

WA AGM report 2016

WA had a great winter generally, with plenty of hay after the big amount of feed, so summer started well. Summer has been mild with huge amounts of water across most of the south causing considerable damage to roads, paddocks and infrastructure.

The Salers breed is a recognised breed within this state now with larger herds now incorporating bulls within them, carcass and feedlot competitions stamping the breed as a force to be reckoned with. The Alsha Baylee stud won the most efficient animal in the now state-wide competition the Gate 2 Plate from feedlot through to processing, it was a three quarter cross Salers and she clearly beat all competitors. The prestigious group category has evaded them for the time being but will tackle it again next year.

Red Rock proved an asset in the Alsha Baylee stud this year with some great calves on the ground with one bull calf Maurice taking out the interbreed calf competition at the Perth Royal show, and whilst on the shows Alsha Baylee again put a team of cattle up and certainly didn't disgrace the breed through the season. They are now putting a team together for the Wagin "Woolarama" with Red Rocks progeny represented very strongly of which the heifers will then go into the Youth Cattle Handlers Camp for use with the participants.

Bull sales have been strong and hopefully continue as such. Hope the rest of this great country has the strength of cattle prices as we do in the west, but remember we can't be too greedy and the prices need to reflect a positive income for all sectors of the chain for a continued strong return for us into the future. So remember to keep this great breed in the faces of those that breath negativity towards it and keep the sheaths tight, legs short, flanks low, feet strong and correct and ooze volume on all points.

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