



**Top job:** auctioneer Peter Godbolt with Elders' Steve Ridley and buyers of the \$45,000 cow, Glynn Langford and Keith Kerridge.

# Angus record at \$45,000

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ANGUS cows sold to an Australian record of \$45,000 at one of Victoria's largest stud cattle dispersals on Monday.

Vermont Angus dispersed 670 cattle on Monday and yesterday, amid much interest from stud and commercial buyers.

Keith Kerridge from Bannaby Angus at Taralga in NSW bought the top-priced cow.

The rising four-year-old,

Vermont Dream B227, was sired by Ardrossan Connection X15, and out of Vermont Dream Y301, which sold for \$16,000 on Monday.

"She was just the stand-out for us, everytime you'd see her she just stood out, and her figures are pretty good too, but for us it is more about the style of the cow than figures," Mr Kerridge said.

On Monday, cows and calves averaged \$3556, while cows (without calves) averaged \$3324 and embryos av-

eraged \$609.

Yesterday, stud sires, young females and bull calves were sold.

Meanwhile, Vermont held its final bull sale which went off without a hitch, with a record number of 98 bulls selling from 99 offered to a top of \$14,000 and average of \$4209.

Last year 63 bulls averaged \$4714.

Kylie and Graham Winnell, co-principals of the prominent stud, and owner Gordon

Paterson, were pleased with the clearance and average.

"I said to the agents before the sale that if we got a 90 per cent clearance, and average of about \$3500, we'd be very pleased," Mrs Winnell said.

Buyer of the top-priced lot — a 890kg, March 2008-drop bull, sired by Booroomooka Warwick W245 and boasting a 600-day growth EBV of +93kg — was Kidman Angus, Dubbo, NSW.

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