

Clearance at Alpine

ALPINE ANGUS

■ Total clearance of 49 bulls to \$9000, av \$3940

■ 10 females sold to \$3000

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ALPINE Angus principals Jim and Clare Delany, Rosewhite, cleared all their bulls at auction last week, topping at \$9000 and averaging a respectable \$3940 for the 49 bulls offered.

Western Australian Angus breeders Tony and Karen Golding, Little Meadows, Dardanup, came to the sale looking for sons of Te Mania Emperor and Tuwharetoa Regent with high figures and the phenotype Little Meadows is renowned for, such as skin and hair type with excellent

muscle expression.

They found what they were looking for, buying a son of each for \$9000 and \$8000 topping the sale.

The Regent son, which made the sale top-price, was the top scanning bull in the catalogue with the majority of his EBVs and Indexes sitting in the top one per cent or 5pc of the breed.

Their other purchase, an Emperor son with stand out natural muscling, was the heaviest bull with figures in the top 15pc of the breed for growth, carcase weight, heavy grass fed and terminal indexes and another bonus - a grandson of the Little Meadows Edwina X3 female Alpine Angus purchased at the 2004 Angus National show and sale.

Little Meadows produces bulls for

the WA Black Supreme program, which supplies the IGA stores in the west.

BC Flynn and A&A Bartkowski, both from Ensay, paid \$8000 in partnership for a smart son of Te Mania Africa with below average birth weight and all indexes in the top 1pc or 5pc, along with milk, and EMA and top 10pc for growth.

Paragon, Tumut, NSW, took a couple of heifers, as well as paying \$7500 for an Emperor son.

Yorella, Buffalo River, bought a Regent son for \$7000, along with two females.

Volume buyers included Cobungra Station, Omeo, taking nine bulls to \$4500 and Tom Groggin Station, Corryong, with four bulls to \$4000 three times.



■ Alpine Angus principal Jim Delany with GTSM auctioneer Michael Glasser, top-priced bull buyers Tony and Karen Golding, Little Meadows, Dardanup, Western Australia, and Alpine stud manager Chris Oswin.