

# Salers Cattle Society of the UK Ltd

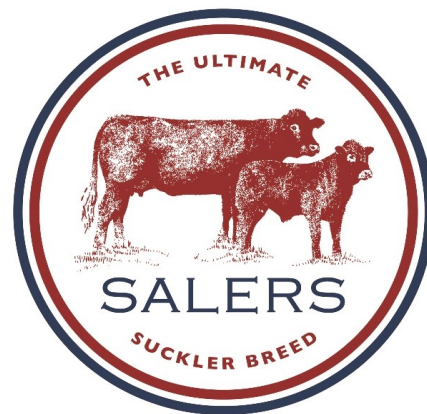
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## NEWSLETTER

### **Coming up in 2016**

#### **Balmoral Show**

11-13 May

#### **Welshpool Sale**

19 May

#### **Beef Expo 2016**

20 May

#### **Royal Cornwall Show**

9-11 June

#### **Royal Highland Show**

23-26 June

#### **Great Yorkshire Show**

12-14 July

#### **Royal Welsh Show**

18-21 July

#### **Welshpool Sale**

22 October (TBC)

#### **Agri Expo Carlisle**

28 October

#### **Castle Douglas Sale**

4-5 November

#### **Welsh Winter Fair**

28-29 November

Please note  
the society will not  
have a stand at the  
Beef Expo this year.

Information may be  
subject to change/  
amends/deletions

**Info & reminders  
are now being sent  
via email, if you  
don't want to miss  
out on this service  
let me have your  
details!**

A good start to 2016 with several new members on board. We have even had a glimpse of the sunshine over the last few weeks—lets hope the wet weather becomes a thing of the past!

In with this newsletter you will find a DVD and notification of another tour to France, this time to Salers beef breeders in the North. The DVD is from last years tour, collated by a Howard a friend of Paul's from Pedigree Tours. The DVD hopefully gives you an idea of what a tour entails—it is well worth going and a great way of seeing Salers in France and seeing the sites in France. If you are interested please let Paul know the more that go hopefully the less it costs!

## BREEDPLAN

### **FIRST EBV RUN**

We've reached the next important milestone in the implementation of performance recording for Salers in the UK. We now have 17 members signed up as Performance Recorders, and by combining all the weights they have

sent in with the historical data imported from Signet we now have enough information to allow the calculation of our first test EBVs. The test evaluation included data from 3080 sires and 10367 dams in our database, which is almost half the animals we have.

Individual herd EBVs will shortly be sent to our current Performance Recorders to review and comment on. This feedback is vital in helping to tune the way the different EBVs are calculated. Some initial feedback from ABRI is that we need to encourage our members to record the whole herd, including steers, as the larger the group recorded under the same management conditions the more accurate the results. In particular it would be most beneficial if more commercial herds were to submit performance records, these tend to be larger and the stock managed more consistently across the herd.

The second finding is that for the performance in one herd to be adjusted correctly versus other

herds, there needs to be genetic linkage, which is best achieved through AI'ing which allows the same bull to be used in multiple herds.

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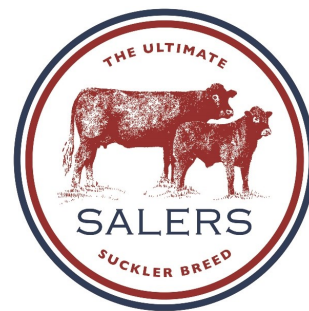
- 1 – we need more performance recorders, especially commercial herds
- 2 – performance recorders should record their whole herd
- 3 – performance recorders should AI some of the herd every year

The test run has produced the first sire listing, comprising 19 sires who have at least one trait with 70% accuracy and calves recorded in the last five years. Of course most of the traits are below this threshold accuracy, so the EBVs will change as more data comes in. It is our intention not to publish EBVs until the Society is satisfied with the information based on our practical experience, and also not until ABRI are satisfied with the quality of the EBVs from a technical point of view. So, still plenty of work to do, but we are making good progress.

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We have some AI straws available

**12 x Indiana Jones IMP94005**

Sire: CBS Polled Petro

Dam: KK Black Beauty 85B

**5 x KK Polled Express SIM96001**

Sire: Faucon

Dam: Diva

These have been kindly donated so they can raise funds for the society.

If you are interested, please get in touch, highest bidder wins!

## Imports

Please make sure you get all the relevant paperwork when importing animals/semen. Imported cattle/semen must have a three generation pedigree export certificate issued by the society of the country of origin and must have been DNA tested to prove non-carrier status for beta-mannosidosis. Non-carrier status by parentage is specifically not accepted.

Please note if the animal is male it may be useful to ask for a full DNA profile too. It may save you having to get this done when wanting to registering calves later.

Pregnant imported cattle must have a three generation pedigree export certificate issued by the society of the country of origin for the sire of the

in-vitro calf, and a DNA test result confirming the sires non-carrier status for beta-mannosidosis. As requirements of importation change, check with the secretary's office to confirm what is required before you start the importation procedure if unsure.

## Society Sales

Don't forget the check list for sales (copy sent out with the last newsletter). This is also on our website along with lots of other useful information regarding Breedplan, Charges, Registrations and of course the Society Byelaws—just go to our website click on Useful Info then Resources.

Someone made a payment into the society account on 9 March (£66) all I have got is MEMBERSHIP FEE no name, nothing to help know who it is from, can you please let me know if you have sent this so I don't cancel you!

## DNA

Please be mindful that **all** stock bulls must be DNA tested for registration of calves born from January 2016, this is catching a few of you out! We gave 12 months notice of this so unless a bull has died without the chance of getting that DNA sample you should be OK but I know some have sold on their bulls without taking hair samples. If you can get hair samples (even though you don't own the bull) all well and good, if not you need to discuss this with the secretary as registrations will be delayed which may have financial penalties.

## Photos

We are always after good quality photos of Salers in their natural environment, doing what they do best. This could mean calving, suckling calves, out on poor ground, out on high ground, in a large herd, in a mixed herd. Whatever you think suitable, these can be easily emailed via your mobile phone nowadays, all we ask is the image is at least 1mb as anything below this pixilates if enlarged. So if you are out and about and something catches your eye, share it by emailing the photo to [secretary@salers-cattle-society.co.uk](mailto:secretary@salers-cattle-society.co.uk)

## Getting ready for the Show Season?

Aquarian Embroidery hold the Salers logo which can be reproduced on any product along with your herd/farm name as required. Good for show coats etc.. Brian and Deborah are there to help with your requirements, just contact them on 01317 860350 or check out their website:- [www.aquarianembroidery.co.uk](http://www.aquarianembroidery.co.uk)

With the show season just around the corner please do support those who are making the massive effort to attend shows. It is hard work and time consuming but they have a really good time and appreciate all the support they get. Without our members showing their cattle we wouldn't be able to show case the breed to so many people. As the breed becomes more popular we have our members to thank for their attendance at shows and sales, for talking about and believing in the breed. We continue to grow and thank everyone for their help.

Hope to see many of you at events this year, do come and say hello and help out if you can!

*Liz*



