

# Prices peak for Alpine Angus

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ALPINE Angus bucked the seasonal trend to produce a higher average at its sale last week.

While many sales have recorded dips in averages and clearances, Alpine Angus at Rosewhite sold all 50 bulls on offer for an average of \$3920 — 10 per cent higher than last year.

Bulls were knocked down for as low as \$2500, but realistic vendors and the strong support of repeat buyers buoyed prices.

At the top end, five bulls made \$6000 or more but 22 bulls sold for \$3000 or less.

Among the high prices were the sale top of \$9000 and \$8000 for two bulls paid by Western Australian stud Little Meadows.

Top bull, Alpine High Flyer, is a Tuwharetoa Regent son and had indexes in the top 1-5 per cent of the breed.

Tony and Karen Golding run Little Meadows stud and Mrs Golding said it was the bull's figures as well as phenotype which made it a stand out.

The Goldings run about 180 stud cows and will use both bulls to improve the figures in their operation.

And in a coming of age for Alpine Angus, one of the bulls it sold will be used to help form a new stud.

Jock Hislop from J Bar B Angus at Naracoorte in South Australia spent



**High demand:** Karen Golding from Little Meadows Angus stud at Dardanup in Western Australia, who paid the top price of \$9000 at the Alpine Angus bull sale last week, with Alpine Angus principal Jim Delany.

\$5000 on an Ardrossan Casino son that had 600-day weight figures in the top 20 per cent of the breed.

Mr Hislop said the bull would be used in the newly created stud, formed with cows bought from Hidden Valley Angus.

Alpine Angus principal Jim Delany said the sale had produced a good result, and he was happy to offer bulls tested free of any genetic defects.

Major buyer was Cobungra Station at Omeo, which bought 10 bulls.

## BULL SALES

### Results from the past week

Sale	Offered	Sold	Top Price	Average	2013 average
Alpine Angus, Myrtleford	50	50	\$9000	\$3920	\$3635 (50)
Karoonda Hereford, Gelantipy	45	26	\$10,000	\$4850	\$4881 (38)
Malton Shorthorn, Ensay	9	7	\$10,500	\$5333	\$5750 (6)
Nunniong Hereford, Ensay	28	14	\$7000	\$3200	\$4795 (22)
Witherswood Angus, Wangaratta	58	57	\$6000	\$3614	\$4127 (55)

### COMING SALES

**Wednesday, April 2**  
Campbell Farms Angus, Violet Town

**Tuesday, April 8**  
Leawood Angus, Traralgon

