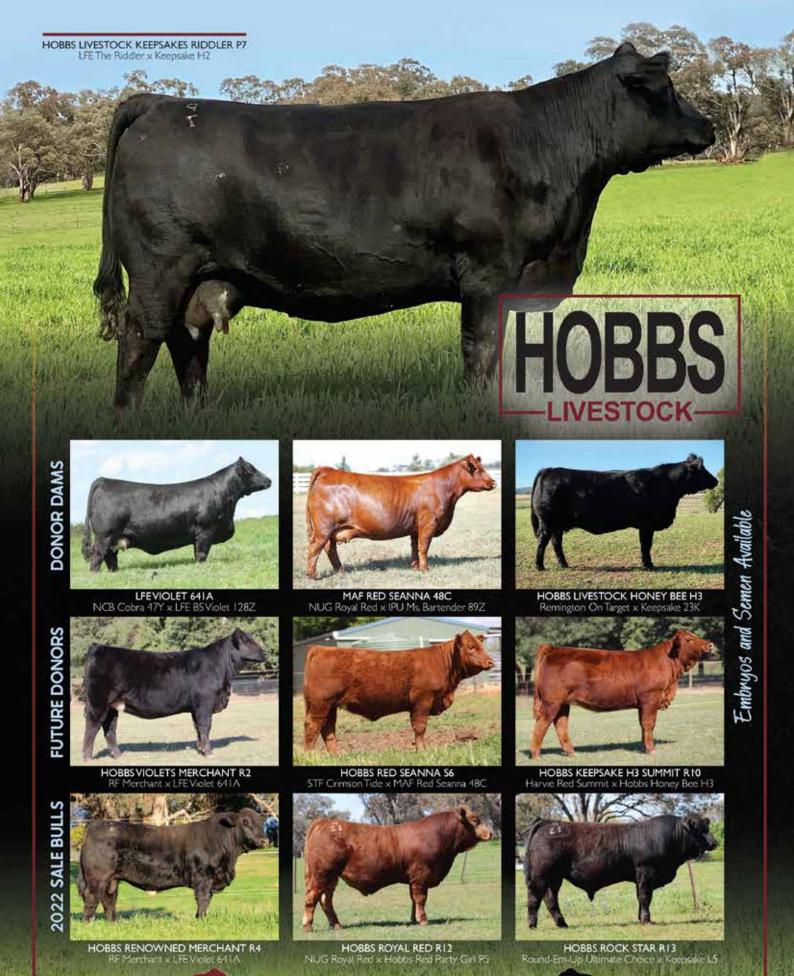


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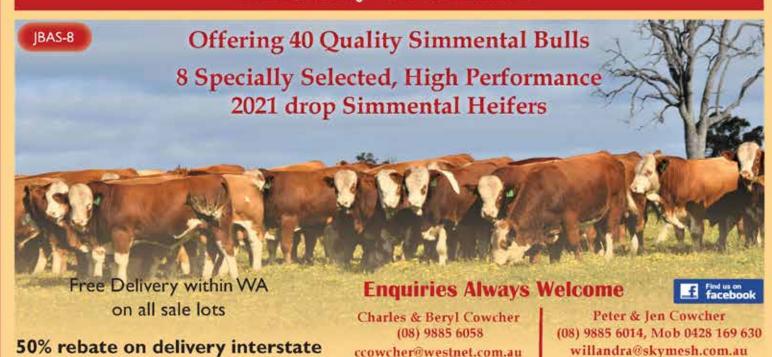
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is said that success doesn't come from what you do occasionally, it comes from what you do consistently.

The ASBA commits and follows a clear path and has done so for close to 50 years. The ASBA makes decisions based on future growth and breed development and most important to leave a legacy for the next generation and position the breed for future growth.

This year we have been tested by the ongoing pandemic, but we are committed and have found ways to move forward. Over the next 12 months we will be honouring our founders reflecting on milestone events from our past, celebrating all that we have achieved and looking to our future. We are launching our first major part of the year long celebration by being the feature breed at Sydney Royal Easter Show, headlined by the gala dinner and auction.

Then most of all the 50 steers for 50 years with 100k up for grabs. This was brought about by two main objectives, to increase the commercial focus of showing and therefore benchmarking modern



Simmental within the industry with measurable reference analytics. Second main point and the most importance one, is to help develop the youth movement in the southern half of Australia into the future. This is just the start, let us all think big and dream big, then followed by other states 50 year celebrations events later in the year.

I would like to personally thank your EO Felicity Reeves for all the hard work she does all year long and therefore the very positive impact she has on our business year around. As we look forward to all that 2022 means for our organisation, I'd also like to look ahead and wish all members, staff and councillors a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year for all. Your ongoing support and commitment to the ASBA ensures we will continue to play a vital role in the beef sector for many years to come.





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BREED DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

It has certainly been a fantastic year for the breed with record prices in the yards and in the sale ring and long overdue after years of drought in most parts of the country.



2022 will see the celebrations of 50 years of Simmental in Australia with plenty of events throughout the year to showcase the breed. We will start the fanfare with the feature breed at Sydney in April. There's \$100,000 in prize money up for grabs in the led steers for pure and crossbred Simmental winners. We're going for 50 steers for 50 years here, so hoping breeders, commercial members and schools can get on board here.

There will be a dinner with a guest speaker between stud cattle judging days, with plenty of auction items up for grabs including a Swiss bell marking the anniversary, 10 unique numbered and jewelled belt buckles, two outstanding pieces of artwork from Catherine Clark Dowden, not to mention our Cattle Baron game.

We are so honoured that Beef Central allowed us to mark the 50th year anniversary with a limited edition re-branding of their game. Pre-orders are now being taken for an early 2022 release.

There are 50 belt buckles to be spread across the state branches to use in promotion of their anniversary events in 2022. Our 50th Anniversary caps are on their way and there will be plenty of other promotional items members can contribute to as we get closer to the events. Not forgetting, Simmental wine will also be produced.

Ekka 2022 will also be a Feature show, Victoria will hold an On Farm Challenge, with other states working on events to be announced.

Where to for the future of the breed?

Our focus for 2022 will be on breed development in the genomic world. You would already be aware that we have been working on trialling the IGS (International Genetic Solutions) producing genomic enhanced EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences).

The lure of being able to tap into the IGS's huge reference population is now the subject of our

research and development. It has long been an issue that any sire brought into Australia, does not show the same or similar breed values it does in its country of birth, for years, if ever. The linkage that we have within this database cannot be ignored. We have the ability to split our registers to show the true versatility of the breed in a ranking that is deemed closer to the animal in question. We know the different registers have different maturity patterns, calving ease etc where one may skew the other. Splitting these registers and ranking these animals should give us a more accurate breeding prediction.

To be able to see how your animals rank, we will also be introducing a new database by CGEN, a Canadian company used by Canadian Simmental. We have done this so we can compare the two breeding value systems to make a final decision in 12 months time.

We will continue to use the ABRI's ILR2 and Breedplan databases during this time. We will extract all registration and weights and trait data each month into the CGEN database ahead of an IGS run. While IGS is run weekly, we will have new data monthly.

The Breedplan team has also been working hard on bringing us genomic enhanced EBVs and the decision to make that happen is with AGBU at this time. We genuinely hope that this comes to fruition so we can make an informed decision into 2023.

We readily admit there's no silver bullet in either platform. Each has its advantages and disadvantages, hence the timeline to research the best way forward for Simmental Australia.

So much to look forward to.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and see you all in the New Year.

Felicity Reeves



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For our international guests, especially for those who come from farther away places in Europe and from other continents, we have scheduled a Post-Congress Agrotour tour to the west and back to Vienna through the country's southernmost states. Until September 08th, we will showcase more elite Fleckvieh breeding farms, along with our country's culture and nature.

Futher information will follow continuously at www.fleckvieh.at.

We look forward to seeing all Fleckvieh friends in Australia again next year.

SIMMENTAL AND BISON GENOMES RELEASED

The first reference-quality genome assemblies for the iconic North American Yellowstone bison and the Simmental cattle breed have been published in the Journal of Heredity. Animal genome assemblies provide genetic "blueprints" for how they develop and pass on information to their offspring.

The bison assembly will be used in conservation efforts to maintain genetic diversity, and to study bison evolution by comparing DNA obtained from fossil speciments sampled from permafrost in the Arctic Circle. The Simmental cattle assembly will contribute to an international effort to survey existing cattle breeds around the world to preserve their genetic diversity and identify variation useful for improving beef and dairy traits in different environments. The two genomes are released together because of the unusual way they were created: a single individual hybrid animal from a bison bull and a Simmental cow. Each cell of the hybrid animal contained one copy of the bison and one copy of the Simmental cattle genome.

Researchers used a process called trio-binning, wherein the genome of a single individual and its purebred parents are fully sequenced. With interspecies crosses, this results in a complete, highly accurate genome assembly from each species. These extraordinary high-quality reference genomes meet or exceed the most accurate and complete mammalian genome assemblies to date.

These resources were created by researchers from the USDA's Agricultural Research Service at the US Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC), the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the National Animal Germplasm Program (NAGP), and the US Dairy Forage Research Center (USDFRC). This effort was in partnership with the American Simmental Association (ASA), together with university partners at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Colorado State University (CSU), and the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC).

According to the authors, "The best genome assemblies to date come from interspecies hybrids. They are more contiguous and accurate than those from individuals of the same species." This was previously shown with the yak-Scottish Highland cattle cross.

"This high-quality bison genome provides a snapshot of the current state of buffalo in North America," says professor Beth Shapiro, whose group led the bison assembly and uses ancient DNA to study evolutionary biology at UCSC. "It will be useful for comparing to ancient bison genomes, which are too fragmented to assemble on their own. From this, we can infer the natural history of the species and identify when and where cattle may have introgressed into bison." The data also shed light on how much the near-extinction and intentional crossbreeding of bison and cattle have affected existing herds.

The reproductive effort to produce the hybrid animal was accomplished with Simmental producer, Fred Schuetze of Simmentals of Texas (formerly with Buzzard Hollow Ranch in Granbury, Texas) and the assistance of Drs. Brad and Todd Stroud of HoofStock Genetics. The donor cow was a



fullblood Fleckvieh Simmental, a breed recognised for its fast growth and beef yield.

"From its founding in 1968 to this day, Amercian Simmental Association has been committed to leveraging cutting-edge science and collaboration to accelerate genetic improvement for its members and the beef industry. That unwavering commitment has gained ASA the reputation as "the science breed" and this project illustrates that notion" says ASA executive vice president, Dr. Wade Shafer. "The completion of this project sets the new standards for genetic improvement," says Fred Scheutze, president of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation, and managing partner of SOT.

The Simmental assembly will be compared to previous genomes of Angus, Hereford, Brahman, Highland, Holstein, and Jersey breeds, alog with others emerging from a USDAled effort to sample the 600 or so breeds existing around the world, to identify genetic components that lead some breeds to excel at dairy or beef production, or to thrive in tropical, subtropical, temperate, or subpolar environments. The authors conclude, "These assemblies represent the application of the latest technologies for genome assembly and they provide unprecedented insights into the nature of how evolution and domestication have shaped the genomes." An improved understanding of how selection has affected the genome will help to speed genetic progress for precision agriculture and to avoid counterproductive breeding before it happens, providing another tool for increasing beef and dairy production important for food security, while maximising sustainability.

Source: https://simmental.org/site/index.php/pub/article-topics/industry-events/366-simmental-and-bison-genomes-released





NATIONAL SHOW 2021

This year will be remembered for the can we, can't we, year of being able to hold or not hold a physical sale for our members.

In the era of increasing online auctions, the sale committee went with an online judging platform in the lead up to an online auction, encompassing a truly national sale with vendors all across Australia able to be included.

Over several nights, world renowned judge, PJ Budler from Texas, USA, brought us his comments after viewing all the videos in their classes.

Top honours in the bull classes in the Simmental breed went to GHS Quaker Q9 from Grant High School, Mount Gambier, SA, a 24-month-old son of GHS Mr Money and the 2016 Royal Adelaide Show winning female, Woonallee Lady G34.

The Grand Champion female went to Bandeeka Roulette R14 from Tony and Loreen Kitchen of the Bandeeka Stud in WA, sired by Willandra Kingston.

In the SimAngus breed, the winner was Coolibah Question from vendor, Maddison Morgan, Dorrigo, NSW. The Morgans had another SimAngus bull entered that had to be withdrawn after the judging list had been compiled that the judge thought, "could've won the whole show".

Top priced honours went to Mt Ararat Quantum for \$19,000, heading to work in Queensland.









SIMMENTALS' COMMERCIAL **SUCCESS LEADS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF**

SWEETHOLME SIMMENTALS

Ban Ban Springs breeder Jo Berrie was drawn to Simmental bulls about eight years ago due to their calving size, growth rate, and beef and milk production.

Jo and her husband Grant run 250 breeders including Simmental cows on 1000 acres at their home block "Sweetholme" and also run commercial Brahman Santa cross breeders on a 1200 acre block near Biggenden and on 1200 acres leased at Nanango.

"It's really me who's driven the move into Simmentals, Grant grew up with Brahmans, but what attracted me to Simmentals was that I noticed the calving size was small to normal, but then in a short period of time, their growth rate was amazing," Jo said.

"The beef production and the milk production are two of the key traits that we get from our Simmentals, besides that early growth rate."

"Sweetholme" is steep hilly scrub country with an average 635 millimetre annual rainfall and has a mixture of improved pastures including Buffel Grass, Creeping Bluegrass, Green Panic and Pangola.

The Biggenden block is forest country with native grasses and also gets around 635mm rain annually while the Nanango lease is good grazing country with Queensland Bluegrass and Paspalum and gets close to 700mms annual rainfall.

The first Simmental bulls Jo and Grant used in their herd came from Meldon Park.

The bloodlines they are running now include progeny of Woonallee Lampoon, Lucrana General, Achilles and also Meldon Park Quin Q76, who won Reserve Senior Champion Male at Beef 2021 in May. After they noticed an improvement in the herd as more Simmental was infused into it, Jo started breeding her own Simmental bulls about three years ago.

"I really like the Lucrana General progeny and we've got Lampoon calves hitting the ground now."

Jo and Grant built a feedlot during the drought which the calves go into once they are weaned and have hit 300 kilograms.

They are finished for 100 days before being sold direct to JBS.

The success with Simmentals in the commercial operation has led Jo to establish Sweetholme Simmentals this year with the first generation Lampoon calves being the first stud cattle.

The first two stud heifers are a Meldon Park heifer Aled to Woonallee Lampoon which is about to calve down and a Clay Gully heifer Aled to Mount Ararat Pioneer.

The stud will offer commercial herd bulls initially with a focus on artificial insemination to ensure a diverse line of genetics with Grant doing the Al.







Grant and Jo Berrie

with 18-month-old son

Nash at the Queensland

Simmental Bull sale

in August.

Shamrock Brahman stud for the last decade.

When Jo buys bulls, she is looking for a traditional Simmental with excellent bone structure and good weight to age.

"I'm also looking at fat scores, EMA, rib and PA as well as considering the figures of the bull for progeny, as they will hopefully pass that on.

"I know what I'm not looking for so I have been to a lot of bull sales and walked away empty handed.

"I'm prepared to hold out to get the right bull for our operation - my aim is to breed the type of bulls that delivered in our operation and give other graziers the opportunity to use Simmental in their herd."







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EARLY ADOPTERS STICK WITH SIMMENTALS AT BOROREN, QUEENSLAND

by Jacinta Cummins

When Calvin and Kylie Parker's parents started putting Simmental bulls over Red Brahmans in the early 1990s, locals thought they were mad introducing a European breed into cattle tick country.

They thought the bulls and their progeny would not survive.

But the Parkers' early adoption of Simmentals has well and truly paid off three decades later.

"A lot of those same people who are now using Simmentals tell me that they [our parents] were way ahead of their time," Kylie said with a laugh.

Kylie and her brother Calvin are fourth generation cattle breeders and operate CK Parker Holdings as a family with Calvin's wife Jo-Anne and children Hayley and Dan.

Hayley and Dan work off farm, but help out at busy times like branding and when major projects such as fencing are happening.

Calvin and Kylie's 85-year-old father, Graham, still lives on the family property and is involved on the farm.

The brother and sister duo also run individual operations over their holding of 2000 acres at Bororen, 60 kilometres south west of Gladstone in Central Queensland.

The terrain varies with some of it being mountainous Lantana type country with a consistent effort made to eradicate the Lantana and the other being sandy country with alluvial flats running through it.

In a regular year, they would receive around 800 millimetres rain, most of which falls outside the dry season.

However, rainfall has been poor over the last few years with Kylie nearly reaching crunch time and having to sell her breeders off in 2020 despite having already destocked due to the dry.

Fortunately, it did eventually rain so she didn't have to sell and her focus is now on rebuilding numbers.

Initially, Calvin and Kylie's parents put Simmental bulls over pure Red Brahman females which produced progeny with the best of both breeds.

They were heat tolerant, parasite resistant, heavy muscled, had a quiet temperament and the females were excellent mothers.

Kylie and Calvin have 250 pure Red Brahman and Simbrah cross breeders which they join to Simmental bulls.

"Putting Simmental bulls over Simbrah breeders maintains the tick resistance that we need here," Kylie said.

Steers are generally sold at Miriam Vale Store Sale through Nutrien Ag Solutions, Rockhampton, agents Michael Lynch and Lindsay Lobwein.

The steers and heifers are usually 9-10-months or heifers are sometimes held over until they are 12-15-months with buyers looking to grow them out for a quick turn over.

"We have noticed over the years that we get repeat buyers for our Simbrahs," Calvin said

"Once they buy some they keep coming back every year to buy them again."

It's this type of cattle that have Calvin and Kylie sticking with Simmentals.

"When we first went Simmental, we chose the breed because of its temperament, the muscling, the mothering traits and that amply milk supply and good weight for age," Kylie said

"The calves are born small, which means no calving issues, but in a matter of months, they have grown into big, solid animals."

Calvin and Kylie's approach is simple.







"It's about buying quality bulls, putting them over quality cows and you reap the rewards in the end as you get quality prices at the saleyards," Kylie said.

"We take pride in how our cattle are presented at market.

"We have won at the Miriam Vale Cattle Show and Sale with both our steers and heifers more than a few times and we have also topped this sale on a number of occasions."

Bulls are bought from Clay Gully Simmentals and Meldon Park Simmentals with Calvin and Kylie looking for a red poll bull to go with the Red Brahman and Simbrahs.

Given their position in a tick area, they are looking for a short coat where possible and always enquire with the owners what is their normal feed intake as they are not interested in buying bulls just fed up on grain.

Calvin likes the Clay Gully bulls for their sound structure and excellent feet, noting they've never had any feet issues with any of their bulls before.

He and Kylie select bulls together, considering the fertility, their conformation and data provided for each bull.

"The Simmental bulls have excellent longevity," Kylie said.

"I've got two, 11-year-old Simmy bulls who I'll probably use for another couple of years yet.

"Why would you turn them over when they are such good performers and are still producing a good calf?"

Kylie credits the Simmental bulls' longevity to looking after them particularly well in the first couple of years after buying them, something which they learnt from their parents' initial experiences.

"Just like humans moving to a new climate, the bulls also have to adapt to their new environment and we support them in doing that.

"Depending on their age when purchased, we always continue to vaccinate our bulls for three day sickness [Bovine Ephemeral Fever] for one or two years after buying them which has ensured long-term fertility and we maintain a focus on parasite control initially."

Bovine Ephemeral Fever, also known as BEF, is a mosquito spread virus which is widespread in Queensland and causes short fevers, shivering, lameness and muscular stiffness and in young bulls it can cause infertility.

This ensures the Simmental bulls adapt to their new environmental conditions and are able to thrive in a tick area the same as the rest of the herd.

"If you look after your bulls when you first get them, then they will look after you," Kylie said

"We haven't looked back since we switched to Simmentals, and while they keep performing so well for us, we'll be sticking with them."







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GHS QUAKER Q9 DELIVERS FOR MOUNT GAMBIER SCHOOL STUD AT SIMMENTAL NATIONAL SHOW

by Jacinta Cummins

A 24-month-old bull sired by GHS Mr Money and out of 2016 Royal Adelaide Show Grand Champion Simmental Female Woonallee Lady G34 delivered the goods for Grant High School at the 2021 Simmental National Show.

GHS Quaker Q9 won both Senior Bull and Grand Champion Bull in the show which was judged virtually for the first time ever because of Covid-19 by South African cattleman PJ Budler from Texas, where he is the International Business Manager for Trans Ova Genetics

PJ described Quaker, who tipped the scales at an impressive 1090 kilograms, as being able to go anywhere in the world.

"He's a world class beef bull, he's got so much quality to him.

"This bull has got a beautiful skin, he has got that muscle shape that we are looking for, he's got that easy fleshing ability."

Luke Scicluna, Tamworth paid \$11,000 for Quaker in the next day's sale and he also bought GHS Quasar, a 22-month-old 900 kg bull, who placed fourth in the 20-22-month class.

According to the school's Agricultural Science Teacher Scott Cram, Quaker's win was well deserved.

"He is without doubt the best bull to sell out of our stable and will make an impact in his new herd, whatever is needed," he said.

It was the second biggest show win for Grant High School which established its GHS Simmental stud in 2015 and currently runs four females, two at the school and two which are agisted out.

There are also five heifer calves.

Scott said the stud's success wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of Rellum Farms Simmentals.

Rellum Farms Simmentals Principals Grantley and Vicki Muller sent their children Christopher and Nicole to Grant High School and have been involved ever since.

Grantley is employed as a part time Ag Groundsman and he also provides practical classes and classroom support for the Cattle Club which runs for 80 minutes each Friday.

"The Cattle Club has got bigger than Ben Hur, with 43 students ranging from Year 8 to Year 12 plus nine Primary Industries Flexible Industry Pathway (FIP) students," Scott said

FIP is a South Australian school partnership based school program which combines both theory and field based experience to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to either work in or pursue further education in the agriculture industries.

"Grantley's many years of industry experience is invaluable for our Cattle Club members, they can learn so much from him," Scott said.



He describes the relationship between Grant High School and Rellum Farms as a real partnership with Christopher and Nicole also returning to help out on occasion, with Nicole having videoed and photographed the bulls for the National Show

"Without Grantley and Vicki's support, our stud would not have achieved the success we are enjoying," Scott said.

Looking ahead to the future, two GHS Cows, Woonallee Lady and Woonallee Regal, have been joined to Tennysonvale Nitrate, owned by Grantley and Vicki, and the stud is moving to all polled calves.

Scott hopes that as restrictions ease, the students will have more opportunity to break in the cattle and also show and compete in real life again.

"While Covid didn't really change how we prepared the animals, the biggest hassle of everything being online is that the students miss out," he said

"They don't get to go to the shows and they don't get to meet students from other areas.

"The Mount Gambier Spring Show Led Steer Competition was really the first time that many of our students have been able to participate in person.

"I'm confident this will change in the next 12 months and that our students will once again have the opportunity to watch how other people handle the cattle and how other fitters work."



MOUNT GAMBIER SPRING SHOW LED STEER COMPETITION ENTRIES **DOUBLE AFTER COVID-19 HIATUS**

by Jacinta Cummins

After Covid-19 forced the cancellation of shows and competitions for a second year running and the Royal Adelaide Show Led Steer Competition moved to a carcase only competition, entries for the Mount Gambier Spring Show Led Steer Competition nearly doubled from 22 to 38.

Nine schools took the opportunity to compete after an 18 month hiatus, with Grant High School Cattle Club exhibiting eight steers, including four Rellum Farms Simmentals steers.

The increase in numbers meant the event was held over two days instead of one with the handler competition judged on Wednesday, October 20 and the "On Hoof" section judged the next day.

Fourteen Grant High School students competed in the novice handler competition with four making the final 12.

Year nine student Caitlyn Bignell won Champion Novice Handler.

Thursday started with Grant High School placing third in the "Best Prepared" section with Rellum Farms Roger, lead by Eadie Mustart.

The school then went on to claim first and second place in the 300-550 kg class and first place in the 550-650 kg and the 650-750 kg classes.

Grant High School also won Champion Steer with Lindsay Romeo donated by Lindsay Murray Greys and Reserve Champion with Claremont Blacks Reggie donated by Claremont Blacks Angus.

The Hook results were announced in early November with Grant High School winning first, second and third places in the Light Weight Steers category with Rellum Farms Roger (90.84), Rellum Farms Ragnor (86.65) and Lindsay Murray Grey Romeo (86.21).

Rellum Farms Roger was named Champion Steer on Hook.





BLACK SIMMENTAL STEER FROM RIVERINA DUBBED SCHOOL CHAMPION AT SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

by Jessica McLaughlin, The Rural

Frensham students have taken home a win at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show with Black Simmental steer Quincy.

The Illabo-bred steer scored 91.5 points to take out Champion School Purebred Carcase and placed fifth in the live judging section, making the school, students and Wormbete Simmentals stud proud.

The stud's Nicole Hopkins said her daughter Judy, who is in Year 11, paraded the steer on behalf of Frensham, and was thrilled with the result from only her second year at the Sydney show.

"Judy also finished second in the school paraders class with the same steer, so she was very excited," she said.

Mrs Hopkins said the success was more about recognising the students' hard work rather than the ribbon.

"But overall it's just a great result and great to see the kids build their skills and confidence, and enjoy what they do," she said.

"The win is just a bonus."

The win was not Quincy's first success either, having had wins at numerous shows including Nowra, Goulburn and Moss Vale.



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JOHNES DISEASE REGULATION

by Jacinta Cummins

The cattle industry has responded positively to the Western Australian Government's announcement that it will reduce the regulation of its management of Johnes Disease C (cattle) Strain (JD-C Strain), bringing the state more into line with the rest of Australia.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) chief veterinary officer Dr Michelle Rodan said JD C-Strain would remain regulated, moving from a C1 (prohibited organism) to a C3 (declared pest) under the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007 meaning the disease it still reportable.

The news came after a cow was confirmed to be infected with the C-Strain of JD on a property in the state's southern region which was announced in September.

The disease had last been detected in Western Australia in December, 2012 on a Kimberley cattle station which led to quarantine restrictions for a number of stations over a five year period.

Johnes Disease is a chronic, incurable bacterial disease that causes progressive diarrhoea, weight loss, and eventually

It can be prevented through vaccination however vaccination is not widespread due to the prohibitive cost of the vaccine Silirum.

Johnes Disease S (sheep) Strain is widespread in the WA sheep flock and has also been regularly detected in its cattle herd.

Western Australia has maintained a stringent regulation process for JD-C Strain since 2016 when all other states and territories deregulated controls for the disease.

This stance was based on the assumption that WA did not have the disease at the time.

However, given that the infected beast in this most recent outbreak was eight-years-old, it appears that the disease may have been present in the herd for at least eight years because animals are normally infected as young calves but often do not show signs until they are four years or older.

Eastern cattle producers lived with WA's strict regulations, but when new regulations were introduced on 1 July this year, some producers decided that it was not worth the cost of doing business there.

Prior to 1 July, Queensland and Northern Territory producers wanting to send cattle to WA were only required to faecal test 50 cattle annually due to the states not having the disease while producers in the southern states were required to be J-BAS 8 (Johne's Beef Assurance Score).

This meant southern producers had to have two successive negative herd tests and then ongoing triennial herd tests.

The changes meant that QLD and NT producers now had to complete two successive herd tests of 230 head twice over three years and get a statutory declaration from any vendor who they purchased cattle from to say the property the cattle were coming from was free from JD-C Strain.

Executive Director of the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association, Alex McDonald, said the 1 July changes to the import requirements meant some northern producers just opted out of sending cattle to Western Australia which put pressure into the supplies of bulls into the Kimberley and Pastoral Regions of WA.

"We (ARCBA) welcome this move with open arms," he said.

"It's all about freeing up the transfer of cattle and genetics across the country.



"It frees up a very important market back into WA's northern region; before the 1 July import requirements took effect, there were 1000-1200 bulls going from Queensland and the Northern Territory into that area every year, but that was likely to drop significantly moving forward.

"In WA's south, there was a small but consistent trade of both male and female genetics across the Nullarbor using a specialist freight transporter who did regular runs, but he shut his Western Australian base down after the 1 July changes came into effect.

"So now the import conditions have been greatly eased, I'm expecting that we will also see this trade in genetics resume."

Peter Cowcher is principal of Willandra Simmental and Red Angus studs and also runs a commercial breeding operation at Williams, 140 kilometres north-east of Bunbury in Western Australia's Upper Great Southern.

"I was a long-term supporter of keeping BJD [Johnes Disease C-Strain] out of WA and we had a period of it being workable with the zone systems, but in recent years the stringent nature of the rules made it very difficult to bring in new genetics and the new 1 July rules were unworkable," he said.

"It affected our sourcing of Simmental genetics.

"We purchased a poll sire from Woonallee earlier this year that had qualified for JBAS 8 status according to SA guidelines but surprisingly failed to meet the entry requirements for WA and we weren't able to bring him back home.

"We had to use him by AI which isn't what we normally do, we prefer to have a sire to use for natural mating.

"Since we've found out that we do have the C strain of BJD in WA, I agree with moving to the national plan and it will provide a lot more opportunities for accessing genetics.

"However, what I am extremely disappointed with is the way that the department [DPIRD] handled the recent outbreak.

"They have just dropped the ball with this one.

"I understand them not naming the property where the disease has been detected, but I can't understand why they are not notifying any of the producers who've bought cattle from this property and may be at risk."

According to DPIRD, cattle from the infected property may have gone to as many as 480 other properties in Western Australia, but it is not notifying any of those potential at risk herds.

According to Peter, this simply isn't good enough.

"The department is still classing BJD as a notifiable disease and if a producer detects it, the onus is on the producer to report it to the department."

"But what is the point if the department won't contact producers who may be affected?"

"I don't know any commercial breeders who have voluntarily tested for BJD."

"This isn't about hanging one property out to dry, DPIRD could be discreet and simply contact the properties they need to and let them know that they would be wise to monitor their herds."



"We have the NLIS system for a reason and this would be a perfect time to use it.

"But their [the department's] approach has been poor.

"We've gone from the most stringent regulations, to now not even notifying producers who have a chance of being at risk and thus denying them the ability to manage biosecurity effectively.

"It doesn't make sense to me and a lot of the other stud and commercial producers I've spoken to feel the same way.

"I see BJD as a disease which doesn't pose a great financial risk, it is certainly not the threat to producers compared to diseases such as Pestivirus (BVDV) or Vibriosis.

"But if unchecked and BJD became persistent in a herd, my understanding is that it has a significant negative impact on production.

"Now, beef and dairy producers in WA must be more mindful of BJD as they are with other diseases when implementing their biosecurity plan.

"I welcome the easing of BJD import conditions into WA and the adoption of a truly National approach to managing BJD, but I do believe the WA government has a lot to answer for with its mishandling of this most recent situation."



BLACK SIMMENTALS DELIVER THE GOODS FOR COMMERCIAL BREEDER IN THE RIVERINA

by Jacinta Cummins

Stephen Parker is a fifth generation commercial breeder at Holbrook, north east of Albury, in the Riverina.

Together with his parents, Colin and Maudie, and his wife Ruth, Stephen runs 600 breeders across 3500 acres: 1000 acres at the home block "Glencoe" and 2500 acres at "Mt Flint Station", Book Book, which is about 60 kilometres north of "Glencoe".

Stephen and Ruth's 13-year-old son, Lachie, will the sixth generation to work in the family business when he leaves

"Lachie is a good sign for the future with him already very hands on after school and on weekends and holidays, Stephen says proudly.

Decades ago the Parkers were running Herefords, but moved to Simmentals to avoid common issues such as cancer eye.

They started with traditional Simmentals 30 years ago and were also using black Australian Beef Composite (ABC) bulls from Hicks Beef at Holbrook.

The ABC bulls are described as a combination of the best of both British and European cattle designed to incorporate Hybrid Vigour into a beef operation.

But in the last 10 years, the family operation has switched its focus to pure black Simmentals after finding they deliver the best growth and weight gain for market returns.

"We were happy to go black with the Simmies, we were getting licorice all sorts as we had both red and black, but now the red is slowly disappearing," Stephen said.

Some of the older breeders are still a bit crossy, but our younger girls are either 3/4 Simmental (sired by a Hicks bull) or pure Simmental.

"While we've always been impressed with the Simmental temperament, since moving to the black Simmies, we've noticed their improved temperament even more in comparison to other black cattle breeds."

Calving is twice a year: August and February with the August calving being bigger due to better feed and temperatures.

The herd is set grazed on grass and is also supplemented with some of the 250 tonnes of hay that Stephen bales from 80 acres in good seasons.

The cows run in the bigger paddocks and only come out for marking with smaller paddocks being rotated depending on their feed stocks at the time.

Stephen prefers not to assist during calving so the cows are left to fend for themselves, but the heifers are run at "Glencoe" so help is at hand to assist during calving if needed.

In a typical year, the Parkers get 600 millimetres rain at "Glencoe" and close to 700mls at "Mt Flint Station".

"We've had a really good year this season with about 600mls but most of this came from a very wet summer and the temps



are starting to kick in now so it's drying off a little too quickly and we'd like it to start raining again soon."

The spring drop bull steers have traditionally been sold at 6-8-months weighing around 280 kilograms at the Northern Victoria Livestock Exchange (NVLX) at Barnawartha North near Wodonga through Paull & Scollard Nutrien Ag Solutions Albury agent Sam McCulloch.

The main buyers are looking to finish them off in feedlots with Wagga Wagga based commission buyer Andrew Lowe a repeat buyer.

However the Parkers also started selling online through Auctions Plus during Covid.

Stephen said they don't have a preference for selling through the yards or online, it is really just a matter of where the market is best at the time.

The majority of the females are retained for the self replacing herd.

Cows generally cull themselves, with some of the breeders staying in the herd until they are 15 years old.

Because the Parkers keep their cows until that later stage, Stephen picks his bulls with milk capacity at the front of

After trying a few different Simmental studs for the initial move into the breed, Stephen now buys his bulls from Stuart and Samantha Moeck, Valley Creek Simmentals at Binda near Crookwell in the Southern Tablelands.

"I like the temperament of the Valley Creek bull, Stuart is always bringing in new genetics whereas a lot of the other studs seem to keep using the same genetics," he said.

"We have tried different studs, but they seem to keep on doing the same thing all the time, but we are chasing a constantly evolving bloodline so that different genetic mix is very important to us."

When selecting bulls, Stephen shortlists them through their catalogue figures and then visually assesses them on sale day to see if they stack up in real life.

He is chasing a birth weight that is not too big so he is very particular in sourcing lower birth weight bulls so they can be used over heifers.

Other things he considers are structure, growth rate, Eye Muscle Area (EMA) and Intramuscular Fat (IMF).

"We've just found that we have continually increased our quality since going to Simmental and pure Simmental is definitely the way forward for our operation."

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SIMMENTAL STEER PRIZE POOL HITS \$100,000

AT SYDNEY ROYAL IN 2022

by Jacinta Cummins

2022 is shaping up to be a huge year for Simmental with the breed not only celebrating 50 years in Australia, but also the feature breed for both Sydney Royal and the EKKA.

Simmental Australia has increased its prize pool by tenfold for its purebred Simmental Steer competition across the open, school and trade steer categories at Sydney with \$100,000 on offer.

It is hope that the bigger prizes on offer will attract more people to show commercial Simmentals and also engage the younger clientele who are starting out with the breed.

Simmental Australia president Stuart Moeck said he had been overwhelmed with inquiries for the steer competition.

"It's out of control," he said.

"I've been on the phone at least once a day for months and I've organised a truck load of steers out of Victoria to meet the demand for people wanting Simmentals for Sydney.

"There are a lot of schools which have not traditionally shown Simmentals but have always performed extremely well in the ring in the past and they are now looking at entering Simmies.

"The prize money really has people talking and hopefully this converts to entries.

"Showing in the south has taken a backseat to commercial production so we want to put it back on the map and show people that there are plenty of good purebred Simmentals out there.

"With Simmentals being the feature breed, there really will be no better opportunity to promote the breed with all the interest that the prize pool is generating.

Stuart has worked hard during his presidency to help the society to develop a close relationship with its up and coming members.

"Queensland has fostered their younger members well, but New South Wales has got a bit of catching up to do when it comes to nurturing our youth," he said.

"From a stud perspective, our clientele is getting younger and younger and as a society we want to engage with them and pass that knowledge down from generation to generation."

Stuart said he felt like he had slipped through the cracks himself when he was younger, but for some industry stalwarts such as Alan Anderson and Tom Baker who really pushed him to get involved with the breed.

"I personally wasn't very involved with public speaking and showing when I was growing up and I've seen the benefits these experiences bring to those who have done it.

"You can see their increased confidence and as a society, I want to see us offering these opportunities.

"I want to lay the foundations to revamp our youth movement as part of my legacy as president."

Rob Dimmick teaches Agriculture at Wellington High School and said the school had already doubled the number of Simmental steers it is taking to Sydney from two to four given it is the show's feature breed.



"We then found out the prize money that's on the table and it's just extra motivation for us," he said.

"Coming off the back of Covid, the students have returned to school and are really looking forward to being able to compete in person."

The four steers came from Sixpence Park Simmentals, Tenterfield as four-five-month olds in July.

The three black Simmentals and the one traditional Simmental will be broken in before Christmas to allow the students time to fine tune them in the new year before heading to Sydney.

Wellington won Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Purebred Carcase with Sixpence Park Alex at Sydney Royal in 2019 and the same carcase was also the highest scoring Simmental carcase with a final score of 91.5.

This was the second time that the school had won highest scoring Simmental since 2018, so its odds look good come

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SIMMENTALS EMERGE AS POPULAR PLAYER IN THE QUEENSLAND CATTLE MARKET

by Jacinta Cummins

Simmentals have slowly been building their popularity in the Queensland market over the last decade and now commercial producers are turning to the breed for better weight for age and in turn, improved profits.

June saw a new record set for the highest priced Simmental to be sold at auction in Queensland with the sale of Meldon Park Q52 for \$38,000 to George and Clayton Bartolo, Carrinyah Pastoral, Nebo at the Ag-Grow Premier Multi-Breed Beef Bull Sale in Emerald.

Paton Fitzsimons who is National Livestock Director for Ray White Rural said the growing trend is to use Simmentals in cross breeding operations.

"Over the last 10 years, there has been a big swing in Western Queensland, particularly in Central Queensland, away from purebreds to crossbreds and the Simmental breed is really starting to make a footprint on this market," he said.

"These breeders are wanting improved weight gains and hybrid vigour.

"The Simmental deliver on weight for age and they also meet a lot more buyers' selection criteria: the big supermarket players like Coles want them and the feedlotters just can't get enough of them.

"There's a lot more marketability for a Simmental crossbred.

"When you can have a crossbred calf weighing 350 kilograms at 10 months, but a 10-month-old purebred is only weighing 300kgs, then that's a big difference to your profit per head."

Some southern studs have decided to dip their toe into the Queensland market with more than half the vendors which sold at the inaugural Queensland Simmental Bull Sale held at Gracemere on August 2 coming from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

The sale offered 82 bulls from 12 vendors with 100% clearance, a top of \$22,000 and an average of \$12,207.

Steve Manwell is Managing Director for Stud Stock Marketing Services and said the results spoke for themselves.

'Simmental infused cattle are increasingly being recognised as the cross breed of choice for northern beef herds when considering sale price and clearance rates for all Simmental Sales in Queensland," he said.

"Originally a dual-purpose breed, the benefits of higher milk production gained from Simmental infused females are not lost on calves nor on commercial producers' hip pockets. This differentiates the Simmental when comparing it to other beef breeds like the Charolais and Limousin.

"Increasingly Simmental cross progeny are finding popularity with both domestic and global beef markets and this gives producers the opportunity to manage risk by hedging their bets both ways.

"Simmental simply makes good business sense."

For Yerwal Estate Simmental Stud principal, Regan Burow, selling into Queensland from his base near Naracoorte, South Australia was simply a matter of the timing being right.

"It was a combination of Queensland wanting traditional Simmental bulls and the southern market down here moving more towards a black Simmental," he

"We've been in Simmentals since the early 70s and I'm a very passionate Simmental breeder and the demand for the type of bulls we breed has been going from strength to strength in Queensland so it was always part of our business plan to expand up there."

Brodhi Carracher from Grangeburn Simmentals, Wannon in western Victoria had also earmarked Queensland as a market he wanted to tap into.

"It was always something we were aiming to do [expand our traditional bull sales to Queensland], and this year was a great opportunity to do that," he said.

"As it turns out, Covid-19 affected us holding on property sales or even having potential buyers come to inspect the bulls in Victória, so selling in Queensland gave us a face-to-face sale opportunity rather than just an online one.

Both Regan and Brodhi had always planned on sending their bulls to . Queensland to acclimatise before the sale, but border closures meant they had to select fitters based off online interactions and phone calls.

For Brodhi this was the most nerve wracking element of the process, but both he and Regan selected Jason Jeynes and Julie Sheehan of JJ Fitting, Dalma for their bull preparation and presentation.

JJ Fitting prepared 49 of the 82 bulls offered at the sale.

Julie said while it was the first time that JJ Fitting had prepared a significant offering of Simmentals, that the same principles applied as they do for any breed.

"It's about the vendors offering a product which is suited to the area and us then doing our best to prepare and present that product at its best," she said.

"The CQ breeders want a Simmental that can cope with this area including the challenges of heat and ticks.

"All the bulls offered at the sale met this criteria.

"What drives JJ Fitting is getting the best outcome for the animal and the best outcome for our vendors.

"We do what we would want someone else to do for us if we were in their shoes."







And for both Regan and Brodhi, it was exactly what they would have done themselves.

Brodhi said one of the biggest drawcards of the whole process was JJ Fitting's location near Rockhampton, particularly during Beef 2021.

"I wasn't even sure if I was going to make it up for the sale with the border closures, but we did manage to get there, but I really had to entrust Jason and Julie with everything from vaccinations to scans and photography," he said.

"Ideally I will travel up more to lend a hand in the lead up to the next sale,

but it really couldn't have gone better considering the circumstances with Covid."

Regan agreed, describing the foray into the Queensland market as the most enjoyable sale he's ever held.

"We got to the sale in the end, the bulls were absolutely immaculately presented and all I had to do was walk in and speak to my clients," he said.

"It was one of the best experiences I've had because I didn't have the stress of organising everything from the catering to the bulls to the sales complex and I will be doing it again.

"For us moving forward, it is about continuing to expand our market into Queensland and also improving our online sales profile which we have been working on since Covid started."

Now the dust has settled, what is the future of Simmentals in Queensland?

Steve Manwill sums it up succinctly.

"The Australian Simmental is credited to many individuals, some of whom have dedicated a lifetime to the breed and the smart genetic selections made by them.

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SIMMENTAL SUCCESS AT 2021 ROYAL

ADELAIDE SHOW CARCASE

COMPETITION

by Jacinta Cummins

Despite the Royal Adelaide Show being cancelled for the second year running just three weeks out from the event, its Show Carcase Competition went ahead and Simmentals continued its trend of achieving strong results.

While there were good numbers set to compete initially, after the show was cancelled, some schools opted to send their students to compete at other show led steer competitions so they could have the face-toface experience.

There were about 120 exhibits entered all up.

According to Tom Baker, Woonallee Simmentals, the reduced numbers didn't affect the competition with the personal rivalry between competitors to take home the sash making for a great dynamic.

"We really saw that consistency in the Simmental entries, it wasn't just from one or two competitors, it was across the board and this was reflected in Simmentals placing in the top three for each class," he said.

"It was also really pleasing to see so many schools not only competing but also placing."

The Simmental team was Runner Up for Team Carcase Award with an aggregate score of 264.15 for the two carcases entered by Tom and Lizzy Baker, Woonallee Simmentals and the third entered by Naracoorte High School.

All three carcases scored more than 87 points

The Bakers' Woonallee Richard won the Light Domestic 200-250kg class with a score of 89.39 and Kangaroo Inn Area School won the Heavy Domestic 250.1-300kg class with a score of 86.85.



Woonallee Richard was sired by Woonallee Noble Prize N22 who was the sire of the top priced bulls in the Bakers' spring and autumn bull sales earlier this year.

Woonallee Richard was awarded highest scoring Simmental carcase in the competition and Reserve Champion Light Domestic Carcase.

His carcase weight was 245 kilograms and he got full points for his P8 Fat of 12mm and Rib Fat of 6mm, to score a total of 45.16 points out of a possible 50 for eating quality.

Lancaster Simmental and Naracoorte High School took out first and third in the Best Export Eating Quality Carcase class with scores of 67.17 and 66.01 respectively.

After winning this class, the 15-monthold Lancaster Rebel R179 was also named Champion Eating Quality Carcase overall.

His carcase weight was 354.8kgs and he had an 88-square centimetre eye muscle area and he scored 47.17 points for eating quality.



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ADOPTION OF IGS LEADS TO BETTER PROGENY FOR BONNYDALE BLACK SIMMENTALS

by Jacinta Cummins

In 2018, Bonnydale Black Simmentals genomically profiled its entire stud herd using International Genetics Solutions (IGS) and hasn't looked back since.

Bonnydale was the first seedstock operation in Australia to provide genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (EPDs) to potential buyers for its February, 2018

IGS is the world's largest beef genetic evaluation with more than 20 million animals in its database.

It has emerged as a competitor for BreedPlan which has traditionally been the main performance recording system in

While BreedPlan is based on an individual breed and predicts an animal's genetic potential for certain traits through estimated breeding values (EBVs), IGS uses EPDs which are reported in imperial measurements and include stayability of daughters in a herd.

The fact that IGS offers multi-breed evaluation (It has 17 breed societies which are involved as partners.) has lead to some Australian cattle societies either trialling it or making the switch completely.

Shorthorn Beef moved to IGS in 2020 and Simmental Australia is currently trialling IGS alongside BreedPlan to see which system delivers the best results for its members.

At Bonnydale, brothers Mike and Rob Introvigne have DNA tested every female and test all calves every year via the Calf Crop Genomics program and have dual registered their herd with both Simmental Australia and the American Simmental Association to get the most accurate data to improve their offering to their commercial clients.

They are still providing data to BreedPlan, but Mike is keen to move solely to IGS in the future due to improved data collection and reduced costs as it is an expensive process to dual register in both Australia and America.

"For us, using IGS is really about protecting the integrity of our pedigrees and ensuring that we could verify the parentage of every animal," he said.

"We felt like we could get a better overview of where our cattle are benchmarked against the international herd.

"You can't just sit there and wait for things to happen, you need to be proactive and using IGS is what makes sense for

"Like anything new, there are a few things that we would like to see improved with the system, but the beauty of it is that ASA implement new parameters to the performance recording system and then constantly refine the program as data enters the system to increase accuracy."

Mike has found that IGS has not worked as well with his Australian Angus sires for Bonnydale's SimAngus program because they don't have a lot of linkage with the US database but he expects this to improve as IGS becomes adopted by Simmental Australia.

He says that while clients are interested in IGS, not many are focusing solely on using EPDs to select their bulls, but with Bonnydale increasing both the amount of bulls it sells each year and seeing an increase in its average price, he believes IGS is helping to improve their cattle and thus the bottom

"I believe using IGS and whole herd pedigree verification underpins our program and our clients are attracted to the fact that we aim to provide an element of integrity to our genetics and more broadly our whole program.

"We are looking at the overall balance of our bulls, both phenotypically and genetically, rather than just trying to breed an animal which is in the top one percent for all EPDs.

"We've done an enormous amount of work with our bread and butter clients, who are commercial producers, to make sure that our bulls perform in their operations.







"We use IGS to improve what we are doing because at the end of the day, we want to breed a bull which is fit for purpose and does the job of adding to our client's bottom

"Some Simmental stud breeders are concerned that their performance data will go backwards with IGS, but I don't agree with that.

"It's not about your quality of the data decreasing, but rather your cattle being benchmarked in a bigger pool with more animals which at the end of the day gives more accuracy and helps you improve your breeding outcomes.

"It's really a matter of people getting their head around IGS and once adopted by Simmental Australia, breeders will see there is nothing to fear, it is basically no different to using Breedplan but on steroids.

"What you have to remember is that the calf that is born today is not going to have much of an influence on your client's cow herd for five years, so the more we can improve our breeding today, the better off both us and our clients will be in the future.

"As seedstock producers today, we need to be thinking five to 10 years ahead and we believe IGS greatly assists us in achieving this.

"Any system is only as good as the data that is provided, we collect data on 12 traits and when you add genomics it makes IGS a powerful tool for our business.

"I think it's a great move that Simmental Australia are trialling IGS and I hope that this leads to the association adopting it in 2023."

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SIMMENTAL QUEENSLAND **2021 NEWS**

by Lis Skene

With all that was happening in the world with Covid, Queensland was very privileged to host Beef 2021. I sincerely thank the Beef Australia committee for their incredible passion and resilience overcoming all the hurdles that must have been presented to them pre and during the exhibition. Even though there were no international guests the Beef industry certainly didn't disappoint.

Simmentals and Simbrahs were well represented in both stud and commercial sections. Our Judge for the stud cattle was Cherie Gooding, Marlegoo Charbrays with her associate Libby Perkins, Dalby. I would like to congratulate them both on their judging performance during the day and thank Mark and Nikita Duthie, GDL, Stud Stock for volunteering as the ring announcer and marshalling for the day.

The ASBA had a site in the cattle shed this year keeping Felicity on her toes all week with people enquiring about Simmental and Simbrahs. Thank you Felicity, Federal councillors and members who helped at the site and judging day.

Congratulations to all exhibitors for their cattle and the shed being very well presented.

Stud cattle sales this year for both females and bulls have been extraordinary with 100% clearances on the back of record commercial prices.

The Annual 'Beefing Up the Next Generation' Junior Show is being held on 2nd - 5th December at Pittsworth QLD. With over 70 keen participants aged 8 to 25 years from across the state. A jam packed four days of feedlot visits, feed additive visit, many career industry talks, meat judging and carcase breakdowns, junior judging and paraders competitions and a Simmental Show. Having many talented participants for the weekend, a thank you to the ASBA for their support towards our ambassador program.







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SIMMENTAL YOUTH **PROJECTS & PROGRAMS**

At the Simmental Federal Board Meeting, held in Adelaide in May, the Simmental Youth Program was raised. It was decided to form a Federal Committee for Simmental Youth Projects. A committee of three was elected: Bill Cornell (chair), Sarah Truran and Lis Skene. This committee will report to the Federal Council each meeting.

This committee has been in discussion with those involved in present Junior Programs.

The Federal committee aims are to support present programs and develop new programs in the future. Junior and Youth members are the future and are to be encouraged and nurtured.

The programs should be fun and educational in a safe and caring environment where lifetime friendships can be formed.

Simmental Youth is well represented by the Qld Simmental Breeders Association and the "Beefing Up the Next Generation Junior Show" to be held at the Pittsworth Showgrounds 2nd to 5th December 2021.

A number of awards will be presented at this event being The Simmental Ambassador Award and the Queensland-Tasmania Exchange. Also, an award to fund a junior member to attend the SA Junior Expo 2022. Federal Council is providing \$5000 to support these events.

Coming Events in 2022

The 50th Year Celebrations along with Simmental Feature Breed will be held at the 2022 Sydney Royal Show. This will provide a number of opportunities for Youth including a Simmental Paraders event on the Thursday and at the conclusion of the Simmental Feature judging there will be "bred and owned" and "owned" class sections for Junior members with a total of \$500 prize money to be awarded.

Jenny Buller has taken on the coordinator role for Junior Programs for the NSW State Committee.

The Simmental Youth Projects Committee is open to discuss and promote a variety of youth events.



The following ideas have already been suggested: educational days and tours to herds, feedlots and field trips. Also, pregnancy diagnosis schools, Al schools and other training days.

Exchange and Scholarship programs will be reviewed for both domestic and overseas.

Other suggestions are to develop a Simmental Youth Show/ Round Up for the southern Australia.

To support Simmental Youth or Youth that have Simmental animals to attend all-breed National Heifer Show events.

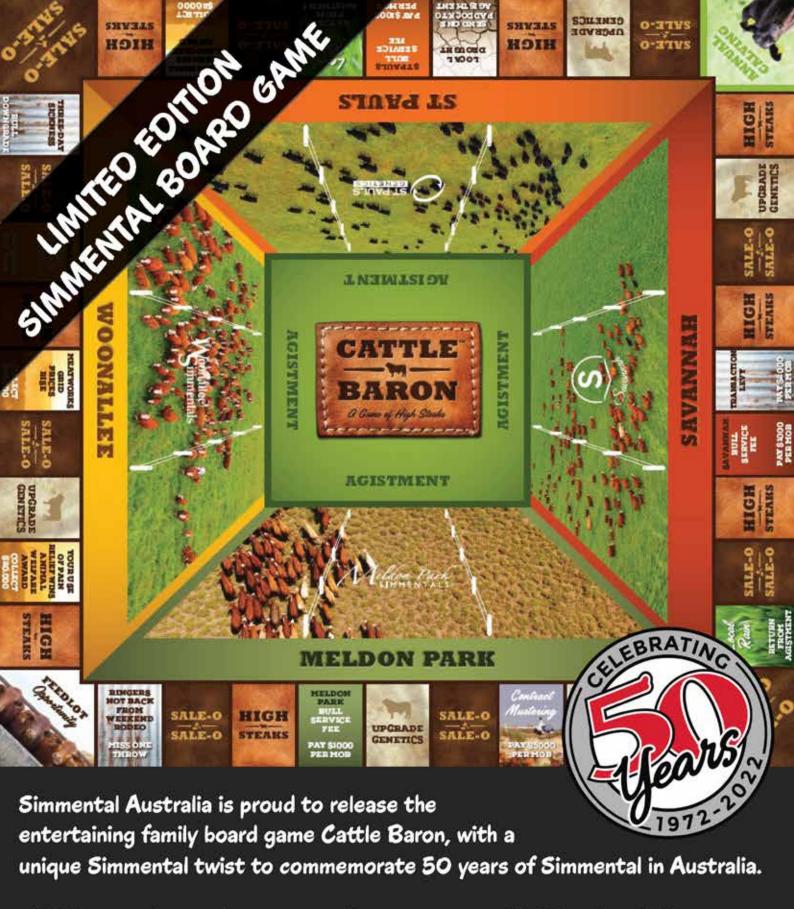
It is recommended that attendees of any sponsored event are to be Junior Members of Simmental Australia. The firstyear cost of \$11 is certainly affordable.

Queensland will host Junior events at both the 2022 Brisbane Ekka Simmental 50 Year- Celebrations and the 2022 Junior Heifer Show Camp.

Please contact any of your Federal Youth Projects Committee members to show support and discuss ideas.

Sarah Truran - savannahsimbrahs@gmail.com - 0411 955 576 Lis Skene - meldonpark@optusnet.com.au - 0428 717 847 Bill Cornell - billcornell@bigpond.com - 0428 293 498





\$70 per board game, discount available for 10 games Board games will be available in January 2022

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SIMMENTAL VICTORIA **2021 NEWS**

by Vanessa Wenn

The AGM of the Victorian State Branch was held Sunday 18th April 2021 at Inverleigh Simmental Stud - Invergordon. Congratulations to the new committee L-R -G Smith, V. Wenn (Treasurer), J Leek, P Wenn (Vice President), J Rothenberger, K Gillett, G Gillett (Secretary), G Ryan, S Cameron (President) and F Radomiljac (absent on the day). We thank Stuart Cameron for his hospitality and it was great to see some outstanding Simmental cattle.

Going forward in 2022, our 50th Anniversary year, we look forward to having a super showing at the Royal Melbourne Show and a large On Farm Challenge which will culminate with a 50th Anniversary

Celebration Dinner. Preparations are well in progress with some very good sponsorship for both events.

In 2022, we will also see some exceptional cattle on offer when Victorian members hold their first annual Simmental Sales. Grangeburn Simmentals and Mt Ararat Simmentals will be holding separate online sales in February - with Females and Bulls on offer. Also holding their annual bull sale will be Brewers Beef Black Simmentals - with an exceptional draft of bulls on offer.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Here's to a great year ahead for the Simmental Breed!







2022 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

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The Victorian Branch will once again hold its OFC judging October/November 2022 and incorporate the 50th Year of Simmentals in Australia celebrations. A festivity dinner will be held which will include an

The Victorian OFC is a competition in which members can enter animals to be inspected, on-farm and in their usual condition, by an experienced cattle judge. The judge will provide feedback on a score sheet, and awards will be given to the highest scoring animals in each class. Open to all stud, commercial, junior members along with local commercial focused farmers whom incorporate Simmentals in their herd and reside in Victoria.

auction and presentations to all the winners.

Conditions of entry will apply and coincide with Bio-Security rules and COVID regulations.

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NOW AVAILABLE FOR SIMMENTAL

At our October meeting, the ASBA Board voted to bring in genetic testing on all new AI sires.

While there are no known carriers of life threatening genes in our database, this is seen as a step forward to ensure the future of the breed. There will be cases of these tests already undertaken overseas for export, but we will retest here if any are missing.

The pricing structure of an Accredited Al Sire has changed to include the testing. The fee below is not on top of the current fees and includes the current Simmental bundle plus the gene testing.

All new AI sires registered from 1 January 2022 will be subject to the Simmental Genetic Bundle testing for known genetic conditions within the Simmental breed of DL, CA, NH, AM, DD and RC, as part of the registration process for a flat fee of \$350 for Overseas Sires, \$230 for Australian Sires and \$350 for Australian Rights sires.

Any current sire in the system that becomes an Al sire after the same date must be retested for the conditions

Any sire that doesn't have all the required testing will need to be retested.

All genetic results will be displayed on the animal's profile.

So what are these genes:

DL - Diluter

Diluter is a coat colour abnormality that can be found when a traditional bull that is a carrier of the DL gene is mated to a black cow. A certain number of the resulting calves are born with grey coats (approximately 50%).

The gene causing DL has been found to be a dominant gene; therefore, baldie calves that are expected to have a black coat color are born with a smoke color because the DL gene is dominant to the black gene. Diluter is not an abnormality that causes any issues with calf performance.

CA - Contractual Arachnodactyly

Also known as fawn calf syndrome, the disorder affects the connective tissue of muscles, leading to contraction of the upper limb (most obvious in the hind limbs), and looseness of the joints of the lower



limbs. Recessive, not lethal, Angus and Angusinfluenced cattle.

NH - Neuropathic Hydrocephalus

Also called "water head," affected calves are born dead with an extremely large cranium, with little or no brain material or spinal cord. Recessive, lethal, affecting Angus and Angus-influenced cattle.

AM - Anthrogryposis Multiplex

Known as "Curly Calf Syndrome," AM results in stillborn calves small in size with diminished muscling, bent limbs, and twisted spines. Recessive, lethal, affecting Angus and Angusinfluenced cattle.

DD - Developmental Duplication

Affected calves frequently (but not always) develop extra body parts, often limbs (most commonly, extra front legs), a condition called polymelia. Some animals with two copies of DD may have no outward sign of this trait. Recessive, not lethal, Angus and Angus-influenced cattle.

RC - Red Charlie

Red Charlie inheritance and function is exactly like the traditional red coat color allele. In other words, a Red Charlie carrier is exactly like an animal with one black allele and one red allele (heterozygous black). If two Red Charlie carriers are mated, 25% of the calves will be truly homozygous black (and appear black), 50% will be heterozygous black (and appear black), and 25% will be homozygous red (and appear red). The gene was originally reported in a bull named SV Red Charlie, (ASA 1680096).

Tested homozygous black animals with a Red Charlie carrier in the lineage are potentially heterozygous black animals.

Breeders may receive coat color tests that say homozygous black and will need to look at the Red Charlie test/pedigree risk to truly know if the animal is homozygous black.

A traditional bull results may come back as having a black coat colour, usually heterozygous black.

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Hit television shows like CSI: Crime Scene Investigation can make DNA testing appear so far, simple and miraculously powerful, with the tiniest sample turned into powerful evidence in a short space of time.

But is this really what it's like in the real world? Neogen, Australia's largest and leading livestock genomics company, has opened the doors to producers to reveal what goes on behind the scenes once a DNA sample arrives at its laboratories for analysis.

"A daily goal for the Neogen team is to make genomic testing as simple, guick and affordable as possible for livestock producers," Neogen

Australasia Senior Regional Director Bobby Creasman said.

"And while we're always trying to reduce turnaround times, the reality is not the same as what people often see on TV or at the cinema. It's a very complicated process providing such detailed comprehensive data, customised to producers' needs, from a single tissue sample."

NEOGEN operates Australia's longest running livestock genomics testing facility based at the University of Queensland since the 1980s, and has led the development of a range of DNA tests to assist cattle breeders take their genetic selection decisions to the next level.

Using cutting edge and innovative technologies, Neogen provides reliable, rapid and affordable genomic information that helps livestock producers raise healthier animals and have more productive herds.



behind the scenes of DNA testing



The process starts when a tissue sample and test submission form arrive at the Neogen laboratory in Gatton, Qld.

"From there each sample will cross the desks of at least 15 people, before the critical information it contains is ready to be reported back to the producer to inform their herd or flock management decisions," Mr Creasman said.

The process starts at sample reception where packages are processed and logged into the system, before the fun part of DNA extraction begins. Neogen has seven full-time equivalent staff working in this team, plus two robots.

A further three more staff are involved in DNA pre-processing, which involves preparing the extracted DNA for analysis reactions, and three more staff are in the DNA processing team which undertakes the analysis reactions.

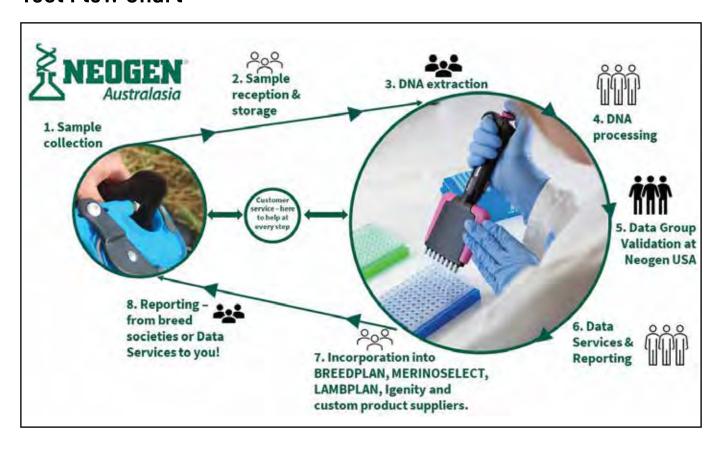
The data services team then gets involved to perform parentage and trait analytics, with all analysis quality controlled by a specialist in Neogen's US laboratories, before results are reported back to producers through Australia's livestock genetics programs and the breed societies.

"Finally, there is our customer service team, who are interacting with and answering questions from customers throughout the whole process, and coordinating our response to inquiries from all over Australia and New Zealand."

Mr Creasman said the beauty of genomics was that livestock breeders could benefit from such an intricate process simply by taking a tissue sample from their stock and using the information that comes back to inform their joining or culling decisions.

"My advices to producers wondering where to turn in a marketplace packed with new brands and start up laboratories, is to stick with an experienced team with a proven testing pipeline delivering customised and comprehensive genomic solutions," Mr Creasman said.

Test Flow Chart





HOW TO SUBMIT DNA

Download the form off the website -

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Fill out for up to 8 animals on this one - make sure you say if its HAIR or TSU at the top.

Add on Pesti if you need it as this is not included in the Standard Bundle.

Reminder that a spreadsheet with Animal ID and TSU number must be sent with any request.

If you have more than 8 animals to test, download the spreadsheet from the website.

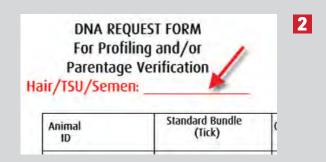
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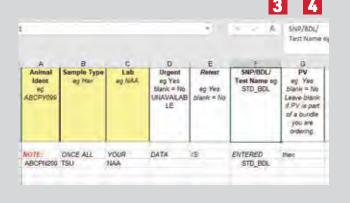
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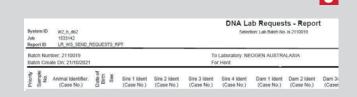
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Rocky Red Sale

Lot 6. Savannah Miss Zoe P017 sold for
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Rocky Red Sale

Lot 15. Savannah Zoe Rose QO70 sold for
\$15,500 to Sixpence Park Simmentals



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Lot 45. Savannah Q062 sold for
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AUSTRALIAN SIMMENTAL'S IGS EPD AVERAGES



Simmental's focus for 2022 will be on breed development in the genomic world. As you're already aware, we have been working on trialling the IGS (International Genetic Solutions) producing genomic enhanced EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences).

The lure of being able to tap into the IGS's huge reference population is now the subject of our research and development. It has long been an issue that any sire brought into Australia, does not show the same or similar breed values it does in its country of birth. The linkage that we have within this database cannot be ignored. We have the ability to split our registers to show the true versatility of the breed in a ranking that is deemed closer to the animal in question. We know the different registers have different maturity

patterns, calving ease etc where one may skew the other. Splitting these registers and ranking these animals should give us a more accurate breeding prediction.

To be able to see how your animals rank, we will also be introducing a new database by CGEN, a Canadian company used by Canadian Simmental. We have done this so we can compare the two breeding value systems to make a final decision in 12 months time.

We will continue to use the ABRI's ILR2 and Breedplan databases during this time. We will extract all registration and weights and trait data each month into the CGEN database ahead of an IGS run. While IGS is run weekly, we will have new data monthly.

If you're looking to import from overseas, the IGS Breed average for each of the registers is shown in the table as follows:

seq	ctype	bwt	wwt	ywt	milk	ce	mce	mwwt	doc	stay	pwng	cw	rea	fat	marb	yg	index1	index2
VSM	AVG	2.409	71.578	106.708	23.555	10.095	5.774	59.297	11.529	15.085	0.22	25.851	0.806	-0.094	0.084	-0.424	120.452	71.831
RSM	AVG	3.873	66.608	97.31	24.116	7.512	4.221	57.372	9.578	13.253	0.192	19.613	0.764	-0.106	0	-0.467	104.018	64.626
SIM	AVG	5.629	64.359	92.278	32.379	5.612	3.814	64.512	7.71	12.173	0.174	17.931	0.769	-0.122	-0.043	-0.516	92.886	60.635
SMA	AVG	1.315	68.537	104.348	21.872	11.406	6.512	56.094	12.198	14.252	0.224	28.06	0.639	-0.062	0.166	-0.282	125.326	72.84
SMB	AVG	2.502	52.866	74.483	24.674	8.091	4.664	51.083	7.762	11.383	0.135	14.275	0.582	-0.098	-0.053	-0.411	94.276	56.35

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LEGEND/GLOSSARY

NP non parent all calves born in the last five years **SIRE** all sires used in the last five years **DAM** all dames used in the last five years **SIM** Simmental last five years

BSM Black Simmental last five years **RSM** Red Simmental last five years **SMA** SimAngus last five years **SMB** SimBrah last five years

SPR Performance Register last five years

WHAT TO EXPECT WITH MULTI-BREED GENETIC **EVALUATION POWERED BY BOLT**

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Change can be a scary concept to some yet sought after by others. Many breeders wonder about the changes on the horizon once the new evaluation, Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT, is fully implemented. That change may be nerve-racking but in reality, things should change. Why invest in new and improved methods if you get the same answers? Here are key changes to expect with the new genetic evaluation:

- 1. Movement of EPDs and reranking. EPDs will change especially in younger, lower accuracy cattle. Members should expect movement in lower accuracy cattle, as seen in the existing evaluations, because they may have new progeny data reported. Some cattle will move in a favorable direction while others will do the opposite. Keep in mind even if the EPDs get worse, the prediction of them is more accurate. With Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT, we will have more accurate EPDs earlier in the animal's life.
- 2. More accurate accuracy. This idea takes a little time to sink in. The accuracy reported for each EPD will be more directly calculated and thus closer to the "real" accuracy. The methods to solve accuracy directly are extremely difficult and take a lot of computer power. With the previous Cornell software it was not possible to solve for accuracy directly so an approximation method was used to estimate accuracy for each EPD. There were inherent flaws with approximating the accuracy with the previous method. Now with BOLT software, the accuracy reported with the EPD will be more reliable.
- 3. Reported accuracies will tend to be lower. One of the inherent flaws in the approximation methods used to find accuracy in the previous evaluation, and in all evaluations not produced through BOLT, was they frequently overestimated accuracy, especially for younger animals. This was known for a long time, but there was no way to calculate the accuracies directly. With BOLT, having accuracy more directly solved results in a more reliable accuracy but that accuracy will

- often be numerically lower than the previous evaluation would predict. However, the new reported accuracies with BOLT should better represent the possible changes for the EPDs.
- 4. DNA testing will have a larger impact. With the switch to BOLT software, IGS will use Single-step genomic evaluation on all EPDs (currently using Single Step for Stayability EPDs). Single-step uses the DNA markers, pedigree information, and phenotypic data simultaneously in the prediction of the EPDs. Previously molecular breeding values (MBVs) were calculated from the genomic information and those MBVs were blended separately into the EPD prediction. The Single-step method squeezes more information from the DNA markers than the previous approach allowed. Also, there are biases inherent in the blending process that aren't a problem with the Single-step approach. Additionally, with Single-step, the genomic information will not only enhance EPDs for the genotyped animal but also will be used in the EPD estimates of relatives.
- 5. Weekly genetic evaluation runs. With the horsepower behind BOLT, IGS can run genetic evaluations weekly. This has many benefits. It allows members to get more immediate feedback after submitting their records. If members miss a deadline, they can catch the next evaluation run the following week. It allows for more accurate EPDs throughout the year and faster incorporation of the genomics. This also means the EPDs put in print will quickly be outdated.

Genetic evaluation is not stagnant.

There will always be improvements as new research in animal breeding, genomics, and statistics advance. **BOLT** software is revolutionary in the innate flexibility, the computational power, and the statistical methods made possible using this software. Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT promises more accurate EPDs, accuracies, and better use of genomics all delivered to you on a weekly basis.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

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The new genetic evaluation, Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT, offers groundbreaking advances in the prediction of EPDs for the IGS group. Here are some frequently asked questions and answers to help you better understand the new evaluation.

1. What are the key features of the Multi-breed Genetic **Evaluation powered by BOLT?**

- Faster and more automated system allowing for frequent genetic evaluations.
- Improved use of genomic data with Single-step.
- Improved methodology for predictions of all
- More accurate accuracy.
- More flexibility to add additional traits or change methods for future improvements.

2. How is IGS's single-step approach different from blending for genomic evaluation?

The blending approach uses separate steps to calculate genomically enhanced EPDs. This approach requires two steps. The first step is to estimate the effects of DNA markers through a process called "training" or "calibration". These effects are then used to calculate molecular breeding values (MBVs) on genotyped animals. The MBVs are then combined with traditionally calculated EPDs to enhance the accuracy of the traditionally calculated EPDs. The blending process is only performed on genotyped animals.

Befitting its name, the single-step approach calculates genomically enhanced EPDs in one step - using DNA, pedigree information, and phenotypes simultaneously. As a result, the DNA information not only improves the accuracy of prediction on genotyped animals, but also on the relatives and contemporaries of the genotyped animals. In a sense, all animals are genomically enhanced under the single-step approach.

There are also issues inherent in the blending process that are solved with single-step. Similar to the fact that only reporting phenotypes on a selected group of animals in your herd can lead to less informative (and more biased) EPDs with traditional evaluation, problems can exist with blending as it only involves genotyped animals - and genotyped animals tend to be highly selected. However, because single-step includes information from non-genotyped as well as genotyped animals, the issues are corrected.

3. How is the Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by **BOLT** different than other single-step models used in other genetic evaluations?

It is well established that DNA markers vary greatly in their effect on traits - ranging from a large to no impact. To leverage this biological fact in a statistically advantageous manner, the BOLT single-step method only utilises markers that have a meaningful impact on the traits of interest, while ignoring those that have little to no effect. By using this approach, BOLT reduces the statistical "noise" and thereby increases the accuracy of prediction. By circumventing the "noise", BOLTgenerated EPDs tend to be more accurate than EPDs generated by organisations that are relegated to using all markers in their single-step evaluation.

4. How many DNA markers are being used?

The Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT uses a subset of weighted markers based on a research study performed by Drs. Mahdi Saatchi and Dorian Garrick, while they are scientists at Iowa State University. Drs. Saatchi and Garrick first used the 50,000 markers to determine a subset of weighted markers that are highly associated with economically relevant traits in beef cattle with consistent effects across breeds. Because the IGS evaluation is for multiple breeds, it is important to remove markers with inconsistent effects or no effects in different breeds.

The Saatchi and Garrick research also found that utilising genotypes on animals of multiple breeds consistently increased the accuracy of prediction within a particular breed when compared to limiting DNA utilisation to only animals of a particular breed.

5. Why are some traits influenced by markers and others are not?

The genetic architecture of various traits are different. Some are controlled by few genes with large effects and some are controlled by many small effects genes. In the current DNA profilers, there are some markers with high correlations with corresponding genes for some traits and low correlations with others. That's why we see different DNA added values for different traits. It is hard to change the genetic architecture of a trait. But, new DNA profilers or future technologies may help to improve the value of DNA information for such traits.

Furthermore, some maternal traits, like Maternal Calving Ease and Milk, are difficult to predict with genomics because there are so few females genotyped. Increasing the number of cows and heifers genotyped will improve the ability to use genomics to predict maternal traits.

Will genomic testing replace the need to submit phenotype records?

No, reporting actual records is critical. The value of genomic predictions increases as the amount of phenotypic information increases. Furthermore, at this point, animals cannot achieve high accuracy with genomic data alone. High accuracy EPDs are only achievable by collecting many phenotypic records on

MULTI-BREED GENETIC EVALUATION POWERED BY BOLT

7. How do we know predictions via BOLT are better than the previous system (Cornell software)?

The IGS evaluation team has conducted a series of validations to compare the BOLT system to the Cornell system. BOLT-derived EPDs had higher correlations to birth, weaning and yearling weights (0.34, 0.29, and 0.26, respectively) than the Cornell derived EPDs (0.27, 0.19, and 0.20, respectively). Furthermore, there was a larger difference in average progeny performance (birth, weaning, and yearling) of the top 1% compared to the bottom 1% animals in the BOLT derived EPDs compared to the Cornell calculated EPDs. Both validations suggest the BOLT EPDs align better with the actual phenotypes than the Cornell EPDs.

Why do some animals have substantial changes in their indexes?

Though the correlations between the previous (Cornell derived) EPDs/indexes and the BOLT derived EPDs/ indexes are relatively strong, there will be some animals that happen to move in a consistently favourable or unfavourable direction in a number of EPDs. Because indexes are comprised of several EPDs, even though movement in individual EPDs may be considered small, movement in the same direction across EPDs may yield sizable movements in the index value. This is particularly true for animals that have consistent movement in traits that are drivers of a particular index. Though in a large population like ours we would expect to see several animals with substantial index movement, these animals will be the exception to the

How does BOLT improve our calculation of accuracy?

"True" accuracy can be thought of as the gold standard of accuracy. It is statistically unbiased, and therefore the ultimate measure of accuracy. True accuracy is the accuracy resulting from direct calculation. Unfortunately, even with the massively powerful computing capacity now in existence, the direct calculation of accuracy is not possible on datasets the size of ours. Because we cannot calculate accuracy directly, other approaches to accuracy calculation have been developed.

In our Cornell evaluation platform, and all others in existence other than BOLT, the calculation of the accuracy associated with each EPD is achieved through "approximation" methods. It has long been known these methods are a very crude approach to the calculation of accuracy - tending to overestimate accuracy.

Another approach to the calculation of accuracy is via "sampling" methodology. Sampling is shown to be a more accurate predictor of accuracy. In fact, the results of this method were reported to be virtually identical to true accuracy. Unfortunately, due to its computationally intense nature, sampling has long been thought an infeasible approach to the calculation of accuracy on large databases.

BOLT, however, has changed the landscape in this area. By employing unique computing strategies that leverage both software and hardware efficiencies, BOLT performs what was previously unthinkable - utilising a

sampling methodology to calculate what is essentially true accuracy.

Because BOLT can calculate true accuracy, we can put more confidence in our accuracy metrics. Put another way, unlike the approximation, we can count on the predicted movements associated with possible change holding true over time. This was not the case with our Cornell system nor any other system in existence.

10. Why do the carcass EPDs generally have an increase in accuracy with BOLT while this is not a case for other traits?

You will notice that while the Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT will generally produce lower accuracies than the Cornell system for growth and calving ease traits, the opposite is true for carcass

One reason behind the differing accuracy outcomes is several years ago the evaluation team developed a way to temper inflated accuracies in the Cornell carcass evaluation. Unfortunately, this was not possible for growth traits.

Another reason is that the Cornell system only used the carcass and its corresponding ultrasound trait (e.g. marbling score and IMF) to predict carcass EPDs, while records on several additional correlated traits are leveraged with the BOLT system.

A new feature of the BOLT evaluation is a new approach to the calculation of Carcass Weight EPDs. Due to limitations, our previous Carcass Weight EPDs did not incorporate actual carcass weights. They were predicted through an index of birth, weaning and yearling weights. Besides using prior growth records (weaning, post weaning), the new approach also includes actual carcass weights. This feature will undoubtedly lead to a more accurate prediction of carcass weight.

11. What can I do to improve the predictions on my herd?

Whole Herd Reporting - If you haven't already, you should consider enrolling your entire herd with a breed association total herd reporting program as it offers the most complete picture of the genetics involved in your herd.

Proper contemporary groups –It is important for the genetic evaluation that you group, to the best of your ability, animals that were treated uniformly. Proper reporting of contemporary groups ensures better predictions for all.

Take data collection and reporting seriously -

Phenotypes are the fuel that drives the genetic evaluation. Take pride in collecting accurate data. If possible, try to collect additional phenotypes like mature cow weight, cow body condition score, feed intake, and carcass data.

Use genomics – DNA testing adds more information to what we know about an animal. The more genotypes we collect, the better we can predict DNA-tested animals in the future. Also, the more relatives genotyped, the better we can predict their relatives in future generations. Therefore, to ensure your bloodlines are well represented in the predictions, genotype your animals.

BREEDPLAN PERCENTILE BANDS FOR SIMMENTAL

When BREEDPLAN results are reported online, in reports and in sale catalogues, they are typically presented in conjunction with breed average EBV's and selected indexes. While comparing an individual animal to the breed average allows producers to identify whether the animal is better or worse than the current genetic level of the breed for each trait and/or selection index, it does not allow producers to quantify how much better or worse the individual is. To do this, BREEDPLAN publishes percentile bands, which allows beef producers to rank animals from the Top 1% of the breed (1st percentile) down to the Bottom 1% of the breed (99th percentile).

PERCENTILE BANDS TABLE

To establish the rank of an individual within the breed for each trait or selection index, the user can take the individual EBV and compare where it ranks on the Percentile Bands Table. For example, the following animal has a 200 Day Weight of +28 kilograms. The user can easily see that this animal is 8 kg better than the breed average (bottom line, +20) but to see where it ranks in the top half of the breed the user needs to go to the Percentile Bands Table. In the percentile bands table a 200 Day Weight EBV of +28kg places this animal in the top 10% of the breed (the cutoff for the top 10% in this example is 27kg).

EBV TABLE

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EBV	-3.8	-6.0	+1.4	+3.4	+28	+44	+70	+74	+10	+
Accuracy	31%	33%	32%	40%	38%	39%	39%	35%	32%	3
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EBV	+2.4	+1.4	-1.4	+0.7	+20	+36	+45	+45	+8	+
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PERCENTILE BANDS TABLE

Percentile Band	Calving Ease DIR (%)	Calving Ease DTRS (%)	Gestation Length (days)	Birth Wt. (kg)	200 Day Wt (kg)	400 Day Wt (kg)
Top Value	+17.1	+14.7	-8.7	-6.4	+44	+80
Top 1%	+12.8	+10.6	-6.0	-3.9	+35	+66
Top 5%	+10.2	+8.4	-4.4	-2.5	+31	+58
Top 10%	+8.6	+7.1	-3.6	-1.7	+28	+53
Top 15%	+7.4	+6.1	-3.1	-1.3	+27	+49

WHOLE BREED PERCENTILE BANDS TABLE VIA (1) EBV ENQUIRY SCREEN OR (2) THE ANIMAL DETAILS SCREEN



The Percentile Bands Table for the whole breed can be found on the last page of BREEDPLAN EBV reports and online at Simmental BREEDPLAN. For those users searching online, there are two options to access the whole breed percentiles. 1. In the EBV Enquiry Screen, click on the Percentiles link at the bottom of the page. 2. In the Animal Details Screen for an individual animal, click on the Percentiles link within the EBV table.

Did you know?

The 50th percentile value and breed average do not always match. The reason for this is that one of the mean (average value of the EBVs) and the other is the median (middle value if all animals are ranked from the highest to the lowest EBV).

PERCENTILE BAND GRAPH

The Percentile Band Graph provides cattle producers with a visual representation of how the EBV's of an individual animal rank in comparison to the rest of the breed. The Percentile Band Graph can be accessed via the Animal Details screen on the Simmental BREEDPLAN website, either scroll down to EBV table and click on the graph icon in the top right of the table, or click on the EBV graph link This will open the Percentile Band Graph for the animal the user was looking at.

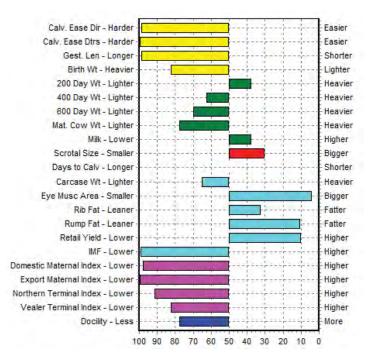


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On the Percentile Band graph, the EBV traits and indexes are on the vertical axis and the precentile band is the horizontal axis. Thus a user can quickly get a feel for the strengths and weaknesses of individual animals, and to compare the attributes of different animals, by seeing what percentile band the individual animal is in for each trait and selection index.

It should also be noted that more favourable values are typically found on the right hand side of the graph (e.g. top 10% for 200 Day Weight EBV), but this is not always the case (e.g. Mature Cow Weight, Milk). The Percentile Band graph is also only available using the percentile bands of the whole breed so users seeking to utilise the sub type percentile bands will have to revert to the precentile band tables described earlier in this article.

For more details on the Percentile
Bands Graph and some case studies on
how some breeders have used them in their
sales and promotional material, please refer to the
articles in the Summer 2017 & Winter 2018 SBTS
and TBTS Update magazines. These magazines are
available on the SBTS website (sbts.une.edu.au). For
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PERCENTILE BANDS TABLE FOR BREED SUB TYPES

Unique to the Australian Simmental Breeders Association, there is also the provision to see how an animal ranks within Breed Sub Type (Black & Red Simmental, Sim Angus or Traditional Simmental). To access the breed sub type Percentile Bands Table, a user should go to the Animal Details screen for an individual and click on the percentiles details link above the EBV table. The Breed Sub Type Percentile Bands Table should Enguing Meting Predictor Member Enguing Sale Catalogues Semen Catalogues Download Files Online Transactions

be used in the same manner as the Whole Breed table described above.

Simmental Animal Details

Identification No: Sex: Birth Date: Male

Status: Active Registration Status: Registered

Purebred Simmental Register/Type: Homo. Polled (by DNA Test) Tested GGP100K, PV DNA:

Parent Verified: Verified to Sire Eye Pigment (L/R): 100/100 Homo. Red (by DNA Test)

Colour: Breeder: Current Owner: Progeny: EBV Graph:

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BLACK & RED SIMMENTAL PERCENTILE BANDS FOR 2019 BORN CALVES

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High 1%	+13.8	+11.3	-6.2	-4.7	+34	+58	+66	+73	+11	+1.4	-4.6	+39	+5.9	+4.3	+4.0	+1.4	+2.0	+28	+67	+95	+39	+58
High 5%	+10.3	+9.5	-4.7	-3.3	+29	+51	+55	+60	+9	+1.1	-3.1	+34	+4.7	+3.1	+2.6	+0.8	+1.4	+23	+62	+85	+35	+52
High 10%	+8.8	+8.6	-4.0	-2.7	+27	+47	+51	+53	+8	+0.9	-2.3	+31	+4.2	+2.4	+1.9	+0.5	+1.1	+17	+58	+78	+32	+49
High 15%	+8.1	+7.7	-3.6	-2.3	+26	+44	+47	+49	+7	+0.7	-1.9	+29	+3.9	+2.1	+1.5	+0.3	+0.9	+12	+55	+72	+31	+47
High 20%	+7.3	+7.1	-3.4	-2.0	+25	+42	+45	+45	+7	+0.7	-1.5	+27	+3.7	+1.9	+1.3	+0.2	+0.9	+9	+53	+68	+30	+45
High 25%	+6.8	+6.5	-3.1	-1.7	+24	+41	+43	+42	+6	+0.6	-1.2	+26	+3.5	+1.7	+1.1	+0.0	+0.8	+5	+51	+65	+29	+44
High 30%	+6.4	+5.9	-2.9	-1.6	+23	+39	+41	+40	+6	+0.5	-1.0	+25	+3.3	+1.6	+0.9	+0.0	+0.7	+3	+50	+62	+28	+43
High 35%	+5.8	+5.5	-2.7	-1.3	+23	+38	+40	+38	+5	+0.4	-0.8	+24	+3.2	+1.5	+0.7	-0.1	+0.7	+0	+49	+60	+27	+41
High 40%	+5.4	+5.1	-2.5	-1.2	+22	+37	+38	+36	+5	+0.3	-0.6	+24	+3.1	+1.4	+0.6	-0.2	+0.6	+0	+47	+58	+26	+40
High 45%	+5.0	+4.7	-2.4	-1.0	+21	+36	+37	+35	+5	+0.3	-0.5	+23	+2.9	+1.3	+0.5	-0.3	+0.5	+0	+46	+56	+25	+39
50%	+4.5	+4.2	-2.3	-0.9	+20	+34	+35	+32	+4	+0.2	-0.3	+22	+2.7	+1.2	+0.4	-0.5	+0.5	+0	+44	+53	+25	+38
Low 45%	+4.0	+3.7	-2.1	-0.7	+20	+33	+34	+31	+4	+0.1	-0.2	+21	+2.6	+1.1	+0.2	-0.6	+0.4	+0	+43	+51	+24	+37
Low 40%	+3.5	+3.1	-1.9	-0.6	+19	+32	+32	+28	+3	+0.1	-0.1	+20	+2.4	+0.9	+0.1	-0.7	+0.4	+0	+41	+48	+23	+36
Low 35%	+2.9	+2.6	-1.7	-0.4	+18	+31	+30	+26	+3	+0.0	+0.0	+19	+2.3	+0.8	+0.0	-0.8	+0.3	+0	+40	+46	+22	+34
Low 30%	+2.3	+2.0	-1.6	-0.2	+17	+30	+29	+23	+3	-0.1	+0.2	+18	+2.1	+0.7	-0.1	-0.9	+0.3	+0	+38	+43	+21	+33
Low 25%	+1.6	+1.4	-1.4	+0.0	+16	+28	+27	+21	+2	-0.1	+0.3	+17	+1.9	+0.6	-0.3	-1.0	+0.2	+0	+36	+40	+21	+32
Low 20%	+0.9	+0.6	-1.2	+0.3	+15	+26	+24	+18	+2	-0.2	+0.4	+15	+1.7	+0.5	-0.4	-1.2	+0.2	+0	+34	+36	+20	+30
Low 15%	+0.1	-0.1	-0.9	+0.6	+14	+24	+22	+15	+1	-0.3	+0.6	+14	+1.4	+0.4	-0.6	-1.3	+0.1	+0	+31	+32	+18	+27
Low 10%	-1.3	-1.1	-0.5	+0.9	+13	+22	+19	+11	+0	-0.5	+0.7	+12	+1.0	+0.2	-0.9	-1.6	+0.0	-4	+28	+27	+16	+25
Low 5%	-3.5	-2.7	+0.0	+1.4	+10	+18	+15	+5	-1	-0.9	+1.0	+10	+0.3	-0.1	-1.3	-2.0	-0.1	-10	+23	+18	+14	+2
Low 1%	-7.6	-6.7	+1.5	+2.2	+6	+11	+7	-5	-3	-1.4	+1.6	+5	-1.2	-0.8	-2.2	-3.1	-0.3	-16	+14	+4	+10	+15

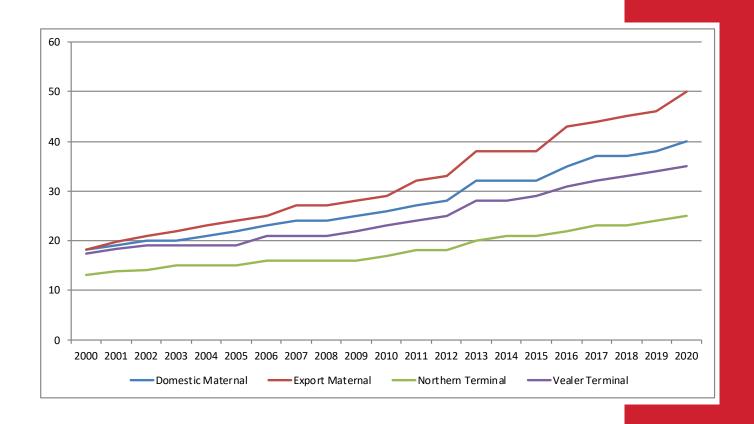
SIMANGUS PERCENTILE BANDS FOR 2019 BORN CALVES

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High 1%	+13.9	+9.8	-7.3	-5.7	+29	+62	+74	+88	+10	+1.9	-5.4	+38	+3.8	+5.2	+4.7	+0.1	+2.3	+25	+71	+106	+46	+5
High 5%	+11.2	+8.3	-6.4	-4.3	+25	+54	+57	+65	+8	+1.3	-4.5	+34	+3.2	+4.0	+3.5	-0.2	+1.7	+22	+65	+90	+39	+4
High 10%	+10.0	+7.5	-6.2	-3.7	+24	+50	+54	+58	+7	+1.0	-4.1	+32	+3.0	+3.8	+3.2	-0.3	+1.6	+19	+63	+87	+35	+4
High 15%	+8.9	+6.9	-5.9	-3.2	+22	+46	+51	+54	+7	+0.8	-3.8	+29	+2.8	+3.5	+3.0	-0.5	+1.4	+17	+60	+84	+34	+4
High 20%	+8.0	+6.1	-5.6	-3.0	+22	+44	+49	+49	+6	+0.7	-3.5	+28	+2.7	+3.4	+2.8	-0.5	+1.4	+15	+58	+81	+33	+4
High 25%	+7.0	+5.6	-5.4	-2.5	+21	+43	+47	+47	+6	+0.6	-3.3	+26	+2.4	+3.2	+2.6	-0.8	+1.3	+13	+56	+79	+32	+4
High 30%	+6.5	+5.3	-5.3	-2.3	+20	+40	+44	+45	+6	+0.5	-3.1	+26	+2.2	+3.1	+2.5	-0.9	+1.3	+13	+54	+76	+31	+3
High 35%	+6.2	+5.0	-5.1	-2.1	+19	+38	+43	+43	+6	+0.4	-3.1	+25	+2.1	+3.0	+2.2	-1.1	+1.2	+11	+53	+75	+31	+3
High 40%	+5.8	+4.6	-4.9	-1.9	+19	+37	+41	+40	+5	+0.3	-2.8	+24	+1.8	+2.9	+2.1	-1.2	+1.2	+10	+52	+72	+30	+3
High 45%	+5.3	+4.0	-4.6	-1.7	+18	+35	+39	+39	+5	+0.2	-2.7	+22	+1.6	+2.6	+1.8	-1.2	+1.1	+8	+51	+69	+30	+3
50%	+4.9	+3.7	-4.5	-1.6	+17	+32	+37	+37	+4	+0.1	-2.4	+21	+1.5	+2.5	+1.7	-1.3	+1.1	+7	+49	+67	+29	+(
Low 45%	+4.1	+3.3	-4.4	-1.4	+17	+31	+35	+35	+4	+0.0	-2.3	+20	+1.4	+2.4	+1.6	-1.5	+1.0	+6	+48	+66	+29	+3
Low 40%	+3.8	+2.9	-4.1	-1.3	+16	+28	+33	+33	+4	-0.1	-2.1	+19	+1.3	+2.3	+1.4	-1.6	+1.0	+4	+47	+64	+28	+3
Low 35%	+3.4	+2.3	-3.8	-1.1	+15	+27	+32	+30	+4	-0.3	-2.0	+18	+1.1	+2.1	+1.3	-1.7	+0.9	+3	+46	+63	+27	+3
Low 30%	+3.0	+1.6	-3.5	-1.0	+14	+24	+29	+28	+3	-0.3	-1.8	+17	+1.0	+2.0	+1.2	-1.8	+0.9	+1	+45	+62	+25	+3
Low 25%	+2.3	+1.1	-2.9	-0.8	+13	+23	+27	+26	+3	-0.5	-1.5	+15	+0.7	+1.8	+0.9	-1.9	+0.8	+0	+43	+60	+24	+3
Low 20%	+2.0	+0.8	-2.7	-0.6	+12	+22	+24	+23	+2	-0.5	-1.4	+14	+0.6	+1.6	+0.7	-2.1	+0.8	+0	+41	+56	+23	+3
Low 15%	+1.0	-0.1	-2.5	-0.4	+11	+18	+21	+20	+2	-0.8	-1.3	+12	+0.2	+1.5	+0.6	-2.2	+0.7	-3	+39	+52	+22	+2
Low 10%	+0.3	-0.9	-2.3	-0.1	+10	+16	+15	+15	+0	-1.0	-1.1	+10	-0.1	+1.4	+0.2	-2.4	+0.6	-5	+36	+50	+21	+2
Low 5%	-1.0	-1.9	-1.7	+0.4	+8	+11	+10	+6	-1	-1.5	-0.8	+7	-0.3	+1.2	+0.0	-2.8	+0.5	-9	+35	+45	+18	+2

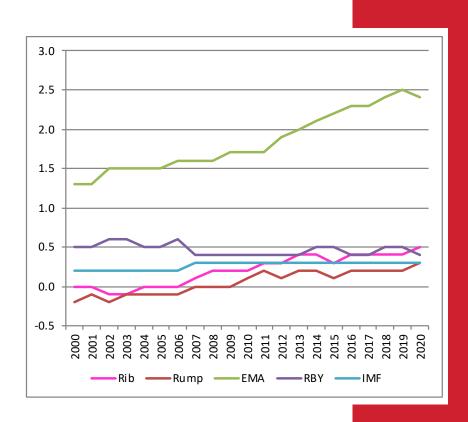
TRADITIONAL SIMMENTAL PERCENTILE BANDS FOR 2019 BORN CALVES

	Calv	/-Ease	B	irth			Growth			F	ert			Ca	rcase			Extra		Ind	lexes	
	Dir	Dtrs	GL	Bwt	200	400	600	Mwt	Milk	SS	DC	Cwt	EMA	Rib	P8	RBY	IMF	Doc	DM	EM	NT	V٦
	9	%	days			k	g			cm	days	kg	sq.cm	m	m		%			;	\$	
Tradition	nal Simi	mental																				
High 1%	+12.0	+10.5	-5.5	-3.9	+34	+56	+75	+80	+16	+1.6	-5.9	+40	+5.1	+3.8	+3.4	+2.4	+1.7	+27	+66	+94	+40	+5
High 5%	+9.1	+8.3	-4.0	-2.5	+29	+49	+64	+69	+14	+1.2	-4.1	+34	+4.2	+2.3	+1.9	+1.9	+1.0	+17	+60	+81	+35	+5
High 10%	+7.6	+6.7	-3.3	-1.8	+27	+45	+58	+62	+13	+1.1	-2.8	+31	+3.8	+1.7	+1.4	+1.6	+0.8	+9	+55	+74	+33	+4
High 15%	+6.5	+5.7	-2.8	-1.3	+25	+42	+54	+57	+12	+0.9	-2.1	+29	+3.5	+1.4	+1.0	+1.5	+0.6	+3	+52	+69	+31	+4
High 20%	+5.7	+4.9	-2.5	-0.9	+24	+40	+51	+53	+11	+0.8	-1.7	+27	+3.3	+1.2	+0.8	+1.4	+0.5	+0	+50	+64	+30	+4
High 25%	+5.0	+4.0	-2.3	-0.6	+23	+39	+48	+49	+11	+0.8	-1.5	+26	+3.1	+1.0	+0.7	+1.2	+0.4	+0	+47	+61	+29	+4
High 30%	+4.3	+3.2	-2.0	-0.3	+22	+37	+46	+46	+10	+0.7	-1.2	+25	+2.9	+0.8	+0.5	+1.1	+0.3	+0	+45	+57	+28	+4
High 35%	+3.7	+2.4	-1.8	+0.1	+21	+36	+43	+43	+9	+0.6	-1.1	+24	+2.8	+0.7	+0.3	+1.0	+0.3	+0	+43	+54	+27	+3
High 40%	+3.0	+1.7	-1.5	+0.4	+21	+34	+42	+41	+9	+0.5	-0.9	+23	+2.6	+0.5	+0.2	+0.9	+0.2	+0	+41	+51	+25	+3
High 45%	+2.4	+1.0	-1.3	+0.7	+20	+33	+40	+39	+8	+0.5	-0.7	+22	+2.5	+0.3	+0.1	+0.8	+0.2	+0	+39	+48	+25	+3
50%	+1.8	+0.3	-1.0	+0.9	+19	+32	+38	+37	+7	+0.4	-0.6	+21	+2.4	+0.2	+0.0	+0.6	+0.1	+0	+37	+45	+24	+3
Low 45%	+1.2	-0.3	-0.8	+1.2	+18	+31	+37	+35	+7	+0.4	-0.5	+20	+2.3	+0.0	-0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0	+35	+42	+23	+3
Low 40%	+0.5	-0.8	-0.6	+1.4	+18	+29	+35	+33	+6	+0.3	-0.4	+19	+2.1	-0.1	-0.3	+0.3	+0.1	+0	+34	+39	+22	+3:
Low 35%	-0.1	-1.4	-0.4	+1.6	+17	+28	+34	+32	+6	+0.2	-0.2	+18	+2.0	-0.3	-0.4	+0.1	+0.0	+0	+32	+36	+21	+3
Low 30%	-0.7	-2.0	-0.2	+1.8	+16	+27	+33	+30	+5	+0.1	-0.1	+17	+1.9	-0.4	-0.5	+0.0	+0.0	+0	+30	+33	+20	+3
Low 25%	-1.3	-2.6	-0.1	+2.0	+16	+26	+31	+27	+4	+0.1	+0.0	+16	+1.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2	+0.0	+0	+28	+31	+19	+2
Low 20%	-2.0	-3.4	+0.2	+2.2	+15	+24	+28	+25	+4	+0.0	+0.1	+15	+1.6	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	+0	+26	+27	+18	+2
Low 15%	-2.8	-4.4	+0.4	+2.4	+14	+23	+26	+22	+3	-0.1	+0.3	+14	+1.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.2	+0	+24	+23	+17	+2
Low 10%	-4.2	-5.5	+0.7	+2.7	+12	+20	+22	+17	+2	-0.3	+0.5	+12	+1.2	-0.9	-1.0	-1.0	-0.2	+0	+21	+18	+15	+2
Low 5%	-5.9	-7.0	+1.2	+3.2	+10	+17	+18	+11	+0	-0.6	+0.8	+10	+0.8	-1.0	-1.3	-1.5	-0.3	-6	+17	+11	+13	+1
Low 1%	-10.6	-10.4	+2.1	+4.2	+5	+9	+8	-1	-2	-1.3	+1.3	+4	-0.5	-1.5	-2.0	-2.6	-0.6	-17	+10	-3	+9	+1

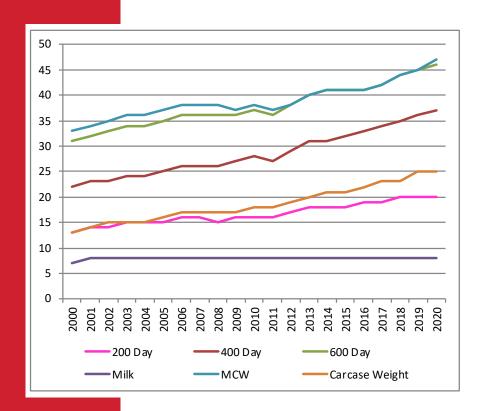
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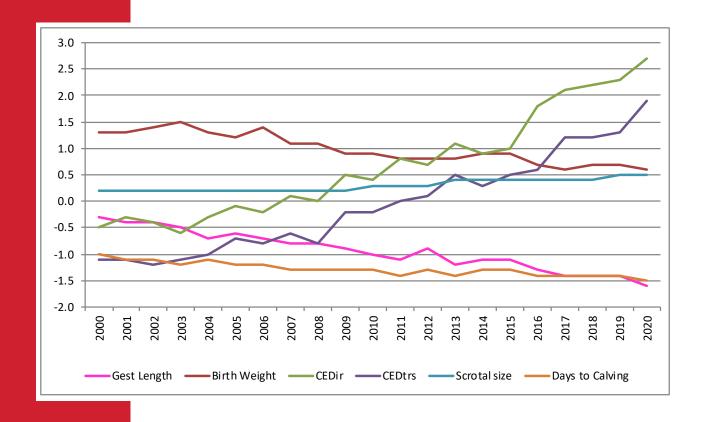
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SIMMENTAL GENETIC TREND WEIGHTS



SIMMENTAL GENETIC TREND FERTILITY



DESCRIPTION OF COMPLETENESS OF PERFORMANCE STAR RATING



A CoP "star rating" is also calculated for each herd based on the proportion of calves within the herd born in a fixed 5 year period that have performance recorded for each trait. This star rating is available in the CoP report and, for some breeds, is also available on Internet Solutions. This provides bull buyers with an indication of how much performance has been submitted to BREEDPLAN by an individual seedstock herd when looking at the EBVs for their animals. Therefore if EBVs are an important part of their selection decision, then the star rating will enable buyers to easily identify herds that are recording complete performance information, and hence use the EBVs presented on the animals with confidence. For breeds that display the star rating, users also have the ability to limit animal, EBV, sale catalogue and member searches based on a minimum Completeness of Performance star rating criteria.



Herds with a star rating of "5" are gold standard. They are considered to be recording "complete" performance information with BREEDPLAN for all animals across all traits for which EBV's are available.



Herds with a star rating of "4" or "4.5" are silver standard. They are considered to be recording comprehensive performance information with BREEDPLAN for most animals and traits, but are recording less performance than a 5 star herd.



Herds with a star rating of "3" or "3.5" are considered bronze standard. They are considered to be recording performance information with BRÉEDPLAN for a reasonable number of traits or animals, but are recording less performance information than a 4 or 5 star herd.



Herds with a rating of "2.5" or less are recording information with BREEDPLAN but not for all animals or traits. They are recording less performance information than a 3, 4 or 5 star herd.

What is the value of the Completeness of Performance Report and Star Rating?

The CoP report and star rating allows each herd to assess how "complete" the information is for their animals and importantly to identify areas in which additional performance information could potentially be recorded. It is also an invaluable tool for detecting where data has not been submitted to BREEDPLAN. If made available, the CoP star rating can give you an indication of how much performance data other herds collect (but not which traits). This can be used to easily identify herds that are recording complete performance information, and thus be confident in the EBVs presented on their animals.

How to improve your CoP star rating

- 1. Work out which traits you aren't recording (and which are of interest to you or your clients)
- 2. Work out which traits you are recording but could record a greater percentage of animals
- 3. Make the necessary management changes to enable you to record those traits

For any questions regarding your Completeness of Performance Report, contact Boyd Gudex at Southern Beef Technology Services (SBTS) at (02) 6773 1711 or boyd@sbts.une.edu.au. To access your Completeness of Performance report, log into your download area on Internet Solutions.

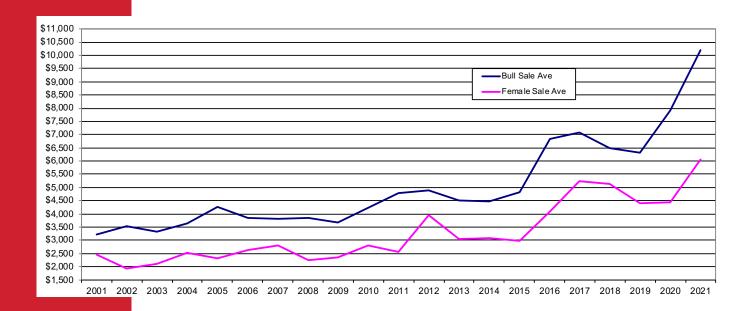
BREEDPLAN MEMBER'S STAR RATING

PREFIX	STAR RATING	AVERAGE CALVE S RECORDED
STIRLING END	5	10
MUBARN	4.5	23
WORMBETE	4	158
BULLOCKHILLS	4	108
BONNYDALE	4	325
WOONALLEE	4	494
WILLANDRA	3.5	156
FAIRVIEW	3.5	121
GB SIMMENTALS	3.5	2
LAKESIDE	3.5	152
MORGANVALE	3.5	19
HOBBS LIVESTOCK	3.5	7
ST PAULS	3.5	27
KIDMAN DOWNS	3.5	6
VC	3.5	40
BYWONG PARK	3	32
MELDON PARK	3	163
RIPPLEBROOK	3	22
NARACOOPA	3	40
WOMBRAMURRA	3	181
SLOPES		73
SUMMERHILL	3	8
SEDDON	3	46
TULLAMORE PARK	3	34
SYLVANDALE	3	66

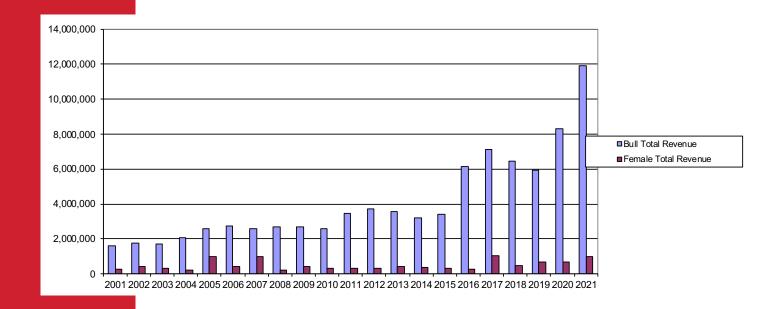
PREFIX	STAR RATING	RECORDED
TOPWEIGHT	3	194
WEBB	3	26
GRANGEBURN	3	46
MALA-DAKI	3	88
ANCO	2.5	4
BONNYDALE Q	2.5	46
INLET VIEWS	2.5	18
TUGULAWA	2.5	49
RELLUM FARMS	2.5	61
GK	2.5	10
ROUND-EM-UP	2.5	9
NU-PLAINS	2.5	119
MTARARAT	2.5	18
JARRAVALE	2.5	48
SUGARLOAF	2.5	16
BANDEEKA	2.5	49
BRIGHTON	2.5	31
BARANA	2.5	87
SPRINGSIDE	2.5	57
SAVANNAH	2.5	21
SIXPENCE PARK	2.5	7
HARAS	2.5	36
PINAROOHILLS	2.5	7
GLENTAL	2.5	9
GHS	2.5	2

PREFIX	STAR RATING	AVERAGE CALVES RECORDED
SIX CREEKS	2.5	27
COOLIBAH	2.5	13
BOKARA	2	26
MILKY WAY	2	142
CARALMA	2	5
ELITE	2	26
LARA LEIGH	2	5
WATERFRONT	2	46
HIGH FIVE	2	2
DANDAVJON	2	15
LUCRANA	2	22
LANCASTER	2	256
PIRAY	2	9
INVERLEIGH	2	40
JIZZY	1.5	3
JIM JAM	1.5	14
SBS	1.5	30
STRATHLEIGH	1.5	63
TULLAYR	1.5	8
SKILLOGALEE	1	12
CASATORO	1	13
MORTON	0	0
SGS SIMMENTAL	0	0
CAMELOCK	0	0

SALE AV ERAGES 2001 - 2021



TOTAL SALE REVENUE 2001 - 2021



SALE RESULTS: A SNEAK PEAK

Great Southern Blue Ribbon Bull Sale (WA) - January 13th

Top Price: \$17,000 with an average of \$5,275

Naracoopa sold 7 of 7 bulls to a top of \$17,000. Inlet Views sold 3 of 3 bulls to a top of \$8,500.

Lakeside Simmentals (SA) - February 10th

Top Price: \$17,000 with an average of \$7,182

22/29 bulls sold to \$17,000 for Lot 9, Lakeside Quantum Q007 and averaged \$7,182. 34/47 females sold to \$6,500 for Lot 37, Lakeside Queens Gift Q048 and averaged

Yerwal Est & Mt Mooney Simmentals (SA) - February 10th

Yerwal Top Price: \$12,000 with an average of \$6333

Mt Mooney Top Price: \$11,000

15/24 bulls sold to \$12,000 for lot 6 Yerwal Estate State of war Q300 to Elite Cattle Company and an average of \$6333.33. Mt Mooney sold 2/2 bulls and sold to \$11,000. Mt Mooney Q-Tip Q027 to Grant High School/Rellum Farms.

Tugulawa Simmentals (SA) - February 10th

Top Price: \$12,000 with an average of \$6,437

Females: Top Price: \$5,250 with an average of \$3,673

22 bulls offered 19 sold including 2 sold immediately after the sale. Bulls average \$ 6,437.50 up \$1,000 on 2020 sale. Top price went to Boomey Park NSW for \$12,000 who also purchased lot 19 for \$8,000.

17 females offered 14 sold to average \$3,673. Top price heifer lot 27 with calf at foot sold for \$5,000 to Kialla Simmental Stud Shepparton.

Woonallee Simmentals (SA) - February 11th

Top Price: \$40,000 with an average of \$11,147

Females Top Price: \$17,500 with an average of \$6,250

103/103 Traditional, Black & Red bulls sold to \$40,000 for Lot 32, Woonallee Noble Prize Q368 to Valley Creek Simmentals & Bouchard Livestock International and averaged \$11,147. 26/26 females sold to \$17,500 for Lot 134, Woonallee Ms Lewis R062 to Knockando Beef Cattle and averaged \$6,250.





















Lancaster Simmentals (SA)

- February 12th

Top Price: \$19,000 with an average of \$7,741

57/59 bulls sold to \$19,000 for Lot 9, LCS Quokka Q310 and averaged \$7,741.

Willandra Simmental (WA)

- February 16th

Top Price: \$18,000 twice, average of \$7,306

36/39 Simmental bulls sold to \$18,000 for Lot 4, Willandra Qantastic and averaged \$7,306.5/6 females sold to \$10,500 for Lot 61, Willandra Duchess R118 and averaged \$5,200.

February All Breeds (QLD) - February 16th

Top Price: \$12,000 (twice) with an average of \$10,500

Mala-Daki sold 4/4 bulls to a top of \$12,000 twice. Finalee sold 2/2 bulls to a top of \$10,000. Mala-Daki Amigo P66 pictured.

Wormbete Simmentals Sale with invitation to Valley **Creek Simmentals (NSW)**

- March 5th

Top Price: \$21,000 with an average of \$10,461 Females Top Price: \$10,000 with an average of \$6,909

26/26 bulls sold to a top of \$21,000 and averaged \$10,461. 22/22 females sold to a top of \$10,000 and averaged \$6,909. The top priced bull, VC Renown at \$21,000 was bought by Craig Wooding, Magpie Park Simmentals, Penola, SA.

Bonnydale Black Simmentals (WA)

- March 8th

Top Price: \$19,500 with an average of \$9,455

79/79 bulls sold to a top of \$19,500 for Lot 6, Bonnydale Augustus R84, selling to Mala-Daki Simmentals, NSW.

SALE RESULTS: A SNEAK PEAK

Black Stump Bull Sale (QLD) - March 9th

Simmentals Top Price: \$17,500 with an average of \$13,527

7/8 bulls sold to a top of \$17,500 for Meldon Park Q33 to the Woods family of Aramac, to average \$13,357.

WALSA Brunswick Supreme Bull Sale (WA) - March 17th

Top Price: \$15,000 with an average of \$8,468

31/33 bulls sold to a top of \$15,000 for Bullock Hills Quebec to Rob and Minnie Italiano of Harvey WA and averaged \$8,468.

Brewer Beef Bull Sale (VIC) - March 26th

Top Price: \$12,000 with an average of \$6,629

27/37 sold to a top of \$12,000 for Brewer Beef Enforcer Q1 and averaged \$6,629.

Meldon Park Female Sale (QLD) - April 1st

Top Price: \$7,250 average of \$4,367

15 of 17 females sold to a top of \$7,250 and averaged \$4,367.

Clay Gully Online Female Sale (QLD) - April 7th

Top Price: \$10,000 average of \$5,330

25/25 registered heifers sold to average \$5,330 with a top of \$10,000 for Lot 9 selling to Ben Gould and family from Casino NSW. 10/10 commercial heifers sold to \$1,900 and averaged \$1,766.

Slopes and Roland Blacks (TAS) - May 7th

Top Price: \$8,000 average of \$5,318

11/11 bulls to a top of \$8,000 for Lot 1 and averaged \$5,318.

Savannah Rocky Reds Sale (QLD)

- May 5th

Top Price: \$26,000 average of \$16,500

5/5 bulls sold to \$26,000 for Lot 1, Savannah Quarterback Q077 and averaged \$16,500. 5/5 cows & calves sold to \$19,000 for Lot 6, Savannah Miss Zoe P017 and averaged \$11,400. 11/12 heifers sold to \$15,500 for Lot 15, Savannah Zoe Rose Q070 and averaged \$8,111. Flush in Lancaster Blanche G114 sold for \$7,000.









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Tennysonvale Simmentals (NSW)

- May 29th

Top Price: \$10,500 average of \$5,700 bulls and females Top \$19,000 Ave \$7,300

23 bulls and 30 females sold to a top of \$10,500 for Tennysonvale Queenslander and averaged \$5,700.

Ag Grow Field Days Sale (QLD)

- June 25th

Top Price: \$38,000 average of \$8,242

33/33 bulls sold to a top of \$38,000 (record for Qld) for Meldon Park Q52 selling to George and Lorraine Bartolo, Nebo, Qld.

Simmental National Sale (NSW)

- June 18th

Top Price: \$19,000 average of \$10,743 bulls

13/35 bulls sold to a top of \$19,000 for Mt Ararat Quantum.

Lucrana Simmental/Simbrah Bull Sale (QLD) - July 2nd

Top Price: \$35,000 average of \$10,473

37/42 bull sold to a top of \$35,000 for Lucrana Radar selling to VC Simmentals, Bowral, NSW.

Barana Simmentals (NSW)

- July 9th

Top Price: \$18,000 average of \$9,750

24/24 Simmental bulls sold to \$18,000 for Lot 4, Barana Quest Q018 to Gowrie Station, Charleville, QLD and averaged \$9,750.

Queensland Bull Sale (QLD)

- August 2nd

Top Price: \$22,000 average of \$12,207

82/82 bulls sold to a top of \$22,000 for Daraabah Quambone and averaged \$12,207.

SALE RESULTS: A SNEAK PEAK

Mala-Daki, JNI and Lucky Clover Simmental Sale (NSW) - August 5th

Top Price: \$8,000 average of \$5,467

16/18 bulls sold to a top of \$14,000 for Mala-Daki Shock N Awe Q5 and averaged \$7,133. 7/11 females sold to a top of \$8,000 for Lucy Clover Chrystal R6.

Fairview Black Simmentals Sale (QLD) - August 19th

Top Price: \$22,500 average \$13,870

27/27 bulls sold to a top of \$22,500 for Fairview Quidmaker selling to Bim & Susan Struss of Mitchell and averaged \$13,870.

Ticoba & Savannah Simbrah & Simmental Sale (QLD) - August 27th

Top Price: \$24,000 average \$10,488

39/39 Simbrahs sold to a top of \$24,000 for Lot 11, Ticoba 1390 and averaged \$12,211. Savannah sold 30/30 Simmental bulls to a top of \$20,000 for Lot 48, Savannah Q091 and averaged \$8,766.

Clay Gully Invitational Bull Sale (QLD) - August 30th

Top Price: \$36,000 average of \$12,062

10/10 Simbrah Bulls sold to top \$13,000 lot 56 purchased by Carrinyah Grazing, Average \$9,900.

49/49 Simmental Bulls sold to top \$36,000 lot 31 purchased by W & K Geddes. Average \$14,224.

Woonallee's Tamworth Sale (NSW) - September 1st

Top Price: \$31,000 average of \$9,547

42/42 Simmental and SimAngus bulls sold to a top of \$31,000 for Q527 selling to Parkins family of Gulgong.

Elite Cattle Co's Inaugural Bull Sale (QLD) - September 2nd

Top Price: \$22,000 average \$11,456

11/11 bulls sold to a top of \$22,000 for Lot 1, Elite Platinum selling to Mick and Lenore Cole of Capella and averaged \$11,456.





















Casa Toro's Invitational Sale (QLD) - September 10th

Top Price: \$22,000 average \$13,285

42/42 bulls sold to a top of \$22,000 for Lot 37 selling to Ingelara Grazing of Rolleston and averaged \$13,285.

Wormbete with Invited Vendors VC (NSW)

- September 15th

Top Price: \$20,000 average \$10,026

38/40 bulls sold to a top of \$20,000 for Wormbete Rusty selling to Milky Way Simmentals, Vic, and averaged \$10,026 and 23/25 heifers sold to a top of \$19,000 for VC Strike selling to St Pauls Genetics, NSW, for an average of \$8,543.

Bonnydale Q (QLD)

- September 24th

Top Price: \$26,000 average of \$9,226

53/56 Bulls sold to a top of \$26,000 for Lot 2, Bonnydale Proclamation R116, purchased by Casey Wright, Roma, and averaged \$9,226.

Meldon Park Simmental Sale with invited vendors KBV Simmentals & Navillus Park Simmentals (QLD) - September 28th

Navillus Park Simmentals (QLD) - September 28th Top Price: \$32,500 average of \$11,599

86/86 Bulls sold to a top of \$32,500 and averaged \$11,599. 83 Simmentals averaged \$11,717. 3 Simbrahs sold to a top of \$25,000 and averaged \$8,333.

Karragarra Bull Sale (QLD) - October 9th

Top Price \$28,000 average \$15,877

49/49 bulls sold to a top of \$28,000 for Lot 29, Karragarra Queensland Q138 and averaged \$15,877.

TOP ACCREDITED



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MBBPN073	BONNYDALE NUKARA	23/1/17	92
IMUPH5048	CCR COWBOY CUT 5048Z	20/2/12	63
WEEPN094	WOONALLEE NIGHTCAP N94	28/3/17	55
IMU1M685	KOCH BIG TIMBER 685D	9/2/16	45
IMUPN202	WS PROCLAMATION E202	21/2/17	39
IMUPD263	TNT TANKER U263	29/2/08	36
IPLPF299	GLEN ANTHONY Y-ARTA AY02	14/2/10	35
AJYPK132	WILLANDRA KINGSTON	21/6/14	33
IMNPC158	RISSINGTON NEW STANDARD AU158	18/8/07	32
IMU2K056	HOOK'S BEACON 56B	17/2/14	27
IMU3G097	HOOK'S YELLOWSTONE 97Y	8/3/11	26
IMCPK323	LFE THE RIDDLER 323B	4/1/14	25
IMNPL620	KERRAH DEFENDER D620	24/9/15	19
IMCPG810	FGAG GUERRORO 810Y	9/1/11	19
AGOPN028	WORMBETE NOBLEMAN N028	31/3/17	18
IMCPL392	ANCHOR D RAPTOR 392C	5/1/15	17
KSWPN002	BANDEEKA BLACKS NILO	25/2/17	14
IMCPL1223	BAR 5 HEXTOR 1223	16/3/15	13
IMCPN358	FSMB POL EDDY 3E	4/1/17	12
ZMJPJ011	VALLEY CREEK JOKER	10/6/13	12
IMCPM063	BGS/BM CAPTAIN SCREAM 63D	27/1/16	11
IMCPN152	WS EPIC E152	9/1/17	9
IMU3N366	TJ ROOSEVELT 366E	21/2/17	8
IMCPG176	WHEATLAND ULTIMATE CHOICE	18/2/11	8
JLEPP002	MT ARARAT PIONEER	1/6/18	8
TVAPK003	TRINITY VALE KRUZE	2/4/14	8
IMUPL541	LCDR WITNESS 541C	11/8/15	8
IMCPK345	PHS BANK ROLL 345B	3/2/14	8



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IDENT	ANIMAL NAME	BIRTH DATE	REGISTER	CURRENT OWNER
IMCPF1215	BAR 5 PFF LUKE 1215X	6/3/10	Simmental	Semex Pty Ltd
IMNPC0004	GLENSIDE CRUMPY C4	5/9/14	Simmental	Bullock Hills Pastoral
IMNPM500	KERRAH EFFICIENT E500 (P)	26/9/16	Simmental	Bullock Hills Pastoral
IMU1M451	TJ FRANCHISE 451D	20/1/16	Black	ABS Australia
IMU1P111	EGL FIREMAN 111F	15/3/18	Black	ABS Australia
IMU1Q274	TJ GOLD 274G	28/1/19	Black	ABS Australia
IMU2M948	IR IMPERIAL D948	24/8/16	Red	World Wide Sires Australia
IMU2Q027	SCHOOLEY STANDOUT 27G	7/2/17	Black	World Wide Sires Australia
IMU3N283	KBHR HIGH ROAD E283	10/4/17	Black	Agri-Gene
IMU3Q069	LBRS GENESIS G69	31/1/19	Black	TR & EA Baker
IMUPP843	ASR AMERICAN PATRIOT F843	13/2/18	Black	Intorvigne Grazing Company
IMUPQ252	SAINT JOHN GATTON 38G	28/8/19	Red	GJ & KJ Gillett
IMUPQ354	SAS COPPERHEAD G354	10/2/19	Red	World Wide Sires Australia
IMU3E090	RX LONDONS FIRE	5/3/09	Red	Rocky Repro

DAM PROGENY REPORT TOP 10 for 2020 born calves



DAM IDENT	DAM NAME	BIRTH DATE	PROGENY COUNT	OWNER
ERPPH521	BULLOCKHILLS GEORGIA 12521	4/3/12	16	1SE
JRVPL019	JARRAVALE LYDIA	16/7/15	12	MBB
LCSPL351	LANCASTER ELIZA L351	17/7/15	10	WEE
PEDPX1150	ASR LITTLE DESSI Z213	1/2/12	10	MBB
PEDPX2115	MRL MISS SMARTY PANTS III	9/4/15	9	GTA
PEDPX4018	ASR LITTLE DESSI D6273	9/9/16	8	JRV
PEDPX4020	ASR MS DESI D6238	3/2/16	8	WEE
SHLPH003	HOBBS LIVESTOCK HONEY BEE	28/2/12	8	ZOM
SPGPK435	ST PAULS TANKER'S LUCY K435	29/8/14	7	ERP
WEEPL126	WOONALLEE KATHIE L126	24/7/15	7	KNT





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UPCOMING SALES & EVENTS 2022 UPCOMING SALES

JANUARY

Stock and Land Beef Week (VIC, SA, NSW)

FEBRUARY

Grangeburn Simmentals (VIC)

Mt Ararat Simmentals (VIC)

Woonallee Elite Production Bull & Female Sale (SA)

Rockhampton All Breeds (QLD)

Numurkah Beef Spectacular Show (VIC)

Brewer Beef Annual Simmental Sale (VIC)

Royal Canberra Show (ACT)

TAS Junior Beef Expo (TAS)

Willandra Simmentals (WA)

Lancaster Simmentals (SA)

Tugulawa Simmentals (SA)

Yerwal Estate/Mt Mooney Simmentals (SA)

Lakeside Simmentals (SA)

February All Breeds (QLD)

Bonnydale (WA)

MARCH

VC Simmentals (NSW)

Farm World (VIC)

WALSA Supreme Bull Sale (WA)

APRIL

Clay Gully Online Female Sale (QLD)

Stud Beef Handlers Camp (VIC)

Sydney Royal Simmental Feature Show & 50th

Anniversary Dinner (NSW)

Royal Bathurst Show (NSW)

Slopes and Roland Black Simmentals (TAS)

Woonallee On Line Genetic semen & embryo sale (SA)

MAY

Tennysonvale (NSW)

ASBA AGM

JUNE

Northern Beef Week (NSW)

Ag Grow Field Days and Sale (QLD)

JULY

Barana Simmentals (NSW)

SA Junior Heifer Expo (SA)



EVENTS 2022 UPCOMING SALES & EVENTS 2022

Farm Fantastic Expo (QLD)

Southern Beef Week (NSW & VIC)

Casino All Breeds (NSW)

AUGUST

Clay Gully Bull Sale (QLD)

Mala-Daki Simmentals (NSW)

Woonallee Tamworth Northern Black Bull Sale (NSW)

Ekka Simmental Feature Show & 50th Anniversary

Dinner (QLD)

Southern Beef Week (QLD)

World Simmental-Fleckvieh Congress Austria

Ticoba Simmentals and Simbrahs

Bonnydale (QLD)

QLD Simmental Bull Sale (QLD)

SEPTEMBER

Royal Melbourne Show (VIC)

Elite Livestock Bull Sale (QLD)

Meldon Park Bull Sale (QLD)

Royal Perth Show (WA)

Royal Adelaide Show (SA)

Casa Toro Simmentals (QLD)

Wormbete Simmentals (NSW)

OCTOBER

Karragarra Simmentals (QLD)

Royal Geelong Show (VIC)

Royal Launceston (TAS)

Royal Hobart (TAS)

NOVEMBER

Victorian Branch "On Farm Challenge" Spectacular (VIC)

DECEMBER

Beefing up the Next Generation Junior Camp (QLD)

ASBA Office closed between Christmas and New Year - ASBA would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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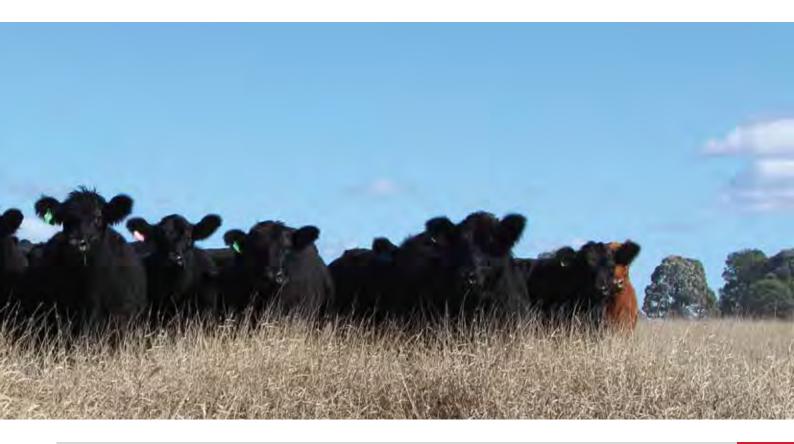
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