



SIMMENTALS DO WELL IN TRIALS IN SOUTH AFRICA

There is still some speculation among Australian cattlemen as to just how well Simmentals will do in Australia away from their European environment. For this country only time will tell. However, South Africa has been carrying on trials for many years and the results are very favourably disposed towards the performance of the Simmental.

The Newsletter is indebted to Mr. Gary McLaughlin, of Palaroo, Armidale, for the trial results which follow.

Interbreed tests were started in 1951 at Omatjenne Research Station, South West Africa, under semi-arid range conditions using the 10 predominant breeds of the country. The fundamental idea was to determine the economic value of each breed, especially with reference to beef production under natural environment.

The Research Station is 4,500 feet above sea-level with an average temperature of 75 degrees F (16 degrees C) in winter. It is a summer rainfall region which averages 18 inches and can therefore be considered as semi-arid.

One of the most important aspects of the trial under these conditions is fertility and in this the Simmental was "way ahead". Not only did it have the highest fertility rate of the 10 breeds at 86%, but this was also 15% above the average for the 10 breeds.

The Simmental had the second lowest mortality rate at 2.5%, which was 1.1% below the average for all breeds and at eight months it had the highest body weight at 481 lb. which was 73 lb. above the average weight for all breeds. At 3.5 years of age the Simmental once again topped

all breeds — though closely pressed by one — with a liveweight of 1,128 lb., which was 128 lb. above the all-breed average. Not a bad performance in semi-arid conditions!

In a steer trial conducted over 10 years, also at Omatjenne, the Simmental steers had the highest liveweight, the highest carcass weight and the highest production per cow mated per year of the 10 breeds in the trial.

From the United States of America, via the Simmental Shield, comes the following report: "We have some tremendous reports throughout

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DESIGN WINNER

Winner of the competition for a symbol to represent the ASBA throughout Australia is Mr.

R. A. Bacon, Neika, Tasmania. Mr. Bacon received a \$50 prize donated by the Association.

The new symbol is incorporated in the heading on the front page of this Newsletter.

President of the ASBA, Mr. Dick Vincent, said the design would be incorporated into the Association's letter heads, stationary and envelopes while later the possibility of buying tiepins and badge lapels would be considered.

Mr. Vincent gave particular thanks to all



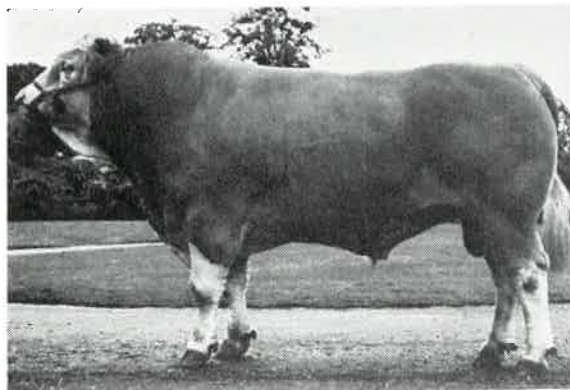
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European Bull Access

Having just returned from an extensive tour of Simmental cattle areas in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and New Zealand, I would like to record some of my impressions. Here is Switzerland.

Our first excursion was to the home of Simmental cattle — the Simmen Valley. This valley, while it has quite a narrow entrance, is about 30 miles long, and broadens out in places, to several miles in width. Although it was autumn at the time of our visit, the grass was very green by our standards. The Alps, which are not the mountain peaks as most people think, but are high meadows up to 6,500 feet, alternate with forests, and are dotted with small barns.

In the summer the cattle are taken from the farms in the valley, to the Alps to graze. The farmer accompanies his herd to the Alps to do the milking, and making cheese is a daily chore.

By Bruce N. Burnell,
Munga Park, Frances, S.A.

The cattle have to be hardy — the feed is often quite sparse, surefooted — the Alps are usually quite steep and often rocky, and most importantly, productive — there is no room for poor producers, when every square metre of pasture is required.

Centuries of selection for these traits has produced an animal which has all of these plus docility. This is a trait which seems to be a characteristic of the breed. Canadians, Africans, and Americans tell me that it is even marked in F1 crosses.

At the foot of the valley we saw a pre-selection and judging of about 90 bulls, for the Thun Bull Sale the following day. This pre-selection was being repeated at many small centres. The bulls that were not of the high standard set for the sale were destined for slaughter as beef.

At Thun the following day (about 35 miles from Berne), 831 bulls were assembled. Subdivided into firstly age groups, and then judged by other panels, the points given were painted on their rumps for all to see. Measurements and weights were taken of every bull, the results of which would go back to the A.I. station, as further checks on the progeny of A.I. bulls, in comparison with the test groups in fattening stations.

There was no auction sale as we expected, but all sales were by private treaty with the owner.

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Some of the Simmental bulls offered by private treaty at the Thun Bull Sales in Switzerland.

Buyers were there from Yugoslavia and Italy, but any animal not of the high minimum standard would not get an export permit.

Later, we were to see the A.I. stations where the sires of many of the bulls offered were standing. The high standard of hygiene and efficiency was evident from the front door to bull pens. It was interesting to see the impressive sires of many of the A.I. bulls standing in Britain, and from which semen is being sent to Australia. Figures and records of the progeny play a very large part in the assessment of the bulls used for A.I.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

WOULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE FILL IN THE COUPON BELOW IMMEDIATELY. THE NEWSLETTER MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND YOUR REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE MAILING LIST IS ESSENTIAL — IN WRITING.

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Thorough Progency Testing of European Simmentals

There have been some vocal protests in some quarters to the importation of new breeds of cattle to Australia, mainly on the grounds that we have all the genetic material we need in the breeds we have, and that the European breeds could be genetically unsound. This latter assumption would appear to be unfounded as far as the Simmental is concerned.

Probably no other breed in the world is so fully progeny tested and classified as the German and Swiss Simmental.

Let us have a look at the performance testing programmes adopted in these two countries. In Germany the All German Fleckvieh Herd Book Societies adopt the following procedure:

GERMANY

A very comprehensive and modern bull testing programme is carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, progeny testing officers, milk recording organisations, herdbook societies, A.I. centres and extension officers. Artificial insemination plays a major role in this programme and the use of A.I. for the estimation of the breeding value of bulls has been carried out since 1962. Today, 67% of the serviceable Fleckvieh females are inseminated artificially and 66% of these females

EUROPEAN BULLS

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After assessment, planned matings are carried out over selected cows and inter-farm comparisons are made. Most of the bull calves are raised for slaughter and assessment of weight gain, dressing percentage and final weight are made. This is computer-collated and only the best scoring bulls are considered for future use in breeding.

I believe that we Simmental breeders in Australia should be able to take full advantage of this careful selection which has gone on for the last 75 years.

Veterinary science has assembled all the tests necessary to ensure that there is no risk of carrying in any disease in semen. The risk is far greater with ordinary travellers. There is now no valid reason for denying us the use, through semen, of the very best proven breeding material. □

are inseminated with semen from proven sires.

The so-called active breeding population consists of 413,760 cows under milk recording and A.I. Young bulls to be tested are brought by A.I. centres and breeders at auctions. Selection of these bulls is based on the milk and fat performance of their ancestry and growth performance, as well as soundness of conformation of the bull. In 1971 60% of the Fleckbieh bulls sold at auctions had a proven sire and 11% of the bulls sold were selected for the test.

Within a period of 3-5 months, 300 to 1,500 first inseminations are carried out and after that the bull is not used again for A.I. until his progeny test results are available. Thereafter, the yearly number of inseminations per tested bull are determined by the results of his progeny.

In order to determine the breeding value of sires the following tests are carried out:

Regarding their milk and fat inheritance, the

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STUD'S EAR TATTOO

Some confusion still existed as to the tattoo brands to be used for the first drop of Simmental cross calves in Australia. This was stated this week by the Secretary of the ASBA, Mr. David Thomas.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that the tattoo brand allocated on the members original form of application for membership applied to the base cows of the herd ONLY.

When the first calves are to be tattooed the member should apply for a stud tattoo from the Association. These will be allocated by the Secretary in an alphabetical sequence. It is much on the system car number plates are issued numerically. This tattoo remains the stud's identification for the life of the stud and is also used for herd identification through the computer.

The tattoo must be placed in the off-ear of the Simmental progeny. The near ear is for the stud's own year identification and calf number. □

TRIALS IN STH. AFRICA

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Several herds are testing their quarter-blood Simmental calves and they are holding their own with the half-blood Simmental bulls will do for te rest of the nation what the crossbred Santa Gertrudis and Beefmaster did for the Southwest!

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People who breed Simmentals

MR. DOUG. BAIN

Douglas Stuart Bain has extended his interests from industrial Sydney to the rolling acres of the Gold Coast in Queensland. Apart from diversifying his interests he has also been very successful in them.

Doug Bain is a Councillor of the ASBA and has been re-elected for the next two years. He is also chairman of the N.S.W. Committee and ASBA representative on the Cattle Council.

Born in Sydney his home address has been Queen St., Ashfield ever since, although not in the same house. He was educated at Croydon Preparatory and Public Schools and completed his education at Fort Street Boys' High. A keen footballer he played, for Newtown League and after the war played with Picton as a paid player. At the same time he was a keen tennis player and was President of the Sydenham-Bankstown Tennis Association for four years.

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fitting for a man who later built most of the machines in his own workshop — and was a specialist in mustard gas. Interesting, he says, but it taught you to be careful!



Mr. Doug Bain

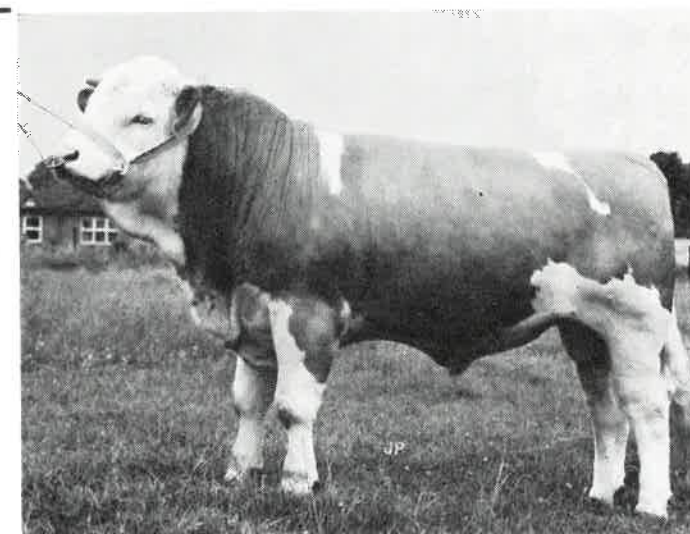
He finished his apprenticeship and in 1947 bought a dairy farm at Moss Vale where he ran A.I.S. cattle. He sold this in three years and bought a half share in his father's business, but the tug of the land was still strong, so in 1964 he bought a Queensland property at Currumbin on the Gold Coast, where he now runs Red Poll cattle and pigs.

The pig enterprise in which Doug runs commercial Large Whites and Landrace, is completely automated in a raised, slatted shed designed by Doug. During the war he served as a fitter-armourer—

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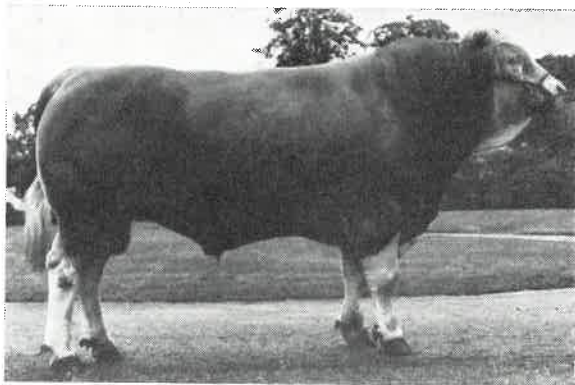


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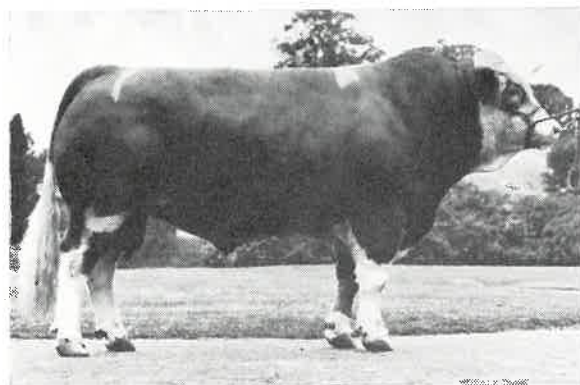
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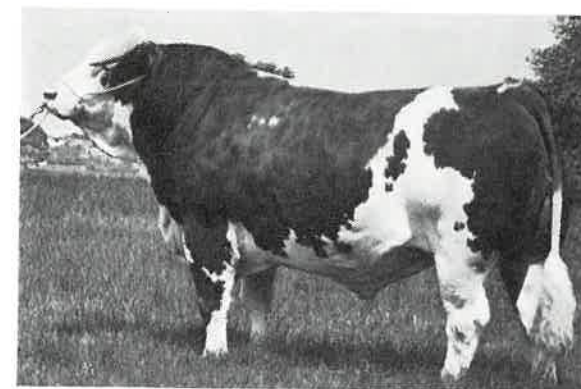
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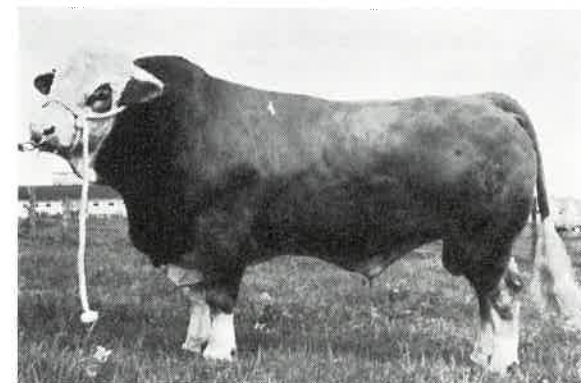
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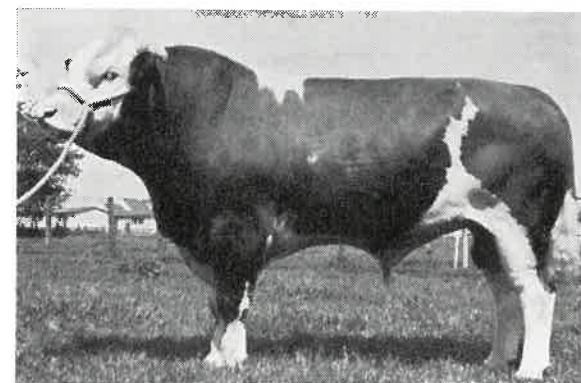
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MR. DOUG BAIN

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himself. He runs 1,500 pigs. The purchase of this property followed the establishment of another plumbing business in Surfers Paradise in 1961.

In 1971 Doug Bain bought the 3,760-acre Monterey in the Tamworth district, adjacent to famous Goonoo Goonoo and towards the Moonbi Ranges. Monterey is run as a grazing property and apart from the improved pastures has 1,800 acres of grazing oats. Herefords are the cattle and he also has an Australian Stock Horse stud.

The present intent is to breed up to a 700 head Simmental herd, a project which he considers will take about 12 years. In the meantime 180 head have been inseminated to Swiss Simmentals and the first calves are now coming forward.

In 1971 he went overseas looking for the type of cattle he wanted. "I found the cattle to mate with the Herefords in the Swiss Simmental," says Doug. "They are compatible in colour and will put more milk and more beef into the breed."

He married a Sydney girl, Nancy Jean Cronin in 1948 and they have a family of three. Eldest is Margaret 21, a kindergarten teacher, then Julie 17, in her last year at high school before starting a course in Rural Science at the University of

New England. The third is David 13, who is still at high school.

As if running two properties and two plumbing enterprises was not enough, and apart from his positions with the ASBA, Doug is a member of, and has been President of, the Employers' Federation for three years and is also one of the three Commissioners who make up the Theatres and Films Commission which, among other things, decides the sites for theatres and adjudicates on the quality of Australian films and the percentage of Australian films that will be shown in theatres.

Yes, Doug Bain could be described as a busy man! □

SIMMENTAL TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

A group of 10 Australian Simmental breeders will be leaving for New Zealand later this month for a business tour of 10 days. The party, which is being led by ASBA President, Mr. Dick Vincent, will leave for Christchurch on April 24.

The tour is being arranged by Mr. Lionel Busquets of Animal Breeding Services (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., of Sydney. Mr. Busquets was recently in N.Z. where he purchased on behalf of various clients 200 first cross heifers for delivery in Australia in June.

McLaughlin Simmental at Glen Parc.

Mr. Joe Monforton, editor of the U.S. publication, *Simmental Shield*, will be guest speaker at the sale of Simmental-blood cattle to be held at Glen Parc, Mittagong, N.S.W. on Thursday, April 19, 1973. President of the N.Z. Simmental Association, Mr. Dick Kerr, will also be present.

The sale, which is being held account McLaughlin Simmentals, Palaroo, Armidale, N.S.W., will be officially opened by the President of the ASBA, Mr. R. W. Vincent.

The Palaroo sale will include come of the oldest first cross Simmental weaners to be offered in Australia. Seventy-five carefully selected Hereford cows. Wallamumbi and Congi blood, will be offered with February drop calves at foot sired by German Simmental bulls.

A highlight of the sale will be the offering of five first cross Hereford-Simmental bulls and three first cross Hereford-Simmental heifers. These are all nine months old and imported from N.Z. At the present time they are averaging 3.2 lb. per day weight gain with one bull gaining nearly 4 lb.

Mr. Gary McLaughlin of Palaroo said two of the heifers were the first two Simmentals in Australia, being numbers one and two in the Herd Book, registered in October, 1972. Mr. McLaughlin said they had experienced no calving problems with the cows they had mated to Simmental bulls. He said the colour of the calves was very similar to Hereford colouring and many of the calves have pigmentation around the eyes.

As this Newsletter is going to press another sale is being held on April 6 at Corringle, Rugby, N.S.W. with an offering from Corringle, Dananbilla and Oakdale studs. Breeders will wish them every success. □



A V2V Hereford cow with her few weeks old calf by a German Simmental bull. These are typical of the draft to be offered by McLaughlin Simmentals.



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"S" FOR SIMMENTALS

The code identification letter for Australian Simmentals in 1973 is "S".

Inquiries by the ASBA has shown there is no international code letter for any breed throughout the world and each country has its own individual code letter.

The ASBA has instituted inquiries to see if Simmental associations in the various countries would be interested in adopting a standard yearly code letter on a world-wide basis. New Zealand has already indicated its interest. □

Sydney Royal Functions

The annual general meeting of the ASBA will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 17, during the 1973 Sydney Royal Show. The venue will be White City, Rushcutters Bay.

Council has also decided the ASBA will hold a social function. This will be held at the White City at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18. The charge is \$10 per head.

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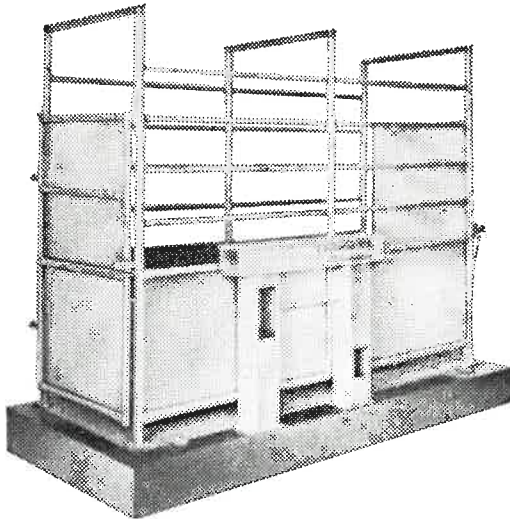
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Simmental on Show

Visitors to the Sydney Royal Show this year will have the opportunity of seeing Simmental cattle for the first time.

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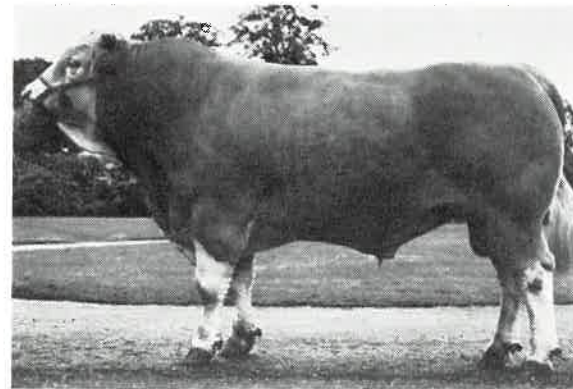
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Herod Impressed Australians

One of the bulls that impressed experienced Australian cattlemen on a recent visit to the U.K. was the German Simmental sire, Scottish Herod (pictured). A 1969 drop bull, Herod is huge in weight and scale, with tremendous length and height. Despite his size he is still very smoothly fleshed.

He has a good head and an excellent muzzle with one eye 100 per cent pigmentation and the other 50 per cent. His shoulders are well set in and he carries through to excellent hindquarters.

The Australian visitors were most impressed with the calves they saw by him, while some of the calves coming from light coloured cows were darker than Herod himself. The first's of Herod's calves are now being dropped in Australia. □

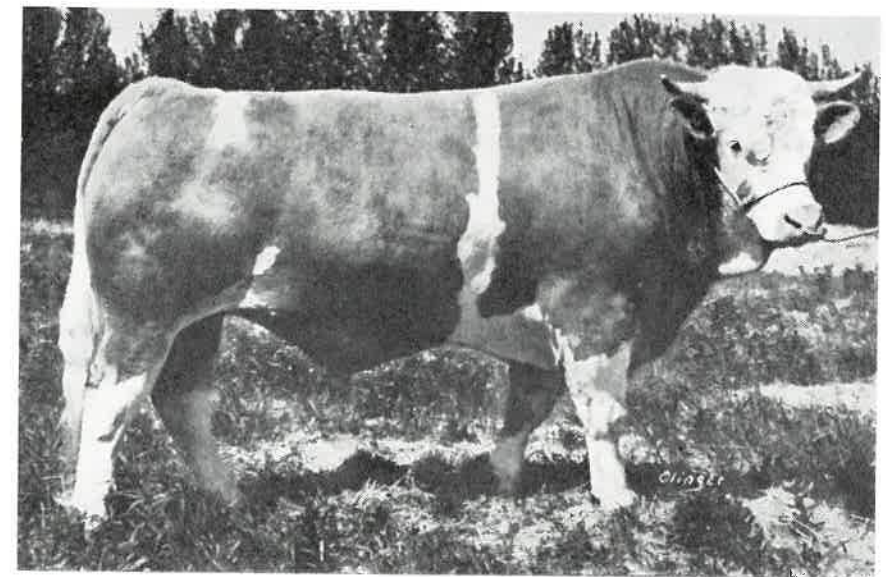
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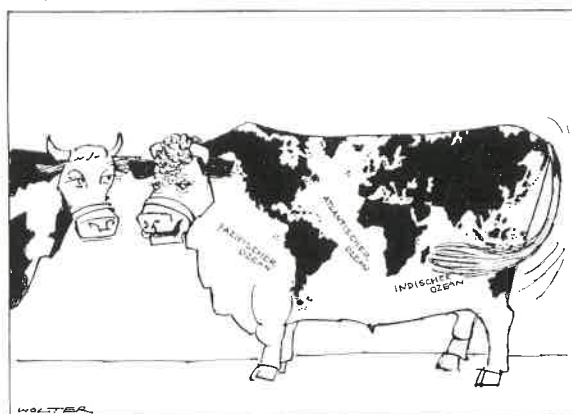
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PROGENY TESTING

In a performance test for bull calves out of panned matings, growth rate, body measurements and muscling is determined.

SWITZERLAND

In our experience only about 10 to 20 per cent of the progeny tested bulls are suitable for improving the breed with any certainty. Therefore we should progeny test as many young bulls as possible. During the mating season 1969-70 about 50 young Simmental bulls could already be used



(Many Australian breeders will wish he was right about his sister in Australia! Cartoon from the German publication "Der Tieruchter". —Ed.)

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In the third stage the milk yield of all the daughters of these bulls is recorded, both as to quantity and contents in butterfat and protein, so important for human food. From 20 to 30 cows living on farms where milking machines are used also tested for their milking capacity. Then 30 to 40 cows chosen at random from this first series of the young bull's descendants are tested. It would be difficult and expensive to arrange for more cows to be tested in view of the fact that so many bulls are being tested and are so widely disseminated over the whole region where Simmental cattle are reared.

The findings of the Breeding Association and A.I. Association experts are used to work out the breeding value of the A.I. bulls which is thus based on their progeny. This value is then taken into consideration by the A.I. authorities when deciding to proceed to further inseminations. For the benefit of the cattle breeder, all these findings are published by the Cattle Breeders and A.I. Associations so that he may see what performances and physical features the bulls transmit to their descendants and make his own decisions.

Planned Mating

Planned mating is the best way to obtain young bulls with an adequate parentage. This procedure was introduced in the Simmental breeding area already four years ago. Breeders were asked to put their best cows at the disposal of successfully progeny tested bulls. The cows and bulls are chosen by the Herdbook Office and the A.I. Association. Up to now from 100 to 150 of the best cows were mated every year to the best 6 to 8 Simmental bulls under this planned scheme.

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*First Major
Sale of
First-cross Calves
offered in
Australia by*



Scottish Pride

Mr Laughlin Simmentals

**"Palaroo", Armidale, N.S.W.
Thursday, 19th April, 1973, at 12 noon
on "Glen Parc" Mittagong, N.S.W.**

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V2V HEREFORD COWS WITH FIRST-CROSS SIMMENTAL CALVES AT FOOT, 2 MONTHS OLD

**SIMMENTAL-HEREFORD FIRST CROSS BULLS,
9 MONTHS OLD (IMP. N.Z.)**

**SIMMENTAL-HEREFORD FIRST CROSS HEIFERS,
9 MONTHS OLD (IMP. N.Z.)**

The calves are by popular German Simmental Sires, including principally SCOTTISH PRIDE, SCOTTISH NEPTUNE, HAMPSHIRE MAYER

A Sale to Remember!

2% Rebate to Outside agents introducing buyers in writing before sale.

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Know Your Council

VICE PRESIDENT RYLAND

A Queensland representative on the Council and a vice president is Mr. Eric Ryland, of Simlands stud, Condamine, Qld., the stud being run under the name of E. G. and N. Ryland.

The 6,000-acre property of brigalow-belah country in a 24-26 inch rainfall zone, is a truly family affair. Eric and his wife, May, live and work on the property as do his two daughters, Robin and Mary Lynne, the latter being married to Allen Schutt. Allen is a qualified A1 technician and does all the A1 breeding work at Simlands.

Mr. Rylands ran a Poll Hereford stud, but he has ceased registering and is turning his energies to Simmental and Charolais breeding. The property carried 850 head of cattle including 450 breeders. These are divided into two herds, one for Shorthorn-Charolais breeding and the other, Hereford-Simmental. Some Charolais are also mated to Brahman.

The property has 2,500 acres of cultivation which includes 1,000 acres of wheat, 500 acres of summer grazing crop, mostly sugardrip, and 1,000 acres of winter grazing, mostly oats. He also grows turnip and rape. The property, originally a sheep proposition, has been in the family for 16 years.

Mr. Ryland turned to the Simmental as he considers they will improve the milk and bone of the Herefords. He is concentrating on German semen and has 45 cows now calving, with 70 more to calve in May while another 50 have just been inseminated.

Mr. Ryland says he has over 20 calves on the ground now, mostly by Rhuma, and among them there is only one spotted calf, the others all having Hereford markings, while several have good eye pigmentation. □

PRIZE DONATION FUND

The ASBA has opened a fund to provide prizemoney for Simmentals at future shows and competitions in which they will compete. The money so collected is being invested with the Australian Guarantee Corporation to provide a yearly income for prizes.

So far the fund has \$600 in kitty. The fund is still open and further donations will be gratefully received. They should be sent to the Secretary, Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, Box 4317, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W. 2001. □

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