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Dear ARDB member,

Viking Genetics Australia is now responsible for all of the Red Breeds from Scandinavia; Swedish Red, Danish Red and Finnish Ayrshire. The genetics from these breeds are the foundation of the Australian Red Breed and will continue to be a major force in red breeding and crossbreeding as the top sires become available each year. All ARDB members receive a 10% discount on conventional semen prices from our catalogue, if ordered through the Tallangatta office!

Members will also receive VikingNews (enclosed), a quarterly produced magazine which you will receive every 3 months. This magazine focuses on industry developments, farmer profiles and the latest on sires from Viking Reds, Holstein and Jerseys.

New Sires- the catalogue features four new sires; V Foske, R Facet, Asmo Ullimulli and R Haslev. Many red breeders are looking for some outcross sires to your Orraryd/ Backgard, ingvasta/Botans and Peterslund/ T Bruno pedigrees. V Foske, R Facet and Asmo Ullimulli are all suitable for outcrossing to these genetics. R Haslev joins quite a list of Orraryd sons but he does offer outside bloodlines on the dam's side in Syd Garant and he has such a complete proof being positive for all traits he was hard to ignore. He will work well on daughters of B Jurist, 882 Torpane, Fyn Aks, K Lens, Larsgard., R Bangkok, R David, S Adam and G Edbo

Recommended matings- We have been working close with two breed evaluators/classifiers in Scandinavia, Thure Bjerketorp and Eva Hultman. They have many years experience between them and have classified thousands of Red cattle, this making them well qualified to give you their recommended mating suggestions! These are recommendations for our new sires and which daughters they will go best over of our current "in use" bulls! These are only short suggestions, call Erik to discuss in depth matings!

Pin settings on Viking Reds-While Holsteins and Jerseys have been criticized for having high pins, the reds from the Scandinavian countries were criticized in the past for being "to low". Therefore most of the bulls are rated for higher pins, in attempt to raise them and improve rear udders. High pins are not a weakness as in other breeds, scores are in the 90's are no problem as loin and pins have been a strength in these breeds.



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Daughters of	Recommended Sire	Corrective mating reasons
Orraryd , Peterslund Botans B Jurist , Andersta Ascona 882 Torpane, Krejstad , Fyn Aks, K Lens, O Brolin, Larsgard, J Valon .	Tosikko, Ullimulli,Foske Facet, Ullimulli,Foske Linné, Foske, Facet Linné, Haslev, Facet Facet, Ullimulli Tosikko, Ullimulli,Foske Haslev, Tosikko Facet Facet, Foske, Linné, Linné, Haslev, Facet Ullimulli,Haslev, Facet Facet, Foske, Tosikko, Haslev, Linne Foske, Ullimulli	Udder health, milking speed production, udder balance stature, ligament, legs daughter fertility, udder balance udder health, udder balance production production, udder stature, milking speed, teat pl. prot% daughter fertility ligament stature, production, teat length production
R Bangkok, R David, S Adam.	Linné, Haslev Tossiko, Haslev Linné, Haslev, Facet	daughter fert. teat length mastit, prot% legs, ligament
G Edbo, R Fastrup St Hallebo Juby	Foske, Haslev Foske, Ullimulli, Haslev, Tosikko, Ullimulli Facet, Ullimulli, Linne	legs, ligament, stature high pins milking speed, rear udder Fore udder, legs, milking speed

Note: Thure and Eva have given caution on the sires Asmo Tosikko, A Linne and R Facet, they suggest these sires would not be so good over maiden heifers as they produce large calves at times!

O Brolin- We have had positive feedback from farmers milking O Brolin daughters, we currently have no semen left of this bull in Australia but can import him again if the demand is there. Contact us if you would like more of his daughters!

Kind Regards,

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