



Bonnibelt December 2020 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

I had hoped to be able to master a particular mail merge email where I would be able to have your own name at the top of your newsletter, but my technological skills are greatly lacking and I have given up as I did want this email to get out this weekend. Hopefully I will have it mastered by the time the next newsletter is due ☺

Change of Processing: *Just when we nearly had all the bugs ironed out with our current butcher who is attached to our long standing abattoir, we have been advised the land they are on has been sold from underneath them and they have been asked to vacate. So I have been in a panic for the last month but we now have light at the end of the tunnel.*

It is early days, but it looks like we will be doing a full circle and going back to a butcher in Mannum. Cactus-Bore Butchers, a family run business, have taken over Males premises and they use a small abattoir in Lobethal. Whilst I don't have final pricings on everything, there will be a need for a price increase, but the good news is that it should not be much, however, I cannot confirm till next year. But I can confirm that you will be able to get sausages and crumbed schnitzels ☺

Average Weights: *The average dressed weight for a side of beef this quarter is 108 kgs, whilst a whole lamb was 30 kgs.*

Meat Availability: *As mentioned previously, we have been downsizing our beef and won't have any available till July next year and will be looking after our regular customers first. However, we have increased the number of our lambs with the next lot due to go off in March/April so we will be able to accommodate all of our regular customers along with those that have been waiting awhile. We will also have a few mutton available.*

If you are on my list, I will be contacting you towards the end of January but if you would like to contact me and confirm your spot, please do so.

On a More Personal Note: *The Sad☹ Tony's father passed away in Gympie late November and it was a blessing. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, he could not fly to Queensland for the funeral, but he at least got to see his father when he was alive just 2 weeks prior.*

The Glad© We will be grandparents for the first time next year. Congratulations Ronnie and Elyssa.

***Season's Greetings:** 2020 has truly been a year like no other. Tony and I hope it has not been too hard on you. We thank our good fortune to be blessed to be living in the country that we do.*

I had mentioned earlier that I am not very technologically inclined, hence I got my very talented webmaster, Ross from [dsh Design](#) (who I can highly recommend) to sort our Christmas thought out. Thank you very much Ross, it is greatly appreciated. The photo overlooks the farm to the town ship of Murray Bridge and features Bonnibelt Zahara with what will be her last calf, a heifer, with Flossie's girl following. Zahara is 16 ½ years old and has earned her retirement.



Till 2021, stay safe and enjoy this special time of the year.

Best wishes to all,

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