

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER: SPRING 2023



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Established with carefully selected UK and French stock, our performance recorded herd is bred to maintain the optimum balance of calving ease, fertility, milk, growth and conformation.



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GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW – 2023

Once again due to catalogue issues at the GYS, please send a copy of your entries to Sian, who will check eligibility, make a one-page catalogue with animal details and sort classes into age order. Copies of this will be available on the day.

NATIONAL BEEF EVALUATION

Council has agreed to share pedigree data with AHDB's National Beef Evaluation database which provides estimated breeding values (EBV's) for five commercial traits plus three maternal EBV's in beef cattle. This system uses national data from processors and the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) and compliments Breedplan.

The five commercial carcase traits are:

- Days to slaughter
- Carcase weight
- Carcase conformation
- Carcase fat class
- Average daily carcase gain

The three maternal traits are:

- Age at first calving
- Productive lifespan
- Calf survival



A link to the National Beef Evaluation database should be available from animal records on Breedplan early in the new year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In order to gather as much data as possible to help build statistics that can be used to promote and market the breed in the future we would ask all members to:

1. Register the sire of all animals on the passport
2. When you sell animals, encourage the buyer to register the sire on all passports
3. Intimate all calves that don't make the pedigree grade as commercial animals with the Society free of charge

To view the National Beef Evaluation database please go to: <https://ahdbbeef.egenes.co.uk/>

COUNCIL TRIAL NEW UNHALTERED PEDIGREE FEMALE SECTION AT SOCIETY SALES

To attract more pedigree females and to assist smaller herds the Society has introduced a new unaltered pedigree female section at Society sales. Such females must fully satisfy the entry requirements for pedigree animals to the sale, except that they do not need to be halter trained (though this is strongly recommended) and are not shown.

They will be subject to the same inspection requirements as animals entered to the pedigree section of the sale. They are catalogued for sale after the haltered pedigree females and will be sold in age order. The success of this new section will be reviewed in the December 2023 Council meeting. Rules regarding a production sale remain unchanged.

Council would like remind members that all Grade A, B & C animals will be sold in the commercial section and cattle entered in the pedigree and production sections cannot be substituted after entry. As always no entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.

BREEDPLAN SHARING DATA WITH ICBF

Breedplan will now share Salers information and data twice a year with ICBF.



DAVID WATSON LEADS SALERS SALE WITH OVERALL CHAMPION DARNFORD ROSS

Stirling Bull Sales – February 2023

Aberdeenshire breeder David Watson from Darnford near Banchory reigned supreme at Stirling Bull Sales, February-2023. Judge John Wildman, who is farm manager at Glenkiln Farms, a mixed livestock unit consisting of circa 800 suckler cows in Dumfries, picked out Darnford Ross, as his intermediate champion, before tapping him out as the overall champion. Darnford Ross a Bacardi Nice Guy sired bull out of homebred Darnford Faith was born in April-2021. John went on to back his decision, buying Darnford Ross the following day for the top price of 6,000gns.

12 Salers bulls sold to a top price of 6,000gns with an average of £4235, -£574 on 2022 and a 57% clearance. However, there was a 100% clearance for the Cleuchhead female production draft where five, myostatin free, in-calf heifers sold to a top of 2,500gns with an average of £2310.

The reserve overall championship spot was awarded to the senior champion from Gill and Malcom Pye's Rednock herd at Rednock Estate, Port of Menteith, Stirling. Rednock Reggie, a March, 2021-born bull out of Rednock Breeze was sired by the 12,000gns Drumaglea Kes. He sold to Mr A Young, Girvan Mains, Ayrshire for 4,000gns, alongside another Drumaglea Kes son, Rednock Radar born in April-2021, who stood reserve intermediate champion at 4,800gns.

The reserve senior champion went to Approach Farm Roar, from Angus Gowthorpe, with a February 2021-born bull by Seawell Lithium, out of the homebred show heifer Approach Farm Narnia. G Brown & Sons, Stoneypath, East Lothian purchased this bull for 2,500gns.

The junior section was won by Black Isle breeder, Alister MacKenzie, from Whitebog, Fortrose, who secured the second highest sale price of the day, 5,500gns. Whitebog Robert, a July-2021 born son of Whitebog Lascar, out of Whitebog Ivana was purchased by The Scottish Government Bull Stud, Inverness. They also purchased Cumbrian Rolex Poll, a Parkfield Polled Nobel son from Farmstock Genetics for 3,000gns. Murray Lyle, from Mid Cambushinnie Farm, Dunblane, took the reserve junior title with his April-2021 born, Seawell Nobleman sired son, Strathallan Robbie, out of Seamore Hosann.

Beoch Farms, Stranraer purchased three of the five Cleuchhead production females, the first a Nomad daughter, Cleuchhead Gentle 1599 in-calf to Cleuchhead Renegade for 2,500gns, at 2,200gns was Cleuchhead Corolle 1646 again in-calf to Cleuchhead Renegade and finally Cleuchhead Magalie 1690 sired by Noble, in-calf to Cleuchhead Raptor for 2,100gns. J M Fisher Ltd, Meikle Larbrax Stranraer secured two Cleuchhead Outlaw daughters, Cleuchhead Hope 1608 in-calf to Cleuchhead Raptor and Cleuchhead Gentle 1630, in-calf to Cleuchhead Renegade for 2,000gns and 2,200gns respectively.



OVERALL CHAMPION DARNFORD ROSS



RESERVE OVERALL CHAMPION REDNOCK REGGIE



REDNOCK ROCKY



REDNOCK RADAR



REDNOCK RODNEY POLL

SHOW RESULTS

Overall Champion

Darnford Ross, David Watson

Reserve Overall Champion

Rednock Reggie, Rednock Estate

SENIOR BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR BETWEEN 16 JANUARY 2021 – 24 MARCH 2021

1st & Senior champion – Rednock Reggie, Rednock Estate

2nd & Reserve senior champion –
Approach Farm Roar, A & K Gowthorpe

3rd – Approach Farm Rudy, A & K Gowthorpe

4th – Rednock Ronnie, Rednock Estate

5th – Rednock Rocky, Rednock Estate

6th – Rednock Rodney Poll



WHITEBOG ROBERT

INTERMEDIATE BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR BETWEEN 25 MARCH 2021 – 14 APRIL 2021

1st & Intermediate champion– Darnford Ross, David Watson

2nd & Reserve intermediate champion –
Rednock Radar, Rednock Estate

3rd – Whitebog Roger Polled, A MacKenzie

4th – Darnford Rosco, David Watson

5th – Darnford Rudy, David Watson

6th – Cleuchhead Rooster, Livesey Farming

7th – Cleuchhead Raptor, Livesey Farming

8th – Darnford Rocky, David Watson

JUNIOR BULL SECTION – BULLS BORN ON OR AFTER 15 APRIL 2021

1st & Junior champion– Whitebog Robert, A MacKenzie

2nd & Reserve junior champion –
Strathallan Robbie, D. Murray Lyle

3rd – Rigel Rollo, Rigel Pedigree

4th – Cumbrian Rambo Poll, Farmstock Genetics

5th – Cumbrian Rolex Poll, Farmstock Genetics

6th – Strathallan Rennie, D. Murray Lyle

7th – Drumsleed Ricardo, G & M Smith

Lot	Animal	Gns	Buyer	Address
147	Approach Farm Roar	2,500	G Brown & Sons	Stoneypath, East Linton
150	Rednock Reggie	4,000	A Young	Girvan Mains, Ayrshire
151	Rednock Ronnie	4,000	J Shennan	Knockgerran Farm, Ayrshire
152	Rednock Rodney Poll	4,800	J C McLaren	Dargill, Perthshire
156	Rednock Rocky	4,800	Ferguson Brothers	Gillandersland Farm, Linlithgow
162	Rednock Radar	4,800	A Young	Girvan Mains, Ayrshire
164	Darnford Rosco	3,000	G Ritchie & Sons	Montalt, Perthshire
165	Darnford Ross	6,000	Glenkiln Farms	Bettyknowes, Dumfries
170	Drumsleed Ricardo	3,000	A & K Gowthorpe	Approach Farm, York
172	Cumbrian Rambo Poll	3,000	T Carter	Torkirra, Kirkcudbrightshire
173	Cumbrian Rolex Poll	3,000	Scottish Government Bull Stud	Inverness
176	Whitebog Robert	5,500	Scottish Government Bull Stud	Inverness
177	Cleuchhead Gentle 1599	2,500	Beoch Farmers	Beoch, Stranraer
178	Cleuchhead Hope 1608	2,000	J M Fisher Ltd	Meikle Larbrax, Stranraer
179	Cleuchhead Gentle 1630	2,200	J M Fisher Ltd	Meikle Larbrax, Stranraer
180	Cleuchhead Corolle 1646	2,200	Beoch Farmers	Beoch, Stranraer
181	Cleuchhead Magalie 1690	2,100	Beoch Farmers	Beoch, Stranraer





EFFORTLESS START : PROFITABLE FINISH



DUNGANNON: 24 MARCH 2023
MELTON MOWBRAY: 25 MARCH 2023
STIRLING : 1 MAY 2023
(DEADLINE: 17 MARCH 2023)
WELSHPOOL: 18 MAY 2023
(DEADLINE: 3 APRIL 2023)

MYOSTATIN: TEST NOW, SAVE LATER

To save money on registration costs in 2024, it is advisable that all members know the myostatin status of their breeding females now. In addition, members who know the myostatin status of their cattle can take advantage of the reduced registration fees for under 3 month females in 2023.

What do the myostatin definitions mean?

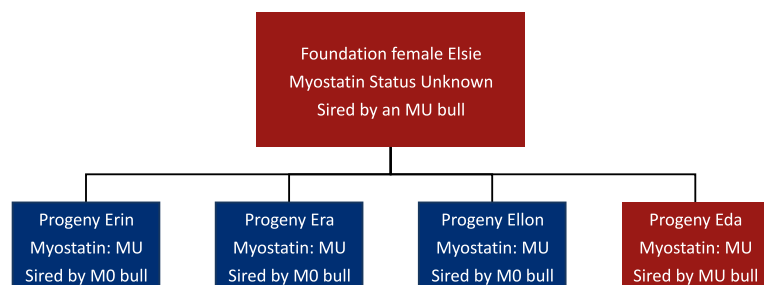
- MU – Myostatin status unknown
- M0 – Tested free from myostatin
- M0P – Myostatin free by parentage
- M1 – Carrier animal, one copy of the mutated myostatin gene, one normal myostatin gene
- M2 – Carrier animal, has two copies of the mutated myostatin gene

If all my breeding females are MU – Myostatin unknown, what should I do?

The most cost-effective route is to establish the myostatin status all breeding females at home. Provided they are all myostatin free i.e., M0 or M0P, and you only use myostatin free bulls, all your progeny will be M0P, myostatin free by parentage.

Will it cost a lot of money to test all my breeding females?

You may not need to test all females, see example below:



In this situation above if you test the foundation female Elsie and she is myostatin free (M0) then automatically the three daughters, Erin, Era and Ellon will become myostatin free by parentage (M0P) because their sires were myostatin free. You would however need to test Eda because the myostatin status of her sire was unknown.

In this instance, out of 5 cows, you may only need to test two animals.

N.B. If the foundation female Elsie turned out to be a carrier, then all progeny would need to be tested.



H.B. Number: UK521402802532
ID Number: UK521402802532
Birth Date: 19 Feb 2019
DNA Case No.: 11918013804
Sex: Male
Horn: Horned
Colour: Red
Status: Full Blood
BetaM Status: NP
Myostatin Status: M0

What is the best way to start testing my breeding females?

Start with the oldest females in your herd, especially those where you have retained a lot of daughters.

What benefit will I get from testing my females?

1. A reduced registration fee in 2023 for all females registered under 3 months that have a known myostatin status. This will help to offset the cost of testing your females.
2. On 1st January 2024 if all your females are myostatin free and you only use a myostatin free bull all progeny will automatically be eligible for registration, without further DNA costs.
3. To be able to capitalize on a major marketing tool for breeding stock, by advertising that all your animals are tested free from myostatin.
4. Confidence in knowing that you have done everything you can to protect the maternal traits, of the breed.

How do I find out the myostatin status of an animal?

It is clearly visible on the certificate of pedigree for both males and females. In the case of bulls, you should also establish whether he holds a DNA profile. Progeny can only be registered from a sire that has a DNA profile held at the Society's chosen external laboratory. If a DNA profile is held the DNA case number will be visible on the certificate.

At Society sales, the myostatin status will be advertised in the catalogue and announced at sale.

In the case of private sales, you should:

- ask the owner / breeder to see a copy of the Certificate of Pedigree
- contact the Salers Cattle Society 07903 626249
- use the ear tag number to look up the animal's details on Breedplan

What if I discover a myostatin carrier in my herd?

The following charts demonstrate the likelihood of breeding myostatin carriers according to the status of the parents. One thing to note is that from 1 January 2024, all progeny from myostatin carriers would need to be tested to ascertain their myostatin status and only those myostatin free would be eligible for registration.

Chart 1 – Mating of two M0 parents

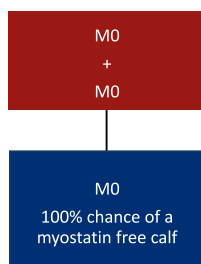


Chart 2 – Mating of a M0 parent with a M1 carrier parent

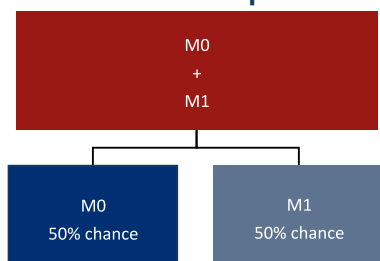


Chart 3 – Mating of two M1 carrier parents



Chart 4 – Mating of one M1 carrier parent with an M2 carrier parent

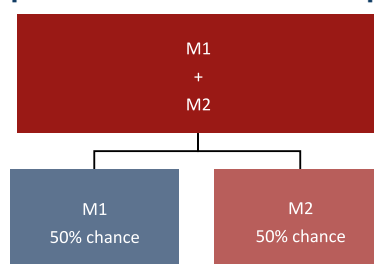


Chart 5 – Mating of an M0 parent with an M2 carrier parent

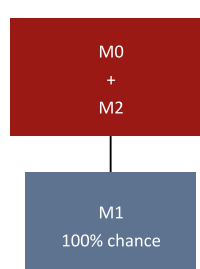
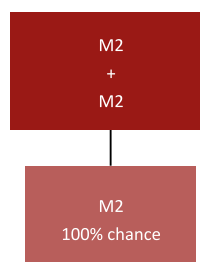


Chart 6 – Mating of two M2 carrier parents



How do I test for myostatin?

Contact the Society office who will issue you with DNA cards and DNA forms. The cost of DNA testing is detailed in the Society Fees and Charges on the website / breed journal.

- Simply take a hair sample from the tail – see guidance on our website.
- Place it in the DNA card containing the barcode
- Clearly label the DNA card with animal name and ear tag number
- Complete the form with:
 - o Animal Name
 - o Ear tag number
 - o Your name
 - o Tick the top two boxes asking the sample to be tested for DNA and Myostatin
 - o Send all samples back to the Society office

How long does the test take?

The laboratory Neogen aim to process all samples within 4 to 6 weeks.

Will I get a new certificate for my animal?

Yes, all animals tested will receive a new certificate of pedigree.

Will I get a new certificate for the progeny of tested animals?

Not automatically. The reason for this is that the system updates one generation every evening. For example, the tested animals' details are updated automatically. That night, the myostatin status of its immediate progeny are updated. The following evening the myostatin status of the next generation is updated and so on. If, however you require a certificate for a particular reason then these can be requested from the office. The normal replacement warranty fees will apply.

How will I know the status of all my animals if I don't have new certificates for all of them?

- You can look up the status of any animal using Breedplan, available via our website www.salers.uk
- The annual herd inventory will show the updated myostatin status of all animals.

CHANGE OF DATE

WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SHOW & SALE

To re-invigorate the sale and stimulate increased interest from vendors and buyers, Council agreed to move the autumn show and sale in Welshpool to Thursday 9th November 2023 and host it alongside the Charolais autumn show and sale.

Further details about the event and a schedule of arrangements will be issued later in the year.



WELSHPOOL AUTUMN SHOW & SALE

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023

DALSWINTON BEEF EVENT 2023

Beef 2023 Event

AN INVITATION TO BE INVOLVED

In the heart of the Nith Valley, seven miles north of Dumfries, Dalswinton Estate owned by the Landale family is hosting the Scottish Beef Association Beef Event on the 6th of June 2023.

Dalswinton Estate is home to 550 Aberdeen Angus and Shorthorn cross suckler cows producing yearling calves sired by a Charolais bull. In response to the dual crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss, the 2023

Beef Event will focus on four key areas:

- The impact of technical efficiency on the carbon footprint of the Suckler Herd,
- Carbon mitigation in practice,
- Efficient land use management and boosting biodiversity,
- Natural Capital and Carbon Farming.

Dalswinton would like to invite you to join us on the day to showcase to anticipated 5,000 farmers how your breed society or business is helping to support the Scottish beef industry as it transitions towards Net Zero in 2045.

SETTING THE SCENE

With Dalswinton providing an impressive backdrop to the beef event, trade stands will be in the heart of the event. **The Salers Cattle Society of the UK** and other breed societies will be promoted at a nearby farm steadings forming the main stop off point on the farm tour.

SCHEDULE

Event timings – 9.00am to 5.00pm. Predicted Attendance – Around 5,000 Beef Producers

KEY THEMES

Technical Efficiency & Carbon Footprint

- Presentation of all farming activities.
- Analysis of current technical and financial performance against KPIs.
- Farm Tour showing work on the ground.
- How we are working to meet the needs of our buyers and the needs of the supply chain.

Mitigation in Practice

- Work currently being undertaken on the estate to reduce carbon emissions.
- Other mitigation opportunities that beef farmers can adopt to reduce their emissions.
- How different breeds provide opportunities for mitigation

Efficient Land Use Management and Biodiversity

- Presentation of Agro-ecological work being undertaken to improve the biodiversity of the estate.
- How efficient resource management can create biodiversity and diversification opportunities.

Natural Capital and Carbon Farming

- Presentation of how the Landale family have capitalised on their Natural Capital to date.
- Looking at integrating carbon farming with commercial beef production.
- Engaging with the local community.

Further information can be found at

www.scottishbeefassociation.co.uk/scotlands-beef-event/



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