

## RED UPDATE: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2012

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### AUSSIE REDS

THE KEY MESSAGE FROM THE RECENT AUGUST PROOF RELEASE WAS THAT THE TOP AUSSIE RED SIRES MARKETED BY GENETICS AUSTRALIA HELD THEIR HIGH PROOFS. THESE BULLS MAKE A GREAT TEAM.

#### **ARBONJOVI** – BOSGOWAN BONJOVI (ORRARYD X TORP 882) APR 208, A2A2

ARBONJOVI remains the highest rated Australian standing red bull and he continues to be the first choice to sire profitable red cows.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- A top all round proof including significant improvements in the production of protein fat and components.
- ARBONJOVI also has high ratings for workability traits, cell counts, daughter fertility and survival.
- Remember TYPE. His ratings of 111 for overall type and 104 for the mammary system are very good.

#### **ARBLIPPMAN** – BOSGOWAN LIPPMAN (TMOBERG X STENSJO) APR 194

It is very pleasing to report that the type proof of ARBLIPPMAN has improved significantly. ARBLIPPMAN is a top shelf bull and has a lot to offer.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Outstanding ratings for the production of protein, milk and fat.
- ARBLIPPMAN is in the top group for improving cell counts. In addition he has high ratings for improving daughter fertility and survival. His daughters are staying in herds.
- His type ratings now include 107 overall type and 108 composite mammary.

#### **ARBBOBDOWN** – LODEN BOB (BOTANS X HUSVEG) APR 178.

The good news about ARBBOBDOWN continues to come: -

- He recently added data from 60 second crop daughters to his proof. His proof held – it did not buckle. This is another sign of a good bull.
- He is now included in the top group of bulls for overall semen fertility. ARBBOBDOWN is the highest ranked red bull in this group.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Team leader for production with a high ASI rating of 151 at 92% Rel.
- Outstanding ratings for improving protein production and composition. ARBBOBDOWN is the best bull to mate to high milk flow cows producing milk with low protein composition.
- Sound rating for survival. He is in the top group. His daughters are staying in herds.
- He held his top type proof including 109 for overall type and 104 for mammary system.

#### **ARBLEX** – BEAULANDS LEX (ORRARYD X CHRISTIANSBORG) APR 172, A2A2

ARBLEX continues to be in high demand. His current proof ticks many boxes for many farmers.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- ARBLEX is arguably the best Red bull for improving type and production. He has an outstanding rating of 116 for overall type and 107 for the mammary system.
- Check his ratings for the mammary system. He has a well balanced proof, no weak spots, and is in the top group for improving many traits.
- Check his workability proof. He is in the top group for improving temperament. Farmers milking his daughters certainly like them.
- In addition, ARBLEX is in the top group for two very important traits – daughter fertility and survival.

### **ARBMAWSON – BOSGOWAN MAWSON (ORRARYD X BJURIST) APR 155**

We have noticed increased demand for semen of ARBMAWSON in recent weeks.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- High milk flow. ARBMAWSON is a good choice to mate to low milk flow, high component cows with the aim of increasing production and profit in the next generation.
- He is in the top group for improving both cell counts and survival.
- He has been widely used as a calving ease bull with few reported problems.
- ARBMAWSON has a high rating of 110 for overall type and 109 for the mammary system.

### **ARBHARFORD – BOSGOWAN BERNARD (SKOLE X TALEBO 1115) APR 145**

ARBHARFORD is another highly rated, successful Aussie Red sire that held his proof with the August release.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Team leader for improving workability traits. He has outstanding ratings of 104 for milking speed, temperament and farmer likeability.
- A significant improvement in fat production and composition makes him a very good choice to mate to high milk flow but low fat composition cows.
- Good ratings for cell counts and survival. His daughters are staying in herds.
- Check out his type proof. ARBHARFORD has high ratings for many important traits.

### **SUMMARY – THE TOP AUSSIE RED TEAM**

I believe the above 6 bulls, ARBBONJOVI, ARBLIPPMAN, ARBBOBDOWN, ARBLEX, ARBMAWSON and ARBHARFORD have a lot to offer all red breeders and cross breeders. They all offer many different strengths. Making use of these strengths and using their semen to mate to suitable cows, they all have the potential to help you breed heifers that are, on average, better than their dams. These heifers should help you increase production and farm profits.

### **NORWEGIAN REDS**

**EIK 10540** (LUIRO X ULSAKER) APR (I) 198, NTM +24.

It is pleasing to report that the Interbull proof of EIK has improved. Both EIK and his sire the Finnish Ayrshire LUIRO have outstanding proofs and remain in the top group. 280 Norwegian daughters are contributing to EIK's current proof. EIK is an outstanding red and white sire and is the highest ABV rated Norwegian bull ever marketed in Australia. In addition, he offers outcross genetics and is an obvious choice for the proven sire teams of all red breeders and cross breeders.

HIS FEATURES INCLUDE:

- High ratings for profit +198 APR(I) and +24 Norwegian Total Merit Index. He offers outstanding production plus a significant increase in protein composition.
- His Norwegian daughters rate highly for composite mammary 113. Their strengths include high ratings for fore attachment, rear attachment height and width and ligaments. Teats are longer than breed average.
- He is a calving ease sire in Norway.
- Positive Norwegian ratings for temperament, milking speed and udder health.

### **OTHER NORWEGIAN RED SIRES**

We still have limited stocks of semen of: -

**AASHEIM 10183** (KREJSTAD 3823 X NYLOKKEN) – A NATURAL POLL

**NOTTESTAD 108** (BACKGARD 3082 X J HUSVEG 4502) – A CALVING EASE SIRE

**BRAUT 10177** (KREJSTAD 3823 X KJAER 4843) – A CALVING EASE SIRE

**HAGA 10278** (ULSAKER X RISTITIEN JOHDE) – IN THE TOP GROUP IN NORWAY

**SAND 10232** (GALDE X NYLOKKEN) – HIGH NORWEGIAN RATING TEMPERAMENT AND MILKING SPEED.

Both BRAUT and NOTTESTAD have been used quite widely as calving ease sires in recent years. To date we have only received positive comments from farmers.

## SUMMARY

I believe *Genetics Australia* is offering a really top team of red and red and white sires with very good proofs. If you would like additional information or would like to discuss some options, please contact your local *Genetics Australia* representative or give me a call on **07 3818 0564**.

I wish all dairy farmers a successful year.

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