

Lebendrinderkennzeichnung und Rindfleischetikettierung gemäß VO (EG) 1760/2000 in Österreich

Die BSE- Krise hat die Konsumenten stark verunsichert. Die Folge dieser Vorkommnisse war ein dramatischer Rückgang des Rindfleischkonsums. Um das Vertrauen der Verbraucher wieder zurückzuerlangen, ist es notwendig eine genaue Identifikation von Rindern und Kälbern sowie deren Fleisch zu gewährleisten.

Im Lebendrinderbereich bestehen daher seit 1998 strenge Vorgaben in Bezug auf die Kennzeichnung der Rindern, der Meldung von Tierbewegungen an eine Rinderdatenbank und die Dokumentation am Betrieb.

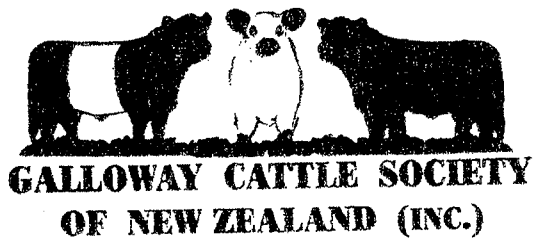
Auf der Stufe der Vermarktung wurden besondere, auf objektiven Kriterien beruhende gemeinschaftliche Etikettierungsregeln für den Rindfleischsektor geschaffen. Voraussetzung für die Effizienz einer solchen Etikettierung ist, dass in jedem Fall der Zusammenhang zwischen etikettiertem Fleisch und den Tieren, von denen es stammt, hergestellt werden kann.

Cattle Tracing and Beef Labelling according to Regulation (EC) 1760/2000 in Austria

Following the instability in the market in beef and beef products caused by the bovine spongiform encephalopathy crisis, the improvement in the transparency of the conditions for the production and making of the products concerned, particularly as regards traceability, has exerted a positive influence on consumption of beef. In order to maintain the confidence of consumers in beef and avoid misleading them, a framework in which the information is available to consumers by sufficient and clear labelling of the product was set up.

To this end it was essential to establish, on one hand, an efficient system for the identification and registration of bovine animals.

On the other hand a specific Community labelling system in the beef sector based on objective criteria at the marketing stage was introduced.



Galloway World Congress 2006.

Report from the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand.

Since the last Congress in 2004 our Society has continued to grow both numerically & actively. All three breeds have increased with the Belteds & Whites showing the biggest gains.

There has been an increase in the numbers of breeders now showing their cattle & an increasing number of field days at which we can promote our cattle. There are also some animals involved in trials which we hope to be able to publicise soon.

One of our main preoccupations has been with organising a mannosidosis eradication programme. This has proved time consuming, especially convincing breeders who are not aware of the implications of the disease for their breed & the costs involved. So far we have had no positives amongst our Blacks & Whites.

The proliferation of "small blocks" around our urban areas accounts for a lot of the demand for our animals. Most purchasers either want something decorative to eat the grass or go a little further & set up a small breeding operation. Very seldom do we get people starting up commercial operations. Unfortunately, the regulations in our meat industry make it difficult to get into the "home kill", "box beef" market.

The other limitation with having your expansion taking place in this area is that genetic improvement slows, with small cow herds decreasing selection options.

The use of AI & the leasing of the same sires also, tends to narrow the blood lines being used.

Thankfully, some breeders have recognised the problem & are using increasing amounts of overseas semen.

Generally, our breeders are getting more for their breeding stock & also more for their commercial stock. Our farmers are gaining better prices for export meat at the expense of those countries that have suffered from cases of FMD & BSE. To ensure that this situation is ongoing we are having to put more & more resources into biosecurity.

The Society itself has had some major administrative changes with Stewart Cairns now Secretary & Lorraine Clifford the Registrar. Our first lady President Lindy Richards took over this year & there are some major projects to be organised. Amongst them is our proposal to host the 2008 World Congress. You will be provided with an outline of the programme we are considering & we would appreciate any comments you have. If this proposal is accepted, we look forward to hosting you in our South Pacific paradise!

Barry Mc.Alley, Delegate

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND ADDRESS TO THE 2006 WORLD CONGRESS,
AUSTRIA BY MR JIM ROSS, CHAIRMAN.

The last time I had the opportunity of addressing a meeting of the world's Galloway breeders was in Australia some four years ago and to quote an old cliché "A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then".

I am delighted to tell you that this water has been particularly sweet- it really has been a most positive time far better than we could have expected back then. Those of you who were present in Australia may recall that the Foot and Mouth epidemic had devastated the areas where Galloways formed an important part of the landscape and restrictions appertaining to BSE remained firmly in place. At the time the counties of the Scottish Borders, Cumbria and the South West of England were struggling to return livestock of some sort to their farms.

Some of the herds were never replaced but for others the task of re-stocking got under way. Breeding cattle and especially in calf heifers were in great demand and prices for the best very keen indeed resulting in the record price for a Galloway female being broken several times at the sales in the Castle Douglas Mart.

Commercial breeders especially those producing blue grey cattle also wasted no time in re-establishing their herds, again good strong heifers such as those sold in Carlisle were in great demand.

I think its enough to say that at the traditional sale venues on the Scottish English border last year, we again saw blue grey and Galloway cross calves selling well to fulfil a continuing demand.

Before continuing to speak about the Galloway breed in particular I would like to give you some information with regards to the beef suckler herd in Britain. From figures published recently in the farming press it appears that in Scotland the national suckler has receded slightly to around 500,000 breeding cows, hopefully this number will now continue to be maintained.

The overall picture for the UK as a whole is rather more concerning with DEFRA putting the beef breeding herd as at December 2005 at 1.65million cows – down by 80,000 from the previous year.

Obviously the dairy herd does also have an input into the beef herd and it's worth noting that they also have a downward trend by around 80,000 head. If we look back a few years at the size of the industry. Figures from the then Ministry of Farming and Food for December 1999 show the UK Suckler herd totalling 1.9million cows with the dairy herd numbering 2.43 million.

To put it bluntly – over the last seven years the UK has lost 250,000 suckler cows and 370,000 dairy cows.

This trend is by no means confined to the UK, numbers have also fallen in various countries in the European community. Not very good news for us but likely to bring a smile to those countries which have now lucrative markets exporting beef to Britain and Europe. Of great concern is the fear that such beef is not traced to its source and comes from areas where particular diseases may be rife – the Foot and Mouth epidemic is still an un-pleasant memory.

Obviously we could further break down these analysis but that's not what we are here for today, however I thought it would help to show the background of our beef industry at this time.

Returning to Galloway cattle and the Galloway Cattle Society in Britain. First of all as many of you may know we now have a new Secretary, she is Mrs Dorothy Goldie and she is with us today. Mrs Goldie took over her duties with the Society in the spring of 2003, she and her husband have a farm near Dumfries where they have a small pedigree herd of Charolais cattle and also produce prime cattle, in fact they are rather good at this and have many Championships to their name.

On a more sombre note for a few minutes the Society lost two very important stalwarts of the breed, with the deaths of Mr James Biggar of Grange, Castle Douglas and Mr Andrew Fergusson of Nether Rusko, both men were in their nineties and had spent a lifetime amongst cattle. They were passionate about their Galloways- not surprising as cattle bearing their pedigrees were to be found in many overseas herd books, both loved to show visitors around their farms with an afternoon passing in a flash as they discussed successes and where they thought improvement was needed.

Jim Biggar gave many years service to the Society as a member or Chairman of various sub-committees, a past chairman of Council and for many years a very active vice president. A quiet modest man with tremendous knowledge his wise counsel was often sought and acted on right up to the end of his life.

Andy Fergusson who established his herd at Nether Rusko near Gatehouse of Fleet produced a rugged traditional Galloway female much sought after by both pedigree and commercial breeders and often were amongst those pedigrees recorded in the herd book when new herds were established for many years his in-calf heifers usually opened the pedigree sales in February and October in Castle Douglas.

Two big herds were dispersed owing to Changes in farming policy, one being the very old herd from Castle Milk who's cattle are recorded in Volume 1 of the herd book. The other came from the Hutton's at Wellhill near Castle Douglas, however, at the same time some new herds have been established and from visits made to them and reports received they are settling in well and already showing success one with an outlet for beef the other in the show ring, hopefully the others will also do well.

Looking to the promotion of the breed in a very competitive market place has always been one of our foremost tasks and one very positive way is to keep the animals in the public eye, to this end shows such as the Royal Highland in Edinburgh, The English Royal Show and the Great Yorkshire Show are very important shop windows as each of these shows cover a wide area and are always attended by visitors from Overseas. Attendance at local county shows is also important again cattle competing attract photographs and articles in the local press.

There is also an annual specialist beef event, in which we feel it is essential wherever possible to participate. In 2006 this event was held in the Market complex at Carlisle, where we had a trade stand and exhibition of our cattle with a dozen forward in nearby pens. With around 32 cattle societies present it was a pleasant surprise to see Galloway cows on some five of the other breed displays demonstrating the versatility of the breed as dams used in cross breeding.

In 2002 following various discussions it was felt that there was a need to get as many competitors together to exhibit their cattle, as this was likely to attract the farming press and a bigger audience. To attract such exhibitors it was recognised that prize money needed to be considerable as the cost of travelling and time away from farms puts a severe dent in any farm budget. Sponsorship was sought and obtained this resulted in our first National show taking place during the Border Union Show in Kelso in July 2003. This Show proved to be a great success, the good prizes on offer saw some of the heifers classes having 12 animals forward, something not seen for more than a decade before.

In 2004 the venue was Dumfries and Lockerbie Agricultural Show, the format was the same, again well sponsored and even more cattle forward, we were also delighted to welcome Mr John McIlwraith from Canada to judge the event, after the show he very kindly donated a trophy which has been competed for at subsequent shows.

2005 saw the venue change to the west of Scotland to Dalmally in Argyll. Again we had plenty of superb cattle forward with animals coming from Norfolk in the South East of England. The Judge Mr John Wilson, Kirkmabreck again a man with a lifetime experience amongst Galloway Cattle was quoted in the farming press as saying "this was a good an exhibition of Galloway Cattle that he had ever seen".

In 2005 the venue moved across the border to near Carlisle in Cumbria, held earlier this month with an entry of over 100 cattle and few absentees on the day, this again proved to a great show. Mrs Joyce Hunter Blair, Marbrack, presented a trophy for the Champion animal. This trophy is in memory of her late husband Frank who was a past Chairman and Vice President of the Society.

At this point I hope you will pardon my immodesty when I say that once again the Romesbeoch herd has had an excellent showing season.

Christmas prime stock shows held in various parts of Britain have seen both pure bred and cross-bred Galloways have their fair share of Championship awards and prices to watch.

A couple of weeks ago an open day was held at Kirkmabreck and Mains of Penninghame both farms are near Newton Stewart. Visitors came from far a field and in addition to the pedigree cattle on view they also saw various crossing programs using the Galloway cows and various terminal sires, in all a very successful day, which ensured plenty of meaningful discussion.

A quick word in numbers, since 2002 we have continued to see modest increased in the number of heifers registered this is very encouraging considering the decrease in registrations of the breeding herd due to the food and mouth epidemic. We are also aware that not all heifers born are registered and no doubt should the market create the need these animals would be added to the herd book.

It is not easy to give an accurate figures as to the total number of Breeding cows in Britain, however if all were counted from Caithness in the North to Cornwall in the South we might be pleasantly surprised, after all Galloways continue to breed successfully well into their teens.

Just a few word looking to the future, first of all we are delighted that the ban on the export of both live animals and beef has been lifted many feel this was long overdue. We are aware that Quality Meats Scotland and no doubt their England and Irish counterparts are working hard to promote the export of our quality beef again.

Changes in the Common Agricultural Policy produced many mixed messages, some indicated that this would see great demands for cattle such as Galloways other took an opposing view and said it would be the end of hill farming, goodness knows who was nearly right, all I can say is that these hill farmers like their Galloway stock are hard working, hardy and healthy and in good heart and continue to add charm and honesty to the British Countryside. Hopefully some of you here will not take my word for it but will come and see for yourselves.

**Greetings from
The Australian Galloway Association Inc
to the Delegates of
2006 World Galloway Conference *
Wels, Austria
September 2006.***

Worldwide emphasise on Traceability, Quality Assurance and Naturally Raised Beef has seen a change in the management practices of the Beef Industry.*

TRACEABILITY

National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is Australia's system for the identification and tracing of livestock.* It is a permanent whole-of-life identification system that enables individual animals to be tracked from property of birth to slaughter for food safety, product integrity and market access purposes. NLIS facilitates Australia's access to the EU market.*

NLIS can minimise the impact of animal disease outbreaks and residue incidents. A recent Commonwealth government study estimated the overall economic loss as a result of a FMD outbreak to be between \$2 billion and \$13 billion. Though NLIS will not prevent a disease outbreak or residue incident, it will be able to reduce the financial and social impact of a disease epidemic due to its accurate identification and rapid traceability capabilities.*

Australia relies on its Export Markets. It exports 70% of its total beef production. The impact of losing one of the major markets is far greater for Australia than our competitors.*

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Meat Standards Australia (MSA) began as an industry program in 1996 following detailed consumer research investigating the continuing decline in beef consumption. The complex series of factors which result in the eating quality of a beef meal are taken into account in the MSA production and grading process and involves all sectors of the beef production chain, from paddock to plate.*

Factors which can affect the final eating quality of beef include stress, ossification, marbling, pH, presence of Tropical breeds, ageing and tenderstretching.* However the cooking method used is one of the most important factors in eating quality and can be used to optimise the performance of a piece of beef. MSA retail labels advise the correct cooking method for every piece of beef. For more details on MSA go to the Meat & Livestock Australia website www.mla.com.au *

There have been huge advancements in the technology used in the Beef Industry. We are now able to identify which animals have the genes for Tenderness and for Marbling.* The Australian Galloway Association encourages its members to test sires for the Tenderness and the Marbling Genes. There are now 4 Genes identifiable for Tenderness and 3 Genes for Marbling.* Every GeneStar test result received by the Australian Galloway Association for its members Galloways or Belted Galloways has identified the Tenderness Genes in all samples submitted.*

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NATURALLY RAISED

The consumer is becoming more and more concerned as to what they are eating. Many of our members are now direct marketing their Galloway beef due to desire to know where their beef comes from.* Farmers Markets are opening up all over Australia. In our local area 3 years ago the Farmers Market ran once a month. Now there is a Farmers Market every week and the demand for naturally raised produce is growing all the time. Warialda Belted Galloway Beef is one example of the Branded Galloway Beef being offered in Australia.*

THE ASSOCIATION

The Australian Galloway Association has recently seen an increase in members, an increase in registrations and an increase in transfers. The key to this increase in activity within the Association is Communication.*

The Australian Galloway Association encourages its members to be proactive in its response to all enquiries received. Every week members are emailed a list of who has made an enquiry and what they are interested in. Contact is then made by those members who are able to assist sourcing animals, offering advice, or just for a chat about the breed.*

Through the publication of regular Newsletters and the Galloway Annual and with regular emails to all members, we aim to keep our membership as informed as possible.*

The Australian Galloway Association has recently signed an agreement with the International Livestock Resources & Information Centre Ltd (ILRIC). ILRIC has been endorsed by the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association and the Cattle Council of Australia. ILRIC will promote Australia's position as a secure supplier of world best genetics.* Through the ILRIC SalesBarn (www.ilric.com) Australian Galloway Association members have the opportunity to list their livestock online. Enquiries for Belted Galloway Semen for export to Brazil have been received as a result of our agreement with ILRIC.*

This is just one of the many services offered by the Association. We hope that you will visit us in Australia one day. Thankyou for your generous hospitality.*

Please contact the Australian Galloway Association if you are planning a visit to Australia. Our members would be happy to show you their Galloways and Belted Galloways.

Please visit our Web Site www.galloway.asn.au for further information.*

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BGS Report summary for 2006 International meeting

US Belted Galloway Society currently has 735 regular members, 141 junior members, 48 associate members and 86 lifetime members for a total of 1,010 members.

We currently have 12,110 Belted Galloways registered with the society.

We have several regional groups that hold regular and educational meetings.

Several regional beltie shows are held in addition to 3 society supported shows.

A foundation was established several years ago to help educate the public and our members about the breed. A herd of 23 cows was donated to the foundation that is being used to collect data on grass finished belties, provide real life management experiences and eventually provide educational tools on beltie beef production for our members. Additionally, several cows were donated through the foundation to a historical site in Tennessee that is visited by 200,000 people per year.

Our society has recently produced selection and purchasing guides for bulls, cows and heifers.

We are providing up to \$10,000 to support sales, shows and exhibitions of Belted Galloways.

We have made available up to \$10,000 for various ads and promotions.

We implemented an award for the oldest producing dam.

We completed our third annual national publication that complements our breeders manual, both ably edited by Jane Faul.

We have an extensive and comprehensive Beltie Youth Program. The country is divided into 6 regions with a web site, education materials, AI program, youth camps that include education, fitting and showing, photography and public presentations.

The society provides 3-\$500 scholarships each year honoring one of our founding members, A. H. Chatfield, to deserving youth to further their education.

Victor Eggleston, DVM
President of the U. S. Belted Galloway Society



GALLOWAY CATTLE AND BEEF MARKETING ASSOCIATION REPORT TO 2006 GALLOWAY WORLD COUNCIL

The Galloway Cattle and Beef Marketing Association Inc. in Australia regrets it does not have a direct representative at the 2006 World Council. This, in part, is due to the very difficult agricultural situation in Australia resulting from the now 6 year drought and in part to the very heavy commitment of members of the GC&BMA to a number of Galloway promotional activities that have unfortunately clashed with this meeting. As this meeting takes place, Galloway beef is being showcased at a major Australian Food Festival in Melbourne, Victoria, with GC&BMA members informing the public of Galloway beef's benefits. At the same time, there is a major GC&BMA organised Field Day and a Farmer's Market where Galloway beef is sold directly to the public.

The focus of the GC&BMA remains unchanged to that presented at the 2004 World Council; that is to ensure that the genetics of the ancient Galloway breed are conserved in a genuine way whilst at the same time maintaining a dynamic and progressive approach to meeting the needs of the modern beef industry. Indeed the current drought has reinforced our focus, as 100% pure Galloways have continued to out perform other breeds in maintaining fertility and their ability to produce excellent meat under extremely challenging conditions. The ability to produce excellent meat is highlighted by the fact that GC&BMA member's Galloways have won at least one carcass championship for each of the last six years at Australia's premier Royal Show, the Sydney Royal Easter Show. An extraordinary achievement when the very small number of Galloway cattle in Australia is considered.

In the past year, two animals have been exported by GC&BMA members one, a Belted Galloway, has been exported live to New Zealand with his semen available for world wide distribution, the other is an outstanding black Galloway that has had semen exported. The GC&BMA gladly accepts enquiries regarding export genetics.

The GC&BMA has emerged from a period of consolidation following some turmoil after it was found that two related bulls entered in the GC&BMA Full Blood Register produced progeny, from numerous Full Blood cows, that tended to have Simmental-like markings. Those bulls and all their progeny were removed from the Register, this, however, caused the loss of some members. The Association now considers itself stronger because it did undertake the difficult but necessary actions required to maintain Galloway purity.

Since the satisfactory outcome of the purity turmoil, new memberships have increased sharply. Likewise the number of outlets eg resellers, restaurants and butchers selling Galloway beef as Galloway beef has significantly increased as a result of GC&BMA activity. The Association has also made a concerted effort to increase the exposure of Galloways in the popular and rural press. Following this World Council, copies of some of the GC&BMA's significant press exposure of Galloways will be emailed to

our fellow international Associations. One rural newspaper headline was especially satisfying, it stated "Galloways Rise from Minority". This is exactly the intent of the GC&BMA.

Members of the GC&BMA continue to show their cattle at the major Australian Royal Shows and at many country shows. The smaller country shows appear to be where commercial acceptance of the Galloway breeds is achieving the greatest success. At all shows the GC&BMA actively promotes the great maternal and beef quality benefits of Galloway cattle.

Education of members in the art of correctly finishing Galloways for sale, continues to be a major GC&BMA activity. No one wins if Galloways are presented for sale in either an over finished or under finished state. The Association conducts around five Field Days a year at locations nominated by members. These Field Days have varying themes but they always have a common element regarding how to feel an animal to determine when it is correctly finished. The GC&BMA also hosts a number of dinners each year, featuring, of course, Galloway beef.

Our award winning website is currently undergoing a content update. Feel free to visit the site at www.gallowaycattle.com.au. In it you will find copies of our monthly President's Bulletin that I'm sure has articles of use to all Galloway breeders. We also welcome articles and reports from our sister associations around the world. The latest President's Bulletin contains a New York Times article regarding Belted Galloways.

The Galloway Cattle and Beef Marketing Association firmly believes that the Galloways have a number of unique genetic attributes that must be protected, otherwise they will be lost to the infusion of other so called "more developed" breeds that now have only minor resemblances to their origins. These genetic attributes relate to the Galloway's maternal characteristics ie extremely low number of calving problems and extremely high weaning percentages to the commercial characteristics of its meat products ie flavour, tenderness, juiciness and yield. The GC&BMA believes the Australian beef market can be driven by the exploitation of this unique package of favourable genetics and it will continue to push for the ethical development of the Galloway's market share. There is no place for Associations that just trade genetics between members, Associations must also develop markets that commercially utilise the products of those genetics. The GC&BMA is now able to play a larger role in the Galloway World Council's activities if members see fit.

Should Galloway breeders be visiting Australia let us know and we will assist you to arrange visits to Galloway breeders in virtually all Australian states. You can contact us on gallowaycattlebeefmarketing@yahoo.com.au or via the Secretary, PO Box 309, HALL. ACT, 2618, AUSTRALIA.

Thank you,

Greg Stuart

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