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SIMMENTALS LOOKING WELL IN TRIALS

Preliminary results of an interbred, 10-year trial being conducted in N.S.W. auger well at this stage for the Simmental breed.

The trial, which commenced in September, 1972, is being conducted at the Agricultural Research Station, Grafton under the direction of Livestock Research Officer, Mr. Roger Barlow.

Mr. Barlow stressed in a letter to ASBA that no reliable inter-breed comparisons could be drawn at this stage of the project. The project has been designed in two phases — Phase 1 being the First Cross Production and Phase 2, Second Cross and Backcross Production. Based on 250 Hereford females the plan is to have a herd of 240 first cross heifers in 1974, 15 months and over by 1976. These will be run on different pastures and backcrossed and outcrossed until 1979.

Discussing the project Mr. Barlow said: "The programme is only in its infancy, so that any results available at this stage, although valid enough for the particular set of bulls used in the particular season, are an inadequate basis for valid breed comparison. We are aiming to compare 45-50 bulls of each breed by producing a total of 180 progeny per breed over 5 seasons."

The breeds being used in the trial are Hereford, Simmental cross, Brahman cross and Friesian cross.

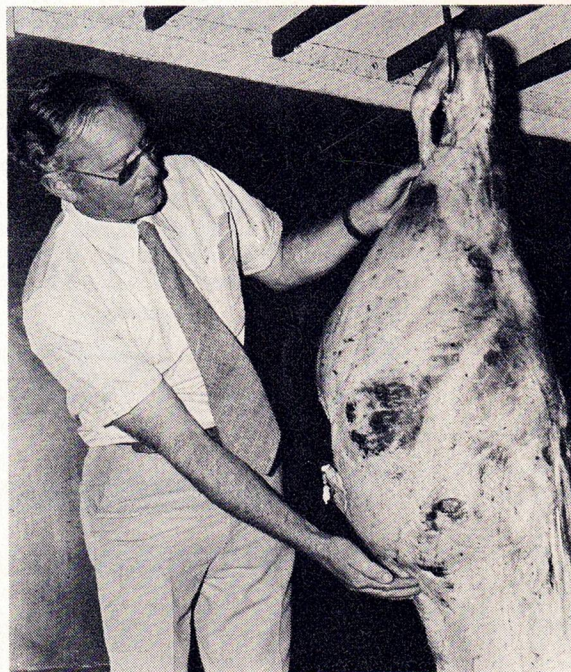
Mr. Barlow said his interpretation of the results of the first calf drop were:

- a. Birth data — The proportion of the calves assisted and surviving was slightly lower and higher respectively, in the crossbreds than in the purebred Herefords. The overall low level of birthweights, combined with no two-year-old cows being involved, could explain the low level of assistance at birth.
- b. Weaning weight — There was no significant

difference between the breed combinations for corrected weaning weight.

Some of the details of the initial calving will be of interest to members. The Simmental had:

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A feature of the grand champion grassfed steer and carcass at the 1974 Wagga Steer and Carcase Show was the long and meaty butt development, here well illustrated by Mr. Greg Knight, the butcher who purchased the carcass. The Simmental-Poll Hereford steer was exhibited by Mackaro Partnership, Holbrook, N.S.W.

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Report of World Meeting

(By the President, Mr. R. W. Vincent)

Representatives of 22 countries gathered in Zagreb to attend the meeting. Australia was represented by a team of nine. In addition to the Executive Officer, Mr. M. Keats, and myself, Mrs. Keats, Mr. and Mrs. B. Burnell, Munga Park, S.A., Mr. and Mrs. I. Gray, Rockleigh, S.A., were present. Mr. Arthur Rickards (Director, A.B.R.I. — on study leave in the U.K.) and his wife attended as well.

In all, more than 300 representatives were present.

The first part of the conference was virtually a meeting of the European Association of Fleckvieh Breeders with representatives of other countries present by invitation.

Technical papers relating to recording and performance of the breed were given by specialists from various European member countries.

The formation of the World Federation took place at the end of the European Association meeting. The countries and their official spokesmen for discussion are listed as follows:

ARGENTINE, BRAZIL, URUGUAY, P. de Ocampo.

AUSTRALIA: R. W. Vincent.

BULGARIA: Professor Kadiiski.

WEST GERMANY: E. Senckenberg.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: V. Smaus.

FRANCE: B. Chevalier.

GREAT BRITAIN: G. Steele.

IRELAND: M. Leahy.

IRAQ: G. L. S. Abdul.

ITALY: Dr. F. Grinzato.

CANADA: L. R. Berry.

NEW ZEALAND: R. Kerr.

AUSTRIA: Dr. O. Foger.

SWITZERLAND: Dr. E. Jenni.

HUNGARY: Dr. T. Szmodits.

U.S.A.: J. Moore.

YUGOSLAVIA: J. Puksic.

SOUTH AFRICA: W. Angliss - rep. by P. Massmann.

RUMANIA, USSR — observers only.

Agreement was reached that each participating country should have one vote on each issue. It was also agreed that Dr. Senckenberg act as Chairman for the meeting until the Council was formed.

The 3rd Draft of the Articles for the World Federation was then considered. The Articles had been drafted by the Steering Committee in Munich on 30th May, 1974, and previously circulated.

After discussion, George Steele (Great Britain) moved for the acceptance and adoption



Mr. Dick
Vincent

of the Articles. This was Seconded by Australia.

Discussion as to the financing of the Secretariat took place before a vote was taken on the Articles. Dr. Jenni (Switzerland) indicated that his office was prepared to conduct the Secretariat for one year and then advise the Council of the cost involved. An annual fee of US\$100 or 300 Swiss Francs per member country was seen by Dr. Jenni as adequate to conduct a basic Secretariat.

The USA representative, J. Moore, then moved an amendment that the annual fee be US\$1,000 (or 3,000 Swiss Francs). In moving the amendment, Mr. Moore said that the newer countries breeding Simmental cattle could foresee substantial demands on the international Secretariat,

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LOOKING WELL

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- the lowest % assisted at birth (2.9% over 34 calvings, the all-breeds average being 6.1%).
- the lowest % assisted and/or died (5.9%, the average being 10.8%).
- was the only breed that required no assistance, with calf puller (average 4.2%).
- and had the second highest birth weight (31.2 kg, the average being 30.0 kg.).

At their 200-day weighing they had the highest weight of any breed (179.4 kg, the average being 173.8 kg), and showed the highest average daily gain (0.741 kg, the average being 0.719 kg).

The further progress of this trial will be watched with keen interest.

Simmental Steers take Championships

SIMMENTAL BLOOD TAKES TOP STEER AND CARCASE AWARD

At their first-ever showing at Wagga, N.S.W., a Simmental blood steer took the award for the grand champion pasture fed steer as the top scoring steer for combined weight gain and carcase merit.

The steer, 15 months old and from an Aberfeldy Poll Hereford cow, was exhibited at the Wagga Beef Cattle Society Weight Gain and Carcase Competition by Mackaro Simmentals, Holbrook, N.S.W., owned by Mr. Dudley Ross and Mr. Hugh McKay.

The steer, from a pen of three, won the award from a total of 147 grassfed entries in the competition.

A feature of the competition is that all entries are run in the one paddock, in this instance being depastured on June 13 and slaughtered on October 11.

Judge was Mr. Ben Andrews of Hawkesbury Agricultural College who said he was particularly impressed with the muscle development of the carcase. He said: "This carcase showed a fine textured meat with an even, good coloured selvage of fat covering. The excellent eye muscle was outstanding in this quality carcase."

Under the carcase appraisal system the carcase showed a fat percentage of 17 and gained a maximum points score.

The exceptional eye muscle measured 73 square centimetres and the carcase length was 104 centimetres. When the steer entered the paddock his weight was 438 kg.

The steer was bred by A.I., his sire being the well known bull Scottish Marquis.

TOP STEER WIN TO SIMMENTAL

In their first year of showing in carcase competitions Simmental cattle are proving their economic value to the beef cattle industry in Australia. Following their initial showing at Wagga where a Simmental-Poll Hereford steer took out the grassfed grand championship a Simmental-Hereford steer has won the grand champion carcase award at the Bangalow (N.S.W.) Show's first steer and carcase show.

Exhibitor of the grand champion carcase was Billinudgel Pastoral Co. who made nearly a clean sweep of the top awards by showing the reserve champion carcase and the tops in the

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WORLD MEETING

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and wished it to be adequately financed. Mr. G. Steele (Great Britain) seconded the amendment.

The Chairman then suggested that each country vote on the issues in two parts —

- (a) on the adoption of the Articles and the formation of the World Federation.
- (b) as to the amount of the Annual Levy.

The voting results were as follows:—

- (a) Adoption of the Articles — 18 countries fully agreed. Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia indicated provisional agreement subject to confirmation.
- (b) Levy — in favour of the amendment, namely US\$1,000 — Australia, Great Britain, Ireland, Iraq, Canada, New Zealand, U.S.A. and South Africa.

The amendment was declared lost 12:8 and the proposal advanced by Dr. Jenni agreed to.

Foundation members of the Council then gathered for official presentation and recognition by the Conference.

The election of the first President of the World Federation was then conducted. Australia moved for this honour to be accorded to Dr. Senckenberg. This was accepted unanimously.

The determination of the two vice-presidents was conducted by the Council in camera at a later session. As a prerequisite the 20 representatives were required to elect 12 from their number to be Councillors under Article 9.

The Councillors and their countries are listed below:—

R. W. Vincent, Australia and New Zealand.
L. R. Berry and J. Moore, North American countries.

P. de Ocampo, Latin American countries.
G. L. S. Abdul, Organisation of African unity.
W. Angliss, Other African countries.
E. Senckenberg, President, West Germany.
V. Smaus, Czechoslovakia.
B. Chevalier, France.
M. Leahy, Ireland.
F. Hari, Switzerland.
Dr. T. Szmodits, Hungary.
Dr. J. Puksic, Yugoslavia.

Under Article 10, the President and the two Vice-Presidents are required to come from different geographic regions. Mr. J. Moore (North America) and myself were subsequently appointed.

The first working meeting of the Council will be held in Zollikofen, Switzerland on 20th and 21st January, 1975.

I would like to record my firm belief that it is vital for Australia to maintain the initiative in the World Council. As representative for

Australasia and a Vice-President of the Council Australia has been accorded high prestige. Similarly, obligations to the World Federation now exist.

To the Federation we have responsibility for developing and advancing policies to further the Simmental breed throughout the world. Closer to home, we have an obligation to represent New Zealand interests, and in the future, Indonesia and the Pacific Islands.

Your Executive Officer, Michael Keats, has asked me to convey his deep appreciation to be present at the Conference. He has met fellow Executive Officers from many countries and been able to study Simmental cattle first hand, in West Germany, Yugoslavia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. He has also had invaluable discussions concerning recording practices and promotions in Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain and Ireland.

SIMMENTALS TO \$1250 AT ROMA

Seventy-eight females grossed \$26,250 to average \$336.54 at Roma Simmental sale on October 23.

The sale was the first sponsored by the Queensland branch of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association.

Top cattle sold well, and vendors were pleased with the good clearance and acceptance of the breed by commercial cattlemen.

Top price was \$1250 paid for a first-cross heifer with three-quarter heifer calf at foot, sold by McLaughlin Simmental Stud, Armidale, N.S.W.

Buyer was Mactaggarts, Ipswich, on behalf of a client who also bought half-heifers from McLaughlin Stud with three-quarter heifer calves for \$1150 and \$900 and first-cross heifers for \$275 and \$250.

McLaughlin Stud also sold four first-cross heifers with three-quarter bull calves for \$500 each to Talgai Pastoral Co., Old Talgai, Clifton.

Principal buyer of half-heifers was Winnathoola Pastoral Co., Roma, which is based on a former portion of Roma Downs.

Winnathoola's half-heifers were for \$425 from K. A. Batts, Kema, Kilkivan, \$450 from D. F. and R. J. Moran, Loloma, Dalveen and \$375 from Mr. Royce Little, Lauroy Pastoral Co., Miles.

Bulls, which were not eligible for the sponsored sale, sold next day at Roma all-breeds sale.

A strong draft of bulls from Old Talgai Pastoral Co. brought top price of \$500 twice.

Buyers were Arcadia Cattle Co., Injune and Elders Pastoral Co., Goondiwindi.

WIN TO SIMMENTAL

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vealer and pen of three classes, all with Simmental Hereford cross cattle.

The show, held last week, was judged by Mr. John Budd, a leading butcher of Murwillumbah, who said he was very impressed with the even fat cover and the texture of the grand champion.

Mr. Jack Heaton, manager of Billinudgel, said the champion had been on pasture with access to grain over the past three months. By Scottish Marquis, he was born 15.7.73 and his weight on the hoof before slaughter was 1275 lb. He dressed out with a yield of 60%.

The champion vealer was by Scottish Herod and had a birth weight of 90 lb. Born 24.9.73, he weighed 890 lb. on the day of slaughter.

The competition is sponsored by the Morrow family and was conducted at the Morrow Abattoir at Booyong.

TASMANIAN STEER SUCCESS

Tasmanian breeders have been getting amongst the ribbons in steer competitions and the Branch advises that in recent months in the "Apple Isle", Simmental blood cattle have won —

Equal third, hoof and hook and second on the hoof at the National Show, Launceston.

Third on the hoof and third in hoof and hook under 500 kg at the Northern Agricultural Show, Longford.

Second and third on the hoof under 18 months at Royal Hobart Show.

QUEENSLAND STEER SUCCESS

Newsletter received word of further success in steer competitions from Queensland. Mr. V. Schlodfeldt, of H. and C. Quast and K. and V. Schlodfeldt, Lincolnfield stud, Beaudesert, wrote saying:

"We are pleased to inform our fellow Simmental breeders of our success with a first class cross steer in the under 12 months vealer class at the Beaudesert Show.

"Butler, as he was named by the Tamrookum Rural Youth, who helped prepare him, weighed 915 lb. at 9 months of age. He gained 3.25 lb. per day since birth and is out of an Ayrshire cow and is by Thierauch.

"He took 1st prize in his class, special prize for best vealer and reserve champion male under 2 years.

"He also created 2 firsts by being the first Simmental blood animal to be exhibited at the Beaudesert Show, also the first fat steer to ever be led in the grand parade at Beaudesert. He also brought the highest price per lb. at the fat cattle sale."

INSEMINATIONS!

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

A motion and decision of Federal Council meeting held on December 2, 1974, is that in future all AI Certificates be lodged with ABRI within 3 months of the completion of each insemination programme conducted by a member.

In addition Council resolved:

That AI Certificates in respect to 1974 insemination programmes must be lodged no later than June, 1975.

And that AI Certificates in respect to 1975 insemination programmes must be lodged no later than March, 1976.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RENDER THE ANIMALS INVOLVED INELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION.

As from 1975 all AI Certificates must be lodged within the 3 months period specified.

1974 MELBOURNE ROYAL SUCCESS

Mr. Henry Hopkins, Wormbete, Winchelsea, Vic., a Vice-President of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association exhibited four Simmental cross steers at the 1974 Melbourne Royal Show, and was awarded first on the hoof with one entry and second on the hook with another, in class ten for cross breed steers over 430 kg.

It was significant that the point score of 86 points by the best Simmental carcass was the fifth highest scoring at the show out of 318 entries.

Another interesting point this year was that the 1973 competition winning carcass was awarded 84 points, whereas this year the winner and reserve second scored 90 and 88 points.

All four Simmental entries scored maximum points for eye muscle.

The highest scoring Simmental carcass scored 69 out of 70 points for measurable characteristics. Certainly an excellent effort for a new breed.

SUCCESS AT CANBERRA

Member, Mr. J. R. Shannon, of Talmo Simmental stud, Bookham, N.S.W., has written to Newsletter very pleased with the performance of his Simmental cross Shorthorn steers at a recent competition held in Canberra and conducted by the Agricultural Bureau of N.S.W.

Mr. Shannon reports: "In class 4, the heavier class, I entered three head and was placed first, another unofficially fourth on the hoof and the third gained third on the hook.

"There were 37 in the class. The winning steer weighed 1,309 lb. at 596 days or gained 2 lb. per day from birth."

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SECOND ANNUAL SIMMENTAL SALE

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BRITISH EXPORTS WORTH OVER \$2m.

Exports of Simmental stock and semen were worth £2,365,570 in the year ending August 31, 1974 — says the Annual Report of The British Simmental Cattle Society published in November.

Most of the "insatiable demand" the Report states is from Canada, New Zealand, the USA and Australia.

Other points covered in the Report include:—

Registrations — Over 150 animals per week were entered in the Society's Herd Books. The totals for the year were 945 females and 952 bulls — "which we believe maintains the breed's expansion at a faster rate than any other imported breed within the equivalent time from the date of the first importation".

The 10,000th animal was entered in the Grading-Up Register.

Membership — Increased by 39.5 per cent to a total of 1,803.

Importations — Imports to date total 1,500 head. A further 200 are being selected in Austria for importation in the spring — the first Austrian Simmental cattle in the UK.

Home Sales — Nearly £100,000 worth of Simmental breeding stock was sold during the year by the Society's approved auctioneers. Record prices were paid — 4,800 gns for a bull at Ingliston in November and 5,250 gns for a heifer at Carlisle in October.

Artificial Insemination — "The Simmental became firmly established as one of the top four beef breeds in the United Kingdom", says the Report. In the year ended 31 March 1974:

- Total Simmental inseminations in the UK went up to 171,867 — an increase of nearly 50 per cent.
- In Northern Ireland inseminations went up to 87,576 — an increase of 85 per cent — and the Simmental was the most widely used AI beef breed.
- In Scotland inseminations went up to 14,317 — an increase of 29 per cent — to put the breed in top place for beef bulls.
- In England and Wales inseminations went up to 56,807 — an increase of 24 per cent — which put the breed into fourth place among the 19 breeds offered by the MMB's AI service.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, February 14, 1975 and deadline for receipt of bookings and copy is Friday, January 24, 1975.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

In conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the ASBA to be held on Thursday, March 20, 1975 the Association will hold a dinner.

Because of the spectacular growth of the Association a preliminary estimate of the number of members likely to attend is required so that an appropriate venue can be arranged. This will not be regarded as a firm booking.

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GLEN PARC SALE SHOWED CONFIDENCE IN SIMMENTALS

The Simmental sale held at Glen Parc, Mittagong, N.S.W. on November 29, convincingly demonstrated the confidence Australian cattlemen have in the future of the beef industry and the Simmental breed.

Despite the depressed state of the beef market at present, the total offering of 176 head of Simmentals was sold for a gross of \$100,300.

A breakdown of the offering shows that 40 half blood heifers with three-quarter heifer calves at foot sold to \$2,300 — top price of the sale — averaged \$1,068 and grossed \$42,650.

18 half blood heifers with three-quarter bull calves at foot sold to \$950, averaged \$506 and grossed \$9,100.

118 half blood heifers, PTIC, sold to \$1,000, averaged \$411 and grossed \$48,550.

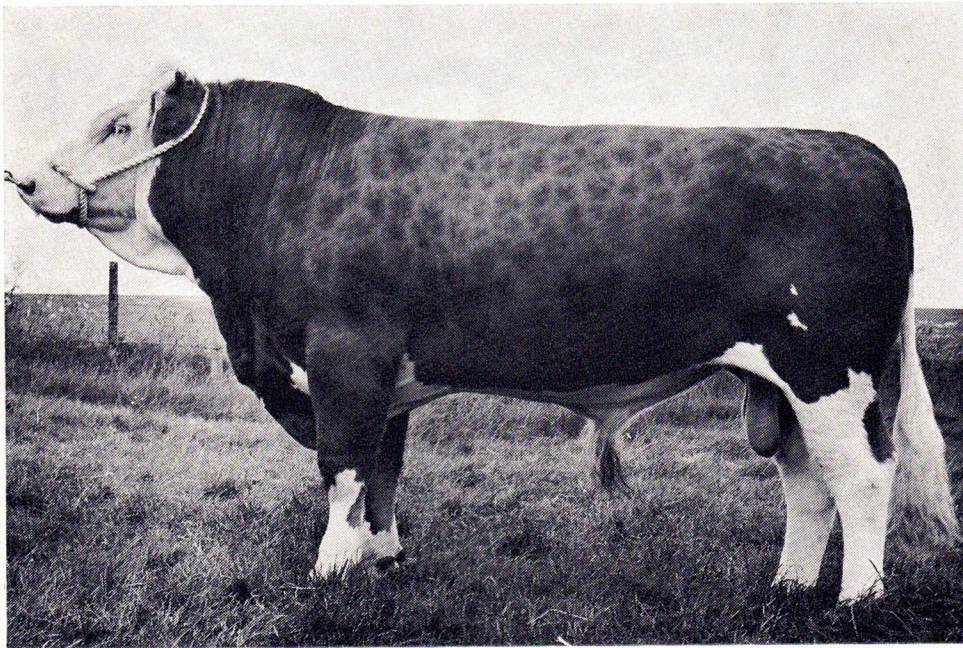
The top priced female was sired by Scottish Neff.

It is significant that 25 lots sold for more than \$1,000 each.

Among steady buyers of multiple lots at the sale were J. Robson, Elders-G.M., Cotswold Park, Farm Woodbury, Rumstek, South Riding Estates, Simwest, Wombargo, Dr. F. Fisher, H. C. Coombes, Red Beef, Mr. Peterson and Waterloo Grazing Co.

Mr. Lionel Busquets, General Manager of
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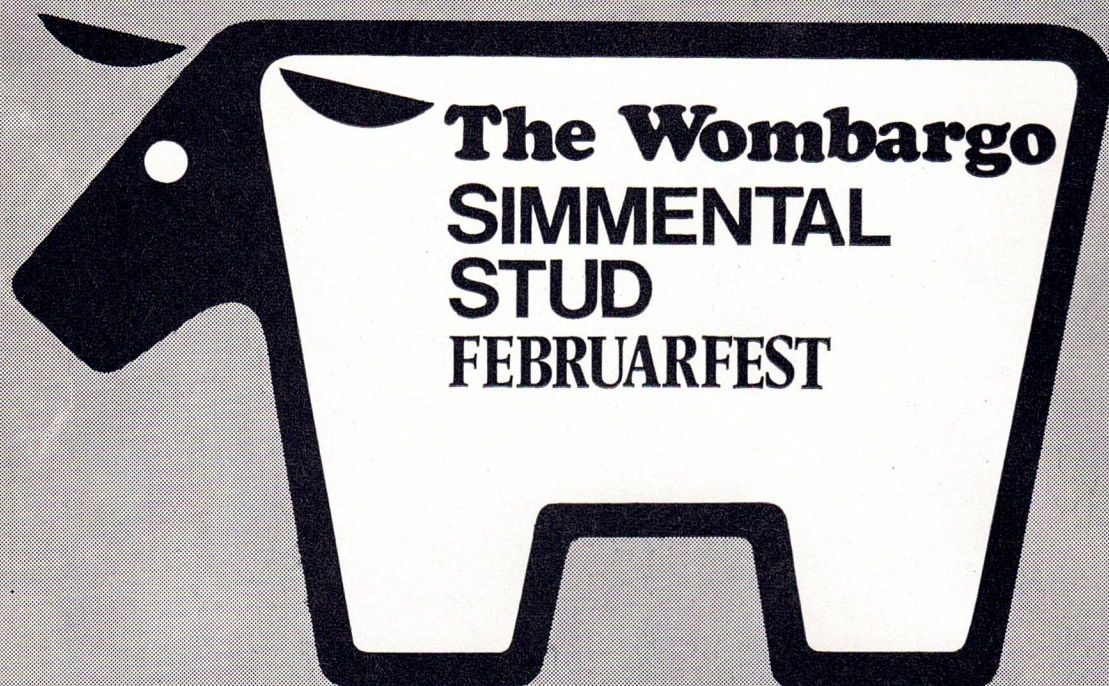
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FIRST CATTLE FROM AUSTRIA

The British Simmental Cattle Society's buying mission flew to Vienna last October and selected 200 head of Austrian Simmentals for Britain — 195 maiden heifers and 5 bulls.

Mr. Frank Young O.B.E., J.P., of Castle Douglas led the Society's delegation. Other members were: Mr. George A. B. Anderson of Fording, Kincardine, Mr. E. R. (Dick) Hall of Needwood, Burton-on-Trent, and Mr. James Biggar, Chapelton, Castle Douglas.

The mission bought the 195 maiden heifers on behalf of 100 members of the Society. The bulls were purchased independently by AI Organisations. No Austrian Simmentals had previously been brought for the United Kingdom, although there are about 600 in the Irish Republic.

Two heifers will be allocated to each 1970 Founder Member still owning 50 per cent of their original female cattle, and the remainder to those other members on the waiting list, in order of joining the Society. The list is still heavily oversubscribed — such is the demand at present, with some 800 members without pedigree cattle.

The cattle will undergo farm tests in Austria before entering quarantine in Vienna in March 1975, and shipment to Britain in April for a further 28 days quarantine before release on to farms in England, Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

GOULBURN VALLEY SALE

Half-bred Simmental females sold to \$1600 at the first annual Goulburn Valley Simmental sale, held at Shepparton Showgrounds last month.

At a time when there is not much bright news for beef producers, the sale was encouraging for Simmental breeders.

More than 300 people who attended bid keenly for all lots offered and there was an 88 per cent clearance at auction.

Top price of \$1,600 was paid by Mr. M. Moore, Officer, Vic., for a first cross female with second cross heifer at foot.

NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS

It is still not too late to send a friend a year's subscription to the Australian Simmental Newsletter for Christmas. Fill in the coupon in the October issue of the Newsletter or write directly to the Executive Officer, Aust. Simmental Breeders' Association, P.O. Box 31, Kings Cross 2011 and enclose a cheque for \$5.00.

Another first cross female with heifer calf made \$1,000.

The 79 head sold at auction grossed \$30,000.

Main buyers were Mr. J. Muggleton, Bunbartha; Mr. M. Moore, Officer; Langmont Simmental stud, Holbrook; and Mr. J. Cloney, Shepparton.

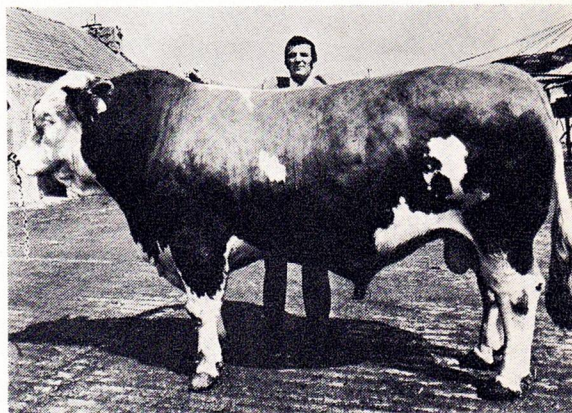
Top vendors were the McLaughlin Simmental stud, Armidale; Mr. Ross Gange, Shepparton; P. and G. Collins, Tennyson; Kelso Partnership, Mooropna; Ward Bros., Swan Hill; G. V. Richards and Sons, Nagambie; Allendale Past. Co., Milawa; Mr. L. J. Twite, Mooropna; and A.B.S., Sydney.

Agents were Dalgety Australia Ltd. who have fixed Friday, October 18, 1975, as the date for the second annual sale.

GLEN PARC SALE

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Animal Breeding Services, co-agents with Elders-G.M. in the sale, said not only the European breeds but the whole industry would benefit from the sale result. Everyone agreed that beef had a bright, longer term future, and it was encouraging to see breeders investing in their confidence.



Panzer, one of the first Austrian Simmental bulls to be imported to Sligo, Ireland, by North Western Cattle Breeding Society Ltd., dwarfs Mr. Lionel Busquets, General Manager of Animal Breeding Services (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., when he inspected him on a trip earlier this year. Panzer has the distinction of having the highest weight gain for a bull ever recorded in Austria and his weight gain and milk record make him one of the outstanding sires of the breed. His weight gain was 3.6 lb. per day excluding birth weight, reaching 925 lb. at 7 months at Reid A.I. Centre Performance Test Station. At 2 years he weighed 2,135 lb. In a survey of 200 calvings with Panzer as the donor, birth weight averaged 87 lb. and calving difficulty was 0.9%

N.S.W. Holds Field Day at Bega

In place of a meeting of the committee of the N.S.W. Branch of ASBA, scheduled for Bega on October 10, a field day was held at famous Kameruka Estate, which was hosted by the Manager of Kameruka, Mr. Phil Armstrong.

About 46 members and their friends attended, including Messrs. Tom and Robert Liley from Victoria and Mrs. Mason and Storm Jacklin from Sydney.

Highlight of the day was an address by Mr. Bruce Blackly, Beef Cattle Officer, Department of Agriculture, Bega, which followed an excellent morning tea. At the end of the day inspection and comparison of Simmental cross cattle took place, arranged by Mr. David Wallis, overseer on Kameruka, Murray Garnock of Boonoojee Bovine, Bombala and Martin Kotvois of Cobargo.

This display showed some of the advantages in the genetic variations within the breed.

Mr. Blackly said he considered the Simmental would have a significant influence on the Australian cattle industry and observed that the breed was placing priority on the need for keeping accurate and detailed performance records.

He said that the performance recording of the Simmental stood out above other European

breeds as they have been recorded possibly longer than any other breed in the world.

Mr. Blackly said he considered the Simmental would be extremely useful in increasing milk production with the conventional breeds. He thought the Hereford, as a whole, lacked milk production and he considered the Simmental could help in this regard, at the same time retaining a lot of other qualities required in cattle to produce early maturing calves.

Mr. Blackly, discussing metabolic efficiency, said that the larger European breeds were able to make more efficient utilisation of feed, and that the inherent growth potential of the Simmental enabled it to utilise its store of fat more efficiently.

Mr. Blackly several times referred to the care that must be taken in mating European cattle to other breeds, and stressed that due to their larger size, and consequently larger calf, they should not be mated to maiden heifers, particularly of some of the smaller breeds.

Mr. Blackly concluded by saying that in the future he envisaged the Simmental would be used extensively for vealer production and in criss-cross breeding in which they would perform well with the Shorthorn and Angus as well as the Hereford.

NATIONAL SIMMENTAL SPECTACULAR

**WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH. 1975
TAMWORTH SALEYARDS**

$\frac{1}{2}$ BRED FEMALES WITH $\frac{3}{4}$ CALVES

$\frac{1}{2}$ BRED FEMALES joined or unjoined

HEREFORD OR POLL HEREFORD COWS WITH $\frac{1}{2}$ BRED HEIFERS AT FOOT

**HEREFORD OR POLL HEREFORD FEMALES. P.T.I.C. to
pure Simmental Bulls — in Pens of Five or More.**

The inaugural National Simmental Spectacular held this year was highly successful and we again present Simmental breeders with the opportunity of selling their top quality cattle at this major sale.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1975

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*** FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY
14th**



*** ON THE PROPERTY,**

*** AT 11.30 A.M.**

**WHICH WE HOPE
WILL BE OF
INTEREST TO ALL
MEMBERS.**

WE HAD BEGINNER'S LUCK
ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW CARCASS
COMPETITION SEPTEMBER 1974

CLASS TEN CROSS BRED STEER OVER 430 KGS.
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ANIMALS BOTH PURE & CROSS BRED.
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MAXIMUM POINTS OF 35 FOR EYE MUSCLE
MEASUREMENT.
WORMBETE'S BREEDING POLICY STARTING TO
SHOW RESULTS.

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, some progeny and base cattle will be on display.

Mr. Henry Hopkins,
WORMBETE, WINCHELSEA
Victoria.
Ph.: Winchelsea 108

Luncheon available.

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
Abricot	WBC	IMFP	Q0079
Adrian	MMB	IMSP	P0086
Ami	ULS	IMSP	P0056
Amour	NZA	IMFP	Q0097
Avenir	NZA	IMFP	Q0098
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
Bavarian Knight	SMM	IMGP	R0099
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
Beta	MMB	IMGP	R0093
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
Halo	MMB	IMGP	R0094
Hampshire Mayer	HCBC	IMGP	N0002
Hampshire Robinson	HCBC	IMSP	N0023
Hannibal	SRS	IMSP	N0042
Held	ABS	IMSP	M0065
Helmut	MMB	IMGP	R0095
Herman	MMB	IMGP	R0092
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
Meteor	LCB	IMSP	P0027
Milord	WOB-C	IMSP	N0083
Munter	CSB	IMSP	N0047
Otto	CDS	IMSP	N0022
Panzer	NWCB	IMAP	P0082
Paul	MMB	IMSP	P0021
Petunia	WBC	IMFP	K0080
Pilot	MMB	IMGP	R0096
Pirli	CSB	IMSP	N0085
Planet	NWCB	IMAP	P0081
Rebholz	MMB	IMGP	N0024

Name	Stationed	Off Ear	Near Ear
Rougeatre	WBC	IMFP	M0072
Royal Reward	BCAI	IMSP	P0076
Schock	MMB	IMGP	N0004
Scottish Herod	SMM	IMGP	N0006
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
Tango	CSA	IMCP	P0090
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Tattenhall Amendment	NZ	IMBP	Q0040
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Texas	UB-C	IMFP	P0051
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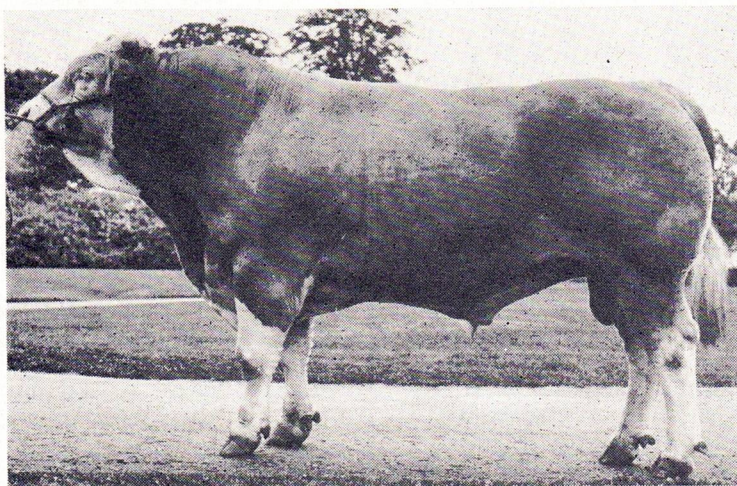
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AB — American Breeders
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 ACB — Avoncroft Cattle Breeders
 ACB-UK — Avoncroft Cattle Breeders, U.K.
 BCAI — British Columbia Artificial Insemination Centre.
 CBIS — Cattle Breed Improvement Services
 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
 H & FC — H. and F. Cattle Co., Canada.
 IG-NZ — International Genetics, N.Z.
 ISIA — Ireland Spemex — Intersemex Aust. P/L.
 LCB — Lyndhurst Cattle Breeders, U.K.
 M-E — Matching, England
 MMB — Milk Marketing Board
 NWCB — North Western Cattle Breeding Society Ltd.,
 Ireland
 NZ — New Zealand
 NZA — NZ Ministry of Agr., leased to NZ Dairy Board.
 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.
 WOB-C — Western Ontario Breeders, Canada

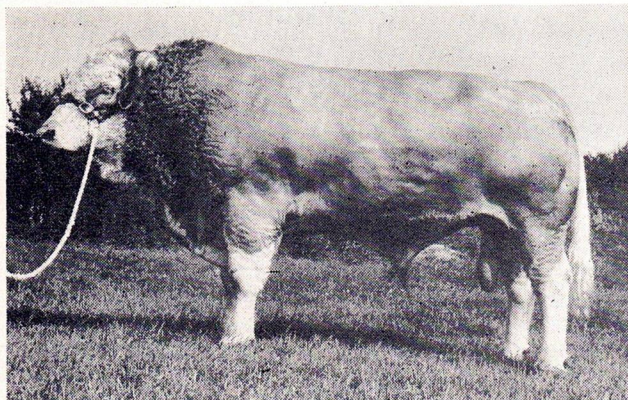
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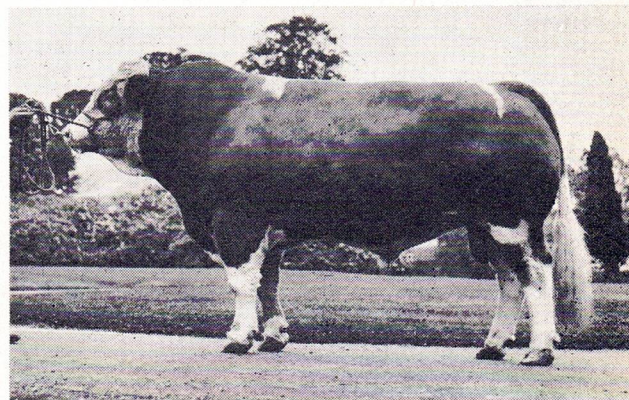
SCOTTISH SELECTED SIMMENTALS SIRE WORLD RECORD PRICE FEMALES.



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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STRONG REPRESENTATION AT FIELD DAY

On Saturday, September 28, 1974, a field day based on artificial breeding was held at "Nosbor", Bowenfels (via Lithgow). The day was organised by Sire Power Genetics (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. and Mr. Jim Robson, Simmental breeder and owner of the property.

It was held in the property machinery shed and all visitors were seated for the total programme. Holding pens and parade ring were all under the same roof giving every opportunity for cattle inspections, etc.

Talks and demonstrations covered every aspect of artificial breeding including:

How to run an Artificial Breeding Programme — Mr. J. S. Forrest, Jnr. Sire Power Genetics Senior Technical Officer.

Talk and Demonstration on Semen Collection by Mr. Greg Butler, Bovine Custom Collector of Tamworth, N.S.W.

A very well received talk on ovum transplants by Dr. Allan Cole of the N.S.W. Dept of Agriculture.

Luncheon and afternoon teas were available making the day a completely independent day.

Films were shown on new breeds and films of general interest to the beef breeder.

Finally the day offered a unique opportunity for local cattle breeders to inspect European cattle as paraded on the day was a purebred Simmental bull, a purebred Charolais bull and purebred Charolais heifer, half-bred Maine Anjou heifer, half-bred Chianina heifer and half-bred Chianina bull. For Simmental enthusiasts the purebred bull, Couthern Claudius, was a really outstanding opportunity, and proved to be a tremendous ambassador for the breed.

Southern Claudius was very generously provided for the day by the owner, Fleurs Stud, and was prepared and presented by Fleurs studmaster, Mr. Bill Godbolt. Claudius was presented "under light", being first paraded in the ring and later in the open and was exceptionally well behaved and truly "typical Simmental". On the day he was 1,400 lb. — a tremendous weight for his 430 days. He is currently putting on 100 lb. per month.

The excellent hindquarters and overall smoothness of Claudius greatly impressed.

For those unfamiliar with Claudis, he was born 21st July, 1973, making him the oldest Simmental bull in Australia. Sire is Scottish Herod, dam, Bent Agatha. (Bent Agatha was sired by Scottish Pride).

His colour is excellent and representative of Simmental. He is short coated and will appeal to Australian breeders for both traits. Of further interest is that he will be available for AI use — the first Simmental bull domiciled in Australia so available.

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