

RED UPDATE: AUGUST – DECEMBER 2013

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The aim of this newsletter is to help farmers make the best use of the Red genetics marketed by Genetics Australia. I am very pleased with the high quality of the top bulls now available to Australian farmers.

AUSSIE REDS

This is definitely the best team of Proven Aussie Red Sires ever presented to Australian farmers. Our first shipment of Aussie Red semen was sent to our agent in USA recently.

POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 2013 ABV RELEASE

ARBBONJOVI held his position as team leader, added 16 second crop daughters and held his proof. This is a good sign.

HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENES OF ARBBONJOVI IN YOUR HERD

ARBBONJOVI is a top sire with a great all round proof. He is rated above average for all the important traits.

- He improves production of protein and fat and lifts milk composition.
- Arguably he is the best Red sire in Australia to mate to high milk flow, low fat composition cows.
- Improves daughter fertility and longevity.
- Improves body traits, feet and legs and the mammary system.
- Improves workability traits. He scores highly for milking speed and temperament. Farmers milking his daughters, rate them highly and like them.

ARBBONJOVI is a top, must use sire. The high demand for his semen is continuing.

ARBLEX – BEAULANDS LEX (ORRARYD X CHRISTIANSBORG)

ARBLEX is an outstanding sire. He is the team leader for overall type and is in the top group for improving the mammary system.

HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENES OF ARBLEX IN YOUR HERD

Use semen of ARBLEX to:

- Improve the mammary system and body traits. His daughters score highly for fore attachments, front teat placement, udder depth (nice shallow udders), centre ligament and rear attachment. Ratings for virtually all the traits are over 100. He sires tall, stylish daughters that rate highly for chest width, bone quality and angularity.
- Improve profit and production. ARBLEX has a well balanced proof. He improves production of milk, protein and fat and improves milk composition.
- Improves longevity, his daughters stay in herds.
- Sires highly fertile daughters.
- Improves workability traits. He is highly rated for improving temperament and farmers milking daughters like them.

ARBLEX continues to be in high demand. He is an obvious choice to mate to some cows in the herds of all Red breeders and Cross breeders.

ARBLIPPMAN – BOSGOWAN LIPPMAN (T MOBERG X STENSJO)

ARBLIPPMAN held his APR rating and his production proof continues to improve. This is a good sign as it indicates that his daughters are continuing to perform in their second and later lactations. ARBLIPPMAN is the Red team leader for milk production, he contributes outcross genetics and is a very worthy team member.

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HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENES OF ARBLIPPMAN IN YOUR HERD

Use semen of ARBLIPPMAN to:

- Improve profit and the production of milk, protein and fat. ARBLIPPMAN is a very good choice to mate to high component, low milk flow cows.
- Improve type. His ratings include 108 for overall type and 109 for the mammary system. His daughters rate highly for udder texture, udder depth, centre ligament, fore and rear attachment and front teat placement.
- Improve cell count and survival – his daughters are staying in herds.

ARBLIPPMAN has been in high demand since returning from layoff. The high demand for his semen is continuing.

ARBLEVER – LOUVIC LEVER (BOTANS X KREJSTAD)

ARBLEVER is one of the rising stars of the Aussie Red Breed. He added more daughters and his proof has continued to improve. That is always a good sign. We anticipate data from additional daughters should be added to his proof next April.

ARBLEVER bred by the Waltham's in Gippsland comes from the Louvic Lindy cow family. This cow family has previously given us the famous ARBLORIKEET. ARBLEVER already has a far higher proof than his renowned relation. Strengths of the Lindy cow family include longevity, high fertility (regular calvings), sound production and high components.

HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENES OF ARBLEVER IN YOUR HERD

Use semen of ARBLEVER to:

- Improve profit – ARBLEVER and ARBBONJOVI are two of the few bulls rated at 100 or better for all the significant traits.
- Improve production of milk, protein, fat and milk composition.
- Sire daughters that are fertile and stay in the herd.
- Improve (reduce) cell counts – ARBLEVER is in the top group for improving this trait.

ARBLEVER is developing into a top all round performer. Based on his pedigree he should be a calving ease sire, suitable to mate to maiden heifers.

ARBBOBDOWN – LODEN BOB (BOTANS X HUSVEG)

ARBBOBDOWN is a Natural Poll. He added another 125 second crop daughters to his proof and his proof held. This is a good sign. The production proof of ARBBOBDOWN is now listed at 98% reliability based on 873 Australian daughters in 176 herds.

HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENES OF ARBBOBDOWN IN YOUR HERD

Use semen of ARBBOBDOWN to:

- Improve profit and production. He continues to be the Red team leader for ASI (production) with a rating of 170.
- Improve protein production and composition. ARBBOBDOWN is the Aussie Red team leader for protein production +24kg and protein composition +0.30%. ARBBOBDOWN remains a very good choice to mate to high milk flow, low protein composition cows.
- Breed daughters that stay in herds. ARBBOBDOWN is in the top group for improving survival (longevity).
- Improve body traits. ARBBOBDOWN has a rating of 110 for overall type and good ratings for most body traits.
- Improve many traits of the mammary system. ARBBOBDOWN had high ratings for improving centre ligament, rear attachment, front teat placement and teat length.
- ARBBOBDOWN is a good choice to mate to cows with short teats.
- Breed more daughters that are Natural Polls.

ARBBOBDOWN is worth his place in the team. It is obviously pleasing to report that his second crop daughters are performing very well.

ARBFROSTY – MERIBEN PARK JACK FROST (BOTANS X SKOLE)

ARBFROSTY is another successful son of Botans.

HOW TO BENEFIT FROM THE GENES OF ARBFROSTY IN YOUR HERD

Use semen of ARBFROSTY to:

- Improve profit.

- Improve production of milk and protein as well as protein composition.
- Improve temperament. With a rating of 103 he is one of the highest rated Red bulls for temperament.
- Improve cell counts and survival – daughters stay in herds.
- Improve type. His ratings include 104 for overall type and 106 for composite mammary. ARBFROSTY has good ratings for virtually all traits of the mammary system.

ARBFROSTY has a sound well balanced proof. This includes positive ratings for production, type, workability and functional traits. His ratings of 103 for temperament and his ratings for the mammary system are very pleasing.

NORWEGIAN REDS

EIK 10540 (LUIRO X ULSAKER) is continuing to be a high demand sire in Australia. In Norway he is in the top group for both production and calving ease. He also scores high ratings for udder health and general disease resistance. His Interbull ratings of +25kg protein and +0.27% protein are very impressive.

EIK is contributing high quality outcross genetics. He is generally recognized as the best son of the noted Finnish Ayrshire sire – LUSI KOTTILAN LUIRO.

OUR THREE NEW SIRES, ENGEBAKKEN, RAVN AND DAHLE ALL RATE HIGHLY IN NORWAY. THEY ARE NATURAL POLLS
ENGEBAKKEN 73 (GUTERUD X LILLEBJERKA) is quickly developing into a high demand sire. We made one mistake, earlier this year – we did not import enough semen. He will sell out.

ENGEBAKKEN has a number of strengths including:

- High Interbull ratings for improving the production of protein, milk and fat plus protein composition.
- In Norway he is assessed as a highly rated bull, siring highly productive daughters with no bad faults.
- His Norwegian daughters have teats that are longer than average making him a good choice to mate to cows with short teats.

RAVN 10739 (OLSTAD X GALDE)

Ravn is also a Natural Poll. His is also ranked in the top group in Norway.

His strengths include:

- Siring high profit daughters.
- Siring highly productive daughters. He is a modern bull improving production of milk, protein and protein composition.
- His Norwegian daughters have good udders.
- Whilst he is NOT a calving ease bull, his Norwegian daughters have calved easily.

DAHLE 10801 (OLSTAD X SALTE)

DAHLE is also a Natural Poll. He has many successful sires in his pedigree including GRANMOEN 3666, TORLAND 4075 and the noted Swedish Red sire BACKGARD 3082.

His strengths include:

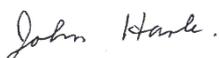
- He sires high profit, highly productive daughters.
- He is the team leader of our Norwegian Red sires for improving (reducing) cell counts.

In Norway he has achieved high ratings for several traits of the mammary system. His daughters rate highly for having shallow udders, with good fore udder attachment, strong ligaments and for udder shape.

GENERAL COMMENT – IMPROVING DAUGHTER FERTILITY

DAHLE does not yet have an Interbull rating for daughter fertility. However all our other Norwegian Red sires have ratings over 100 for this important trait. If you aim to improve daughter fertility in your herd, I suggest you include at least one Norwegian sire in your team in 2013.

I wish all dairy farmers a successful year.



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