

## **Woodbourn Sale Update 2nd April 2020**

The sale is still on, it will still be held on the 11th May at 12 noon. We live in trying times, but it does appear to be easing a little.

I am very hopeful that Tasmanians will be able to attend in person, even if their families won't be with them in order to keep the social spacing rules. I listened to the premier this morning and your attendance at the sale would be considered work and the rural industry an essential service. We have the ability and the facilities to keep appropriate separateness. I do reiterate that it would be best for the minimal number of people from each business and family to attend to sale.

Our mainland client situation may be a little more difficult. However, we spent last Monday videoing all the bulls and cows and calves, and this will be on Auctions Plus, Facebook and other social media outlets in the very near future. Of course, the sale will still be an auction, and agents will be in attendance to help with your selections and to assist you with phone bidding, if that is easier for you or use Auctions Plus.

As an update on the animals, the quality is as good as I had hoped for. On the reverse side of this note, you will find frame scores, weights, and scrotal measurements. In all regards, the numbers are very impressive. Six weeks out from the sale, and the weights are as of the last two years bulls' weights on sale day. All this achieved on grass- no grain diet. With regards to frame scores, the majority are in the five and half to six and a half frame score. The five or six outliers are fantastic animals, especially for those who wish to lift their herds to accommodate higher 400 and 600 day weights.

I believe this is the year to pick up very good bulls at a reasonable price. The "virus" will no doubt, have an effect on the sale. To those looking to increase female numbers, I strongly urge you to look carefully through the female section of the catalogue. These cows and calves, whether they are the very young or the older proven females, really are from our top drawer. Amongst the heifers are some exceptional Breedplan females with great phenotype.

To those of you who follow and/or purchase our stock, I thank you. As in the past, freight is of no concern and our guarantees are rock solid. Please read the two pages of notes in the catalogue which will explain freight, health, guarantees and other items of interest.

I really hope that everyone can attend, but if not, please organise yourselves with Auctions Plus, your agents, or our local agents, or ring me if you require more information or assistance.

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