

GENOMICS

All Fossil Creek calves are genotyped and have had their EBV accuracy strengthened by the addition of genomic data. This '50K' DNA testing comes at a considerable cost (as we test all calves born) but gives our young cattle more accurate EBVs and is a valuable double-check for our tagging at birth process. It potentially speeds up genetic gain, as it is vastly more accurate than generically assuming that progeny inherit 50% of genes from their Dam and 50% of genes from their Sire. While a large investment, we believe that every stud has the responsibility of utilising this technology to assist with greater NZ-wide genetic gains and it will be good to see more studs investing in Genomics in the future.



PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

A reminder to prioritise insuring your new season bull upon purchase – consider this as an investment to protect your asset, just as you would when you buy a new Hilux or Can Am. Most bull sales include 14 days free cover for FMG clients, so please take the time to consider extending this for a 12-month period to get your bull through his first breeding season. We of course have our Fossil Creek 3 Year Guarantee for fertility and structure, but this won't cover off injuries from misdemeanors like fighting which are of course always on the cards when it comes to anything full of Testosterone!



We wish you a productive Autumn with continued strong calf sales and sector positivity.

We look forward to catching up with you during May and June – remember if you are unable to make one of our Bull Walk days on May 12th and 28th or Auction Day on June 9th, then give us a call and we can show you around the bulls and hopefully around the rest of the farm at the same time.

Your catalogue will be in the post in mid May, with our e-catalogue online in early May.

Thank you again for your support of our Fossil Creek Programme.

Kind regards,
Blair, Jane, Charlotte, Henry and George



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ROCK SOLID ANGUS GENETICS

**BULL
WALK DAYS**

**Tuesday 12th May
& Thursday 28th May**

1.00 - 4.00pm

**Newhaven Farms
434 Dunrobin Rd
Five Forks**

April 2026

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

BEEFED UP

There has never been a better time to be in the sheep and beef sector in the past 50 years. No matter what America tries to trump us with, their demand for our beef is insatiable and we need to make hay while the sun shines. With heightened costs still putting pressure on farm returns, at least we know that New Zealand sheep and beef farmers are producing high quality, pasture-raised protein that the worlds wants.

The opportunities to utilise technology in our beef herds are growing by the day, with wearable collars such as Halter now targeting the beef sector, and once their towers are replaced by satellite, the uptake in beef herds will be exponential.

That said, no technology is smart enough to replace good old fashioned stockmanship. The ability to structurally assess an animal, read animal health symptoms, to place an importance on temperament and to manage pasture quality will always remain a key tenant in our pastoral systems.

The information on kill sheets has really made breeding herds focus on their eating quality traits and we have seen genetics working in real time when getting phone calls from finishers asking for suggestions of Fossil Creek clients that may have calves for sale.

We really thrive on our Fossil Creek clients spending the time to identify what makes their beef herd tick and choosing the right bull for the job. Please remember that we can help you through this process, we live and breathe EBVs, bloodlines, genomics and structural assessments – so please put the pressure back on us to help you to identify the bulls that may suit your requirements the best.

Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 2pm

FOSSIL CREEK ANGUS BULL SALE

434 Dunrobin Rd, Five Forks, North Otago

BULL SALE – TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2026

Our 2026 Bull Auction will take place on Tuesday 9th of June. Bull inspection opens at 12 noon, with a light lunch served with the bulls in the pens ready for you to peruse. The auction starts at 2pm and will be online on BIDR for those that can not make the sale.

A good opportunity to make bull sale day a much easier process is to attend one of our two bull open days (Tuesday 12th May 1-4pm and then Thursday 28th May 1-4pm). Please call us if neither of these days suits as we are of course happy to show you around the bull team (and the hill block where they are born and bred) anytime.



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FOSSIL CREEK SKETCHER



TE MANIA RUSTLER



TIMPERLEY THUNDERSTRUCK



FOSSIL CREEK RIPCURL



MARTIN FARMING ASWAN

FOSSIL CREEK HERDSIRES

We will have a strong offering of sons of both proven performers and promising new bloodlines for our June 9th sale.

This will include sons from Fossil Creek Ripcurl, Te Mania Rustler R300, Fossil Creek Tangent T080, Stokman Solution S329, Timperley Thunderstruck, Fossil Creek Sketcher S293, Tehama Testament and MF Aswan 2991. The strength in this lineup is pretty exciting as we are focused on ensuring an even lineup of bulls (both on paper and in the pen) year in, year out. With a large number of sons (and daughters) from each sire this allows us to analyse whether they are producing consistent lines of offspring that are structurally sound and meet performance milestones.



Fossil Creek Angus

is proud to sponsor Dog Trials at Fairlie, Omarama, Danseys Pass and Macraes Flat along with Sport at Waitaki Boys' High School and Kurow Rugby Club along with Young Farmers clubs.



FOSSIL CREEK ANGUS

FOSSIL CREEK IN THE FIELD

Its been an Autumn out of the box this year, which (like many of you) is unusual for us as a very dry Autumn tends to be our most limiting factor here in North Otago.

Its been a busy month with a myriad of experts running the bulls through their paces including Semen Testing (Reuben and Jo from Targeted Breeding), Structural and temperament Assessment (Bill and Judy Austin), Cataloguing (Callum and Lisa from PGG Wrightson Genetics) along with our general inspections and assessments in order to select a top notch line up to present to you. This follows on from a busy period of our A.I programme (Dave Robertson, Oamaru Vets who also does all our foetal age pregnancy scanning) and our Embryo Transfer programme by the Targeted Breeding.

On the sheep side, record demand for our Perendale and Romdale rams over our six week ram selling season has led into a continued expansion of our nil-drench Newhaven stud ewe flock and with single-sire mating of over 20 mobs and an export of stud sheep to Japan, its been a busy Autumn so far. Ben Paton is now in his 6th year with us so could well be here for life, and Millie Williams has just turned over her first year as a shepherd with us. We are fortunate to have Waitaki Boys' High School head boarder Archie Rooney with us again this year for one day a week work experience.

Rose has enjoyed spending some time with family over in Australia including assisting with calving in New South Wales, and then spending valuable time there with daughter Amelia and her young children along with daughter Ella. Rose enjoys the company of youngest daughter Georgia in the home that Neil and Rose purchased in the lovely village of Tai Tapu and she continues to be our key data analysis person and is happy to turn her expert hand to any jobs that arise including writing out hundreds of breed tags and assisting with selecting the bull team for our June sale.

Charlotte, Henry and George continue to put in a lot of child labour on the farm in amongst their sporting and school/uni commitments and our (average) dog team continue to tolerate taking commands from 5 different people!

- BULL SALE PREVIEW -



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Lot 38 V280



Lot 13 V36



Lot 53 V113



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