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SIMMENTALS SCORE AGAIN AT SMITHFIELD

Simmental cross cattle had remarkable achievements in both obvious and not so obvious ways in the "live and carcase" classes at the Royal Smithfield Show in London in early December (Dec. 3-7).

There were just 11 Simmental crosses among the 74 animals forward in this section of the show, and the 74 were divided into nine classes, first by age and then by weight. All the classes were judged — alive on the first day of the show, as carcasses on the third day — by Mr. Tom Lauchlan of Glasgow, a leading member of Britain's Fatstock Marketing Corporation.

He produced a remarkable uniformity in his live and carcase results — rarely varying by more than one place for any leading animal in the two sets of placings even though, of course, he was not aware which animal he was judging at any particular moment.

The Simmental crosses were awarded three 1st prizes, two 2nds and a third in the live classes, and two first, two seconds and two thirds in the carcase classes. Although just over a seventh of the total entries, the Simmentals took nearly a quarter of the leading awards and more than a quarter of the first prizes.

The not so obvious, but perhaps even greater, success in current British conditions, were the high weights achieved by the Simmental entries in the carcase classes. Graded by live-weight per day of age (that is, ignoring calf weights), ten of the 11 Simmentals were among the top half of the 74 animals of all breeds forward.

The top 37 animals had live weights per day of age ranging from 1.88lb. to 3.45lb. The eleventh Simmental just failed to be in this top bracket.

Moreover the Simmentals tended to be clustered

near the very top on weight per day of age. Five of them were among the top nine in the carcase section. They ranged down to 2.41lb. per day of age and, of course, represented a higher proportion than any other breed in this top weight bracket.

"The results seem to indicate that the Simmental can now be regarded as a leading breed both in weight gains and in quality, even among the quite numerous entries of other European breeds," commented Mr. Brian Freeman, secretary of the British Simmental Cattle Society.

The leading Simmental awards were gained by animals from the north of England. Ouston Spring

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MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! — for the right words!

At the last Council meeting of ASBA it was decided the Simmental breed in Australia needed a slogan, easily recognised, suitable to the qualities of the breed, for use in promotional and advertising programmes in the future.

Entries are invited from members and non-members and a prize, yet to be decided, will go to the winner if the Council selects one of the entries.

So, on with the thinking cap and out with the pen. Say, something like — "SIMMENTALS --- THEY MAKE BOTH ENDS MEAT!"

Send your entries to the Secretary, Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, Box 4317, G.P.O., Sydney 2001. Closing date is April 1, 1974 — but don't let that fool you.

COWCROFT ALBION

COWCROFT ALBION is owned jointly by John E. Austin's Aroha Downs Cattle Co., Oxford, New Zealand and Kerry A. Rathie, Australian Charolais Pty. Ltd., "Bushfield", P.O. Box 288, Finley, 2713, N.S.W., Australia.

All N.Z. marketing of semen etc. is via John Austin and all Australian matters are via Kerry Rathie.

(PHOTO, PERFORMANCE DETAILS — INSIDE BACK COVER) ➔

WHAT COLOUR IS YOUR BULL?

(By D. G. Mactaggart, Waterloo Grazing Co., Glen Innes)

This question has been asked of me many times since we bought the first pure-bred Simmental bull calf sold for export from New Zealand on October 23, 1973. Since that time, I have felt compelled to write down my thoughts which may be of assistance to other enthusiasts of the breed, and also help dispel the fallacy of the colour fad.

As every Simmental breeder should know by now, the colour variance of the breed ranges from light dun to deep red, and it would be hard to find two pure-bred animals with identical colour and markings as in Herefords, Braford's, or any other breed.

If we are breeding up from Herefords, then we should remember that our first cross calves are 50% Simmental, and as Simmentals have a large colour range, then if some of our calves are light in colour, it means we are running true to type, especially if the sire is light in colour.

As I have been actively engaged in the hide business for the past twenty-six years, and we buy in excess of one million hides per year, I can assure the members that we neither pay premiums nor discount hides because of their colour.

As a breeder of Simmentals, I am interested in the amount of beef I can produce per acre compared with any other breed under the same conditions, and the colour of the hide has nothing to do with the amount of cuttable beef inside it. The only thing the hide is doing is keeping the carcass together, and it can be any colour and do the same job.

I would suggest, therefore, that if breeders are looking for colour, they already have a wide variety of choice: If they want black, they can breed Angus; if it's red-and-white they want, then they should breed either Herefords or Braford's; or pure red, there is always Santa Gertrudis or Droughtmasters. But if they want an animal that has a good milk supply and exceptionally good post-weaning weight gains, plus naturally marbled beef, then I would suggest they breed Simmentals.

The answer to the above question is that our bull is a light dun colour, but more importantly, he weighed 80lb. at birth, he was unassisted, and he is putting on an average of 3.8lb. per day on his own mother.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the Australian Simmental Newsletter will be published early in April, 1974.

Deadline for booking advertising space is Wednesday, March 13, 1974, and deadline for receipt of advertising copy and editorial contributions is Friday, March 20, 1974.

The Editor may be contacted by writing to Alan Kay, 51B Bundarra Road, Bellevue Hill, N.S.W. 2023 or phone: 26 6941 business hours; 36 5617 evening.

SIMMENTAL SUCCESS AT SMITHFIELD

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first prizes both alive and in the carcass classes Farm Ltd. of Belford, Northumberland, gained with a Simmental cross out of a Hereford x Galloway dam which was 466 days old and weighed 2.54lb. per day of age.

The same breeders also won a first alive, and second as carcass with a 411-day-old steer, weighing 2.35lb. per day of age, by a Simmental out of a Hereford x Friesian.

Both these animals were by the Swiss bull, Sepp, which also sired the Simmental x Lincoln Red with which Mr. C. L. Bembridge of Lincoln won the carcass championship at the 1972 Smithfield Show. Sepp, owned by a consortium which includes the Oates family of Ouston Spring Farm Ltd., now stands at the Aberdeen A.I. centre.

The other Simmental first prizes, both alive and as a carcass, were won by a Simmental x Dairy Shorthorn shown by Mr. J. W. Carr of Grey Mare Hill, Conhett, Co. Durham by a German Sire. This steer was 647 days old and weighed 1.90lb. per day of age. Unfortunately his sire is not known.

Other second and third prizes were gained by Simmental crosses shown by William S. Allan, Glenturk, Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire; Sir Frank Cooper, Little Heath Berkhamsted, Herts.; and by the Hon. Alan J. F. Mackay, Enterkine, Annbank, Ayrshire.

Three of the six heaviest animals in the carcass show were Simmentals. Two of them were the steers recorded above as 1st prize winners both alive and as carcasses — an indication of the breed's quality with weight.

(By courtesy of the British Simmental Cattle Society.)

No Extra Cost in Recording

"Members need not fear a cost slug by recording every insemination and calving," says ASBA treasurer, Mr. Geoff Quinn.

"We need his vital information and I am a little fearful that members feel it may cost them more.

"Let me say this:

"(1) Each member has enrolled his herd for \$40 — this means he can add as many cows as he likes for that first up cost.

"(2) Each insemination certificate is paid for when purchased by a member from the Association, and if it is not returned for recording, at no extra cost, then the full benefit is lost.

"(3) Each calf born to a cow recorded from the A.I. certificate is "noted" by the computer. It doesn't matter whether male or female.

"(4) From the A.I. certificate and enrolment members will know:

"(i) The total number of cows mated.

"(ii) The total number of inseminations.

"(iii) The conception rate percentage to the total inseminations.

"(iv) The number of doses of semen used from each sire enrolled.

"(v) The total calving percentage and the percentage calving by sires.

"(vi) The ease of calving, mortality and any genetic problems that may arise,

"(vii) as well as other useful information such as the breeds of base cows.

"All this is obtained from the 50c cost of each A.I. certificate — this service has already been paid for by the member — and I therefore urge members to supply complete and detailed information, and not withhold what they feel may be unnecessary.

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SYDNEY ROYAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual General Meeting of ASBA will take place at White City, Rushcutters Bay, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 1974.

The ASBA Dinner Dance will also be held at White City on April 4 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

FIRST ANNUAL MANSFIELD SIMMENTAL BREEDERS SALE

Society approved Sale.

**Thursday, 18th April, 1974 at 1 p.m.
on the property**

**76 Barragunda, Mansfield, Victoria, 76
Head outstanding Cattle.**

- 2 Superb first cross heifers 18 months old by Scottish Herod P.T.I.C. to Canadian Haral. (Imp. N.Z.).
- 28 Selected half blood heifers 9 to 13 months old.
- 6 Selected Simmental Hereford cross commercial bulls.
- 8 Hereford cows with half blood heifer calves at foot.
- 2 Hereford cows with $\frac{1}{2}$ blood bull calves at foot.
- 30 Hereford heifers August, September 1972 drop. Wantabadgery Station bred P.T.I.C., to Scottish Pride.

An outstanding offering of cattle from the Mansfield Simmental Breeders Group, selected for growth and conformation and approved by the inspectors of the A.S.B.A.

Selling Agents:—

Elder-GM Younghusband Ltd.,
499 Bourke Street,
Melb. Tel. 60 0021

Dalgety Aust. Ltd.,
461 Bourke Street,
Melb. Tel. 60 0731

COST OF RECORDING

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mation, and not withhold what they feel may be unnecessary.

"Each A.I. certificate allows for three inseminations to be recorded.

"After a calf is born a form is sent to members to record the calf or register it, if a heifer or a purebred. The additional cost is — (A) \$4 for heifers or purebreds (registration and recording fee); (B) \$2 for bulls, all grades except purebreds, which are recorded automatically in (A), recording fee only, and (C) 75c for steers.

"Once the animal is enrolled, if a heifer or a purebred, a pedigree is produced which is constantly updated through the animal's life and this information is always available at no extra cost. If it is sold or transferred there is the normal cost of transferring the animals.

"For grade bulls and steers the performance information is provided to enable comparisons to be made of sires.

"All this is designed to help you — the breeder. No other breed society offers you the same facilities for a comparable cost.

"We have spent a lot of money establishing this system so that we are the first fully recorded breed," concluded Mr. Quinn.

BASICS FROM ASBA BASE

In the case that some members missed the item in the last Newsletter I would like to repeat the instructions regarding the return of forms.

Members are requested to forward direct to the Secretary calf registration and performance printouts with your cheque — \$4 per registration. These printouts are not to be returned direct to ABRI.

However, mating and calving data printouts, when completed, should be returned direct to ABRI, Armidale.

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A word on the registration procedure for heifers imported from New Zealand. When recording insemination details on the base dam or A.I. Certificate, for all FI heifers imported from N.Z. the following symbols are required for the off and near ear in the box spaces provided on the certificate.

The offside ear should have the symbols I M Z I while the near ear should have the appropriate code number for the birth year plus the animal's number.

Would members also please make sure they have all the necessary documents relating to the purchase of imported cattle from N.Z. in their possession and copies forwarded to this office.

DAVID THOMAS, Executive Officer

ORANGE

1st. ANNUAL APPROVED SIMMENTAL SALE

**At Orange Saleyards
THURSDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1974.**

(Approved by The Australian Simmental Breeders Association Ltd.)

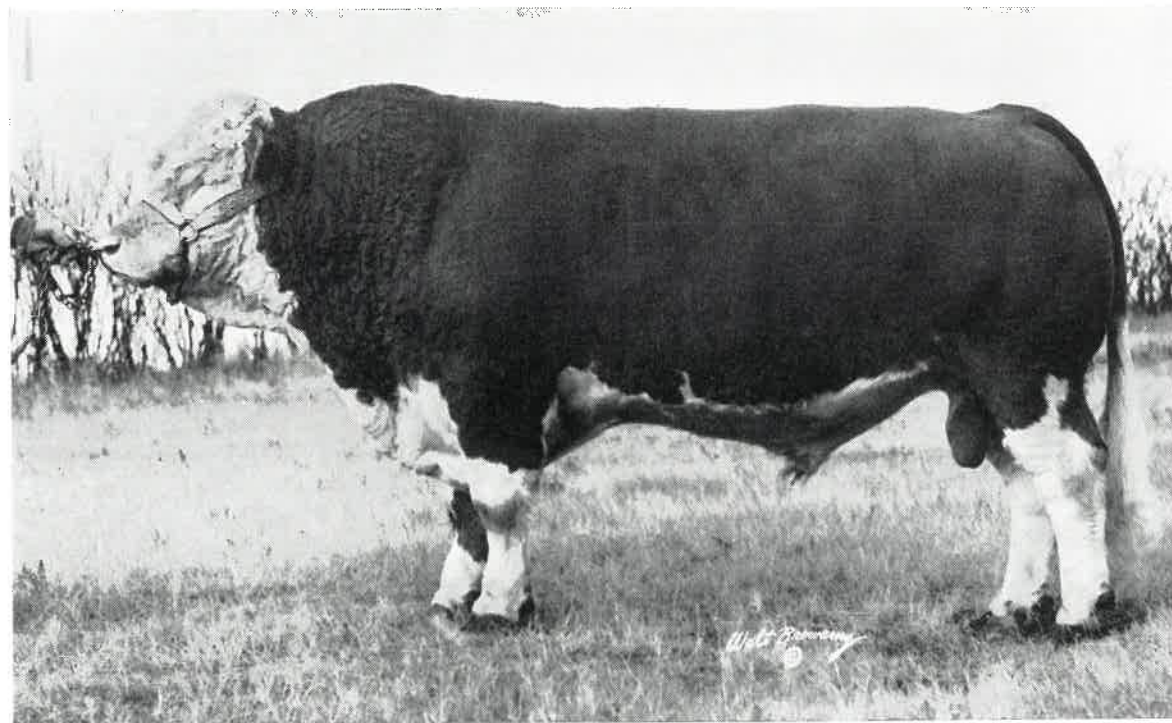
A very attractive offering is presented at this inaugural Simmental Sale and includes:—
1st Cross Heifers, Cows with 1st Cross calves at foot, inseminated Cows and 1st Cross Commercial Bulls. Female cattle will be inspected.

FURTHER ENTRIES ARE INVITED

Further particulars and entry forms available from the Selling Agents:—



WINCHCOMBE CARSON LIMITED
9-13 YOUNG STREET, SYDNEY
Phone: 20552



BARON — CSA 113. C. 8.1.69

Weight: 1.11.72 — 2,325lb. by Forester — MM4799 from Bologne — MM 3640.

"Baron" is a real breeders bull. He is masculine, is well marked, has plenty of length. He stands on excellent feet and legs. His sire, Forester, is long and trim with real good muscling in his rear quarter. He is in service at the A.I. Centre in Neuchatel, Switzerland and has a score of 94 on classification. Longevity, steady milk production, high test and regular breeders are strong in Baron's pedigree. His sire has been a top money winner four times in annual competition. A Baron sired calf topped the 1972 Canadian Simmental Sale at \$16,200.00.

BARON PROGENY TEST SUMMARY

Ease of Calving Summary				Weaning Summary		Feed Test Summary				Carcass Evaluation Summary				
Number of Calves	Birth Weight	% Born Unassist.	% Death Loss	200 Day	Wn. Wt.	No. of Calves	A.D.G. To Wean	A.D.G. On Feed	Weight At End Of Test	Carcass Wt. Per Day Of Age	Dressing %	Loin Eye Area Sq. Inch	Cover Fat Per 100 lb	
223	85.5 lb	99	0	521 lb	488 lb	15	2.37 lb	2.83 lb	1131 lb	1.60	59.7	11.56	.09	
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A bull of outstanding colour, length and eye pigmentation.

He is fleshing out well as a rising two-year-old and will be over 2,000lb. at that age.

Photographed at 17 months.

Born: 27th June, 1971

TATTOO: GFA-A1

Pedigree: No. 4

Bred by: Ernest Dodd, Esq.,
Tattenhall Farm, Tattenhall,
Chester.

Owned by: Mr. R. MacDonald,
"Kufra", Kaiapoi,
New Zealand.



Sire: SCOTTISH NEFF (IMP.G.1970).

Calving Date	Milk (lbs.)	Butterfat (%)	Butterfat (lbs.)	Days in Milk
67/4	5434	3.97	216	166
68/3	12541	5.09	630	309
69/3	13038	4.19	546	319

Dam: LINDE (IMP.G.1970)

Calving Date	Milk (lbs.)	Butterfat (%)	Butterfat (lbs.)	Days in Milk
68/12	8460	4.18	352	278
69/12	9825	4.38	429	349

Performance in lbs.

Birth Weight	200-day Weight	Gain Birth-200d	Year Weight
90	690	3.0	1105
Gain Birth-Yr.	Gain Since Arrival	400 day	
2.8	4.7	1225	



Please note Tattenhall Amendment is registered with the Australian Simmental Association for upgrading.

Orders should now be placed for Tattenhall — at \$6.00

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ASBA POLICY ON FI BULLS

(By Councillor Chris. Bowman)

A lot of members must be unaware of the Association's policy on the production and sale of FI bulls.

As many of you are about to make a decision on what to do with these animals the Council is concerned that you all know of it's attitude.

After one of the longest debates in the Association's history, continuing over several meetings, the Council decided that members should not be encouraged to produce and sell these bulls.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Following are some major items dealt with at the Council Meeting of the ASBA held at the Cole Dudgeon Memorial Hall, Sydney Show-ground on Thursday, January 10, 1974.

PRESENT: R. W. Vincent in the Chair and the following Councillors. R. Beggs, H. Hopkins, T. Liley (Vic.); C. Bowman, P. Magennis, G. Quinn (N.S.W.); D. S. Baker, J. Young (S.A.); A. Fletcher (W.A.); J. A. Dumaresq (Tas.).

ALSO PRESENT: D. B. Thomas in attendance and A. Jackson in attendance at 2.20 p.m.

APOLOGIES: D. Bain (N.S.W.) and P. McLaughlan (Vic.).

New Zealand Exports: A letter from the New Zealand Simmental Society was read and their Secretary reported that he understood that just over 1,000 cattle had been exported from New Zealand to Australia.

The following members have been nominated by State Branches for ratification by Council as inspectors.

West Australia: R. W. Vincent, A. Fletcher.
Victoria: R. Beggs, P. McLaughlan, H. Hopkins, T. Liley.

N.S.W.: D. Ross, G. F. M. Quinn, P. Magennis, L. Pockley.

The remaining States have not as yet submitted inspectors for ratification.

The New South Wales Branch submitted some points for inspectors to consider at approved sales:

1. Presentation.
2. Correct identification and documentation.
3. Physical abnormalities.
4. Size of heifers if pregnancy tested in calf, taking into account weight and wither height.
5. Sires used to be registered with the Association if insemination formed after the 1st August, 1973.
6. If New Zealand imports, extra documentation to be correct.

7. The inspections to take place in two parts, the first when the vendors are ready and the cattle are handy to inspect prior to cataloguing, and the second inspection to take place two or three days before the actual sale with the veterinary inspection on the day of the sale.

8. All cattle to be T.B. free and either done with strain 19 or C.A.B. tested.

9. It is the intention of the New South Wales Branch not to inspect any cattle at approved sales where FI or grade bulls are offered.

Points 1 to 8 were received by the meeting, but point

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This policy has been put into action in a number of ways.

These are:

A. FI bulls will not be registered by the Association. A Performance Recording is provided for them only so a maximum amount of information may be collected on their dams and particularly on their sires.

Their records will not be kept by the Association and no pedigree will be issued.

B. At Association Approved sales only registered animals or animals eligible for registration will be inspected. The inspectors will make it clear to prospective buyers before the commencement of the sale that the Seal of Approval does not in any way cover any FI bulls to be sold.

C. Over \$4,000 is to be offered as prizes for Simmental cross animals winning carcass competitions this year. This is seen as an encouragement to members to concentrate on steer production as well as being important for its effect on providing publicity for the breed. The Association hopes to double this prize money in the near future.

D. The Performance Recording Service offered to bulls is also offered to steers but at less than half the price.

The Council did not go as far as banning the sale of FI bulls quite deliberately. It realises that in some situations breeders may gain considerable advantage from using them.

The Council does, however, encourage members to be particularly careful in their choice of such animals, being ever mindful that on their backs rests some of the future of the reputation of the breed in this country.

ASBA'S GOOD YEAR

"The Australian Simmental Breeders' Association Ltd. had an amazing first year," the treasurer, Mr. G. F. M. Quinn, reported last week.

"It would appear, subject to audit, that in our first full year of operation we will have a surplus in excess of \$20,000. This revenue surplus is achieved after meeting huge expenditure on establishing the Association, but before writing off the non-recurring costs of establishing the computer programme for our performance register," said Mr. Quinn.

"Over 15,000 base cows have now been enrolled and as the flowthrough of registrations and statistical information became available we will be able to embark upon a steady programme of soundly based promotion."

WORMBETE SIMMENTAL

1st
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FEBRUARY
14th
1974



30 1/2 Blood HEIFERS weaned 9-12 mths.

The stud has been founded with specially selected top quality females from a number of different breeds in order to obtain and utilise maximum genetic variation.

2% Rebate to outside agents.

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FIRST VICTORIAN INVITATION SIMMENTAL SALE

"STREAMVILLE"

ARTHURS CREEK
(25 MILES NORTH OF MELBOURNE)

**FRIDAY, 15th MARCH, 1974,
AT 1 P.M.**

A SPLENDID OFFERING OF $\frac{1}{2}$ BRED HEIFERS

**POSSIBLY A NUMBER OF $\frac{3}{4}$ HEIFERS WILL BE
INCLUDED**

CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION

Approved by the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association Ltd.

Conjunctional Agents:

KEIRAN McNAMARA & CO. PTY. LTD:

66-68 Dudley Street, West Melbourne. 3003.

WRIGHT STEPHENSON & CO. (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LTD.

15 Ascot Vale Road, Flemington. 3031.

Letter to the Editor

Now - About Those Irish Heifers!

Sir: With reference to an article published in your excellent Newsletter of October last written by Dick Vincent, President of the Australian Simmental Society, in which he raised some concern over "premature mating of Austrian heifers to catch the lucrative American and Canadian markets", I would like to make some comments.

In Ireland where our cow population is predominantly dairy cow, largely Friesian based, the majority of our cows calve down at 24 months old. This is in no way considered premature. Consequently, when any new breed is introduced as in the case of the Fleckvieh from Austria if they are to be assessed under normal Irish farm conditions then they must be bred to calve at two years old.

The purpose of the importation is to improve our Irish livestock industry and to produce a fast growing breed for use in suckler herds, rather than to act as a mid-Atlantic quarantine station.

In support of this view I would point out that the criterion conditional on granting of approval to import any new breed here is that it should be

capable of making a significant contribution to the Irish livestock industry.

Naturally, with our unique disease free status, the only European country allowed export fresh meat to the U.S.A., we are extremely cautious of any new importations. Since our maximum security quarantine station was opened in 1964 on Spike Island in Cork harbour, only three European breeds have been imported, viz., Charolais, Fleckvieh and Limousin.

While the majority of Fleckvieh heifers calved from 23-28 months, the females have grown into good bodied, well developed cows at $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

They have weaned sons who have done 3.5lb. per day under test to 15 months old. We hope Dick Vincent and many other of your Australian breeders will visit us in Ireland where we look forward to showing you superb cattle in our green island.

You will all be assured a hearty welcome.

May I, on behalf of the Irish Fleckvieh breeders, congratulate you on your enthusiasm in producing such a superb publication for your members.

With best wishes.

Michael Leahy, B.Agr.Sc.,

Hon. Secetary, Irish Fleckvieh (Simmental) Cattle Society, Springhill, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, Ireland.

COUNCIL MEETING

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was rejected as the meeting felt that first cross bulls or grade bulls should still be eligible for sale as per the regulations regarding approved sales. **RECEIVED.**

Quarantine Station: The Association was concerned that the Government's approach to the establishment of the off shore quarantine station proposed for Cocos Island had not been made concrete enough, and this Association should make representation to the Government to discover what their proposals were.

It was moved by G. Quinn, seconded by C. Bowman that the Association make an approach to the Minister for Primary Industry and the opposition spokesman to discuss the implementation of the off shore quarantine station after consulting with other breeds. **CARRIED.**

It was resolved that two delegates be appointed to approach the other breed societies, the two delegates being, G. Quinn and C. Bowman. **CARRIED.**

American Federation Meeting: A cable from the American Simmental Association was received inviting our Association to attend a meeting on February 2, 1974 in Louisville, Kentucky, to form a World Simmental Federation.

An answer to this cable was sent asking the Americans to advise the countries involved.

Further cables were sent to European Federation members asking them to attempt to defer this meeting until the end of April owing to the short notice involved.

Moved by R. Beggs, seconded by J. Young that if after research had been conducted from the various countries cabled, and it was warranted that Australia attend, the President and one Vice-President be asked to represent the Association at this meeting. **CARRIED.**

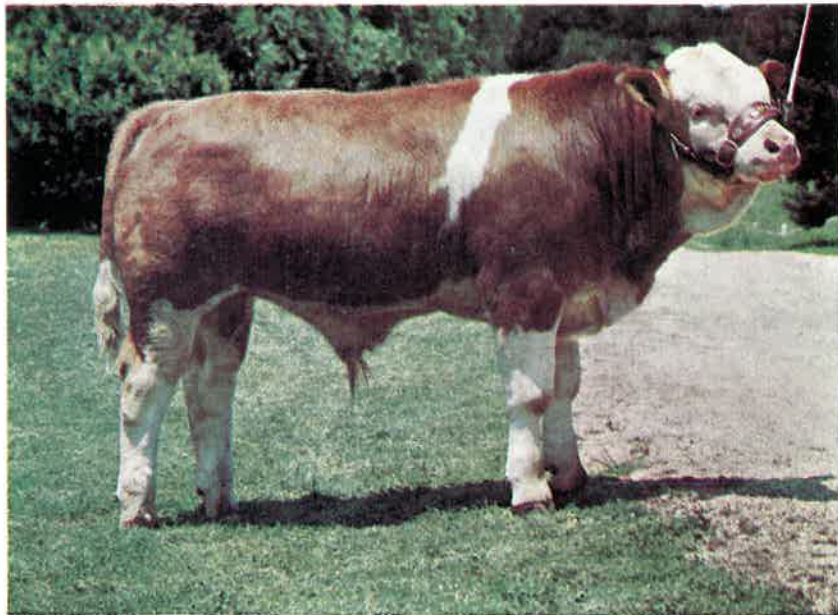


A nice package. This $6\frac{1}{2}$ months old Simmental bull calf was photographed with his dam last year at Mr. Allen Williams' Glenturk property, Newton Stuart, Scotland. He is typical of the Fleckvieh herd at Glenturk and is by Scottish Neptune.

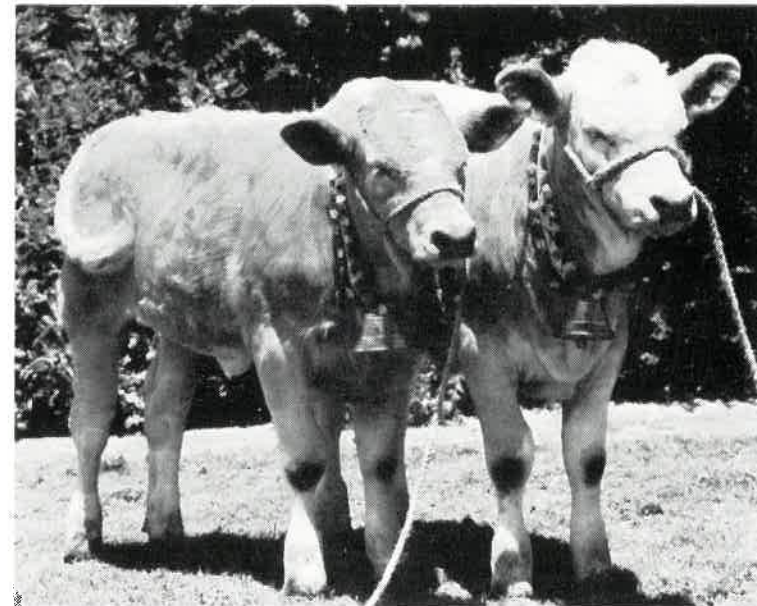
1974 AUSTRALASIAN SIMMENTAL "ROYALE"

on **THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1974** at 1 p.m.

at **GLEN PARC, MITTAGONG, N.S.W.**



*To be offered — Claudius, (c. July 1973)
by Scottish Herod*



*To be offered — Cleopatra (c. August 1973) by Scottish Neff
and Cynthia (c. July 1973) by Scottish Herod.*

SOUTHERN BREEDERS, INVERCARGILL, 5 SOUTHLAND, N.Z. WILL BE OFFERING

Pure Bred Simmentals

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80 eighteen month old F1 Hereford/Simmental heifers pregnancy tested in calf to leading Scottish Sires.

2 purebred heifers.

3 purebred bulls.

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"**GREAT OPPORTUNITY SALE**"

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1974

**AND UP-GRADE TO SIMMENTALS WITH
THE BEST BLOODLINES OF THE BREED**

ASBA REGISTERED SIRES LIST

The following bulls have been registered with the ASBA. Members will be advised as more sires are added. Only semen from bulls registered with the Association may be used if the progeny is to be registered with the Association.

Scottish Herod, Scottish Milk Marketing.
 Scottish Hope, Scottish Milk Marketing.
 Scottish Marquis, Scottish Milk Marketing.
 Scottish Neff, Scottish Milk Marketing.
 Scottish Neptune, Scottish Milk Marketing.
 Scottish Pride, Scottish Milk Marketing.
 Avoncroft Joggi, Avoncroft Cattle Breeders.
 Avoncroft Aster, Avoncroft Cattle Breeders.
 Friarton Aaron, New Zealand.
 Tattenhall Amendment, New Zealand.
 Cowcroft Albion, New Zealand.
 Hampshire Mayer, Hampshire Cattle Breeders.
 Hampshire Robinson, Hampshire Cattle Breeders.
 Thierauch, Milk Marketing Board.
 Paul, Milk Marketing Board.
 Rebholz, Milk Marketing Board.
 Langle, Milk Marketing Board.
 Schock, Milk Marketing Board.
 Diplomat, Genetics International, U.K.
 Munter, Canadian Stock Breeders.
 Canadian Harald, Canadian Stock Breeders.
 Sambo, Canadian Stock Breeders.
 Baron, Canadian Simmental Assoc.
 Texas, United Breeders, Canada.
 Bonami, United Breeders, Canada.
 Fendt, Galtee Cattle Breeding Station and Farm.
 Horst, Galtee Cattle Breeding Station and Farm.
 Ami, Universal Livestock Services.
 Cambridge Ruhma, Cambridge & District Breeders.
 Friarton Actor, Cambridge & District Breeders.

Balig Agent, Southern Breeders, N.Z.
 Matching Famos, Matching, England.
 Extra, Western Breeders, Canada.
 Supreme, or Soisson, Western Breeders, Canada.
 Ulmer, Ireland.
 Usch, Ireland.
 Ulan, Ireland.
 Avoncroft Nestor, Avoncroft Cattle Breeders, U.K.
 Bismark, American Breeders Service.
 Florian, American Breeders Service.
 Eiger, American Breeders Service.
 Ueli, American Breeders Service.
 Soleil, American Breeders Service.
 Held, American Breeders Service.
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Enzeders Buy Pie Rouge in France

As Australians can still only buy live cattle from New Zealand, the following report by Mr. Ran Macdonald, well known to Australian breeders, which appeared in the Simmental Cattle Breeders' Society of N.Z.'s last Newsletter, will be of interest to members.

Mr. Macdonald's report:

"Any misgivings which I may have had about the quality of Pie Rouge cattle soon evaporated when we visited the first three herds of M. Collaud. I found very big stretchy cattle definitely longer than the Fleckvieh with more leg under them, possibly not quite as heavily fleshed, but certainly more than adequately so.

"My problem with the selection was the limited number of calves available in each herd. Seventy per cent of the Pie Rouge calve in the autumn and all these were outside our age limits. Of the 30% calf drop in the spring probably at least 15% of these also were earlier than April 15, which was to be our deadline date.

The position was further aggravated by the fact that Mr. Solo, the Japanese Charolais king, had been around about two weeks before me and had taken some of the better calves. Fortunately for us David Collyns and our Animal Health Department were sympathetic to my problem and agreed to stretch this date of April 15 back to February 1, which enabled me to bring in a lot of calves which would otherwise have not been available.

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TREASURER FOR U.S.A.

Mr. G. F. M. Quinn, treasurer of ASBA, left Sydney on January 30, to represent the President, Mr. R. Vincent, at a U.S. convened meeting at Louisville, Kentucky on February 1.

The meeting will discuss the formation of a world Simmental body.

"Before leaving, Mr. Quinn told Newsletter: "Our advice is that the European Simmental bodies are opposed to the formation of a world body by U.S.A., and consider it should be formed

GUERNSEY CROSS SALE IN WEST AUSTRALIA

Just as this Newsletter is coming off the press an interesting sale on Guernsey-based Simmentals is taking place in West Australia.

Three F.I. Simmental bulls and 6 F.I. Simmental heifers aged from 9 months to 4 months will be offered by auction on Friday, February 8, 1974 at Miss Garside's "Bogar" stud, in Lakes Rd., North Dandalup.

They will be part of an offering of approximately 60 head of cattle comprising a progeny sale from Miss Garside's well known "Bogar" Guernseys.

The Simmentals are, with the exception of 2 heifers which are from Friesian and Guernsey base cows, all from pure bred Guernsey base cows.

Two of the base cows are three-quarter sisters to Miss Garside's celebrated Bogar Rosalinda 6th, who established a State milk record in 1973 and was supreme dairy cow (all breeds) at Perth Royal Show, 1973.

The Simmental progeny of these sisters are one male, 4 months and one female, 9 months of age.

Visitors to the stud are frequently impressed by the size and scale of Miss Garside's Guernseys and this is reflected in the Simmental progeny.

Experimentally, Miss Garside mated several Shorthorn cows with Simmental. However, the progeny of the Guernsey base cows are outstripping the Shorthorn cross calves and consequently Miss Garside is now breeding exclusively from Guernseys.

To date no calving difficulty whatsoever has occurred in any Simmental births.

at a meeting which has been called for September in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

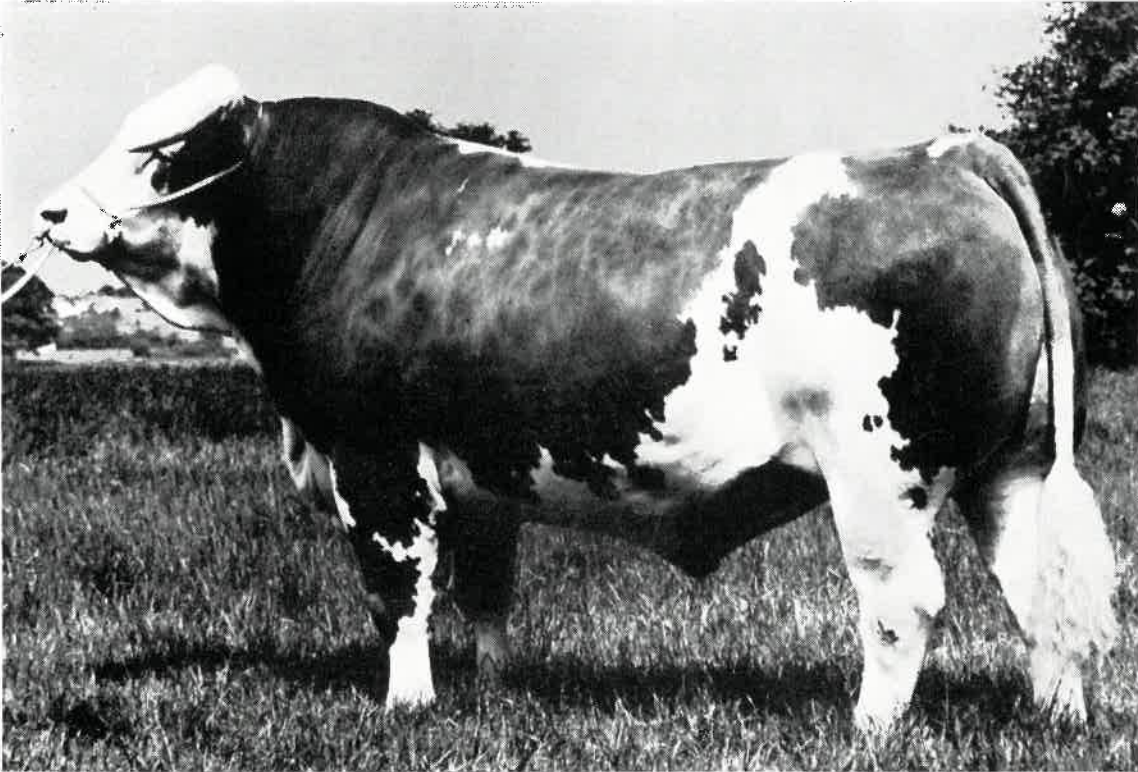
"ASBA also considers the headquarters of any world Simmental organisation should be in Europe, although we fully appreciate the initiative of the U.S.A. body in calling such a meeting.

"The formation of a world organisation has been slowed by the reluctance of Eastern European countries to join such a body.

"While ASBA does not expect the Louisville meeting to form a world organisation, Australia should be represented so that we may play a full part when such an organisation does come into being."

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	lbs.	kgs.	lbs.	kgs.	lbs.	kgs.
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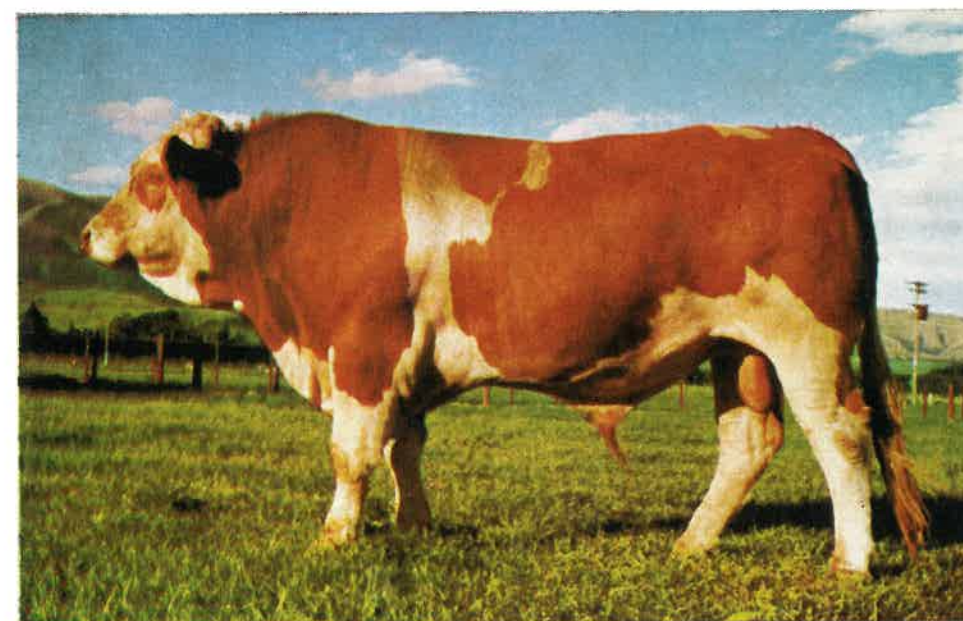
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"The main lesson to be learned from the exercise was that if we go back to purchase more Pie Rouge cattle, and I strongly recommend that we should, then we should go in March-April when we would have 70% of the calf drop to choose from.

"I saw many splendid females weighing 1,700 to 1,800lb. and odd ones producing up to 20,000 lb. of milk in one lactation of less than 300 days. The calves were in general not well done with of course nothing suckled on their mothers. All dams, and where possible sires, were inspected before a calf was selected, and if these calves grow out to be as good as their dams we will have some very good cattle.

"We as a society are much indebted to Ernie Dodd who was a tremendous help to us, and to the other breed societies, particularly in our rather difficult dealings with Cofranimex before we started our selection. We had to battle for the right to select our cattle on the farm where the herd and in particular 'la mere' could be seen, instead of selecting from a mob of thirty or forty calves collected from one area into one spot.

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"We should be grateful to the Animal Health Department and particularly to David Collins for ably organising this venture. M. Maziere, the Secretary of the Pie Rouge Society, who has I think been with the Society for twelve years and who has played rugby for France, was extremely able and helpful.

"Christian, our interpreter and secretary to the Cofranimex chief, M. Bardot, can only be described as delightful, and if you want full meetings of members, bring her over to replace Mac Studholme as Secretary."

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