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PRESIDENT OF ASBA SIGNS LEASE FOR FIRST PERMANENT OFFICE AT KINGS CROSS



It was a happy day in Sydney recently when the President of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association signed the lease for ASBA's first permanent headquarters to be located from October in Suite 909, 9th Floor, Kingsgate, Kings Cross. President R. W. Vincent (centre) is surrounded by councillors and executive officers as he signs. From left, back row: Messrs. J. Richard (N.S.W.), A. Dumaresq (Tas.), S. S. Bassett (Q'ld.), D. S. Baker (S.A.), Miss Kate Ellis (secretary ASBA), Messrs. R. W. Beggs (Vic.), A. Fletcher (W.A.), T. Liley (Vic.). Front row: Messrs. P. J. McLaughlin (Vic.), Michael Keats (executive officer ASBA), J. W. Young, Vice-president (S.A.), R. W. Vincent, President (W.A.), H. W. Hopkins, Vice-president (Vic.), G. F. M. Quinn, Treasurer (N.S.W.) and H. M. Miller (N.S.W.).

Simmental Sires show up well in Colorado Steer Trial

SIR: A sire evaluation programme which began in Stirling, Colorado last December reached a climax recently when judging of steer progeny groups took place at the Great Western Beef Expo. The award for the highest individual daily weight gain in a 175-day test went to a Simmental x Hereford cross steer which averaged a staggering 4.2lb. gain per day; the top weight-gaining pen of five steers were also Simmental X Hereford cross averaging 3.52lb. per day and the overall grand champion pen of steers was straight-bred Herefords.

The grand champion pen was selected for best overall performance in three key economic characters — weight gain per day, feed efficiency and yield of lean meat per day.

In all, 42 sire groups of the five steers were entered by breeders. These were weighed onto a 175-day comparative weight gain test on December 23, 1973.

Breeders from all over the U.S.A. gathered at Stirling, Colorado in the last week of June to see the final judging. The steers were weighed off test, slaughtered and the carcasses were graded by U.S.D.A. officers and then made available for inspection.

Simmental cross-bred cattle had the highest weight gains and there was little to choose between them and others. British breed cattle showed the lowest daily weight gain but nevertheless one outstanding group of Hereford steers averaged over 3lb. per day gain and was good enough in other characters to win the overall championship. This is yet another example of the old saying that within-breed differences in performance are greater than between-breed differences. Average weight gains per day for progeny of all sires by breed are given below.

Sire Breed	Av. weight gain lb./day
Simmental	3.17
Limousin	2.98
Charolais	2.97
Chianina	2.96
British	2.71

The Expo allows no place for visual appraisal of cattle. All characters — weight gain, feed efficiency and carcass grade are measured objectively. There is a lot of work — 175 continuous days of it in fact — to even start a show of this type but it is a tremendous service to the U.S. beef industry.

Firstly, it provides an objective progeny test for a wide range of sires of different breeds which are being offered for A1. This will help breeders throughout the country in their choice of sires. Then there is the educational impact. Because the evaluation of sires runs along lines which parallel the recommended system of on-farm performance recording, breeders have the opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of the contribution, this technique can make to long-term genetic progress.

With all the extravagant claims being made at present about particular breeds and particular sires, it would be interesting to see some of these claims put to the test under Australian conditions in our own Expo. Let's not discard the idea as being too revolutionary — the Great Western Beef Expo after all is in its sixth successful year.

P. A. RICKARDS,
Director, ABRI,
Armidale, N.S.W.



We introduced you to Kate Ellis, Secretary to the ASBA's Executive Officer, Mr. Michael Keats, but this charming portrait of Kate arrived too late for inclusion in the last Newsletter — so here she is.

Dispersal Sale

Mr. C. R. Keith, Cobaw via Woodend, Vic. has advised he will be holding a dispersal sale of Simmental blood cattle at the Dandenong salesyards on Friday, October 25, 1974. Agents for the sale are A.M.L. & F., Kyneton.

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First pure breeds dropped in Aust. are transplants

Tasman Simmental Breeders proudly announced the birth last month of Australia's first pure Simmental calves, two magnificent bulls and a lovely, lively heifer.

These three history making Simmental calves are all from the one dam, Torrs Busquets, which was specially selected by Lionel Busquets two years ago in the United Kingdom. Lionel is Managing Director of Animal Breeding Services (Australia) Pty. Ltd., partner in Tasman Simmental Breeders with Dudley Ross, of "Aberfeldy", Holbrook, who is very well known in the commercial cattle world, and Rodger Kelly, prominent stud cattle breeder of "Corringle", Rugby.

The birth of the three calves is the culmination of planning and foresight which commenced 2½ years ago with selection of a suitable Simmental dam. Australian quarantine requirements do not permit the direct importation of cattle and therefore arrangements were made for movement of Torrs Busquets to New Zealand where the possibility of breeding from her by ovum transplants was investigated.

Finally, an agreement was entered with Southern Breeders Limited, the foremost cattle breeding group in New Zealand for the performance of ovum transplants on the four purebred heifers owned by Tasman in that country.

From the same batch of eggs as the Australian calves another calf has been born in New Zealand. Torrs Busquets is also the dam of a fifth calf in recipient utero due the end of this year. The dam herself is in excellent condition and is now naturally in calf. These ovum transplant results are a tribute to the technique and management of Southern Breeders Ltd.

Sire of the calves, Balig Agent, is one of the top Simmental bulls in the world available to Australian breeders and he was chosen after careful evaluation of a large number of his progeny.

A new concept in the Australian insurance field developed directly from the Tasman project. Australian brokers, Willis, Faber, Johnson and Higgins arranged a policy through Lloyds of London carrying a live calf guarantee. This is the first policy of its kind in the world outside North America.

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So — this is Australia! Two of the first three pure bred Simmentals born in Australia cast an appraising eye over their new home at Corringle, Rugby, N.S.W. They were bred by ova transplants and are here being held by, left, Mr. Michael Keats, Executive Officer of ASBA, and Mr. Lionel Busquets, Managing Director of Animal Breeding Services (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., one of the partners in the ownership of the cattle.

Waterloo Sale

An octagonal shaped all-steel covered barn designed by Inverell architect Bob Lockwood provided comfortable accommodation at the Waterloo Graing Co's first Simmental sale on the property at Glen Innes.

With a model set of stockyards built by one man, Tony West, the outlay would have exceeded \$50,000.

When not needed as a selling arena, the barn will be used for machinery and fodder.

Ironbark timber for the yards came from Grafton. All gateposts are 16 inches diameter. Other posts are 12 inches. All rails are 6 x 2 ironbark.

Mr. L. Busquets, of Animal Breeding Services, paid the sale's top price of \$3,300 for an F1 Simmental cross heifer calf who carried an F2 heifer calf at foot by Scottish Herod.

Dr. L. Donaldson, of Australian Breeding Services, brought six lots, paying to \$900 for a Torsdale Hereford cow who had a heifer calf at foot.

'Fantastic' Acceptance of Simmental Breed in U.K.

The almost fantastic acceptance of the Simmental in the United Kingdom is mirrored in figures recently released by the British Simmental Cattle Society which show that the Simmental is NOW THE MOST USED AI BEEF BREED IN BOTH SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND. AND IN ENGLAND AND WALES THE BREED IS FOURTH IN THE LEAGUE!

Simmental inseminations increased by nearly 50% in the U.K. in the year ended March 31, 1974.

In the year ending March 31, 1974, Simmental inseminations in Northern Ireland totalled 87,576, an increase of more than 85 per cent on the 1972/3 figure of 47,235. The latest figure is more than four times as large as the 21,722 inseminations of the second most used breed in the Province.

There is, however, an official scheme of free inseminations from bulls of the Simmental and one other breed in the Province. This is designed specifically to increase size and milkiness of hill cows grown from heifer calves of the crosses.

This partly explains the high Simmental usage, although the other breed concerned is not in the first four of beef A1 beef breeds — which were, in order of use, Simmental, Charolais, Aberdeen Angus and Hereford.

In the Scottish Milk Marketing Board's area, Simmental inseminations were 14,317 in 1973/4 — an increase of 29 per cent on the previous year. The Breed overtook the Hereford — the most used AI beef breed last year—and remained ahead of the Charolais and Aberdeen Angus in that order.

Simmental A1 inseminations from the Milk Marketing Board's A1 centres which cover most of England and Wales, increased by 24 per cent last year to a new record figure of 56,807, despite a general reduction in A1 use during the year.

The increase of 10,892 inseminations on the year confirmed the Simmental in firm fourth place amongst the 19 beef breeds now offered by the MMB's A1 service in England and Wales. Figures from smaller A1 centers in parts of England and northern Scotland show similar trends.

Overall, Simmental inseminations in the whole of the U.K. increased from 114,865 in 1972/3 to 171,867 in 1973/4.

"These figures certainly confirm that the Simmental is now one of Britain's leading beef breeds," comments Mr. Brian Freeman, Execu-

tive Secretary of the British Simmental Cattle Society.

"The Simmental has the high weight gain figures of a number of breeds recently imported from Europe," he explains. "It also produces a beef carcass of high quality as has been demonstrated by its leading awards in carcass competitions at Smithfield and other shows.

"The third factor almost unique to the Simmental among recently imported breeds is its high quality milking ability. Some farmers are already milking Simmental crosses in their dairy herds, but milking ability is considered of particular importance among beef suckler cows on U.K. hill land.

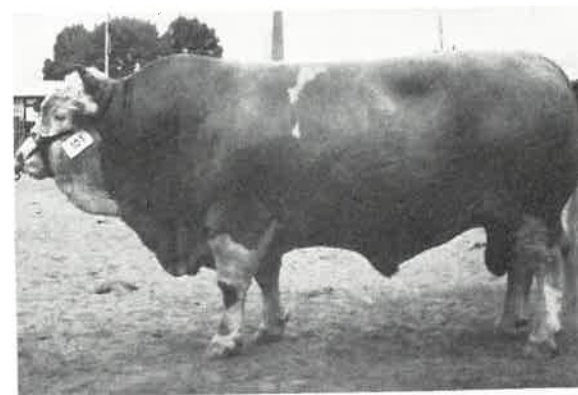
"The better the milking ability of the beef dams, the sooner suckled calves are saleable to lowland farmers for commercial beef finishing. In this context, use of Simmental-sired suckler cows means a faster commercial turnover — and that is better business for the hill farmer."

SIMMENTAL TOPS LIST

Figures published by British Semen Exports Ltd. show that 165,141 doses of Simmental semen were exported in the year ending July 31, 1973 — compared with 104,119 in the previous year.

Simmental were top of the list of 12 breeds quoted 1972/3 — the nearest rival totalled 52,159.

Countries taking the semen were Australia 119,012 doses; New Zealand 44,779; Tanzania 1,000; Brazil 200; and Jamaica 150.



Sire of a famous sire. This is Herodes, sire of Scottish Herod, well known to Australian Simmental breeders. He has a wither height of 152 cm and weighed 1285 kg. Apart from the excellence of his male offspring 442 daughters over a 305-day lactation averaged 3421 kg of milk at 4.15% butterfat.

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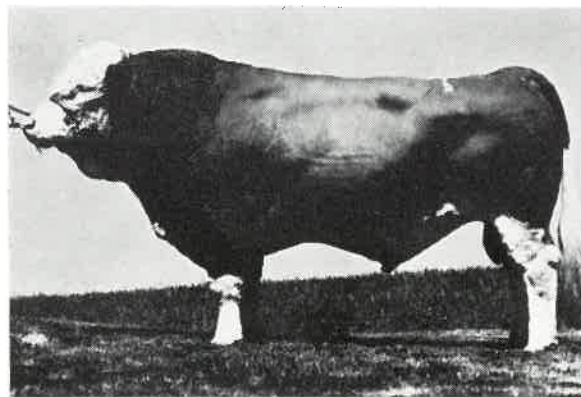
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TAS SAMBO



BORN: 24th December, 1969
WEIGHT: July, 1974 — 2460 lbs.
SIRE: Cibo
DAM: Setti

ORIGIN: Swiss
PLUS PROVEN SIRE
BY THE SAME SIRE AS
EXTRA

CANADIAN BEEF SIRES 1972-74 SUMMARY — 97 Progeny

TAS SAMBO	Average Birth Weight	82lbs.
	% Natural Births	95%
	Calving Ease Index	+6%
	Weaning Weight Index	102%
	Yearly Weight Index	102%
	% Dead at birth	0%

Average Gestation Period 284 days from Hereford cows, 3 years old and over

Sambo is the Paternal Brother of **Extra**, both are by the great Swiss sire Cibo. Only three sons of Cibo are in North America and all are plus proven sires of the Simmental Breed.

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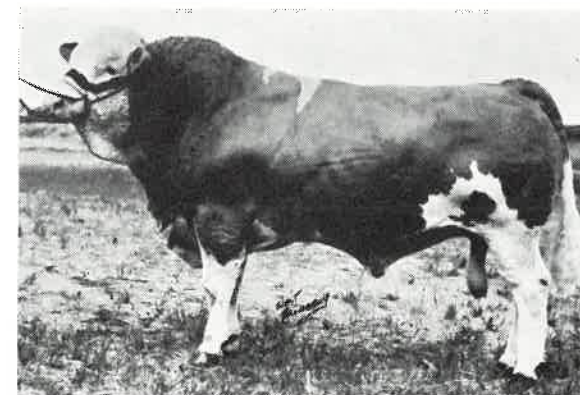


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L.P.S.R. SUPREME 3A



BORN: February 5, 1969

French Origin

WEIGHT: October, 1973 — 2,345 lbs.

SIRE: Prince du Rubutin
 16285

{ Mercure 15763
 Franchette 59038

DAM: Hermine
 65996

{ Elan 10038
 Danseuse 44368

CANADIAN BEEF SIRES PROGENY TEST PROGRAM 446 Calves from 11 Sires in 12 herds

SIRE	Calves M & F	Birth Weight lbs.	% Born Unasstd	% Death Loss	200 Day Index %	ADG on Feed Index %	Yearling Index %	Lean* Growth Index %
LPSR SUPREME 3A	38	82	92	5	101	98	100	98
Difference from Average		+5	+1	-2	+1	-2	0	-2

* For steers only

AMERICAN SIMMENTAL SIRE SUMMARY

	No. of Progeny	Index %
Ease of calving Index	182	98.6
Yearling Index	35	100.5
Weaning Index	215	101.3

Supreme has an excellent reputation for calving ease amongst the progeny tested bulls. His calves weighed 5 pounds less than average on the C.B.S. program. Supreme heifers are tall and stylish with a lot of femininity. We recommend his use on $\frac{1}{2}$ Simmental heifers in an upgrading programme. Supreme has developed into a tall, mature bull with plenty of stretch.

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Willingale Atheni with Pride calf at foot alongside transplanted recipients immediately after operation.

now is your opportunity to secure pure bred Simmental.

All progeny from the matings advertised to date have been sold. We are now taking bookings for the progeny of the following matings which will be calving in March 1975.

Canadian Extra	x	Willingale Atheni
Canadian Extra	x	Irish Christine
Avenir	x	Irish Candy

We are also producing pure Simmental cattle from blood lines, which have not so far been used extensively in Australasia and details of these blood lines will be given on request.

Conditions of sale:

1. All recipient cows to be guaranteed against slipping or aborting between the age of 90 days and 7 months.
2. All progeny guaranteed true to description and registerable either with the applicable New Zealand or Australian Breed Societies.
3. All progeny, whether male or female, guaranteed against infertility up to the age of 2 years.
4. Where the purchaser requires the recipient cow to be held on the Vendors property until calving, a live calf guarantee will be given. For this service a fee of \$1,000 will be charged. This fee will cover agistment, veterinary services and other incidental charges.



TATTENHALL AMENDMENT

Chosen by the New Zealand Simmental Society to represent the breed at the New Zealand Royal Show.

Tattenhall Amendment was the first choice of the Curtis Breeding Centre U.S.A., whose U.K. associates had contracted to supply them with their pick of the first calf drop in the U.K. Their selection of Tattenhall Amendment at a price of \$125,000 U.S., from some 300 Simmental bulls is an indication of his worth. (The bull had previously been selected by Ran MacDonald for importation into New Zealand to stand at the South Island Breeding Centre). Progeny tests for both meat and milk production are currently being conducted.

Semen is available from: **I.S.D. LTD.,**
P.O. Box 209, Moonee Ponds, Victoria 3039. Telephone: Melbourne 67 8575

A.B.S. (AUST.) PTY LTD.,
Bank of Adelaide Building 275 George Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000 Telephone: 29 5013

South Island Breeding Centre Ltd.,
P.O. Box 20, Kaiapoi, New Zealand. Telephone: Kaiapoi 6173



Historic calves- Tasman first.



Tasman Simmental Breeders, pioneers of Australian bred Simmental stock, made history last month by producing four calves by the Ovum Transplant method. These four history making calves are all from the one dam Torrs Busquets, who is now naturally in calf. Tasman will sell some of the progeny and ultimately propose offering purebred Simmental at the Australasian Royale on March 27, 1975. Enquiries from prospective buyers, interested in private treaty purchases will be welcomed.

TASMAN SIMMENTAL BREEDERS

13th Level, Bank of Adelaide Building,
275 George Street, Sydney. Phone: 29 5013, 290 2098

Top Simmental Semen for Australia Big buys by A.B.S.!



Lionel Busquets, just returned from yet another overseas A.I. buying trip says: Sellers of Simmental Semen in Europe now recognise the significance of the Australian Market, and they've upgraded their product to meet it. Performance testing figures are more comprehensive than ever before. Top young sires with tremendous potential are now available for the first time. Selection is wider than ever before. You have your choice of the best semen available from Ireland, England, Scotland, Canada and New Zealand. All through A.B.S. who continue to offer a first rate service which includes free storage and substantial discounts on volume orders.

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BILLINUDGEL SALE

At a mixed breed sale conducted by Billinudgel Pastoral Co. at Mullumbimby, N.S.W. in September top price for Simmental females was \$1,900 for a joined half-Simmental heifer, bought by Mr. D. G. Mactaggart of the Waterloo Grazing Company, Glen Innes.

A heifer, registered number one in the Australian Simmental Herd Book, was passed in at \$2 200.

Unjoined half Simmental heifers sold to \$800, the buyer being Mr. J. Baker of Ashworth, Moss Vale. He also bought another for \$750 and paid top price of \$600 for Hereford cows with Simmental calves at foot.

Six unjoined half-Simmental heifers averaged \$608.

Biggest buyer of base cows in calf to Simmental bulls was Mr. B. Plaiser, Merriwa. He bought 12, plus three of the half-Simmental unjoined heifers.

McLAUGHLIN SIMMENTALS TO \$2,500

The McLaughlin Simmental sale at Tamworth, N.S.W., on September 14 grossed \$93,100, with the 113 Simmental cross offered averaging \$824.

Most support was for F1 heifers with F2 heifer calves at foot by the Simmental bull Scottish Herod.

Top price of \$2,500 was paid in this section, for a F1 heifer by Hampshire Mayer from a Hereford cow with a F2 heifer calf at foot by Scottish Herod.

She was bought by Mr. Stan Hilditch, Walcha, N.S.W.

The next best price of \$2,000 was paid by Manaluka Pty. Ltd., Minto, N.S.W., for a heifer with a F2 heifer calf at foot by Scottish Herod.

Principal of McLaughlin stud, Mr. Dale McLaughlin, said the lack of spirited competition reflected the uncertainty prevailing in the cattle industry.

The sale was conducted by Elders-GM.

Sale Summary

Sale gross \$93,100.

11 F1 heifers av \$1,281.

58 F1 heifers (ptic) av \$785.

23 F1 heifers (unjoined), av \$378.

21 F1 heifers (with calves at foot), av \$1,178.

GOULBURN VALLEY SIMMENTAL SALE

The 1st Annual Goulburn Valley Simmental Sale will be held at Shepparton Showground (Vic.) on Friday, October 25, 1974 commencing at 1 p.m. The offering will comprise F2 heifers unjoined, F1 heifers, P.T.I.C. and F1 unjoined heifers.

The sale is being conducted by Dalgety Aust.

Ltd. and their Shepparton Stud Stock Manager, Mr. A. K. Sloan, discussing the sale said:

"We believe Shepparton as a selling centre is ideal because of its central position, and being a city where motel facilities etc. are excellent. The facilities at the Showground certainly lend themselves to a sale of this nature and being held at night under lights provides a further attraction. A BBQ tea and refreshments will also be available at 5.30 p.m. prior to the sale.

"All cattle will be ready for inspection from 1.00 p.m. on the day of sale.

"The sale is being conducted under the auspices of the Aust. Simmental Breeders' Association and will include a Society inspection on sale day."

"Every effort will be made by our Officers to inspect cattle on the property prior to the sale. Should anyone have any queries regarding this fixture, please contact myself, Shepparton 21 1426 or John Sinclair, Melbourne 38 2808, both after hours numbers."

Simmental Tops in Economic Traits

The introduction of the Simmental breed to Australia can be seen as a forward move to great significance to the Australian beef and dairy industries. Not only is the Simmental (or Fleckvieh) the most numerous breed of cattle in Europe, but they have now become firmly established in 32 countries throughout the world.

The Simmental is very strong in being able to produce some of the more important economic traits looked for in cattle breeding. In a recent (1974) comparative trial on the economic traits of 36 breeds of cattle conducted in North America, the Simmental showed out as best, or equal first or second in many of the 23 economic traits measured, including being one of the breeds considered suitable as a maternal breed, a terminal breed and for use in breed rotation.

Both the Simmental and the Fleckvieh strains showed out as being equal top in the very important trait of feed efficiency. With the rating being measured from 1 to 5—1 being high or desirable and 5 being low — they, with one other breed, a French variation of the Simmental, were the only ones to record a rating of 1.33, a near perfect score.

They also shone for milking ability, gaining a score of 1.25, the only breeds to do so with the exception of one, a pure bred dairy breed. They also scored well for mothering ability.

Newsletter is indebted to Mr. Dale McLaughlin of McLaughlin Simmentals, Armidale, N.S.W. for the above figures.—Ed.

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First Annual Goulburn Valley

Simmental Feature Sale

FRIDAY
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commencing 7.30 p.m.



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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.

Name	Stationed	Off Ear	Near Ear
Abrirot	WBC	IMFP	Q0079
Adrian	MMB	IMSP	P0086
Ami	ULS	IMSP	P0056
Avoncroft Aster	ACB	IMFP	P0038
Avoncroft Joggi	ACB	IMSP	N0028
Avoncroft Nestor	ACB-UK	IMSP	P0031
Balig Agent	SB-NZ	IMBP	Q0055
Baron	BCAI	IMSP	N0048
Beat	ABS	IMSP	M0013
Beaufort Adventure	WBC	IMBP	Q0071
Beaufort Augustus	WBC	IMBP	Q0078
Bent Alaric	SB-NZ	IMBP	Q0087
Bent Ambassador	IG-NZ	IMBP	Q0068
Bismark	ABS	IMSP	L0014
Bonami	WNS	IMFP	N0045
Cambridge Ruhma	CDS	IMGP	N0001
Canadian Harald	CSB	IMSP	N0049
Cowcroft Albion	NZ	IMBP	Q0043
Cyr	BCAI	IMSP	N0075
Diplomat	GI-UK	IMSP	P0015
Eiger	ABS	IMSP	M0064
E.S.O. Julius	ESO	IMSP	N0032
E.S.O. Sepp	ESO	IMSP	P0030
Extra	WBC	IMSP	N0044
Fels	MMB	IMSP	P0085
Fendt	GCB	IMGP	P0053
Florian	ABS	IMSP	N0016
Friarton Actor	NZ	IMBP	Q0066
Friarton Aaron	NZ	IMBP	Q0039
Friarton Tarzan	SMMB	IMFP	P0067
German Ulan	ISIA	IMGP	P0061
German Ulmer	ISIA	IMGP	P0062
German Usch	ISIA	IMGP	P0063
Hampshire Mayer	HCB	IMGP	N0002
Hampshire Robinson	HCB	IMSP	N0023
Hannibal	SRS	IMSP	N0042
Held	ABS	IMSP	M0065
Horst	GCB	IMGP	P0054
Klaus	MMB	IMSP	N0084
Landmark	SRS	IMSP	P0019
Langle	MMB	IMGP	N0003
Legend	SRS	IMSP	P0020
LPSR Supreme, or Soisson	WBC	IMFP	N0060
Matching Eiger	AB	IMSP	N0069
Matching Eugen	AB	IMSP	N0070
Matching Famos	M-E	IMSP	N0058
Milord	WOB-C	IMSP	N0083
Munter	CSB	IMSP	N0047
Otto	CDS	IMSP	N0022
Panzer	NWCB	IMAP	P0082
Paul	MMB	IMFP	P0021
Petunia	WBC	IMFP	K0080
Pirli	CSB	IMSP	N0085
Planet	NWCB	IMAP	P0081
Rebholz	MMB	IMGP	N0024
Rougeatre	WBC	IMFP	M0072
Royal Reward	BCAI	IMSP	P0076
Schock	MMB	IMGP	N0004
Scottish Herod	SMM	IMGP	N0006

Name	Stationed	Off Ear	Near Ear
Scottish Hope	SMM	IMGP	N0007
Scottish Marquis	SMM	IMGP	N0008
Scottish Neff	SMM	IMGP	N0009
Scottish Neptune	SMM	IMGP	N0010
Scottish Pride	SMM	IMGP	N0011
Seeger	MMB	IMGP	N0005
Signal	BCAI	IMFP	N0073
Soleil	ABS	IMSP	M0034
Talent	CBIS	IMSP	N0026
Tas Sambo	WBC	IMFP	N0052
Tattenhall Amendment	NZ	IMBP	Q0040
Tempo	WBC	IMFP	P0074
Texas	UB-C	IMFP	P0051
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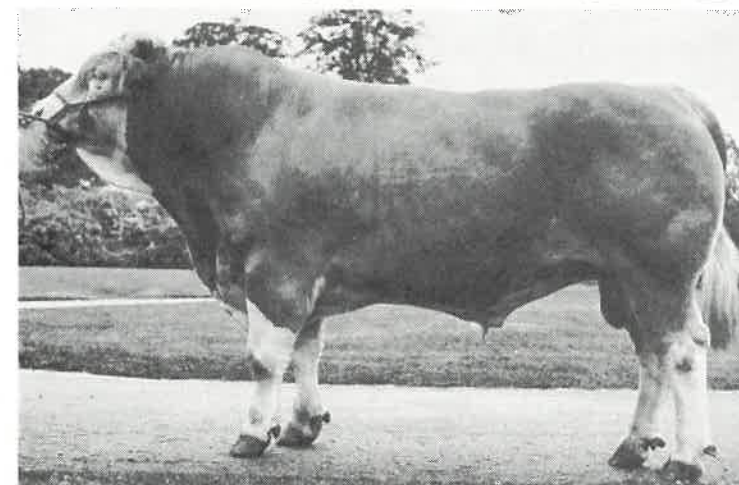
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 ACB — Avoncroft Cattle Breeders
 ACB-UK — Avoncroft Cattle Breeders, U.K.
 BCAI — British Columbia Artificial Insemination Centre.
 CBIS — Cattle Breed Improvement Services
 CDS — Cambridge & District Cattle
 CSA — Canadian Simmental Association
 CSB — Canadian Stock Breeders
 ESO — E.S.O. Simmental
 GCB — Galtee Cattle Breeding
 GI-UK — Genetics International, U.K.
 HCB — Hampshire Cattle Breeders
 IG-NZ — International Genetics, N.Z.
 ISIA — Ireland Spemex — Intersemex Aust. P/L.
 M-E — Matching, England
 MMB — Milk Marketing Board
 NWCB — North Western Cattle Breeding Society Ltd., Ireland
 NZ — New Zealand
 SB-NZ — Southern Breeders, N.Z.
 SMM — Scottish Milk Marketing
 SRS — Sample Rural Services.
 UB-C — United Breeders, Canada
 ULS — Universal Livestock Services
 WBC — Western Breeders, Canada
 WNS — W. Norwood & Sons, U.K.
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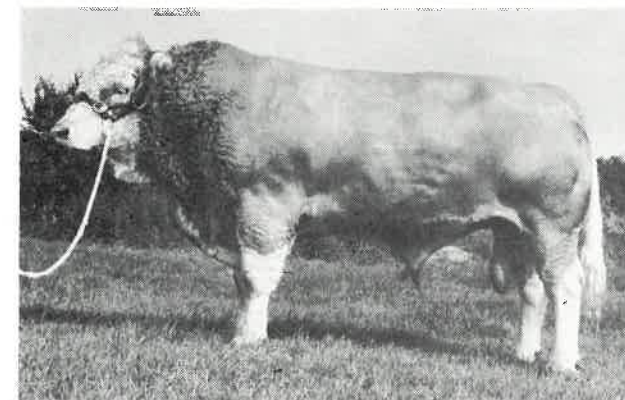
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SCOTTISH SELECTED SIMMENTALS SIRE WORLD RECORD PRICE FEMALES.



SCOTTISH HEROD



SCOTTISH NEFF



SCOTTISH NEPTUNE

Full blood breeding of Scottish German Simmental bulls has smashed international price records at auctions in the worlds' major beef producing countries in recent weeks.

AUSTRALIA: A daughter of "Scottish Neff" sold for 43,000 Australian dollars and another by "Scottish Herod" made 42,500 Australian dollars.

NEW ZEALAND: World record price for a pure bred Simmental heifer 47,500 New Zealand dollars by "Scottish Herod".

AMERICA: A daughter of "Scottish Neptune" with bull calf at foot fetched 80,000 U.S. dollars.

When it comes to Simmental the world is choosing Scottish, and paying world record prices for the privilege.

You now have a choice of 16: "Scottish Herod", "Scottish Hope", "Scottish Marquis", "Scottish Neff", "Scottish Neptune", "Scottish Pride", "Scottish Command", "Scottish Gerald", "Scottish Hellas", "Scottish Patron", "Scottish Big Michael", "Scottish Excelsior", "Scottish Extra Special", "Scottish Matador", "Scottish Metist" and "Scottish Standard".

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Selecting Simmentals for Breeding Traits

Cattlemen in Australia selecting a Simmental sire to use in their enterprise should closely investigate the background breeding of the bull and ascertain just why he was bred.

This is the advice of Mr. Doug Bain, Chairman of the N.S.W. Branch of ASBA, who has recently returned from a three-week tour of Europe and Canada.

"The main reason for this," said Mr. Bain, "is that European breeders, particularly in the two countries that interest Australia most, Switzerland and Germany, not only keep close records on their cattle, but they breed for different economic traits.

"For instance, they are not only bred for beef and milk, but certain strains are bred for early maturity while others take a longer time to reach full maturity. So it is advisable to know fully the background reason for the sire you choose being bred, so that his genes will fit in with your own particular breeding programme — in simple terms, are your bulls going to be used in a vealer raising or steer programme?"

Another interesting point noticed by Mr. Bain was the question of eyelid colour and eye placement in the head.

"There has been no particular research or breeding towards this," explained Mr. Bain, "but having seen the 700 bulls at Thun sale, and studied Simmentals throughout Europe and Canada, it became obvious to me that there were two distinct types of eye placement. One is a hooded eye, almost like a Brahman, and direct sunlight would have little hope of reaching the actual eye. Others were open-eyed, more like the Hereford. My own inquiries seemed to suggest this characteristic was a family trait and I mention it out of interest and to see if anyone else has had any experience in this direction."

Mr. Bain also said that his own inspections had also shown that in the majority of cases, cattle with deep or cherry red markings were more likely to have a pink eyelid than the dun or brownish coloured beast, in which case the brown colour was inevitably carried through to the pigment in the eyelids.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be published on Friday, December 6, 1974 and deadline for receipt of bookings and copy is Wednesday, November 20.

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COUNCIL MAKES ALTERATIONS TO STANDARD OF PURITY

At the recent Council meeting held on 12th September, 1974, it was decided, after careful consideration and after having consulted an eminent geneticist, to recognise 15/16 male progeny as being pure.

Council also resolved that 3/4 and 7/8 blood bulls would be eligible for use in a grading up programme, having been registered with the Association. The following fees would be applicable for these bulls at the present time:

3/4 bulls \$25.00

7/8 bulls \$50.00

15/16 —

which are now regarded as PURE — \$100.00

However, where semen from 15/16 bulls is being distributed through an A.I. centre, then a further \$150 would be payable to the Association, thus bringing them into line with all other bulls registered with the Association, and thus allowing their progeny to be registerable with the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association.

The following table demonstrates the results of using bulls of varying blood purity:

BULL		COW		CALF
Purebred	x	0	=	1/2
Purebred	x	1/2	=	3/4
Purebred	x	3/4	=	7/8
7/8	x	0	=	0
7/8	x	1/2	=	1/2
7/8	x	3/4	=	3/4
7/8	x	7/8	=	7/8
7/8	x Purebred	P/bred	=	7/8
3/4	x	0	=	0
3/4	x	1/2	=	1/2
3/4	x	3/4	=	3/4
3/4	x	7/8	=	3/4
3/4	x Purebred	P/bred	=	3/4

In such cover-up programmes, the use of cross bred bulls would result in the subsequent progeny taking the status of the lesser parent.

It is felt by Council that the amendments to the Regulations would be of great benefit in allowing the use of 3/4 blood bulls in a cover-up situation where half-bred had been difficult to settle in calf with the use of artificial insemination. The amended regulations would also allow members to make better use should they so desire, of genetic variations in their overall grading-up programme.

The amended regulations will be circulated to members as soon as they become available, for inclusion in the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

It is also felt that with the Association's recognition of 3/4 blood bulls many more commercial breeders will take advantage of the great attributes of our breed by introducing 3/4 bulls into their commercial herds.

Authorised by Technical Sub-Committee, Australian Simmental Breeders' Association.