



Superior genetics ... Fossil Creek Angus' Blair Smith watches the action during an auction of one of the quality Angus bulls on sale. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Quality bulls ... The Pannett family of Hill Springs, in the Teviot Valley, has an impressive line-up of Fossil Creek Angus sires in their bull paddock. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Fossil Creek genetics Pannett's choice

Hill Springs is a 3000ha property in the Teviot Valley, near Roxburgh, which runs from heavy river flats bordering the Clutha River to extensive run country rising to 2000m.

John and Tina Pannett have run the property for many years and have now introduced the next generation. Curtis, their son, has returned to gather the reins with a real interest in their cattle enterprise. Curtis is a fixed-wing pilot and has

been gaining hours of experience at one of the 2,500,000ha Kidman stations in South Australia.

The Pannetts run 11,000 stock units with 380 beef cows playing an integral role within their operation by providing robust financial returns.

Seventy yearling heifers are mated with all R2 and R3 heifers mated to a higher growth Fossil Creek Angus bull with positive fats and a good maternal package.

All heifers are mated for only two

cycles to achieve a high 90s percentage calving rate and the cows for less than three cycles for a 95% calving.

All fattening calves are wintered on fodder beet, and 180 to 200 of the steers and heifers are sold at 12 months of age in the local sale, often topping the sale because of the demand for them.

This year the tops realised \$1400 per head.

The remaining 100 to 110 are

wintered on fodder beet, then slaughtered in the following spring.

"By wintering that group they attain a great growth rate and attract spring premiums so it is an efficient closed system," John said.

Replacement heifers then go on to a life in the challenging hills of the property alongside the breeding cow herd.

The Pannetts are proud to source Fossil Creek genetics for their breeding programme and like

to focus on key EBVs in order to select bulls that suit their operation and that will finish well for both them and any outside finisher.

The sire bulls in their Hill Springs bull paddock would fit into any pedigree herd as they are impressive and show their attention to detail when selecting their bull breeder and any individual bull to bring home to their herd.

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