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The season has been a mixed bag from having a dry, late start, to a very wet and cold, ending with the South Coast area of WA having very little feed to retrieve as a hay crop.

Cattle prices still remain firm but there is quite a difference between heifers and steer prices in the market, the difference being around 30c/kg.

The live trade of animals, as we all know is still hanging in limbo with the risk of the live sheep trade being stopped and then I personally believe the live cattle trade will also be abandoned. If this happens it will adversely affect the base price of WA and NT cattle.

No Salers were shown at the Perth Royal show this year but were exhibited around 4 country venues. Alsha-Baylee will regroup and make an assault on the Perth Royal next season if all goes well with a couple of keen young handlers to help.

Alsha-Baylee supports the WA Youth Cattle Camp with personnel and cattle. Their heifers were well received again this year, having been used for junior judging and structure demos during the camp.

The WA Youth Cattle Camp values the support/sponsorship that the A.S.A. supply to them. With the ASA benefitting in the knowledge the cattle youth of WA know what Salers animals are and what the breed can do for the beef cattle industry.

The challenge in the wider cattle industry of it accepting the breed is hard but we do not have an issue here with cattle breeders knowing what they are.

Clinton Gartrell who is Alan and Sharon’s son-in-law is an Elders agent and is active in supporting the breed over here.

Cross breeding still remains the biggest draw card to promote the breed with outstanding results coming out of this scenario.

So in closing off, WA will host the next years AGM with what we hope will be a collection of good presentable cattle and alas again a wedding in the same year, at the same time for the Penfold family of Baydn to Kelly.

So strive for length, depth, quietness, a clean underline, strong feet and good fat coverage but most of all remain positive to the breed.

Regards

Alan Penfold

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