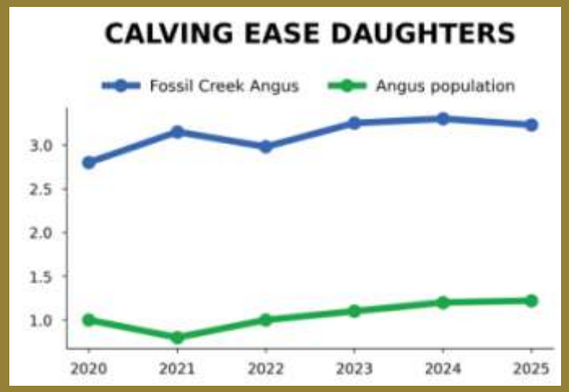
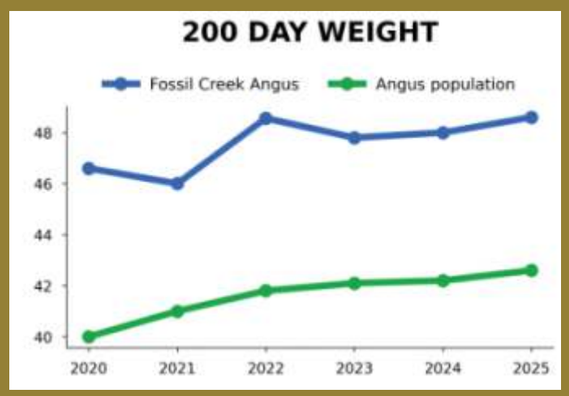
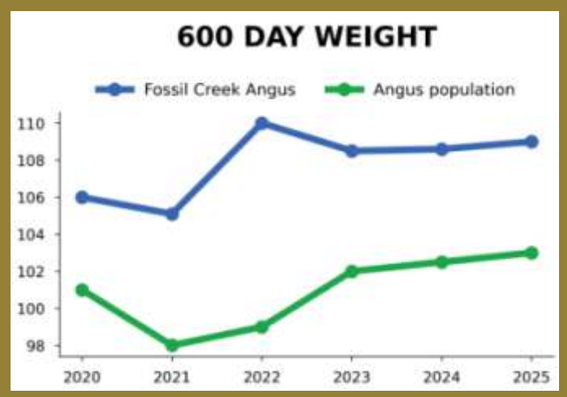
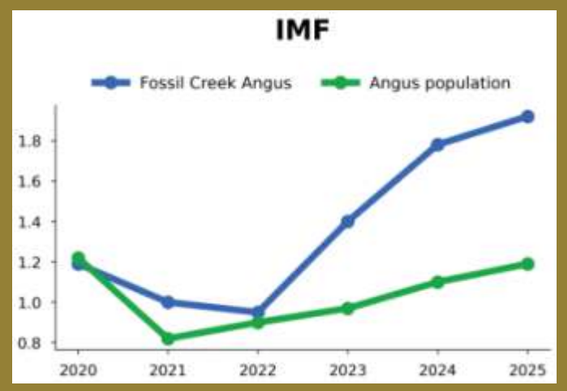
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PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

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!



Its an exciting time to be in the red meat sector (with even wool now showing promising returns!). We take on the responsibility of producing robust, functional genetics for your breeding herd very seriously. We welcome your visits at any time of year to see our stud herd and young stock in their natural setting and to check that we are indeed practicing what we preach!

Our 2027 R2 Auction will be held on Tuesday 15th June 2027.

All the best for a productive and kind Spring, many thanks again for your support.

Kind regards

Blair, Jane, Charlotte, Henry, George and the Fossil Creek team



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August 2026

WINTER NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU

The feedback from our 9th June sale has been tremendous with a strong line up of bulls and value for money or 'bang for buck'. With some of the sales, particularly north of the Waitaki river being overly hot, we were pleased that our sale prices stayed moderate and there was a bull for every budget at our sale, for both our long-term loyal clients and our new clients. Presenting an even line of 80 bulls in our environment isn't an easy feat and we were delighted with the outcome.

Our average stayed at just over $12,000, similar to last year and we believe with our multi-trait focus, this represents real value for money as it is important to us that we stay 'true to type without the hype' and consistently produce an even line of bulls at a good value price.

The bulls that we present at auction are selected from 180 bull calves born, which keeps quality high with a tough selection pressure process.



A couple of our newer clients have said to us that they really like the fact that we are running a substantial sheep operation alongside the stud cattle – the 'sheep pressure' factor wasn't necessary something that we have thought of as an asset to the cattle stud, but having to compete with sheep in hill country surely breeds a tougher cattle beast than a stand-alone cattle stud.



JUNE 2026 BULL SALE



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FOSSIL CREEK SALE STATS

Those with Scottish Presbyterian genes like ourselves will find this good reading! It is not about producing a 'cheap' bull, but one that is value for money for EBVs.





YEARLING BULLS

We have a limited number of Yearling Bulls available each year for sale during October/November. We do this via private treaty instead of having an auction due to time and feed constraints during Spring, as these boys are run in one mob and have a fairly tough winter on the hill block crop, unlike coastal studs with year-round grass growth that sell weighty yearlings for weighty prices at auction.

We don't lease any bulls out due to the biosecurity risk and so we find that offering a limited number of easy calving/low birth weight bulls is a good way to meet the demand for yearling bulls, without undermining our flagship R2 auction.

If you are interested in a Yearling bull please make contact with Blair (027) 4324154. Orders need to be in by mid-September to ensure that we can match a bull to your requirements.



RESCUE BULL

We were delighted to offer up Fossil Creek V53 (now known as 'Chopper') at our auction, with all proceeds to the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter. Thank you to the Callaghan family of Fairlie for being the successful bidder on Chopper, with the $10,000 being donated to this great cause.



Jane, Graeme Gale, Blair at the Rescue Base.

We were fortunate to have a tour around their world-leading facilities and were blown away by the technology, dedication and passion of their team, 365 days and nights of the year.

To know that this level of aeromedical expertise is in our skies is a comfort to our rural communities, at a time where many other rural services have been cut back, downgraded or centralised. The operational area for the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter is south of the Waitaki River down to Stewart Island and the Subantarctic Islands, and west through to the Haast Pass.

This region incorporates approximately 28% of New Zealand's land mass - the largest area covered by any single rescue helicopter operator in New Zealand, coupled by a significant maritime area.

Graeme and his team deserve a Knighthood for what they do. We hope our humble donation can make a difference in a small way. Thank you again for your support.



FOSSIL CREEK IN THE FIELD

It was great to catch up with clients from all over NZ at our Bull Walk days and on sale day. It is always great to have a 'check in' on how everything is tracking throughout the country and hear about our genetics working in all types of climatic conditions.

We have had an unusually wet start to the Winter and hoping for a return to our fine/frosty conditions in August and into September (and hopefully some semblance of grass growth in October!). July was a busy time with ewe shearing and scanning and kick starting the fencing projects that we all plan for Winter but don't always do!

The cows are out the back of the hill block and we catch up with them every 3-4 weeks to move them into another block. Some early snow back in May but no doubt more to come in Spring like last year. They will start to come into the closer tussock blocks in their pregnancy date-scanned order in September for the calves to be tagged and weighed at birth.

We also have 3,200 Perendale and Romdale stud lambs to tag at birth over Spring but thankfully with a tight calving we are mostly through calf tagging before the onslaught of lambing.



The 360 stud calves are all on winter crop up on the hill block, it's a bit of a long slog for them with 100+ days on crop but there is no way around it with no grass growth for 150+ days, which will sound familiar to you all.

Ben Paton remains part of the farm furniture, working here for almost 7 years. Millie Williams is off to go bee keeping which is exciting for her, and we will see the return of mighty Jack Price who comes back from overseas shortly. We have lost count of the number of times that he has returned to work for us and it will be great to have him back again. Archie Rooney remains our top-notch work experience student and is busy with rugby and prefect duties in his final year at Waitaki Boys' High School.

Charlotte, Henry and George have all enjoyed some hard labour with their family in the yards and woolshed during two weeks of shearing and scanning, and were no doubt pleased to return to their school and university lifestyle - with the next school break perfectly timed for calf and lamb tagging!

HERD SIRES

We took delivery of our newest herdsires in late June – Woodbank Hoover Bomber V14 and Taimate Real Deal V8 and we are pleased with how they have settled in, and look forward to how they will fit into our programme.

2027 sale Herdsires include the impressive Fossil Creek T080 Tangent who has an outstanding number of strong-looking sons for our June 2027 sale, Woodhill Comstock (a well sought-after sire whom we were fortunate to gain access to through AI), Spickler Right Time and of course our infamous Te Mania Rustler R300 (back from his most recent sojourn at Stokman Angus in Rotorua and is spending the winter up on the hill block).

We are excited to see the next cohort of offspring coming through and with a large number of sons (and daughters) from each sire, this allows us to make genetic decisions based on whether the sires are producing consistent lines of impressive offspring.

Interesting enough our 2026 calf drop produced 190 bull calves and 160 heifer calves. Maybe females aren't taking over the world after all!



Woodbank Hoover Bomber V014 purchaased June 2026



Taimate Real Deal V8 purchased June 2026