



SPRING BULL BUYING GUIDE



Supreme sires: Scotts Angus bulls have proven fertility rates.

Easy-care, and popular

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A FOCUS on breeding low-maintenance cattle has resulted in high demand and satisfied clients, according to the owners of Scotts Angus in Henty, NSW.

Steven and Cindy Scott run 1500 Angus cattle on 1350ha and sell about 130 bulls annually through private treaty.

Mr Scott said with the market conditions restockers were increasingly interested in rebuilding their herds.

At Henty, the season had also been one of the farm's best in terms of weather and feed availability.

"The warm weather and rainfall have led to a lot of feed coupled with very high demand for beef," Mr Scott said. "We've had a lot of inquiry for bulls earlier than normal from both returning and new clients.

Genetic traits that the Scotts emphasised included birthweight and calving ease, high but sustainable growth and positive carcass traits.

"We adopt an optimum rather than maximum philosophy, because sometimes your higher performing cattle don't have the physical resilience that is required," Mr Scott said.

"We feel that we've mastered it pretty well because our cattle are still getting high pregnancy