

Aussie Red Field report November 2011

First Aussie Red Sexed Semen produced!!

Genetics Australia has achieved another milestone for the Aussie Reds, with the first batch of Aussie Red sexed semen being produced last Monday the 14th of November.

A collection was taken from ARBBonjovi on Friday the 11th of November and sent to Total Livestock Genetics (TLG) where the production of the sexed semen is done.

It is expected that from each ejaculate from a bull to produce on average 100 doses of sexed semen. ARBBonjovi achieved 103 doses from this first attempt at sexing Aussie Red semen.

Congratulations must go to Genetics Australia for taking the initiative to start sexing Aussie Red semen. The ARDB wishes Genetics Australia and farmers wanting to use this technology every success with this initiative.

ARBLex is the next Aussie Red bull that is planned to be sexed.

If you are interested in sexed semen of either ARBBonjovi or ARBLex then please contact myself (Steve) on 0417 138 508, Karen Moroney, John Harle or your GA rep to ensure we can plan for autumn.

Farm Visits;

Over the past month I have visited herds in the Western District, Gippsland and South Australia.

I have finally seen some daughters of ARBHARFORD and I was very pleased with them. Mid sized, good udders, quiet and great farmer likeability. They are the type of cows that will get the job done without you noticing them.

I have also finally bought another camera, so I will now endeavour to take more pics as I go!

Mike Green's herd, in South Australia, with the backing of the Bosgowan cows, are performing exceptionally well. The cows have now settled back onto the Mount Schank farm and are in fantastic condition. The ARDB hope to progeny test more bulls from this top herd.

I have also seen more second crop ARBBlair daughters. These daughters are looking great with high farmer satisfaction.

Similarly, ARBMason now has his second crop daughters milking. They look great, with one farmer so impressed that he ordered 100 more doses! The daughters are more uniform than what I've seen in the past and could be a result of selectively mating him to the cows that best suit his strengths.

Farmer satisfaction with the quality of the Aussie Red product is growing. The most common comments now are that they believe the udders and type of their Aussie Red daughters is much more consistent. It is pleasing to continually hear that they feel their Aussie Red daughters milk better and have fewer issues with temperament.

A note on ARBLippman ; This Tmoberg son's (with no Orraryd or Botans in his pedigree) proof is continuing to increase and he has become a popular sire this spring. Unfortunately he is now sold out, so I have put in a request to Genetics Australia to bring him back from lay

off and start collecting from him for autumn. His daughters are strong, powerful type of cows, that hold body condition well and just get the job done !



This ARBLippman daughter, in Mike Green's herd, produced 8043 lts at 3.8% protein, 305 days, on her first lactation.

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