

Significant Progress Achieved by Genetics Australia's Aussie Red Program

The April 2017 Australian proof release includes some excellent results from Genetics Australia's Aussie Red program, that will help red breeders and cross breeders worldwide to improve their profits. There are three obvious highlights to report:-

- Six new sires have graduated to Genetics Australia's elite proven team.
- The proofs of four of the top bulls in our previous team have improved and consequently they held their place in the new team.
- details of the FUTUREGEN team – the estimated breeding values of seven young sires with outstanding potential are also included. This team should include many of the big stars of tomorrow – Genetics Australia now offers an outstanding team of Aussie Reds for the worlds Red breeders and cross breeders.

The New Graduates:

These include two outstanding sires in **ARBSRING** and **ARBSCAREBEAR**.

ARBSRING (*Tosikko x Fynaks*) BPI 261, HWT 199 and TWI 298 comes from the Birdie cow family at Beaulands. He has a top all round proof with the highlight being his outstanding type proof. This contributes to his outstanding rating of 298 for the TWI – Type Weighted Index.

In addition, ARBSRING has an outstanding production proof, indicating improvement in protein, milk and fat as well as improving milk composition. His high ratings for cell count, workability traits and survival will add to his appeal. ARBSRING will be a very suitable choice to mate to daughters of VFOSKE and his many sons.

ARBSCAREBEAR (*Foxke x Andersta*) BPI 274, HWI 219 and TWI 212 comes from the Krissy cow family at Johville Park. ARBSCAREBEAR offers an outstanding proof for increasing the production of milk, protein and fat as well as improving milk composition.

His high ratings for workability traits (team leader for farmer likeability), the mammary system, cell count, daughter fertility and survival will ensure high demand for him in Australia and in many countries throughout the world.

These two top proven sires are closely followed by four more young sires that also have very high initial proofs.

ARBABBOTT (*Tosikko x Fynaks*) BPI 227, HWI 163 and TWI 215 comes from the Rosie cow family at Beaulands. He is bred on similar lines to ARBSRING and also offers a top production proof.

ARBABBOTT offers sound ratings across the board for temperament, farmer likeability, cell counts, type, daughter fertility and survival. We are very pleased to be able to offer two outstanding sons ARBABBOTT and ARBSRING of the great Finnish sire Tossiko. Fynaks bred many top daughters in Australia and two of them are the dams of both ARBABBOTT and ARBSRING.

ARBDairyWeek (*Foske x Ascona*) A22 from the Emerald cow family at Beaulands is another successful son of Foske to be proven in Australia.

His many strengths include high ratings for the mammary system, cell count, daughter fertility and survival as well as having a sound well balanced production proof.

ARBSWOOPER (*Gedbo x Peterslund*) from the Macy cow family at Johville Park is another valuable addition to our team. In addition to offering high production plus improving milk composition, he is in the top group for improving milking speed.

An additional strength should be calving ease. There are three calving ease bulls in his sire pathway Gedbo, Peterslund and Valon. This should make ARBSWOOPER a very good choice to mate to maiden heifers.

ARBIRON (*Fastrup x Fynaks*) from the Rosie cow family at Beaulands is another worthwhile new addition to our team. Two sons of Beaulands Aks Rosie 2 – ARBABBOTT (by Tossiko) and ARBRON (by Fastrup) were included for Genetics Australia's Aussie Red Progeny Test program and they both graduated.

The strength of ARBRON include high ratings for the production of milk, protein and fat, farmer likeability, cell count and survival.

Our older proven performers are still holding their own!

ARBICESTAR A22 (*Andersta x Christiansborg*)

ARBICESTAR offers high production of milk, protein and fat plus and improvement in milk composition. In addition, his current proof includes high ratings for cell count, daughter fertility and survival. ARBICESTAR is our new team leader for improving daughter fertility and he is in the top group for survival.

ARBOBAMA (*Obroling x Botans*)

ARBOBAMA transmits high production of protein plus a significant improvement in protein composition. ARBOBAMA is one of the best choices for improved survival. With a sire pathway of OBROLIN x BOTANS, ARBOBAMA should be a calving ease option and an obvious choice to mate to maiden heifers.

ARBONJOVI (*Orraryd x Torp 882*)

ARBONJOVI is now known as MR RELIABILITY as his proof is based on data from 1620 Australian daughters in nearly 230 Australian herds. He remains one of the best Red bulls to improve production of fat and fat composition. In addition he has high ratings for improving the mammary system, daughter fertility and cell count.

ARBHILLY (*Vest Delta x Fynaks*)

ARBHILLY remains the bull to improve milk flow. ARBHILLY is an obvious choice to mate to high composition but low milk flow cows to improve production and profit.

In addition, he offers high ratings for workability traits, type and survival.

The FutureGen Team

This group of bulls represents the future of the Aussie Red breed in Australia.

ARBGLACIER (*Foske x Tossiko*) ARBGLACIER has the potential to transmit high protein and fat production along with quality udders and correct rumps.

ARBMUFASA (*Andrei x Foske*) ARBMUFASA is another sire with tremendous production transmitting potential.

ARBISAAK (*Tossiko x Bonjovi*) An A22 sire with solid production and great cell count.

ARBOSCAR (*Foske x Tossiko*) ARBOSCAR has great type transmitting potential coupled with great fertility genetics.

ARBSTEJAC (*Eik x Peterslund*) ARBSTEJAC is another solid production sire offering positive yields and deviations.

ARBREDHERO (*Tossiko x FynAks*) ARBREDHERO offers improved workabilities with outstanding cell count.

ARBLONGROAD-P (*Foske x Oygarden*) A polled A22 sire offering fertility improvement.

Watch out for **ARBREDHERO** and **ARBLONGROAD** who are both starting to add daughters to their breeding value. They are potential proven graduates for April 2018.

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ARBSCAREBEAR daughter bred by Kenna Pty Ltd, The Sisters, Vic



ARBDairyWEEK daughter bred by T & L Humphris, Vic

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