

G'DAY FROM BANNOCK BRAE

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THE HIGHS & LOWS....

Not sure where to start, but perhaps the issue that is dominating our industry at the moment—the continuing rise in beef prices.

Cattle prices are at an all-time, record breaking high at present. Many people don't realise why this is happening but there are several factors at play—all out of our control.

The fact that 80% of Qld is now drought declared is a major factor. Many farmers out west have had to de-stock considerably or

completely due to lack of rain & feed. The national herd number is at an all-time low and will take years to bounce back. Add to that the international free trade agreements our government so wisely put into place, promising other countries, like China, our great Aussie beef and you have the perfect recipe for a domestic market catastrophe with prices sky-rocketing due to low numbers of quality cattle available and strong demand for them, especially from overseas

markets. Begs the question why Australia doesn't look after it's own people first and then send the excess overseas but it doesn't work that way apparently. Fantastic news for cattle producers though who haven't had it this good ever. But not so great for beef-loving Aussies who will be hit in the hip pocket each time they fancy a steak or throw a snag on the barbie! Interesting times ahead. Important to us though that you are aware of the reasons why.

JACKO Joins the Team!

Bannock Brae Meats has a proud reputation of supplying top quality beef. Although we source a percentage of carefully selected local cattle to re-stock with at times, we

breed as many of these as we possibly can, running a nice line of mostly Limousin & Santa cows with our 3 bulls—Sixty-Six, G-Force and Jacko. Our girls were

more than happy to welcome the young and handsome Jacko to the herd recently. We have kept all our young heifers this time round to boost our numbers even further

BRISBANE DELIVERY RUNS

- * November 12/13th
(Order by 3 November)
 - * December 10/11th
(Order by 1st December)
 - * Special Christmas run -
Tuesday 22nd December
(Limited delivery—order as soon as possible)
 - * January—no delivery
 - * February—ring for details
- \$10 Delivery fee applies all areas

Down on the Farm.....

A nervous wait down on the farm as we watch our beautiful crop of barley reach maturity, keeping our fingers crossed that we dodge the unpredictable hail storms Mother Nature sends our way. After losing 3 consecutive crops to drought and poor seasons, this one is a cracker and harvest is only weeks away.

Spring has once again brought with it an abundance of baby animals with lambs and calves aplenty. One of our happy hens has proudly hatched out 10 chickens and another one fiercely protects her precious clutch of eggs in a nest in

the hay shed. Hopefully another batch will hatch by the end of this month. Tillie the farm cat has 5 fluffy kittens hidden somewhere in the shed too and Tiny the horse has a paddock mate now with the arrival of a mare called Princess. Our happy herd of heifers who share a paddock with the horses are getting ready for a 12 month holiday on a neighbouring property. They will be agisted there until they are ready to meet our new Santa bull JACKO!



Jacko settles in....

Pa's Rainfall Report

July—25mm

August—35mm

September—34mm

Christmas is Coming!

Unbelievable how this year has flown. Ham season is officially open!! Bannock Brae Meats will have our famous traditional woodsmoked hams available again this year. Bone in and boneless hams will be available. Choose from a full leg, half leg or a piece cut to size. Salt only and Nitrate free hams are also available by special order. Phone or email your

Ham season is officially open! Order now to avoid disappointment!

order through or chat to Brenda at our Highfields store to organise your order. We also have a full

range of beef, lamb, pork and chicken for all your Christmas meat needs as well as a delicious range of sauces, marinades, pastas, cheeses and smallgoods. Or why not arrange a Christmas hamper with all of your favourite goodies rolled into one—a great gift idea!

So organise your menu and give our friendly staff a call. Order early to avoid disappointment!

End of Year Details

As with every other year since we started, Bannock Brae Meats will have its annual 3 week shut-down from Christmas Eve onwards. This enables us to complete any maintenance required as well as letting us and our staff regain our sanity after the hectic Christmas lead up and

spend time with our precious families who see little of us until Christmas day. We thank you for your continued support and understanding in this matter and look forward to another year in 2016 providing you with top quality products.

Til then, The Team @ Bannock Brae

