

# Charolais EXPRESS

October 2011



## Call for 3rd BIN Sires

Members are invited to submit sires to the 3rd round of the Charolais BIN project



The aim of the project is to build the Charolais Society's data links for a crossbreed group analysis. Members will be able to directly link their herds to prominent animals and studs within the breed and improve the accuracy of herds. The data recorded in the program will also be used for genetic markers analysis which may provide studs with access to new marker tools. This will be the final year of the Charolais BIN project with MLA and therefore members are encouraged to take this opportunity to have your best sire participate in the project.

Sires will be joined to Brahman cows in Queensland or Angus cows in NSW. Owners are to specify their preferred project: Brahman or Angus. There are a limited number of cows available in each project location.

EBV Accuracy on weight traits for young sires (2008 +) will need to be greater than 70 per cent.

EBV Accuracy on weight traits for older sires will need to be greater than 80 per cent.

The cost to enter an AI sire in the program will be \$1750 (incl. GST) and the sire's owner(s) will be required to collect and deliver 30 straws to the nominated AI centre at their own cost. Accompanying health certificates will also be required. 30 Straws must be available for the 4th of November 2011.

Natural mating is preferred for the Queensland project and walking bulls will be offered a discounted price of \$1500 (incl GST). Bulls will need to be drenched and treated with 7-1, 3-day, Pesti and blooded for ticks at least one month before arrival (Tick Blood 3rd Nov for 3 Dec arrival). Owners will be responsible for the treatment and delivery and collection cost. Fly tags will be inserted into the animals ears and it will be treated with Wintix upon arrival. Owners will need to take out their own insurance on the animals for the duration of the animal's stay (5 weeks). Animals are to be delivered to Ashvale Station at Toogoolawah, QLD by the 3rd of

December 2011.

In the event that more bulls are nominated than the project can accommodate then the Charolais Society will rank bulls on their measured traits and physical assessment scores. The Society will close nominations on the 21st of October and approved sires will be announced on the 25th of October.

If you are interested in submitting a sire to the project then please complete the enclosed sheet and return it to the Charolais Society office as soon as possible. Contact Terence Farrell if you require further information: gm@charolais.com.au P: 02 6771 1666 M: 0400 180 267.



# News from the office

## From the President

Northern bull sales have been 16 to 43 per cent stronger than last year with clearances rates up to 97 per cent in many cases. The stronger trends are clearly being driven by the better seasonal condition in the north.

	2010	2011	% Inc
Palgrove	5774	8303	43.8
Moongool	5414	7154	32.1
Wakefield	3650	4260	16.7
Ag Show	3288	4073	23.9

The Central West of NSW remains drought declared and we hope members in that region receive some good rain soon.

The most recent results for the

southern BIN project will be revealed at a field day to be held at Larnoo near Yea in Victoria. Terence Farrell and Wayne Upton will discuss the results on each of the traits recorded and Christian Duff will describe how the information can be use in a cross breed EBV group analysis.

An Extraordinary General Meeting is scheduled for the 23rd of October 2011 to be held at Larnoo on the same date as the field day. The meeting will vote on the motion to amalgamate the Victorian, South Australian and Tasmanian regions into a single "Southern" region when voting on Councillors. Queensland, New South Wales and the Southern region are to be represented by two councillors each while the Western Australian region will continue to be represented

by one councillor. The election notice has been sent to full financial members and we urge you to read the material and have your say. Proxy forms are available for those who cannot attend the meeting in person. The 2012-2013 Council elections will be held in January 2012 and nominations will be called for in late November 2011.

Preparations for Beef Australia 2012 (May 7-11, 2012) are coming along. There are still five 3m x 3m pens available at \$775 each, for those who are interested.

The dates for the World Charolais Conference to be held in England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland are 10 to 22 June 2012. We have no further details on the world conference at this stage.

## SBTS Webinars Available to Anyone at Anytime

In recent years Southern Beef Technology Services (SBTS) has utilised webinar technology to communicate messages regarding beef cattle genetic improvement technologies. A webinar is basically a presentation that is facilitated via the internet. It allows the attendee to keep up to date with the latest information from the comfort of their own home. Interaction with the presenter is also possible through a questions submission field.

Another advantage of the webinar technology is that it allows each webinar session to be recorded and made available for viewing by anyone at anytime. A range of webinar sessions are available for you to view now from the SBTS website (<http://sbts.une.edu.au>) on the Webinars page. These include:

### "Know Your Genes" Webinar Course

- DNA technology- Understanding the Basics
- Utilising DNA for Parent Verification
- Managing Genetic Conditions with DNA
- Utilising DNA to Change Type Traits (e.g. Horn/Poll)
- Improving Production Traits with DNA
- Assessing the Cost Benefit of DNA Technology

### "BREEDPLAN – From Go to Whoa" Webinar Course

- Performance Recording with BREEDPLAN
- Understanding and Recording Information for the Birth Traits
- Understanding and Recording Information for the Weight Traits
- Understanding and Recording Information for the Carcase Traits
- Understanding and Recording Information for the Fertility Traits and Docility
- Understanding the Newer EBVs and Incorporation of DNA Information into BREEDPLAN

### Miscellaneous Webinar Sessions

- Small Herds –Obtaining Effective Results from BREEDPLAN
- New Australian DNA Test for the Polled Gene

Many of the webinar sessions, particularly those in the "Know Your Genes" Course, also involve renowned experts and scientists such as Beef CRC Senior Scientists.

For further information on webinars contact the Charolais SBTS Technical Officer, Christian Duff Phone: 02 6773 2474 E: [christian@sbts.une.edu.au](mailto:christian@sbts.une.edu.au)



## Office Christmas Period Closing Dates

The Charolais office will be closed from midday 22nd December and will re-open on 3rd January 2012, 8.30am

## BIN Project Update

### Charolais x Angus Yearling Weights

Yearlings in the Southern Bin project are now approaching 370 kilograms live weight. The yearling heifers are set to achieve their target specifications by November and steers will be carried forward until early January 2012. The animals from one farm will be placed in a feedlot in early November to compare grass versus grain finishing.

### Charolais x Brahman Birth Weights

The average birth weight of calves in the northern Charolais Bin project was approximately 3 kilograms lighter than the average of the same cross reported in previous CRC research. The average weight was 33.0 kilograms over 379 calves. More calves are expected in the next week or so. The weights will be analysed in more detail at the end of calving.

# David Bondfield Awarded Honorary Life Membership

David Bondfield has been awarded Honorary Life Membership to the Charolais Society of Australia. The President of the Society, Mr Graham Smith, presented the award on the 11th of August 2011 during the EKKA in Brisbane. Mr Smith noted Mr Bondfield's passion for the industry and his outstanding leadership during the past 30 years.

"You have been a wonderful marketer and promoter of the breed and we the members are indebted to you for the work you have done in helping ensure that the Charolais breed is where it is today" said Mr Smith.

David was President of the Society from 1998 to 2000 and served as a councillor from 1990 to 2001, including Vice President from 1995 to 1997. David and Prue have both generously supported the Society through their involvement in many areas including youth and education. David Bondfield is the 16th Honorary Life Member of the Charolais Society of Australia.

Palgrove stud is a recognised leader in the breed and Australian cattle industry. Palgrove run approximately 4000 head of cattle with 1450

registered breeders on four properties in Queensland and New South Wales. David is a third generation Charolais breeder. His grandfather was instrumental in organising the first shipment of Charolais semen from the United Kingdom in 1969, but unfortunately died before the first calves were born. He recalls the first lot of cows being inseminated at Palgrove when he was ten. Since that time he has helped the breed to move toward an Australian Charolais type which has been bred for Australian conditions. Palgrove has won interbreed competitions at the Brisbane Royal show 14 times and Sydney Royal Show 8 times since its first Charolais entry in 1979. In addition to this Palgrove has won the Urquhart Trophy for Supreme Beef Exhibit at Sydney Royal 3 times. This tally of wins is an extraordinary achievement for one stud.

David has judged at all of the Royal Shows in Australia, as well as Canada, USA and New Zealand and has judged at the World Conferences for the Hereford, Limousin, Galloway and Braford cattle breeds. He is scheduled to judge at the Charolais

World Conference in June of 2012 in Scotland and judged at the Angus Feature Show at the Melbourne Show in September this year.

We congratulate David on his outstanding contribution to the Charolais Breed in Australia and internationally.



*Charolais Society President Mr Graham Smith presenting David Bondfield with his Honorary Life Membership certificate.*

## Melbourne Royal Results

The show featured an impressive selection of Charolais females this year. The judge, Tom Baker, commented on the quality and market suitability of those on show. Taller well built bulls with well defined shoulder and backlines were preferred in the junior and senior categories. The female classes were very competitive and the wining

exhibits had strong wedge shapes, feminine head and shoulders and well presented udders. There was a large crowd to see the judging which is a compliment to the organisers. DSK Edge Firefly F14E won the Reserve Champion of Champions in the interbreed competition.



*Lannie Stone & Prue Bondfield with the Grand Champion Bull*

## Perth Royal Results

Venturon Farrah won the Junior female Champion. Blawearly Elexa won the Senior female, Champion female and Supreme Champion for Jim and Belynda Quilty of Elgin Park. Venturon Frankie won Junior champion bull and Champion bull for Anne Thompson. No bulls were entered in the senior class. The

progeny group was won by Liberty Below Zero exhibited by Kevin and Robin Yost. The breeders group was won by the team presented by Venturon Charolais. The judge, Gary Noller, commented that the lines presented during the day were very even.



*Senior Female Champion & Supreme Champion*



# Charolais EKKA Success



The EKKA proved to be a tremendous success for Charolais winning the Interbreed Champion of Champions female and sharing first place for the Champion of Champions bull.

The judge, Kevin Yost, selected a top quality line up which won the champion of champions breed pair as well.

Charolais also dominated in the steer and carcase competition. Greg and Leonie Ball won the Grand Champion Steer Competition with Whiskey which was a Charolais-Angus cross which weighed 458 kgs at 11 months. The Jackpot steer winner was bred by Murray and Nicole Nicholls from Rukenvale near Kyogle.



*Right: Champion of Champions Breed Pair, Top Left: Grand Champion Charolais Bull, Top Right: Grand Champion Charolais Cow or Heifer*

## Adelaide Royal Results

The Adelaide show featured a good line up of younger animals.

Chenu Holding's "Chenu Pussycat 18" won the Supreme Grand Champion from "Boulview Fergus" which is owned by the Fogden's.

The Wilson family put up a large team and won Reserve Junior, and Reserve Senior, Cow. Shirley Barker's team did well in their respective classes.

Jeff Noller judged the show and complemented the exhibitors on the animals presented.



*Champion Senior Cow*



*Reserve Champion Senior Cow*

# Member participation for Beef Australia 2012 May 7-11

The Charolais Society will have 22 Pens of Charolais cattle during Beef Australia 2012. Seventeen of the 22 pens have now been booked and there are a further 5 pens available to members. The pens are 3 by 3 metres. The cattle must be easy to handle and preferably led. A mobile ramp will be available to unload and load animals directly into pens. The pen price is \$775 and it includes the cost of the pen panels, sawdust, shade cloth and a water trough. A sun shelter, table and chairs are provided for exhibitors to share. Morning and afternoon tea, and lunch will be available to exhibitors from the Charolais marquee. Contact Terence if you are interested in a Pen. (Note that the Charolais marquee site is 600 metres or so away from the stud stock sheds.)

The committee has decided to run a Special Sister Sale and will call for nominations shortly. The special sisters will be housed with the stud

stock to minimise costs.

A Charolais casual dinner is planned to take place in the Charolais marquee on the night of judging. We are seeking sponsors for the Charolais dinner and special sister sale.

Members who are interested in a static display in the Charolais marquee can arrange to have a retractable banner produced and exhibited during the week. The cost of the banners will depend on the number produced but they will be approximately \$380 to purchase and exhibit for the week. The banners are approximately 850 mm wide and 2.0 metres high on a silver base and come with a carry bag. Art work will need to be supplied or organised through the Charolais office to maintain theme colours and layout. The retractable banners will be supplied to the exhibiting stud at the end of Beef.

Members who are interested in

placing a 3 minute advertisement featuring your stud on the display television are encouraged to contact Terence to discuss script and production costs. The producer operates from Brisbane and will do Queensland and northern NSW studs, however, studs in other regions will be able to use film contractors to supply footage.

Members can exhibit sale catalogues, brochures and flyers via the Charolais stand in the marquee for a flat fee of \$45 per member. (This cost subsidises Charolais carry bags, pencils and hat pins for the materials display). Materials must be delivered to Charolais office or transported directly to the Beef site.

The Victorian Region has discussed a bus tour to visit Beef. The region will be coordinating the property visits and bookings. More details will be available after the Victorian AGM on the 23 of October.

## Industry insights at Charolais field day

By Jodie Rintoul (story courtesy of Farm Weekly)

With a focus on productivity and performance the WA Charolais Society field day at Dean and Kate Ryan's Gingin property had something for everybody.

The aim of the day was to provide information to producers on how they could maximise their herd productivity through the use of Charolais bulls and adopting best practices such as semen and pregnancy testing.

Producers were also given an insight into market requirements from both butchers and live exporters and how Charolais beef performs in terms of carcass attributes.

The day started in the Ryans' cattle yards where Bos Veterinary Services' Dr Matt Carrick gave a practical demonstration on pregnancy testing on a line of Charolais heifers and discussed the benefits of pregnancy testing. Dr Carrick said if pregnancy testing was done early with a short joining period it could be done quickly and you could get good information from it.

Dr Carrick also stressed the importance of looking after heifers before they were mated and prior to the next mating to ensure the best results are achieved.

"Nutrition makes a huge difference with the cycling in heifers," he said.

"They need to be on a rising plain of nutrition when bulls are put in to get the best results.

"It is also a good idea to join the heifers a bit earlier than the cows to give them the extra time to recover for their second mating."

A highlight of the day was a demonstration by The Beef Shop's Kevin Armstrong and his butcher Russell Taylor, who cut up a carcass to show the different cuts and prepare the steak for lunch.

The 420kg Charolais cross heifer used in the demonstration had been in the Ryan's feedlot and had been killed at the Gingin abattoirs on Friday.

The carcass had a 58 per cent yield and 8mm of fat. When cutting it up Mr

Armstrong said it was the perfect carcass and there certainly weren't any complaints when the steak was served for lunch.

Mr Armstrong said he liked purchasing Charolais infused cattle due to their meat yield as he believed in the future producers would be paid on meat yield.



Photo courtesy of Farm Weekly

# Rosedale gets behind Beef Industry Careers

When Terry Nolan bid for the Australian Beef Industry Foundation (ABIF) Charity Steer at last week's EKKA for the Brekky Creek Hotel, they weren't just getting the finest rump steak, they were also helping to kick start inspiring beef industry careers.

Despite a looming world shortage of protein, the beef industry is in crisis with a mass exodus of young people away from the bush because of the high costs of entry. The charter of ABIF is to "inspire beef industry careers" via educational scholarships to provide leadership and a bright beef industry future.

The ABIF steer was kindly donated by the Millner family of Rosedale Charolais stud in NSW, prepared expertly by the Calrossy School in Tamworth and fed by Western Animal Nutrition. In a competitive class he came 11th but the greater story was his ability to raise awareness of ABIF's plight to support and provide opportunities for young people in the beef industry.



## MSA Workshop for Charolais Producers



A one day MSA workshop has been scheduled for 10 am to 3 pm on Thursday November 3rd 2011 at Toowoomba, QLD. You will need to RSVP to gm@charolais.com.au by October 28th. Stud members are encouraged to invite their commercial clients to attend.

The objective of the workshop is to provide Charolais producers with a good working knowledge of the MSA grading system, from the basic on-farm requirements and integrity of the program through to the science behind the cuts based grading, how MSA grading is performed and how the MSA grading system is applied at both processor and the retail level.

## Upcoming Events

### 2011

**Perth Royal Show** 1-8 Oct

**Royal Launceston Show** 7-9 Oct

**Paringa Charolais Sale** 12 Oct  
Tom & Olivia Lawson, T: 03 5797 2743, F: 03 5797 2745,  
M: 0434 146 795  
E: tom\_lawson@bigpond.com

**Rosedale Charolais Inaugural Spring Classic Female Sale** 15 Oct  
Michael & Jenny Millner, T: 02 6368 2735  
E: millner@rosedalecharolais.com.au

**Royal Hobart Show** 19-22 Oct

**Larnoo Pastoral Field Day** 23 Oct  
Venue: Larnoo Pastoral, 290 Larnoo Rd, Yea, VIC  
Andrew Fulford, T: 03 5797 2748

**MSA Workshop** 3 Nov  
10 am to 3 pm, Toowoomba, QLD.  
RSVP to gm@charolais.com.au by October 28th

**Gobongo Dispersal Sale** 4 Nov  
Paul Holm, Landmark, T: 07 4622 1088, F: 07 4622 3668,  
M: 0429 083 841  
E: paul.holm@landmark.com.au

### 2012

**Charolais Cattle Youth Camp** 8-21 Jan  
Bathurst Showground, Great Western Highway, Bathurst  
Mark Ickinger, M: 0428 822 361  
Gavin O'Brien, T: 02 6369 0600, M: 0427 359 447

**Charnelle Charolais Female Invitation Sale** 18 Feb  
Venue: Toowoomba  
Graham Blanch, T: 07 5462 7705  
E: charnellecharolais@bigpond.com.au

**Kenmere & Rosedale Combined Bull Sale** 8 Mar  
Venue: Wodonga Selling Complex  
Agent: Landmark – Peter Godbolt

**Rosedale Annual Bull Sale** 17 May  
Michael & Jenny Millner, T: 02 6368 2735  
E: millner@rosedalecharolais.com.au

**ANC Sale, Casino** 2 Jun  
Andrew & Norah Cass, T: 07 4628 2109  
E: anccharolais1@bigpond.com

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