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TARGETED NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY HEAVYWEIGHTS

From the President's Kitchen Table

Spring is sprung and grass is ris, I wonder where the flowers is...

An old poem but the first part at least very appropriate for this part of the country. It would be nearly 12 months since we last saw this much grass, although recent cold snaps have slowed things down a bit. No matter where you are in the motu, hopefully you are on the rising side of the grass growth and the slowing down side of the spring work cycle... hmm last one's a joke – no time for fishing yet!

It has been a while between newsletters, apologies for that, waiting on news and then OLI (other life intrusions) have delayed things somewhat, but as the Mainland ad says: good things take time... and remember I don't get paid for this. :)

20 years and counting: I know there are studs around the country older than ours but as we celebrated our studs 20-year anniversary this year there are a couple of thoughts I would like to share.

1. Get out there – as newbies we were on a Herd Tour 9 months after we began Potawa Stud. First day on the bus Trevor McCorkindale (Garry's Dad) asked "who are the Neals?" as we hadn't actually met anyone. Three years later a long-time breeder commented he thought we had been going for years as we were always around! It does sadden me that to this day there are breeders we have never met.

It really does make a difference to interact with other like-minded people and we have made life-long friendships throughout the country. We have very few chances now to meet, so a Herd Tour is the best place to start.

2. Record, record, record: our EBV's are only as good as the data we, as breeders, submit and if we are to make genetic progress we all need to record as much data as possible and as accurately as possible.
3. Website and Facebook: along with the rest of the world our society is becoming more and more digital and SNZ has a Facebook page which we would love more contributions for, photos and videos are great advertising for the breed. Also, cruise the website; rules and regulations have been updated but there may be another area we have missed so let us know.

Lastly, on behalf of Simmental NZ, I again express our sincerest condolences to Tony Thompson and his family following the sad loss of Glennis in early September. Glennis was very much Tony's 'right hand woman' throughout all of their years of involvement with Simmental, active in all aspects of the stud, especially shining in the show ring in those glorious years of A & P shows and National sales. As Tony wrote on his website, showing was their hobby and passion, better than fishing! A gracious lady with a warm smile for all, she will be sadly missed.

Tracey Neal

2023 Herd Tour and AGM

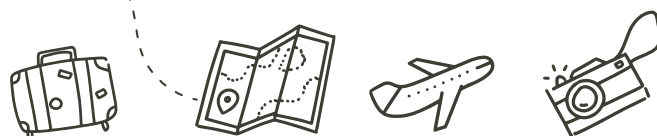
Save the date – Northland Herd tour is back on! Assembling in sunny Kerikeri on Monday March 20th for an early start Tuesday March 21st, visiting 5 studs and a commercial operation with a finish back at Kerikeri on Thursday March 23rd.

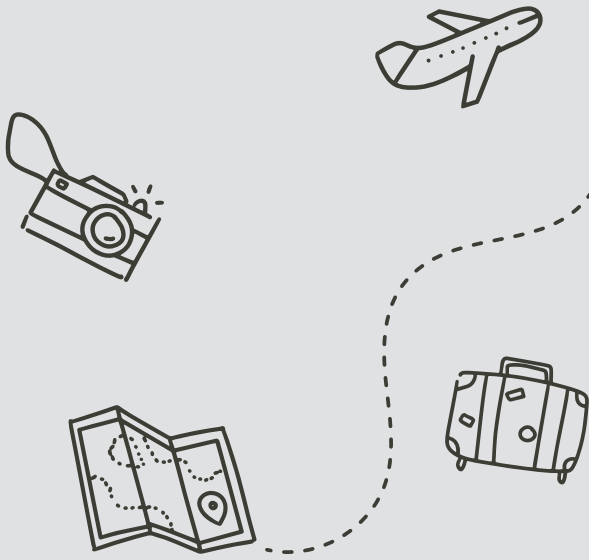
PLEASE consider this a wee summer holiday option, it is a great way to meet other breeders, look at other Simmentals and enjoy like minded company while tiki touring around.

Could you please phone or email Lindy at PBBnz with an expression of interest as soon as possible – to allow for forward planning.

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52nd Simmental NZ Breeders Society AGM

6pm, Tuesday, March 21st 2023

The Heads, Hokianga, State Highway 12
Omapere, Hokianga 0444

Heifer Auction and Gala Dinner

6pm, Wednesday, March 22nd 2023

Taipa Beach Resort

We would like to get some entries of heifers from all over the country, videos and photos will be accepted as well as having some live entries, I'm told...

More details will be sent out after the November council meeting for the tour and sale.

Welcome to New Members

Andy Chapman & Jeanette Schimanski

Mt Turiwiri Stud, Dargaville

Stephen Pellett

Jabulani Stud, Gisborne

Rebecca & Mathew Paterson

Dragonfly Stud, Gore

We hope you will be able to make the tour so we can meet in person.



Calf Entries / Registrations YEAR LETTER FOR 2022 IS L

Hopefully everyone has already (or almost) finished this springs calving with many more successes. A timely reminder to make certain your sire's SNP DNA is on file AND the SNP DNA of your sire(s) you will shortly be putting out with the girls is also on file – call a councillor or PBBnz if you have any difficulty. **Warning:** Be aware if you are selling an in-calf female the sire of the pregnancy must have a SNP DNA profile on record before transferring to the purchaser. This especially includes females sold at dispersal.



Reminder

Calves born this year should be registered with PBBnz by **December 31st 2022.**

Dehorning

Polled / Scurred / Horned our regulations state that a scurred animal must be identified as such, and NOT be dehorned. Scurs are a separate gene and will only have an effect in animals with one polled gene and one horned gene (Ph)

AI Sires

Any member using AI must confirm with the registered owner prior to AI to confirm the eligibility to register the progeny.



Semen Sales

We are working with Pivot to make the sale catalogue option available for semen sale listings, which would then remain on the website until removed at the vendors request. At this stage anyone who has used this option for creating online sale listing will be able to do likewise for semen sales, if you haven't it is quite simple to set it up with PBBnz, as it requires a login and password.

BeefClass

Anyone wanting to see an instructional video on how conformation and temperament are assessed using this system should visit <https://beeflambnz.com/knowledge-hub/video/V539-beef-class-structural-assessment> very educational and Bill Austin is one of the only registered assessors in NZ, one of the other being our own John Hammond at Ruaview Simmentals.

Genomic Evaluation: (or DNA – what's the point?)

Council have spent a lot of time evaluating how best to use the DNA information members have been submitting (and some of us learning new acronyms and abbreviations). There

have been a number of options put forward and evaluations are on-going. Quite simply, Council feel it is a timely opportunity to investigate the way forward with the whole data evaluation process while moving to single step analysis which is the ability to combine all pedigree, phenotypes, and genotypes available into one single evaluation, without the need of post-analysis processing.

This will not require any changes to the way breeders currently record and submit their performance data, although more recording will improve the results and obviously more DNA samples, not just from sire bulls. By using an individual animals DNA as part of the evaluation, it will make for the most accurate picture of how that animal is likely to perform in her lifetime.

Until now, animal evaluations have relied upon an assumption that a calf will receive an average set of genes from each parent. In reality, calves will possess a random mix of genes from both parents, some genes will be better, but some genes will be worse. We have all had the 'both his parents are quiet' calf or the 'how did we get that from them' calf!

By adding an animals DNA information to its evaluation, the reliability of its breeding values will increase. Some EBV's will go up and some will go down, but it is the increase in reliability that is key.

If you have any questions or comments about Genomic Evaluation, the councillors best placed to discuss it with are Daniel, Garry or Jon.



Good News

We all love it, and want to share it, so please, if you have a client with a newsworthy story, first ask them if they would share it and then send their contact details to Tom Sanson, our Publicity and Promotions officer. Many breeders have asked for more Simmental coverage but at present no-one outside of Council has put forward any contacts... help us out here, Team Simmental.



The PBB office will be closing for a short break at **midday on 22nd December 2022** and re-opening again on **Monday 9th January 2023**.

Any DNA samples received at the office after **1st December 2022**, will be held and processed once the DNA team returns in the New Year.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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