SA AGM report

Hello everyone,

Lets just state it, farming is always interesting and a challenge but I think this year has had a bit of an extra edge to it. Let’s check out what people have been up to while living on the edge of Covid.

Steve – Wonganoo Salers

* Steve sold the majority of his females and a couple of big bull calves this year to a client in NSW
* Remaining on his property are a few stragglers that will hit the local cattle market in a month or so once they have put a bit of finish on, meaning his herd will have been completely dispersed.
* Sadly this is an end of an era! Steve has given a lot of time to the Salers breed and is respected in the Salers community, I hope he stays connected with us as a sounding board and a guiding light
* We wish him well for the future and hope the boat which has been in dry dock for a while will soon be loaded with fish.

Roz and Ainsley – Cara Park Salers

* They did get to participate in Beef week this year before Covid struck, where they had bulls for sale and promoted the Salers breed
* Then came Covid ☹! Forcing the SA Heifer Expo and the local SE Cattle Handlers School to be both cancelled along with the cancellation of the 6 local shows that they exhibit at.
* The Salers web site continues to bring in some inquires for bulls, “I would encourage people to post what they have for sale.” Said Roz
* Cara Park are crossing our fingers that Beef Week 2021 will run as they have several rising 2 year old bulls available for sale.

Tim and Megan – Wepoa Pastoral Salers

* For Tim farming has continued this year as normal despite Covid.
* Along with an assortment of crops Tim sells Salers cross weaners direct to a feed lot at a weight range of 380-400 kg.
  + The feed lot wants Tim’s stock as “they have a better yield% and put on more weight”.
* Tim continues to keep yearly, a group of 30-40 weaner Salers cross females to form a nucleus herd to develop a more consistent line of calves

Jacob and Kathryn – Lake Leak Kooeeyong Salers

* Jacob had a first this year, he normally he keeps his weaner Salers heifers for breeding but this year due to high female numbers he sold all his females into a feedlot. Which proved to be profitable.
* His weaner Salers cross steers, he continues to grow out and then sells direct to the Tey’s meat works
* With female numbers on a high he purchased 2 new bulls from Steve, one to use immediately and the other to grow out and use next year

Rosemary, Laura, Kelly and Hugh – Kaninka Salers

* We have made a decision to consolidate our best Salers x females to increase the number of females that we run due to their mothering ability and easy calving along with a bit of personality.
* With the addition this year of a new bull with genetic links to WA, we are excited as to what the next few years will bring for us

Mark and Susie – Bucks Hill Salers

* Dec 2019, they sent the last of their parents Salers steers to Teys Naracoorte for the 2019/2020 Southern Grassfed Carcase Classic, the kill results were very good and a great price was obtained.
* Our first lot of calves from our Salers x cows that were joined with a Hereford Bull have come along very well, they were weaned in Autumn.
* “Pedro” our Salers bull from Cara Park Salers had 100% joining rate with our pure Salers cows which originated from Wonganoo Salers.  These Cows have since calved at the start of spring with some very good-looking calves.
* “Pedro” also spent some time with our Salers x cows at our block in Kalangadoo.
* With plenty of feed on the ground, our cattle are currently doing very well (some too well).  Mark and Susie wish everyone all the best for Christmas and hope 2021 is much improved to the year that we have all experienced.

From everyone in South Australia, we wish you all an enjoyable Christmas and a Safe and happy 2021.

Take Care

Roslyn Curtis

SA Salers Board Representative