and it just proves pretty conclusively that you want the heavier end of things - bulls that are going to grow out to about 600 kilos."

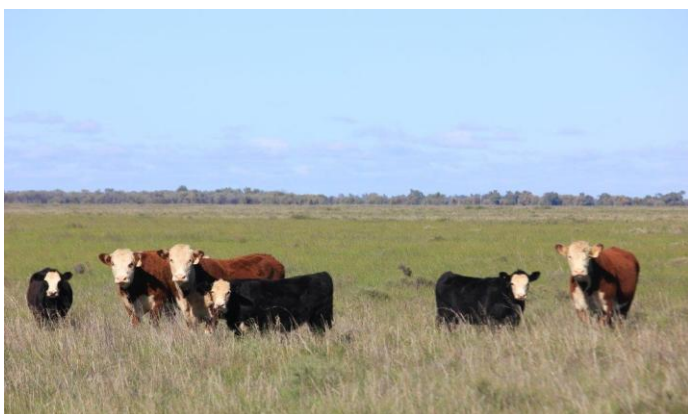
"Lowline generally share the calving ease, that's the very reason we went for them. But we also wanted something that's worth something at the end of it".

"We use the Lowlines as terminal sires and we sell everything at about 18 months of age. We wean them at six months but then we run them on for 12 months; they are a really good weaners."

"We get calves that are dressing out at 230-230 kilos at 18 months old.

Ross says he was tempted to try three-quarter Lowline, one-quarter Angus bulls, but doesn't ever want to get back to his calving problems.

*Ross Marriott
South Gippsland, Vic.*



John Shoobridge, of Cleveland Pastoral Estate, runs 2700 Angus and Angus-Hereford cross breeding cows on 22,000 acres over three properties in Tasmania's Derwent Valley, about 100km north-west of Hobart.

He joins around 380 yearlings to his nine Lowline bulls annually and says it is **the ease of calving and saleability of the offspring that makes them attractive.**

He was initially dubious, but has no reservations whatever now, although he says the bulls require a joining percentage a little greater than some other breeds - "around 3 per cent if you can" - and should be aged two or over.

"If you're going to get into Lowlines across an extensive commercial herd to join your yearlings to calve as two year olds I think you definitely need two year old, slightly plus, Lowline bulls. That's no reflection on the breed." He says.

"They certainly do the trick. They get the cattle in calf and there are absolutely no calving problems."

John previously tried Jersey bulls which meant calving ease, but he found buyer resistance to the offspring in the saleyards, especially when they had the tell-tale Jersey 'tiger stripes' and yellow fat.

His own home-bred Angus-Jersey cross bulls worked better, giving a more uniform black coat and retained the ease of calving. Then he started introducing more and more Angus blood into the line until, at three-quarter Angus, he started to have calving problems again.

"The beauty about the Lowlines [calves] is that they're very marketable. Once you present them in the market at 8 to 10 months old, they are very, very beefy."

*John Shoobridge
Cleveland Pastoral Estate
Derwent Valley, Tasmania*