

Newsletter - Turihaua Angus

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## Staff Update

The Turihaua Staff remains constant with the only change being that Sam Reeves has just left to seek his fortune in an Australian Mine and we welcome Liam Hunter who has taken his place as Junior Shepherd.

## Steak of Origin

Last year, 4 of our entries made the semi finals in the British Breeds Class, 1 entry made the semi-finals in Class 4 (Best of Brand Retail) under Chefs Choice and 1 in Class 5 (Best of Brand Wholesale). We continue to support this competition in the hopes that we will one day win the competition.

We have 6 heifers ready to send up to Ruakura for slaughter. These will be entered in the British Breeds Class and the Best of Brand Retail, as "Turihaua Angus Beef" from the Gisborne Butcher/Deli.

## East Coast Angus Bull Walk

Wednesday 4 May – Thursday 5 May  
A selection of cattle will be on display on Thursday morning. All Welcome.

## Beef Expo 2011. Tuesday 17 May 2011

The National Angus Sale at Beef Expo will include rising 2-year-old bulls, Digital Sale lots for bulls over 2 years, Donor cows, embryos and semen.

# Turihaua ANGUS

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## 2010 Bull Sale

75 sires sold for an average of \$6352. Four bulls sold for stud, notably Lot 15, Turihaua Universal D117 sold to Farfield Angus Stud for \$31,000. 16 sons by Turihaua Crumble sold for an average of \$6118. Many sold to local farmers and there was something for

every buyer with 12 selling very affordably under \$4000.

We hope they have performed their sire duties and that your PD results are all positive.



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## Beef Evaluation Unit. BEU

We have two bulls at the Unit. Both are performing well above average.

**Turihaua E231**, Sire: Turihaua Foreman B235, Dam: Turihaua X131, DOB 21/08/09

Turihaua Foreman B235 is by TC Foreman 016 (USA). Turihaua X131, now a donor cow in the ET programme, has to date produced 68 A Grade Embryos from 2 flushes. Turihaua E231 has everything going for him. He is deep-bodied and massive with meat in the right quarters. Birth weight was an average 35kg and his daily weight gain to weaning was 1.45kg p/day. He weaned out at 329kgs and was ranked 1st at 130% out of 160 male calf drop.

Turihaua E231 sells at Beef Expo Tuesday 17 May.

**Turihaua E5**, Sire: Turihaua Crumble Y167, Dam: Turihaua Q263, DOB 17/07/09

Turihaua Crumble is now our top ranked sire and has left some outstanding progeny especially the females now within the herd. Semen has sold to Canada and Australia. 9 Stud bulls have been sold so far.

Turihaua Q263 was a donor cow in the ET Programme. A great old cow with pure NZ genetics.

Turihaua E5 has all his parents' attributes. He is physically correct, naturally thick and gentle-natured. Birth weight of 34kg to a weaning weight of 307kg. Turihaua E5 sells at Beef Expo Tuesday 17 May.

## Queen of Hearts Show and Sale Monday 16 May

The Premier All Breeds Heifer Calf Show and Sale "Queen of Hearts" will be held at Beef Expo, Monday 16 May.

No we haven't gone mad, but yes we have decided to enter a heifer, Turihaua F17. Paul our son is in charge of teaching her to lead and preparing her for the sale. This is a novelty for us as we have not shown cattle before at Beef Expo, but it is one we are taking seriously as we believe Turihaua F17 is a real beauty and has the pedigree and figures to back that up.

Turihaua F17 is by Turihaua Revolution out of our top ET cow Turihaua V256.

She has 100% NZ genetics on the dam side, with influence from Hingaia bloodlines. Turihaua Revolution is by Turihaua Reno who goes back to O'Neils Renovator 2943.

Revolution was sold to Kenhardt Angus Stud back in 2002 for \$21,000.00. Turihaua V256 has produced over 40 embryos, 20 of



Queen of Hearts Turihaua F17

which have been sold to Schaff Angus Valley in North Dakota USA. She is the dam of Turihaua Dredger and Turihaua Tobit both sold to Oakview Stud.

Watch out for her at the Queen of Hearts Show and Sale at Beef Expo.

## Turihaua Genetics in the States



Sav Copyright 0194 by Turihaua Campbell sold for \$19,500

You may remember two year ago we sold Turihaua Campbell semen to Kurt and Kelly Schaff from Schaff Angus Valley Ranch in North Dakota.

Well they have just sold Campbell sons and daughters at their Annual Bull Sale.

This was no ordinary bull sale. It is one of the largest and most prestige sales held in USA and beyond.

This year they sold 390 yearling bulls for \$10,475US average and 165 females for \$8,866US average.

The top sale price was a massive \$275,000US for a SAV Heritage son, SAV Harvester 0338. There were 3 bulls sold

over \$100,000US. Top price female sold for \$56,000.

Hamish and Paul were there to witness these and the sale of the Campbell progeny.

27 Campbell sons sold for \$8731 average, with a top price of \$25,000.

6 females sold for \$5333 average.

Kelly spoke very highly of the Campbell progeny and is especially excited about the females that he has retained in the herd.



Sale day at Schaff Angus Valley North Dakota



Cows feeding at Schaff Angus Valley on sale day

# Turihaua Embryos to Vanuatu

Hamish and I had the opportunity a couple of years ago to visit a huge Beef Breeding Operation in Vanuatu and we were very impressed with the stock, the operation they run in such a hot and humid climate and with the limited resources they have for slaughter and processing.

Paul our son and his girlfriend Sarah visited Vanuatu last



*Donor Cow Turihaua V113*



*A heard of cows and calves in Vanuatu*

winter and were able to meet with the Manager and the resident butcher processor. This has now led to them purchasing over 40 Turihaua Embryos.

It will be exciting to follow this project through and learn how our stock will fare in the tropics.

## Yard weaning

The idea of yard weaning is to get calves used to humans and to minimise stress during weaning. This results in:

- Cattle that are easier to handle over their lifetime.
- Reduced chance of damage to people or equipment.
- Increased chance of superior early weight gain.

Our 390 stud Calves were yarded in 4 pens, allowing 3.5m<sup>2</sup> per calf, making 2 pens of bulls and 2 pens of heifers, for 6 days. They were fed adlib good quality baleage and excellent quality water was available.

The calves were weighed prior to being yarded and then weighed again on the 6th day before being let out.

In general the calves came through very well. The average daily weight gain was for heifers 0.68kg per day and for bulls 0.90kg per day.



*Yard weaning at Four Gates*

We believe the benefits of yard weaning outweigh the disadvantages. The cattle are very quiet and have been very settled since they have been on pasture.

## Cattle Identification

Animal Code of Welfare 2010. Angus Breeders have been informed that fire and freeze branding must only be administered with pain relief. With this in mind we have not fire branded the calves this season. Instead we have used a supplementary brass tag in the left ear. As well as this, we have tagged all the 2010 born animals with the new EID tags. We will continue to freeze brand the diamond onto the stud cattle. **This is our guarantee.**

## Client Questionnaire

It is now time for us to begin to write our 10 Year Plan for the future so we can be better prepared for what the future may bring within the Beef Industry.

As part of that Plan it would be very beneficial to gather information from you regarding our bulls in particular and our Breeding programme.

Bull breeding has changed dramatically in the past 20 years and the trend will no doubt continue, as we have to become more accountable for what we do.

We would really appreciate it if you could fill it out and send it back in the envelope provided.

We will give you feedback on our findings.

**Return the Questionnaire by Friday 29 April – Go in the draw to WIN a 20% discount from 1 of your next Turihaua Bull purchases.**

# Serving capacity testing in bulls

Why SCT Bulls? Reproductive performance is a major driver of gross income from the breeding herd. There are two sides of the equation. Bull effects and cow effects. Serving capacity testing is a simple cost effective way in which to minimise risk around reproductive fitness of bulls and ensure these animals are capable of doing the business at joining. Historical surveys show that in untested herds close 25% of mixed age bulls can be unsound. Presale testing of bulls by studs helps to reduce the risk around purchase of an unsound animal. What is measured? The libido or sexual drive of the animal is assessed in a yard test and a serving capacity assigned according to number of serves in a set time. Slow performers are culled. The higher a bull's libido the more cows he will serve and the more times he will serve individual cows in heat. Consequently conception rates are higher and calving is more compacted. Very high servers are thought to be more prone to breakdown if not structurally assessed and should be used on paddocks where they are less like to injure themselves due to this vigour. During serving we are able to examine the external genitalia and observe vulval seeking, intromission and thrusting. These are indirect assessment of the musculoskeletal



*Turihaua Sale Complex*



system. Joint angulation and conformation and temperament are also able to be assessed.

Each bull is individually examined post testing for scrotal circumference and testicular tone. The hocks are palpated and then conformation and gait are examined. Finally bulls are blood tested to ensure freedom from BVD followed by vaccination. When should SCT be performed? On studs presale is the obvious time. In run situations my preference is an annual examination 6 to 8 weeks pre-mating. In herds where testing has never been performed or not for sometime, an initial test of bulls in late summer/autumn before the sales occur allows for culling and the number of bulls required for the upcoming mating can be determined. I believe SCT is a very important component of the annual cycle farm activity and risk management. Poor reproductive performance hits you where it most hurts, the pocket. Don't get caught, especially while prices are good!!!

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## Annual Bull Sale Tuesday 28 June

The focus of our programme, as always, is on serving the commercial farmer and providing top quality bulls at affordable prices. Whether your budget is \$3000.00 or more, I can guarantee there will be a good selection of bulls to suit everyone's pocket. There will be plenty of bulls by Turihaua Crumble and Turihaua

Bullion, plus some by our 2 new Herd Sires, Turihaua Foreman and Turihaua Texan.

The Foreman cattle are standouts, quite framey with plenty of meat in the right places. The Texan sons are more traditional with exceptional growth figures and quiet temperaments. Keep the date free. There will be up to 90 sires on offer.

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**2011 TWILIGHT SALE**

Tuesday 28 June - 4.00pm

**90 sires on offer**

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# Turihaua Beef and Lamb

Delicious fresh Turihaua Beef and Lamb is now available to purchase at the Gisborne Deli and the Gisborne Farmers Market.



In May 2009 we launched this new initiative with Darryn and Trish Clyne from the Gisborne Deli. Darryn is a qualified chef and butcher.



Both the cattle and lambs are grazed at Turihaua Station. Once they reach the desired weight, the lambs are personally delivered to Bernard Matthews Ovation, Gisborne, for slaughter. The cattle are transported to Ruakura Abattoir in Hamilton. They are rested there for several weeks before slaughter.



*Darryn Clyne, Angela and Hamish Williams are proud as punch.*

We believe this rest period improves the meat quality and means the meat we offer will be consistently tender and succulent.

The carcasses are chiller aged by Darryn Clyne at The Gisborne Deli/Butchery, before being broken down into prime cuts.

Prime cuts are available aged and fresh on a daily basis. Darryn is also producing delicious sausages, meat patties and kebabs, all suitable for the BBQ or fry pan. Smoked beef or lamb is delicious served with drinks or in other dishes. We are extremely delighted that the Gisborne Community are now able to enjoy our quality meat at very affordable prices. We have processed 29 heifers and 175 lambs over the past 10 months. We are collecting data such as pH, meat and fat colour, and marbling from the cattle so we can build up a database of the genetic merit of specific bloodlines and beef quality. We have 6 entries under the "Turihaua Angus Beef Brand" to enter in the Steak of Origin, Retail Section.

## Turihaua 1st Annual Yearling Sale

This year for the very first time we will be offering approximately 30 yearling bulls at auction.

It will replace the Yearling Lease Programme that we have been running for clients for the past 10 years. We now have enough bulls to be able to do this and not compromise our Annual 2 Year bull Sale. This meaning that we will still be able to offer you up to 90 2-year bulls each year as well.

The comprehensive ET Programme we have been doing over the passed 5 years has built up our cow numbers to just on 400.

Sale Date: Thursday 29 September 1.00pm



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1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL YEARLING  
SALE

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Thursday 29 September - 1.00pm

# A legacy of Superior Angus Genetics

Turihau Angus has been supplying herd sires to progressive farmers for over a Century. Herd sires continue to add thickness, volume and muscle while maintaining very good structure and confirmation. Sires that carry our diamond brand are backed by a 3 Year Guarantee for fertility and soundness and by a superior

cow herd that guarantees moderate frame, femininity and fertility.

Our 2011 June sale and our inaugural Yearling Bull Sale will feature sires by Turihau Crumble, Turihau Texan, Turihau Bullion, Turihau Foreman and more...



## Turihau Crumble Y167

**S: Turihau Gambo D: Turihau W275 DOB: 11/08/03**  
 BW +4.4, M +12, 200D +35, 400W +75, 600W +95  
 This explosive sire has been leaving very impressive progeny both male and female. From the 215 born, 65 daughters are in the herd and 7 sons have been sold to Stud Herds, 2 of which had been used in our own herd as yearlings sires. 46 sons have been sold all up. Semen has been sold to breeders in both Canada and Australia.



## Turihau E3 (ET)

**S: Turihau Crumble Y167 D: Turihau Q263 DOB: 13/07/09**  
 BW +5, M +11, 200D +27, 400W +62, 600W +81  
 This robust bull will add both fleshing and conversion efficiency to any herd. He is ranked in the top 5 for both 200W and 400W weaning ratios. His dam Q263 was a donor cow who added plenty of depth to the herd.



## Turihau E41

**S: Turihau Crumble Y167 D: Turihau W159 DOB: 29/07/09**  
 BW +7.2, M +8, 200D +37, 400W +81, 600W +98  
 Another great Crumble son showing plenty of frame, easy fleshing but with plenty of depth and muscle. He is ranked 1st at 126% for 400W and 6th at 120% for weaning.



## Turihau Texan B141 (ET)

**S: Hingaia Tex 121 D: Turihau P43 DOB: 07/08/06**  
 BW +4.5, M +8, 200D +29, 400W +52, 600W +75  
 Texan's dam Turihau P43 produced many ET calves. Texan has a very even spread of EBV's, has a moderate frame with plenty of constitution and muscle and a great temperament. His 1st crop of calves are well above weight expectation.



## Turihau E98

**S: Turihau Texan B141 D: Turihau V52 DOB: 07/08/09**  
 BW +7.9, M +7, 200D +33, 400W +55, 600W +80  
 This Texan sire reflects all the great attributes of the Texan/Hingaia Tex progeny with plenty depth and muscle just where you need it. Thick, clean and correct structurally.



## Turihau E297

**S: Turihau Texan B141 D: Turihau B48 DOB: 04/09/09**  
 BW +4.4, M +10, 200D +33, 400W +61, 600W +87  
 E297 is another well fleshed bull showing lots of style and uniformity. He has been used in our own programme.



## Turihau Bullion A181

**S: Turihau Campbell D: Turihau T160 DOB: 21/08/05**  
 BW +4.9, M +6, 200D +30, 400W +56, 600W +82  
 Bullion is by the great old sire Turihau Campbell. Campbell is still making an impact and has 27 yearling bulls for sale at the Schaff Angus Valley Annual Production Sale in North Dakota, USA this February. Like Campbell, Bullions progeny are showing great style. 7 sons have sold and there are 38 daughters in the herd. His calving ease figure of -0.4 is well above the breed average. He has some excellent sons for sale this year.



## Turihau E160

**S: Turihau Bullion A181 D: Turihau U30 DOB: 14/08/09**  
 BW +3.5, M +11, 200D +33, 400W +58, 600W +83  
 A very correct stylish Bullion son with well balanced EBVs. He has been used in our programme. E160 weaned at 123% ranking him 2nd in the year group.



## Turihau E320

**S: Turihau Bullion A181 D: Turihau B40 DOB: 13/09/09**  
 BW +6.8, M +11, 200D +42, 400W +80, 600W +108  
 This Bullion son is a performance-based bull who should produce progeny that finish well at 600 days of age. He has a low calving ease figure and should pass this attribute onto his daughters. He is ranked in the top 10 for weaning and 400 weight ratios.

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## sale information

Annual Angus Sale

1<sup>st</sup> Yearling Angus Sale

Selling 90 2yr bulls

Selling 30 bulls

Tuesday 28 June 4.00pm 2011

Thursday 29 September 1pm 2011