

UPDATE GENETICS AUSTRALIA'S AUSSIE RED PROGENY TEST PROGRAM

- August 2015 by John Harle

Following a study of the August 2015 ABV proof release we are obviously very pleased with the results being achieved by Aussie Red bulls tested by Genetics Australia and Australian dairy farmers.

In recent proof releases a number of new bulls including ARBOBAMA, ARBHILLY, ARBICESTAR, ARBNICK and now ARBDMAX, ARBJONTY and ARBWOLVERINE have graduated and joined our elite proven team.

We need to thank and congratulate their breeders and also thank the many Australian dairy farmers who became progeny test co-operators and helped to prove these bulls.

At times I think some farmers do not realise how much support we need from Australian progeny test co-operators to obtain proofs of high reliability for bulls progeny tested in Australia. We aim to distribute about 1000 doses of semen of each young Aussie Red progeny test sire. Many co-operators may use 10 straws from 3-4 bulls. This means we need support from about 100 co-operators merely to prove 3-4 bulls.

Obviously we would like to test far more than 3-4 bulls a year. So one of the aims of writing this editorial, is to make farmers more aware of the genetic merit of Genetics Australia's young progeny test sires and encourage them to support our program.

PRESENT POSITION AND PLANS – TEAM 2015

Earlier this year we topped up proofs (ie; got orders for progeny test semen close to 900-1000 doses) for ARBCYGNET, ARBGLENBON and ARBRON.

RIGHT NOW

We are focussed on getting additional orders for progeny test semen for the following bulls:-

- * ARBARCHWAY – (EIK x NZGBRODY)
Bred by Loden Aussie Reds – Michael Riggs, Cooroy Qld
From LODEN STUMPY 2397
- * ARBBRADPITT (FASTRUP x FYNAKS)
Bred by Beaulands P/L, Sam Graham, Nowra NSW
From BEAULANDS AKS KATIE EX 92
Beaulands Aks Katie is also the dam of ARBHILLY and ARBREDHERO
- * ARBKAALIN (EIK x ARBJIM)
Bred by Toby Leppin, Bena Vic.
From ORANA 5022
- * ARBLONGROAD (VFOSKE x OYGARDEN)
Bred by Tim Humphris, Tongala Vic.
From BEAULANDS OYGARDEN LADY VG 86
- * ARBREDHERO – (TOSIKKO x FYNAKS)
Bred by Beaulands P/L – Sam Graham, Nowra NSW
From BEAULANDS AKS KATIE EX 92
- * ARBSTEJAC (EIK x PETERSLUND)
Bred by Johville Park, Greg Goulding, Leitchville Vic.
From JOHVILLE PARK MACY 845

* ARBTWENTY (HASLEV x BANGKOK)
Bred by Beaulands P/L, Sam Graham, Nowra NSW
From BEAULANDS BANGKOK EMERALD 3

* ARBXFACTOR (FASTRUP x VEST DELTA)
Bred by Beaulands P/L, Sam Graham, Nowra NSW
From BOSGOWAN DAISY 40 EX 90
BOSGOWAN DAISY 40 is also the dam of ARBDUTY

Our aim is to get the above eight bulls totally allocated by the end of December 2015 or by early in the New Year. WE WELCOME SUPPORT FROM EVERYONE. Even if you can only use semen from 2-3 bulls please contact us Freecall 1800 039 047 or phone me on 07 3818 0564. I realise 2015 is turning out to be a very tough year – we are very keen to get these bulls totally allocated and very genuinely we welcome all the support we can get.

PLANS TEAM 2016

Some time ago the following three bulls were selected.

- * ARBDUTY (VRCIGAR x VEST DELTA)
Bred by Beaulands P/L, Sam Graham, Nowra NSW
From BOSGOWAN DAISY 40 EX 90
- * ARBINCA (WAIKATO x VEST DELTA)
Bred by Hamiltons Run, Graeme Hamilton, Mount Gambier SA
From CLUAIN 2429 IBINA
- * ARBTREV (EIK x ARBBOBDOWN)
Bred by Toby Leppin, Bena Vic.
From ORANA 5022

Progeny test semen from the above three bulls is currently available – but we anticipate the vast majority of this semen will be used in 2016.

FIVE ADDITIONAL BULLS WERE RECENTLY SELECTED – MOST OF THESE ARE YET TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE ARDB BREED SOCIETY AND/OR ADHIS.

BULLS BRED BY BEAULANDS P/L

- * BEAULANDS GLACIER (VFOSKE x TOSIKKO)
From BEAULANDS TOSIKKO ROSIE 3
- * BEAULANDS NO NAME (VRFLAME x VEST DELTA)
From BOSGOWAN DAISY 40 EX 90

BULL BRED BY MICHAEL GREEN, T/A WAIKATO FARM, MOUNT GAMBIER

- * WAIKATO NO NAME (BUCKARBY x VFOSKE)
From WAIKATO 3849 - VFOSKE

BULLS BRED BY TOBY LEPPIN, BENA VIC.

- * ORANA NO NAME (VFOSKE x TOSIKKO)
From ORANA 5490
- * ORANA NO NAME (TOSIKKO x ARBBONJOVI)
From ORANA 5404

FINAL SUMMARY

The eight young bulls selected for Team 2016 have outstanding genetic potential. For obvious reasons I hope they all pass health tests, DNA (Parent Verification) test and then after they enter our licensed semen production centre – produce high quality semen.

Obviously we need your support right now to help us achieve proofs of high reliability for bulls included in Team 2015. We will certainly be looking for your support in 2016 as well!!

However I remain confident that both these teams will achieve a high team average and that we will find some outstanding sires amongst them.

As always I appreciate your support.

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