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SIMMENTALS - SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP

AT SMITHFIELD!

British Simmental cattle had an extraordinarily successful Royal Smithfield Show in London in December (2nd-6th). They produced the champion and reserve champion carcases at the Show, had the reserve champion female and heaviest first-prize winning young steer in the line-up for the male championship.

A total of 19 Simmental cross-bred animals were forward in the carcass and cross-bred sections of the Show, and 14 of them took a total of 22 class or higher awards. The 14 prize-winners were sired by 12 different Simmental bulls, only three bulls being represented by 2 prize-winning progeny at the Show. And the 14 were out of no less than 11 different breeds, or breed types, of dam.

Champion of the 74 carcases of all breeds and crosses at the Show was the 505 day old Simmental X Aberdeen Angus steer, bred and shown by Mr. T. Peter Best of Woodgate Farm, Millington, Pocklington, on the edge of the York-

shire Wolds.

This steer was sired by the imported German bull, Seeger, and weighed 998 lb. alive to show a weight of 1.98 lb. per day of age. He killed out at 60.92 per cent to produce a carcass of 608 lb., or a carcass weight of 1.20 lb. per day.

As well as being carcass champion, this steer was judged reserve champion of the six classes of "carcass" cattle when the animals were judged alive the day before the Show opened to the

public.

The reserve champion carcass also came from Yorkshire and was exhibited by Messrs. A. Conner & Son of Swaythorpe, Thwing, Driffield. This animal was sired by the Swiss imported bull, Harald, and was out of a Hereford cross dam.

He was 566 days old, weighed 1098 lb. to

show a daily weight of 1.94 lb. He dressed out at 62.48 per cent to produce a carcass of 686 lb., or 1.21 lb. per day of age. Judged alive, this steer stood fifth in his class which was led by a pure Aberdeen Angus, which took the live championship in the carcass section.

(Australian Breeders have beaten weights-for-age and we hope to provide an article next issue. However, weight-for-age is not every-

thing.—Ed.)

Also a first prize carcass was the Simmental X Friesian steer bred by the East Riding College of Agriculture and shown by J. Hopwood & Son of Dunnington, Yorkshire, but this time in the Vale of York, near York itself. By the imported German bull, Schock, this steer was 415 days old and weighed 1141 lb. alive, a weight of 2.75 lb. per day of age.

He killed out at 61.26 per cent, produced a carcass weight of 749 lb. and had a daily carcass weight of 1.68 lb. Judged alive, he stood fourth

If these and other carcass results made the Simmental the most impressive carcass breed among the 13 sire breeds represented at the Show, they also had two other outstanding results —

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED
YOUR RECORDING REGISTER?

Every member of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association should, by this time, have received their bound copies of the Association Recording Register Manual and Regulations.

These are essential to the conduct of

These are essential to the conduct of your stud, and if any member (but not associate members) has not received his copy please contact the Executive Officer, Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, P.O. Box 31, Kings Cross 2011.

Report from the President

Dear Members,

As you are aware, the last Council meeting of the ASBA was held in Sydney in December and I there foreshadowed my attendance at the first Council meeting of the World Federation, of which I have the honour to be a Vice-president.

SMITHFIELD WIN

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and a number of minor ones — among the 156 forward in the Show's 14 cross-bred classes.

Mr. James Donald of Webster Campsie, Glenalmond, Perthshire, who eventually took the Show's live championship with a Charolais X Aberdeen Angus, also gained the Show's reserve senior female championship with a Simmental

X Aberdeen Angus.

Simmental crosses also took the top two places in the heaviest of four classes for steers of between 15 and 21 month old. They were Mr. H. R. Verity's Simmental cross out of a Shorthorn cross by the bull Seeger, and the Hon A. J. F. Mackay's Simmental cross out of a Galloway by Scottish Herod. These two animals were respectively from Barrowby Grange, Kirkby Overblow, Harrogate, Yorkshire and from Enterkine, Annbank, Ayrshire.

The Seeger steer weighed 1446 lb. at 605 days, a weight of 2.39 lb. per day of age and, despite four classes for older steers of 21 to 27 months old, was almost the heaviest cross-bred prize-winner at the Show. He was just 21 lb. lighter than the heaviest first prize-winner which

as, however, 158 days older.

The Herod steer had made 1302 lb. in 614

days, or 2.12 lb. per day of age.

"Pleasing as individual results are, the widespread of breeding among Simmental prizewinners is the more important aspect of Simmental success at the 1974 Smithfield", says Mr. Brian Freeman, Executive Secretary of the British

Simmental Cattle Society Limited.

"The fact that no less than 12 Simmental bulls have produced prize-winning animals out of nearly as many different types of dam indicates that the British Simmental is laying a very wide basis for future commercial success. This follows on from the two previous successful years at Smithfield, where Simmental crosses took a large proportion of the prizes in the carcass section. The meat trade obviosly are taking a keen interest in the breed."

The bulls which sired Smithfield prize winners were Klaus, Scottish Herod, Seeger (two), Sepp (two), Paul, Tapageur, Ruhma, Langle, Harald (two), Casar, Sibeau and Schock.

A report of these preceedings is published elsewhere in this issue.

Another matter raised at the December meeting was that of multi-breed sales. Council determined that the Association in the future would not support these sales. At the same time it was agreed that all members be asked to discontinue the use of the word "exotic" in any of their correspondence and advertising programmes in relation to Simmental cattle. It is the suggestion of Council that members be encouraged to use the term "European cattle".

Council decided the Annual General Meeting would be held on Thursday, March 20 and at this meeting the following Councillors retire and are eligible for re-election. They are: N.S.W., J. Richard and D. S. Bain; Victoria, T. J. Liley and P. J. McLaughlin; South Australia, J. W. Young; West Australia, R. W. Vincent; Queensland, S. S. Bassett; Tasmania, J. A. Dumaresq.

Council is acutely aware of its budget responsibilities and the budget for 1975 was debated at length. Unavoidable increases in costs have forced us to increase fees in certain areas and these are: Calf Registration Fees now \$6, Transfer Fees now \$10. (The one percent levy remains the same).

Promotion was another matter that received deep consideration and to step up this aspect of our activities a Promotional Sub-committee has been formed, the members being Messrs. H. M. Miller, J. Richard and T. J. Liley. The Committee has the power to co-opt members from Council or the membership generally.

Mr. Liley has spent considerable time in costing the manufacture and purchase of distinctive Simmental ties bearing the Association's motif. These could be sold to members at \$5.00 each. After discussion a very generous offer by Mr. Mactaggart to finance the venture was gratefully accepted. Council is also investigating the importation of Simmental brass-gold plated badges similar to those used in North America.

Finally, to conclude this abbreviated report of the meeting, I would like to mention that membership continues to grow (see separate item) and that the ASBA has settled at last into their permanent offices where it is hoped as many members as visit Sydney will make themselves known. They will be warmly welcomed.

A. W. Mum

President, ASBA

Breed Leaner Beef — and save lives

(By Alan Kay)

"With half the world starving and the other half doing its best to kill itself by eating too much, it is time we took a serious look at our diets — and particularly at the type of beef we breed, raise and eat.

"Lean beef is a must. Not only does excess fat represent dead money, but it also represents a way to shorten or terminate your life through an excess of cholestrol and trigylycerides.

"Doctors, Federal and State Health Authorities, the C.S.I.R.O., hospitals and a pastoral company are amongst those concerned at the growing incidence of heart disease directly attributable to cholestrol and lipid intake, and it is this harsh fact of life that makes the present extensive trials being undertaken in Australia in feeding a special supplement to cattle to produce

NEW STAFF MEMBER



Jenny Gardiner

A new and welcome addition to the Secretariat of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association is Jenny Gardiner, whose efforts in helping to relieve the pressures of the last few months have been much appreciated.

Jenny, who married a West Australian in July of last year, was educated at Frensham, Mittagong, and later attended Business College.

Two years spent in England must have given her the travel bug, as after working in Sydney for a shipping company and mortgage broker, she went for a trip spending six months touring America and Europe.

Upon her return she became secretary to the Group General Manager of CitiNational Holdings Limited, a merchant bank in Sydney, before subsequently marrying, and then joined ASBA.

And — lucky husband — she just "loves cooking"! And when not involved with work or the kitchen stove Jenny enjoys tennis, swimming, the theatre and music.

poly-unsaturated beef so important, both medically and commercially.

"A successful outcome to these trials would mean we have a potent weapon with which to fight mankind's greatest killer — heart disease — while imagine the economic advantage of being able to sell and export 20% polyunsaturated veal or the same polyunsaturated high quality grass fed beef that is lean, yet has a comparable taste and flavour to feedlot beef?

"This would be a powerful ploy to assist the beef industry in its present, dire economic situation.

"The stage has been reached where butchers and the consumers have to be re-educated, and even the show judges if they do not change or are not flexible enough in their approach."

Speaking is a noted Macquarie Street heart specialist, also a cattle breeder and a member of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, who, due to the ethics of his profession,

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POSTPONED

The Second Annual Simmental Sale which
was to have been held at
ORANGE SALEYARDS
on MARCH 1, 1975
has been postponed to a date
to be fixed

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must remain anonymous. He also happens to be the appointed leader of a team whose aim is to provide, by controlled feeding, beef and dairy products with a low saturated fat content and follow this through to see if the eating of such polyunsaturated products has any appreciable effect on the cholestrol level in our blood.

The major partners in this research project to produce polyunsaturated beef and butter — a programme which commenced in 1967 — are C.S.I.R.O. (\$6m. to date) and Dalgety Agri-Lines Pty. Ltd. They are joined by the National Heart Foundation, Universities, Hospitals, the Australian Department of Science, Canberra, not to forget the specialist himself and others of his profession, who have all contributed time and money to the project.

Just how serious is the incidence of heart

disease in Australia?

The specialist has the answer in some rather terryfying statistics produced by the Bureau of Census and Statistics for 1972, the latest available, which show that in that year 39,964 people — or 36.41% of the total number of deaths that year from ALL CAUSES — died from heart disease and hypertensive disease. No other single, identified cause, comes near it.

In figures released last year to the research team by the Government Statistician and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician of N.S.W., Mr. R. G. Walker, it is shown that Australia had a crude death rate from ischaemic heart disease of 2,505 persons per million of population. This compares with 377 per million in Japan.

Mr. Walker reported: "For all countries listed other than Japan (i.e. Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Canada and the United States), relatively high levels of crude death rates from ischemic heart disease, ranging from 2,301 per million of population in Canada to 3,276 per million in the United States, are associated with high intake of fats (ranging from 116.7 grams per head per day in Australia to 159 grams per head per day in the United States), predominately of animal origin.

"In the case of Japan, a very low crude death rate for ischemic heart disease of 377 per million of population (i.e. less than 16% of the rate for Australia) is associated with very low fat intake of 51.9 grams per day (about 45% of the fat

intake in Australia).

"Japan also consumes a relatively high proportion of protein of vegetable origin (about 59%) compared with Australia (33%).

There is the problem, so what, if anything, can

be done, or is being done about it?

"The start," answered the specialist, "was the discovery of a feed supplement by C.S.I.R.O., which is now being developed commercially by

Dalgety Agri-Lines through a number of sublicences.

"These are referred to as Alta-Lipid companies and are now situated in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A. and the United

"The basic property of this supplement that is being fed to cattle to produce poly-unsaturated beef, is that the nutrients are absorbed by the animal through the walls of the intestine, rather than by action of bacteria in the rumen. The supplements are based on polyunsaturates derived from the main coarse grain crops.

"There have already been trials of feeding humans with polyunsaturated beef to determine the effect on their blood cholestrol, and these have shown it does lower cholestrol levels. However, these have all been university-controlled experiments on small numbers and most of these trials have been conducted either in hospitals or in controlled environments.

"In our research we have taken this concept one exciting step further and have launched in Sydney the first large scale pilot experiment of feeding "poly beef" (as it is called) to patients to see what effects it will have on their cholestrol levels. There are 128 volunteer "guinea pigs" taking part in this trial in Sydney at the moment.

"In it we have done what is called random double blind control, which means that we have taken 128 patients of which number 20 will be given normal beef and 108 polyunsaturated beef. To be double blind means that both the invetigator (Dr.) and the investigatee (patient) are not aware which are the controls and which are not.

"This trial may create world interest and as the process is Australian developed the result of the statistical analysis will be going to the Minister for Science, also responsible for C.S.I.R.O., Mr. W. L. Morrison.

"Mr. Morrison has taken a deep personal interest in the project and has even volunteered to go in the trial himself," the doctor concluded.

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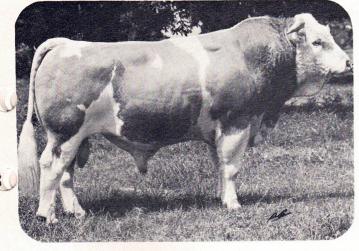
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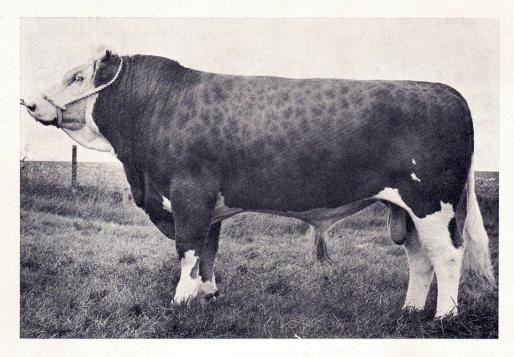
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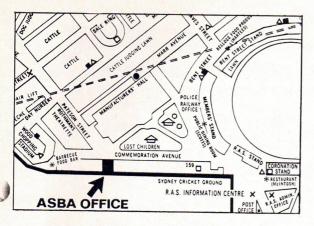
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During this time the office of the Association will be closed and an answering phone service connected.

The Showground office is at 149 Commemoration Avenue, located towards the woodchop

arena and opposite the north-west entrance of the Manufacturers' Hall. Phone number is 33 3193.

A representative from Agricultural Business Research Institute, Armidale will also be in attendance.

The ASBA staff is looking forward to meeting as many members as possible at the RAS and Executive Officer, Mr. Michael Keats, will be particularly pleased to greet you at the Annual General Meeting and the Dinner Dance, both to be held at Kingsgate, Kings Cross on Thursday, March 20.

FOR PRIVATE SALE

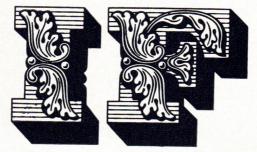
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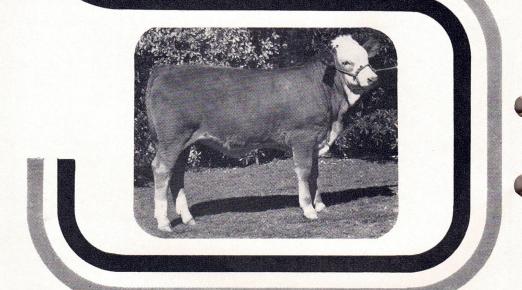
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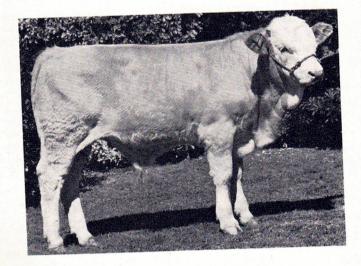
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- 2. It has been recorded and processed on the Mating and Calving data form.
- 3. It has been recorded and processed on the Registration and Calf Performance data form and the registration fee paid.

Only registered Simmentals can be transferred.

If an inseminated animal is transferred, the insemination certificate should be submitted before, or with, the Application for Transfer.

A percentage calf transferred with its dam is recorded on the Application for Transfer as a "calf at foot" and the "animal sold" is the

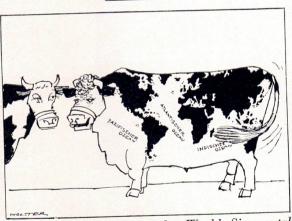
If you are in doubt about the registration status of any particular animal, write a letter detailing your queries to the Agricultural Business Research Institue. Remember - quote your Herd Designation letters.

Transfer Fee: \$10.00 per animal plus 1% of the gross sale value.

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Note: ½ Bred Bulls not registerable. Performance Recording of males and steers if required \$2.00 and 75c respectively.



The symbol adopted by the World Simmental Federation of a cow whose markings represented the world was also used in this cartoon in an earlier Newsletter showing a proud dad describing what country his various offspring were in.

CONTRACT MATING

Council of ASBA wishes to draw members' attention to the requirements that exist in respect to Contract Mating. These regulations must be observed.

1. That a written agreement exists between

parties.

2. That the producer contracting must be a financial member of the Association and agrees to pay the costs involved and complete an A.I. Certificate in respect of each animal.

3. That although it is a condition for the producer contracting to be a member of the Association, there is no obligation for the Contractor (i.e. the producer husbanding the animals) to be a member.

THAWING SEMEN STRAWS

An interesting item is contained in the Wacol A.I. Beef Newsletter distributed by the Department of Primary Industries, Brisbane, concerning tests by the Victorian Department of Agriculture on the best method for the thawing of straws.

Members will no doubt be interested in their

findings.

The results of a semen thawing trial have been issued by the Victorian Department of Agriculture. The trial conducted during 1973 compared the non-return rates of semen thawed in ice water to semen thawed in tap water, warm water and also in the open air. Another trial compared warm water thawing with tap water thawing.

When examined statistically there was no significant difference in the non-return rates obtained. Therefore the department has based its recommendation for thawing on aspects of reliability,

hygiene and convenience.

The recommendation is to use cool or iced

water for the thawing of semen.

The reasons for the recommendations were as

follows:

Iced water is a standard temperature and does not require the use of a thermometer. The low temperature will help the sperm to survive where delays occur between thawing and insemination. Delays can occur when a cow escapes or when a number of cows are to be inseminated on the one farm.

Air thawing is likely to be variable and uncontrolled. If air thawing was to be adopted as general field practice, greater extremes of temperature would more likely be experienced than those which occured during the trial. There was an indication of lower non-return rates with air thawing.

Warm water will vary in temperature depending on the conscientiousness of the individual inseminator. Rushed topping up of the thawing flask could lead to water hot enough to damage the semen. Delays in insemination may lead to

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The first $\frac{3}{4}$ bred Simmental calves to be born in Western Australia have been dropped at Ravenswood Park, Pinjarra, the home of "The Simmental People".

The first calf, a heifer, was born on January 11 and weighed 95 lb. Eleven days later it weighed 125 lb. The calf was sired by Scottish Herod and the dam sired by Scottish Marquis.

All the dams are showing great quantities of

milk with excellent udders.

Heifers by Scottish Neptune, often the "forgotten bull" of the Simmental breed, are emerging as excellent mothers. Udder conformation and mothering ability plus a very quick and easy calving in these young cattle are some of their most pleasing aspects.

The average weights, so far, of heifer calves has been 75 lb. at birth and bulls weighed 70 lb.

at birth.

As soon as the calves have shown they can drink all their mothers' milk, the cows are then taken to a 12-acre summer irrigation paddock where they graze on a lush pasture of lucerne, kikuyu, paspalum and strawberry clover.

The cows have access to 20 acres of dry feed

to balance their diet.

The stud of "The Simmental People" was founded by Mr. John Doust in May, 1973 when 50 Hereford cows were inseminated to Scottish Pride, Scottish Herod and Scottish Neptune. 88% of these cows calved after only one insemination.

Unfortunately 80% of the calves were bulls, so 23 ½-bred Simmental heifers were purchased from Western Breeders at Byford, the company which achieved such outstanding insemination

results.

To add to the ½-bred numbers, the Stud Manager, Mr. Mike Williams, purchased 19 ½-bred heifers in calf to Scottish Herod, at Armidale, N.S.W. in June, 1974 and due to calve in January, 1975.

With 58 ½-bred heifers in the stud and an increasing number of ¾-bred calves, "The Simmental People" are looking forward to producing

7/8-bred calves in January, 1977.

URGENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr. Michael Keats, Executive Officer of ASBA has asked Newsletter to urgently draw members' attention to the Questionnaire they received some time ago concerning inseminations calf drop and sales for 1974 and 1975.

The information is URGENTLY required for

the year's budget estimates.

The form is very simple and only takes a few minutes of your time to complete. If you have not already done this would you please give this small task top priority and complete immediately.

CROSS HEIFER CALVES EXPORTED TO CANADA

Four Simmental cross heifer calves were exported to Canada by British Livestock Company Ltd. last October.

Believed to be the first Simmental cross bred cattle to be exported from the UK, the three-quarter (Grade "B") calves were bred by Mr. John F. Bance, Chestnuts Farm, Wistow, Huntingdonshire.

The dams were Simmental x Friesians — also bred by Mr. Bance who artificially inseminated his Friesians with Simmental semen from the Cambridge and District Cattle Breeding

Centre.

The heifer calves are:—

 Wistow Lulu, B200, born March 15, 1974, by Scottish Neff, out of Wistow Jill, A501.

 Wistow Heide, B201, born March 4, 1974, by Scottish Neff, out of Wistow Mabel, A502.

 Wistow Cilla, B202, born February 26, 1974, by Scottish Neff, out of Wistow Fan, A499.

• Wistow Topsy, B228, born April 9, 1974, by Scottish Herod, out of Wistow Rose, A503. They were consigned to Halton Breeders,

Oakville, Ontario.

Mr. Brian Freeman, Executive Secretary of the British Simmental Cattle Society, said: "This is a very interesting development for the British Simmental in this country. In only two generations we have bred an exportable commodity. The calves are red and white with characteristic Simmental markings. The Canadian Grading Register is shorter than ours, so there is obviously a race to reach the pedigree stage sooner."

NEW PRESIDENT IN U.K.

New President of the British Simmental Cattle Society is Mr. R. (Bob) Vigus, 57. of The Lacies Farm, Grantchester, Cambridge, who succeeds Mr. William Young CBE.

Mr. Vigus is Chairman of Cambridge and District Cattle Breeders Ltd. and has been a cattle farmer all his life except during the war in which he served with the RAF. With his brother he then helped develop the famous Revelex herd of Dairy Shorthorns which have since won championships at two Royal Shows.

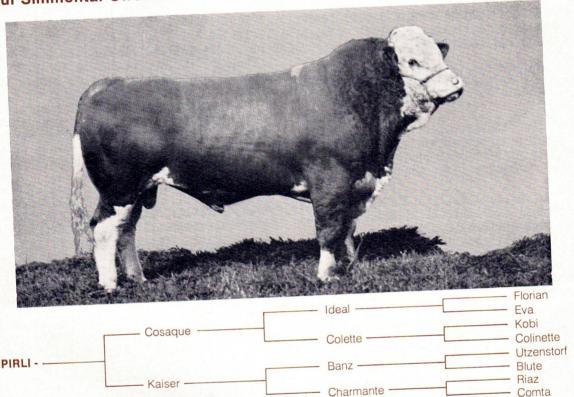
Mr. Vigus milks 80 Friesians and Shorthorns, and has both pure and cross bred Simmentals. He was a founder member of the British Simmental Cattle Society and took part in the original

buying mission to Switzerland.

The new Vice-President is Mr. William S. Allan, 49, of Glenturk, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire.

Two members in the English and Welsh group were re-elected to council by ballot. They are Mr. K. H. (Dan) Evans, 38 of Abbey Farm, Wroxhall, Warwickshire, and Mr. George F. Raby, 35, of Manor Farm, Lutton, Peterborough.

A Proven North American Son of THE Great COSAQUE Our Simmental Sweetheart PIRLI CSA 679 Present Weight 2494 lbs.



Pirli's star is ascending and he is earning his growing notoriety through solid performance. We can't recall any breeder using him once and not coming back for more. His sire, the great Swiss Simmental, Cosaque, is still standing in stud as a 12 year old in Switzerland and has qualified for top Swiss awards. His paternal grandmother, Colette had milk production as high as 14,800 pounds in a 305 day lactation and scored the highest Swiss rating we have seen 97 out of 100.

Visitors to the stud admire his great length and size, his tremendous loin and smooth, heavy muscling. And so they should because he is correct in every way - the product of an unbeatable pedigree.

Pirli was born on 12 December, 1970, and he gained 3.34 lbs. per day on test during quarantine. As a rising four year old he weighs 2400 lbs. and is still growing.

John Harden, Fir Mountain, Saskatchewan, and a leading Simmental breeder endorses Pirli for "giving me my best percentage calves in five years of breeding". Here's how they did in short grass country - no creep.

MALE			
	00 Day	Bth. Wt.	200 Day
Bin. Wt.	603	82.0	564

Several Northern Alberta herds are represented in the table below - all calves half bloods. Pirli calves averaged a full 45 lbs. extra over herd averages. It tells the Pirli story.

MALE		FEMALE	
	200 Day	Bth. Wt.	200 Day
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A PIRLI 3/4 heifer with her dam.

SUPPORT FOR BULL TESTING SCHEME

Mr. J. R. R. Dangar was recipient of the Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W.'s Fellowship Award in 1974 and he used it in a 3½ months study tour of performance testing schemes throughout the world.

He visited Canada, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Europe, and has prepared a most comprehensive report on his findings

Mr. Dangar's summation is that no country can afford to be without a national performance testing scheme to tell it genetically, and by results, where it is heading. In his summary Mr. Dangar

I am now convinced that bull performance testing must be initiated in Australia. Requirements and specifications for beef will become more demanding upon the industry in the future. It is going to place heavy demands upon the seed stock breeder to meet the requirements of the beef industry. When carcass classification is introduced in Australia, it will place demands on the studs to produce seed stock which in turn will give the commercial breeder top carcass classifications and returns.

Various Federal and State departments and allied bodies must, in conjunction with all breed societies, move to introduce a uniform system of bull performance testing and, ultimately, progeny testing.

In the next decade Australia will have facilities that will allow bulls to be imported from anywhere in the world. The cost to import live cattle will be high, and as a result, only top performance tested cattle will be bought. Some of these cattle will have a place within our breeding system and will "show up" Australian cattle because their genetic potential has been identified. At present, changes are made within our industry, by and large for fashionable reasons. We have no way of identifying our superior genetic material on a coordinated basis. backers of the "European breeds" will demonstrate to the Australian beef industry how to identify superior genetic material, which will result in a rash of schemes being implemented by various breeds, bringing confusion.

When we can start to apply the fundamentals in the stud industry as outlined and start to understand the meaning that meat is the end product, not the show ribbon, then I am sure we will enjoy a reputation for producing the most economic kilo of prime beef per hectacre in the world.

SELECTION KEY TO ROYALE QUALITY

On his return recently from a 1000 mile inspection tour of Simmental studs in N.S.W., Mr. Dudley Ross, an approved Breed Inspector of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, reported that he was greatly impressed with the quality of cattle he saw.

He made a selection of the very top animals for quality and conformation, and these will be offered by the stud owners at the 1975 Australasian Simmental Royale to be held at "Glen Parc", Mittagong on 27th March.

It was pleasing to see the enthusiasm in sale preparation being demonstrated by all breeders, said Mr. Ross. One of the vendors, Harry M. Miller, of "Dunmore", Manilla, was in the process of halter breaking all of his total offering of 21 half blood heifers.

Mr. Lionel Busquets, who accompanied Dudley Ross on the trip, emphasised that the significance of the 1975 Australasian Simmental Royale is the number of purebred cattle to be offered. It will be the largest auction of purebred Simmental ever held in Australasia. Supporting the purebreds will be the first offering of quality weaned three-quarter blood heifers and a most carefully selected offering of some 90 half blood heifers, pregnancy tested in calf.

From halves to purebreds the Royale accent on selectivity will provide the best quality presentation of Simmental cattle seen to date in Australia.

SIMMENTALS DIRECT TO N.Z.

The first 36 Fleckvieh heifers imported by New Zealand direct from Germany, were released from the German quarantine on 14th January, 1975.

These animals were selected by the New Zealand buying commission which travelled 2359 km (1250 miles) and inspected nearly 250 preselected animals.

The buying commission inspected every animal at the herd of origin and paid a lot of attention not only to the conformation of the animal itself, but also to the records of the dams.

Furthermore, they considered all sire progeny test data (conformation, gain, size, milk, fat and calving ease) and 78% of the heifers have progeny tested sires and 82% progeny tested grand sires.

Although the selected heifers are growthy, with outstanding beef qualities, their dams have an average milk production of 4072 kg (8977 lb) with 4.33% fat for dams with one lactation only and 5128 kg (11,305 lb) with 4.16% fat for dams with more than one lactation.

IMEX, the export organisation of the German breeding societies, arranged all purchase and

export formalities.

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

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SCOTTISH HEROD





SCOTTISH NEFF

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

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.

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SYMPOSIUM ON BEEF

Beef topics of vital interest to all sections of the industry will make the Australian National Cattlemen's Council beef symposium on Tuesday, March 18, one of the most significant of its type ever staged.

The symposium, to be held at the members' room, A.J.C., Randwick Racecourse, Alison Road, Randwick, Sydney, will have important messages for all segments of the industry, right from the producer to processor and marketing level.

Chairman will be the National Cattlemen's Council chairman, Mr. R. S. Wilson, and the official opening will be by Royal Agricultural Society president, Sir Vincent Fairfax.

During the morning session Australian Meat Board chairman, Col. M. H. McArthur, will give latest information on the world beef supply and the demand situation in relation to Australia's four major markets.

A small fee will be charged for luncheon and advertising.

Further information is available from the Australian National Cattlemen's Council Executive Secretary, Mr. B. J. Cameron at 44 Young Street, Sydney, or by phoning Sydney 231 2122.

BRITISH SIMMENTAL SALES MISSION TO USA

The British Simmental Cattle Society is sending its first sales mission to the USA in February under the sponsorship of the British Export Council and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Comprising Mr. Robert (Bob) Vigus, Society President, Mr. William S. Allan, Society Vice-President, and Mr. Brian Freeman, Executive Secretary, the mission will attend the American Simmental Association's Annual Convention and Sale at Houston, Texas from February 21-23.

The delegation will depart from London Heathrow on February 19. The Society will have an enquiry bureau at the Convention with detailed information of British Simmental cattle available for export to America.

Following the Convention, the delegation will visit some ranches in Texas to which British Simmental have been exported, by way of an after-sales service.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the Australian Simmental Newsletter will be published on Friday, April 18, 1975, and deadline for bookings and receipt of copy will be Friday, March 28, 1975.

N.Z. AUSTRALIAN HERD EQUIVALENTS

The following is a list of New Zealand herds and their Australian Herd Designation Equivalents.

If you have purchased a New Zealand animal which you have subsequently imported into Australia and have registered the animal in your herd, this table will show you the Australian Herd Designation equivalent for the respective New Zealand herds.

From time to time further additions to this list will be published for use by Australian breeders.

Australian Herd	New	Zealand Herd
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INV		147
INW		1
INX		37
INY		102
INZ		75
IPA		217
IPB		248

UP TO DATE WITH YOUR HERD RECORDS?

Many breeders are uncertain about handling the data forms produced for their herds. All forms should be completed with the aid of a Recording Manual available from the Simmental Association. The first procedure should be to send your AI Certificates to ABRI within 3 months of insemination.

Mating and Calving Data Forms should be filled in and returned to the A.B.R.I. as soon as calving is completed. The Registration and Calf Performance Data Form can only be sent to the breeder after the corresponding Mating and Calving form has been processed.

Return the top copy of the **Registration** and **Calf Performance Data Form** direct to the **ASBA** with your cheque for registration of the animals listed on the form.

DR. EDWIN SCHWARZ JOINS IMEX

Dr. Edwin Schwarz, well known to many foreign cattle breeders who visited Germany in recent years, has joined IMEX, the German export agency for breeding stock.

In the last eleven years, Dr. Schwarz was in charge of the cattle breeding programme for Northern Bavaria and of the Neustadt/Aisch performance testing station. He developed a modern and successful breeding programme for Northern Bavaria.

At IMEX, Dr. Schwarz will work in a new division responsible for breeding programmes connected with the export of breeding stock and for promotion. This new division will offer an additional service to all IMEX customers.

CANADIAN SALES TO \$33,500

Mr. Storm Jacklin, manager of Dalfarm Artificial Breeding Services, has advised of a successful Simmental sale in Canada late last year.

Daughters of Baron and Ural featured at this sale. A Baron \(\frac{3}{4}\) cow with a domestic purebred heifer calf by Domino at foot, sold for \(\frac{\$33,500}{.500}\). Other Baron \(\frac{3}{4}\) cows with heifer calves at foot by Domino sold for \(\frac{\$25,000}{.500}\) and \(\frac{\$20,000}{.500}\).

A purebred three month old heifer calf by Ural sold for \$25,500. The top bred \(^3\) heifer in the sale sired by Ural sold for \$15,000. Two other Ural bred \(^3\) heifers sold for over \$11,000 each

INSEMINATIONS! Members Please Note!

A motion and decision of Federal Council meeting held on December 2, 1974, is that in future all A1 Certificates be lodged with ABRI within 3 months of programme conducted by a member. In addition Council resolved:

That A1 Certificates in respect to 1974 insemination programmes must be lodged no later than June, 1975.

And that A1 Certificates in respect to 1975 insemination programmes must be lodged no later than March, 1976.

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As from 1975 all A1 Certificates must be lodged within the 3 months period specified.

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AT 7 P.M.

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- * 2 PUREBRED SIMMENTAL BULLS 1974 DROP
- ★ 15 THREEQUARTER BLOOD SIMMENTAL HEIFERS 1974 DROP
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RECORD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Imex have reported the highest price ever paid for a Simmental bull in Southern Africa at the recent Pretoria Show Sale, when the bull "Wisp Will Pension" changed ownership for R 10,700 (US\$ 15,000).

M. W. Angus, President of the South African Simmental Society, bred this bull out of a bull and cow which were imported in 1967 from Germany.

The demand for Simmental bulls at this sale was exceptionally good and 57 bulls were sold.

Members --- you can help!

We like to keep your Newsletter as topical and up-to-date as possible — and also as personal as possible. This latter course we can only pursue if you, the members, help.

So spare a few minutes to write to the ASBA and tell us about your calving percentages, birth weights, weight gain, sires used, base breed of cows used and any other information you think may be of interest to other Simmental breeders. Look forward to hearing from you!—Ed.

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