

# **World Galloway**

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## Australian Galloway Association Presentation

### **AUSTRALIAN GALLOWAYS**



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- **Galloway Family Feature Show: Royal Melbourne.**

The Galloway Family, that is ALL the types of Galloways were the feature breed at the last Royal Melbourne Show with cattle coming from most states of Australia and travelling many Kilometers. The Belted Galloway Association and the AGA worked well together to put the Galloway Family to the fore and for all interested people to enjoy themselves. Judge Keith Jones from USA.

There is a very well made DVD movie of the show available for viewing.

Members have been enthusiastically showing the Galloway Family through out Australia.

- **AGA: Association**

We have recently revamped our **web site** and the 2010 **Galloway Annual**, so please have a read. Our membership is growing particularly in the area of miniatures and whites. We now have 106 full, 4 junior & 20 commercial members. Sallie Wadley is our Executive Officer and she working hard in the office two days a week. Galloway herd types bred: Galloway: 29, Belted: 42, Miniature: 52 Whites: 15. Member's herds quite often consist of different types. Registrations year to date: 290 (54 bulls, 236 females).

- **Carcass results and direct marketing.**

The Galloway family in Australia continues to prove that they can produce the high yielding carcass for the butcher and the quality meat that the consumer enjoys. The proof is in a number of championships in carcass competitions entered and a Gold Medal in the National Food 2010 Produce Awards for the "From the Paddock" section:

- **Field Days:**

Our members are finding field day displays are the best way of getting interested people to inspect and enquire after our cattle. It is also a good way of keeping in touch with other breeders and breeds.

- **Composites with Galloways:**

Galloways have always crossed very well with other breeds and some beef producers are having success with doing this, but now days this is called "composites". In Northern Australia where most of our beef is produced, Galloway genetics have been used with Brahman to help produce a composite that is fertile, hardy, productive and improved carcass quality. In the South the Galloway is been combined with the Angus to produce very marketable and productive stock. We all know that the Australian Murray Grey breed started with Dun Galloways and Angus.

- ***Please don't hesitate to contact our office or any member if you are visiting Australia; we would be please to help any way we can.***

Above Power Point presentation will come with photos.

The Royal Melbourne Show Galloway Family Feature DVD (Alex Vardv) available for viewing

## Australia's Beef Industry:

### Australia is the Worlds Biggest Beef Exporter.

Unlike most countries, Australia exports the majority of the red meat it produces. Last year 62% of the red meat produced was sent overseas (excluding goat meat and offal) and valued at \$6.3 billion. Historically Australia's red meat exports have been heavily weighted towards North Asian and North American markets. In recent years though, exporters have been diversifying the mix of markets, with a stronger focus on markets in South Asia/Greater China and the Middle East.

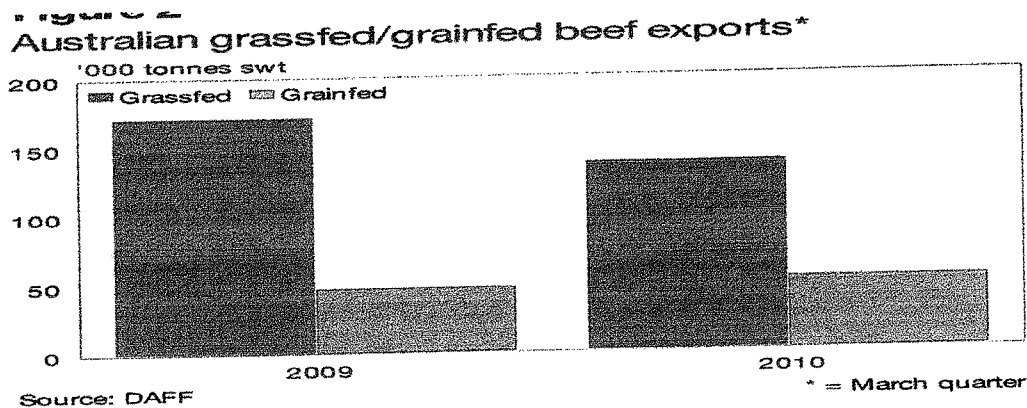
The Australian beef cattle herd size is down from the 1970s high of 30m to 27.9m head and the beef industry is one of the country's major industries.

Australia is among the world's largest and most successful and efficient producers of commercial livestock and a leader in the export of red meat and livestock. The total value of Australia's off-farm beef and sheep meat industry is A\$16.1 billion (source: 2009 MLA preliminary estimates).

### Feedlots:

The beef cattle feedlot industry is a well established value-adding component of the Australian beef industry. The growth within this sector has been stimulated by the increasing demand in export and domestic markets for consistent quality in our beef products.

### Grass fed exports compared to Grain fed.



### Live exports

Australia is a world leader in the export of commercial livestock. The live trade is a significant contributor to the Australian rural economy and has provided an important market for Australian cattle, sheep and goat producers for more than 30 years.

### Domestic consumption:

Australians consume an average of 46.5kg of red meat each year. This is made up of 33.7kg of beef, 10.8kg of lamb and 2kg of mutton.

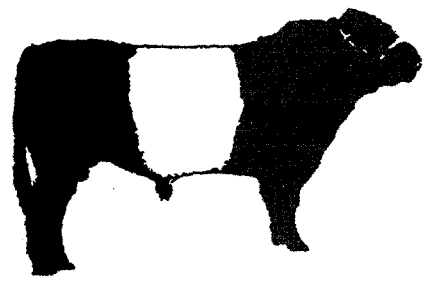
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## **AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **World Galloway Conference 2010 Australian Belted Galloway Association Report**

The Australian Belted Galloway Association is Australia's oldest continuing Belted Galloway herd book. The Association maintains the largest actively-registered number of Belted Galloways with almost 1,500 currently on its own books. The ABGA has also steadily increased member numbers over the past few years.

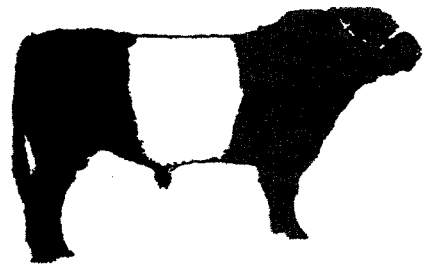
While Australia has recently suffered one of the worst droughts on record, the recent rains across the country has heartened many, and decent subsoil moisture is returning. An increase in interest and demand for Belties is subsequently developing. Further commercial herds have developed but more are required. The ABGA recognizes that additional breed support is required for the commercial Beltie beef producer who represents the breed's sustainable future.

The ABGA is an organization evolving a focus towards the commercial beef industry. Our managing council is co-ordinated by skilled people who hold knowledge in marketing, administration and corporate management. This is balanced by councilors who also hold historical and traditional knowledge of the breed and its inherent features. Together, as a team, we are working to marry the breed to a successful commercial future.

The ABGA has learnt that acknowledged carcass success is our most attractive feature to net commercial interest.

The diligent work over the past ten years of two particular breeders, Peter Koppman and Merv Presland, has managed to capture and maintain industry attention towards the Australian Belted Galloway carcass qualities. Both are very committed breeders who have continually produced notable carcasses. Between them, they have managed to achieve broad ribbons for the breed in competition, and in multiple competitions. This included a broad ribbon win at Australia's premier steer and carcass competition at Sydney Royal.

Koppman's and Presland's work has inspired other Belted Galloway breeders to follow in their footsteps. The result has been simply remarkable. Beltie steers of alternative bloodlines have proven themselves amongst the elite of Australian cattle, achieving a high average carcass score for the breed, which has been publicly acknowledged as such by rural press, government and industry officials. At this year's Sydney Royal, a Belted Galloway



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steer achieved a position in the top-ten earners at auction, and secured the top price paid by the supermarket giant, Woolworths. This was yet another first for the breed and sends a desirable and powerful commercial message.

Continuing carcass success has been supported by the ABGA in terms of marketing and promotion, and further encouragement is provided to Australian breeders to learn the ropes of commercial breeding by embracing the Aussie ethos of 'having a go'.

More breeders are donating steers to agricultural schools to encourage students to prepare steers in carcass competitions. Or they are doing the preparation work themselves. We have also learnt Belted Galloways secure 'grassroots' commercial credibility from led steer and/or carcass competitions at local rural shows.

The success of Belties in carcass competitions is remarkable, when one considers the tiny size of the national registered herd of only a couple of thousand-odd.

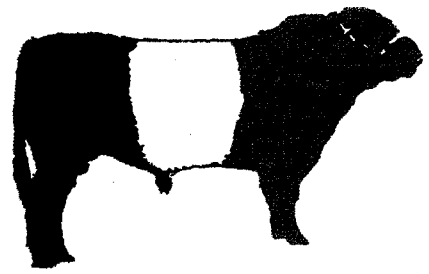
Today, there is a far greater awareness among Australian breeders that good carcass scores help demonstrate legitimate commercial and trade value. Carcass scores provide the best opportunity for analysis of Australian belties in the quest to improve their commercial value.

We need constantly renewed statistics to keep the breed contemporary and promotable as a commercial beef breed.

An issue that Belted Galloway breeders worldwide could perhaps address better is the quantity and quality of objective performance data it records on individual animals, particularly regarding bulls. It will help us breed even better quality beef. We have much room to lift our competitive edge in our effort to further support commercial producers.

*Breedplan* is a beef cattle genetic evaluation system that is the most widely used genetic evaluation system in the beef industry internationally. Sadly, there is an absence of meaningful Belted Galloway data. This is an area that ABGA would like to improve. Indeed, it is an improvement that all countries could embrace to further the commercial value of our breeding stock.

Pfizer Animal Health's *GeneStar* technology has rapidly advanced since the discovery of the first DNA markers using hair tail follicles to test for the three core management traits. These consist of feed efficiency, marbling and tenderness. Belted Galloway breeders using this technology help enormously in generating information to assist sire or dam selection, and thereby potentially increasing genetic improvement.



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While ABGA recognizes the dilemma of managing a small breed – one often viewed with much sentiment and romanticism – we do know that the future success of the breed really depends on our own capacity to be hard-headed regarding the breed's capacity to viably produce quality beef.

To help stud breeders improve the quality and relevance of the genetics offered to commercial producers, the ABGA has recently reviewed its rules to introduce the use of unlicensed Belted Galloway semen for the production of registered animals. This revision pulls the Belted Galloway regulations into line with contemporary industry practice.

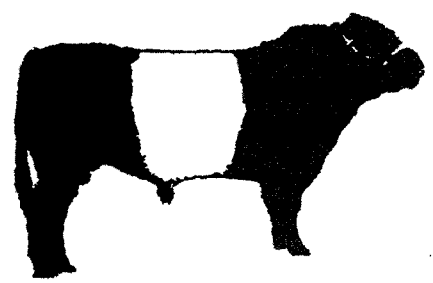
Introducing the use of unlicensed Belted Galloway semen will enable genetics otherwise not available under the previous regulations to expand the genetic diversity of the breed. From this genetic expansion, we hope comes further opportunity for breeders to develop more marketable qualities in the seedstock they produce for the commercial environment.

At the same time, the ABGA is reviewing its herd book structure to ensure that the original genetics that represent the core capital of the breed are both easily identified and protected, particularly to the uninitiated. This should help pave the way for a more contemporary development of Belties via a number of breeding strategies chosen by individual breeders without putting the original genetic stock at risk. The ABGA recognizes its responsibility for breed preservation is equal to that for breed development.

The ABGA would like to increase the amount of exported genetics. We are aware that we have credible sires in terms of genetic improvement and would like to see these animals utilized better overall. We also know that Australia, with its tough quarantine laws, has a competitive advantage regarding the health status of its animals. We would like to exploit that opportunity better.

Over the past few years, Australia has also doubled its number of producers who are direct-marketing Belted Galloway-branded beef. These professionally presented producers are hardworkers, and very successful. Besides producing a growing market opportunity for other beltie beef breeders, they have shown themselves to be great ambassadors for the beef. The ABGA is very grateful for their initiative and enterprise.

The ABGA was delighted to unite with the Australian Galloway Association late last year to stage the 'Melbourne Royal Victorian Galloway Family Feature Show'. It was the Galloway event of the year in Australia. A total of 97 Galloways of all types (47 Belties), were exhibited at Melbourne Showground, and judged by Keith Jones of South Carolina, USA. We hope he came away from the show impressed with the quality of the Australian Belted Galloway. Numerous side events involving Belties were successfully held alongside the exhibition.



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Australia is quite a vast country with often hundreds of kilometres between breeders. However, this does not seem to deter the committed camaraderie between breeders and they always seem to find a way to group together to show their cattle in urban and rural Australia. Somewhere, a Beltie seems to be up for exhibit.

Over the past couple of years, Belties have been exhibited at shows that have never had Belties present before. The outreach seems to be growing. In regional Australia, it's no longer uncommon for a Beltie to win or place in an Interbreed competition. We have achieved that several times.

ABGA has learnt the importance of succession planning in terms of continuously encouraging new breeders into the show and carcass competition world. ABGA has learnt that it is important for established breeders to nurture their replacements. The ABGA has learnt that this is imperative for the breed to grow.

Our breeders do get out and about with opportunity promotion. One major feed company decided to use a Beltie as their breed of choice to promote their major stud feed product. Belties have subsequently been used at film festivals...and in films! They have been used as focal stories in television and radio shows. The breed has built up its internet presence. We are starting to get stories in the major rural publications around the country – who are beginning to notice the beef success of the breed.

And that is what it is all about – beef.

ABGA has learned that we can be terribly confident in the quality and validity of our product. We do know that we have much more to learn and achieve in our aim to have the Belted Galloway accepted as a conventionally acceptable beef breed. We are learning to listen to the industry and respond accordingly. Our aims are quite high, and our journey a little slower than we would like, impatient as we are. But we are moving forward.

The ABGA is simply a collective of motivated breeders. We are aware that our future success – the breed's future success – depends on what each of us does individually to contribute to the teamwork.

We would like to grow the team.

Francie Maclean  
*President*  
August 2010



## **GALLOWAYS AUSTRALIA INC.**

### **2010 WORLD CONGRESS ADDRESS**

I'm Greg Stuart, President of Galloways Australia. I've been a Galloway breeder for over 20 years. My business and my income is from direct marketing Galloway and Belted Galloway beef to families, restaurants and one of Australia's largest Farmer's Markets. I also market winter Galloway and Belted Galloway hides as luxurious floor rugs or wall hangings. There are a number of Galloways Australia members here today, all of them are direct marketeers of Galloway or Belted Galloway beef.

Galloways Australia was previously known as the Galloway Cattle and Beef Marketing Association. The name was changed to Galloways Australia last year in recognition of the fact that Galloways Australia represents Galloway breeders in all Australian states across the breadth of Australia. The logo was changed to represent the three breeds of Galloway that Galloways Australia represents, that is, Galloway, Belted Galloway and the White Galloway.

Galloways Australia's foundation dates back to 1997 when the Galloway Cattle Society of Australia was split by problems striking to the heart of the preservation of Galloway genetics. In Australia there are now three associations representing the Galloway breeds. What sets Galloways Australia apart from the others? All of Galloways Australia's rules and roles are based on indisputable genetic principles. Galloways Australia believes the unique genetically derived qualities of full blood, that is genetically 100% Galloways or Belted Galloways requires preservation and promotion. Likewise the White Galloway's genetics deserve consolidation, stabilisation and promotion.

What then is Galloways Australia's Focus:

- Ensuring that the genetics of the ancient breeds of Galloway and Belted Galloway are conserved in a genuine way,
- Ensuring that the genetics of the newest member of the Galloway family of breeds, White Galloway, are stabilised and conserved so that White Galloway remain a distinct, deserving and distinctive member of the Galloway breeds,
- Promotion of the Galloway family's unique, genetically derived qualities that make the Galloways' characteristics so valuable to the future of grass fed, pasture produced beef, and even beef produced from grain based diets,

- Ensuring that Galloways are part of a dynamic and progressive approach to meeting the needs of the modern, Australian beef industry,
- Ensuring that members have the knowledge to exploit the Galloways' unique characteristics and increase the influence of Galloways in the Australian beef industry. This applies to both the beef seedstock industry and to crossbreeding.

When I meet Galloway breeders, either individually or as groups, I often challenge their knowledge of the qualities, many of them economically very positive, that flow from the unique package of genetics that are the Galloway breeds. I'm often appalled by the ignorance I find and consider that associations representing the Galloway breeds need to do more even amongst their own members. I'm sure that all here today do appreciate the unique qualities of the Galloway breeds. You do, don't you?

Galloways Australia consistently promotes the Galloway breeds as the only cattle breeds I'm aware of that can support claims of excellent feed efficiency, non-selective grazing habits, excellent fertility, excellent beef quality and an ability to produce healthy, tasty, well marbled meat from eating grass pasture without the need for high grain diets, with valid, peer reviewed scientific data.

Galloways Australia promotes these great characteristics where ever it possibly can.

Galloways Australia organises or supports at least six Dinners each year featuring the beef of the Galloway breeds. These Dinners are usually "high end" type Dinners using well known chefs, often Michelin hatted or overseas trained chefs featuring their home country's style. Many Dinners are classified as Wine and Food Master Classes. All these Dinners are designed to promote the flavour, juiciness and marbling of Galloway beef to members of the general public. These Dinners are achieving the result that the name Galloway beef is being associated by the food press as being quality beef.

Galloways Australia's members support the breeds and promote the Galloway breed characteristics at shows, both local shows and their big brothers, Royal Shows. Our members, over the past couple of years, have exhibited Supreme or Grand Champion Galloways at the major Royal Shows of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Bathurst. It was at Royal Bathurst Show, this year, that a Galloway cow/calf unit was awarded the first Royal Show Interbreed Trophy in Australia, that I'm aware of. Galloways Australia's members are also active in carcass competitions, Galloways have, in the past, excelled in these carcass competitions against all breeds.

Field Days are used to promote the Galloway breeds' characteristics. A number are held each year at various locations. They are open to all and are usually free. They provide excellent opportunities for non-members to become acquainted with Galloway cattle.

All of these activities are continuing to expand Galloways Australia's membership base and regional coverage at a time of rural depression in Australia. The demand for Galloway beef is often outstripping supply. We now have butchers and restaurants asking to be supplied; unfortunately at the moment not all requests can be filled.

The success of the above activities is driven by those unique Galloway genes and the characteristics they express.

To protect these unique Galloway genes, Galloways Australia maintains separate sections of its Stud Herdbook. The separate sections are for Galloway, Belted Galloway and White Galloway.

For solid colour Galloways, the Herdbook is a closed one, only Galloways that are genetically 100% solid colour Galloway can enter the Galloway Herdbook. Galloways Australia is the only Australian Galloway association with this requirement. By the way the Australian term for 100% is full blood, not pure.

For Belted Galloway and in recognition that many Belted Galloways in Australia are bred from non Belted Galloway stock, the Herdbook is partially closed in that only Belted Galloways with a Belted Galloway purity of 93.75% or above are accepted into the Belted Galloway section of the Herdbook and every Belted Galloway in the Herdbook has its percentage Belted Galloway recorded on its Certificate. Again Galloways Australia is the only Australian Galloway association with this requirement. The Australian term for an animal of 93.75% or above is purebred or pure. Such terms can easily mislead.

For White Galloways, the Herdbook is composed of Foundation White Galloways with some supplemented by Galloway genetics. No White Galloways, including those without a colour pattern coat, can migrate to the Galloway Herdbook, another Galloways Australia requirement. The current practices often used for breeding White Galloways are seen as having little benefit to the White Galloway's future. Galloways Australia considers this should be a subject for discussion at gatherings such as this one and a genetically responsible way forward should be determined.

Another topic that should be discussed at gatherings such as this is the minimisation of the effects of Galloway specific genetic disorders such as Alpha Mannosidosis mutation 622A (Galloway). This is a disease that can significantly affect calving rates. It has had a significant impact on New Zealand's Belted Galloways. Galloways Australia has just completed an exercise to ensure the Galloways Australia's Galloway and Belted Galloway herds are clear. Overseas imports of Galloway genetics will require testing before progeny can be registered with Galloways Australia.

Galloways Australia proposes that time be set aside at future Galloway International Congresses to discuss such topics and if possible there be some discussion at this Congress.

Thank you.

Any questions?

## **Agriculture of Austria in figures**

8 million inhabitants, of it 350,000 in the scenery and forestry in 252,000 companies with an average size of 26.8 ha of agriculture and 13.7 ha of wood.

Land utilisation in Austria: 138,500 ha of field, 194,000 ha of meadowland and 8,580 ha of alps.

## **Mother's cow's position in Austria**

The continuance of the mother's cows increases in Austria in contrast to the milk cow's supplies steadily. In 2009 these were approx. 265,000 cows. The income from the mother's cow's position is lower in comparison to the milk cow's position, because the proceed comes merely from the sales of the descendants. This disadvantage should be compensated above all by a lower expenditure of working hours and lower building costs. The aim of the mother's cow's position is every year a healthy, glad-grown calf. It is important, that the time from one calf to the next is possibly low, good companies create 352 days. In the Austrian cut she lies during 408 days (the application of a good jump bull always with the herd is especially important).

With the proceeds 65% come from the sales of the descendants and 24% of the direct payments (mother's cow and calf's inside premium). The rest spreads on other achievements, how old cow's sales and continuance changes. The direct achievements amount in Austria on an average to 1.135 euros mother's cow and year. Towards him stand the costs with on an average 727 euros (e.g., 37% of feed costs, 31% of continuance supplement and animal health, concentrate, insemination, etc.). In the Austria-wide cut 409 euros remain mother's cow and year from what better 25% of the companies create on an average 720 euros.

## **Galloway in Austria**

1988 breeder Hauzenberger OÖ the first 16 animals from Scotland to Austria imports and imports breeder Raganitsch, property Saghof NÖ, 8 animals. Then followed Lechner OÖ with 8 animals and Zehetner (BOA farm). Betrieb Reschl 3 Tiere aus Bayern

1989 Hochenauer Steinwandhof NÖ, 50 mother cows from Germany imports. In the same year it was founded of the VÖG (union of Austrian Gallowaybreeders) with 29 members.

From 16.10.1999 AGA (Austrian Galloway association). The number of the breeders in Austria is falling, in 2005 – 94 breeders – with 804 mother cows, in 2009 – 61 breeders – with 605 cows. Against it the number of the amateur breeders rose by nearly 40%. Also in the crossroad breeding area of Galloway with other meat cattle races an increase of more than 30% is to be ascertained.

## **Our company**

By my retirement with 2/1/2009 I handed over the company to my stepson Markus DRYJE and we lead this now together with an agricultural apprentice. At the moment we manage 222 ha of meadowland (of it 135 ha in Czechia) in extensive mother's cow's position. With typically 68 mother cows we produce primarily stock animals in top quality. The bulls who are not used to the breeding are fattened for the beef production. A direct marketing with a snack hut open all year round is planned.

## **Report from the Canadian Galloway Association-2010**

The Galloway in Canada is once more gaining momentum. Low input efficient cattle producing a quality product are being sought out. Both the small landowners and large scale ranch operations are looking for a moderate sized animal that can thrive and finish on grass. Cattle registrations have climbed from 377 in 2008 to 443 in 2009. 251 registered purebred Galloways were sold in 2009, 11 for U.S. export. Our membership numbers however have remained steady at about 130.

We are proud to announce the return of the *Galloway Advance* publication this year, with our goal to continue it as an annual update of the activities of breeders. We are indebted to the stockman who put forward Galloway Cattle as ambassadors of the breed at our shows. The results of both the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and Western Agribition are highlighted in the *Advance*, with copies to be available at the meeting.

The Galloway in Canada has had a long history beginning with the first importations of cattle in 1853. A herd book for registration was established by 1872 and since 1905; our constitution has stipulated a closed herd book. Harlan Ritchie, a professor of animal science at Michigan State University in the U.S., has identified the Galloway as one of the few breeds that has remained free of outside blood. This fact has been held valuable in commercial operations seeking to add the hybrid vigour of true heterosis. All breed improvement should come from within the breed.

Some of our breeders are utilizing genetic DNA markers to identify useful traits of feed efficiency, marbling and tenderness. A motion to reduce the use of DNA markers for sire identification was turned down by our membership showing support for an expansion not a reduction in genomics. With such small relative numbers in the Galloway breed selection based upon a combination of phenotypic and genotypic analysis would seem to be the most productive method to improve the consistency of our cattle. I look forward to discussion on these points as to how we can proceed on an international level.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brad Card  
Past President CGA



## GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION DENMARK Report 2010

Galloway in Denmark is still in a progress of 19% annually. Number of born calves have more than doubled in five years. There were at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, 309 herds with Herd book registered animals and a total of 2.737 animals, of which 1.057 were cows and 157 herds with crossbreeds with 1973 animals, of which 546 were cows. Some stocks have both.

Insemination is rarely used only approx. 100 annually of which some on other breed.

We have in Denmark only one association for all colors of Galloway. In 2008 the number of members were 104 and now it is 147. There are no precise figures on the distribution of the number of each color, but they are in order: Black, black-belted, white, red, dun, dun-belted and red-belted.

All registration of cattle is executed through the Ministry of Agriculture and the Danish Cattle. Calves are recorded with a color code as so stated on the pedigree. Bulls Mothers and bulls must be DNA specific to offspring (applies to all breeds) for the calves to enter the Herd book.

Annually 2-3 Galloway bulls are tested at Aalestrup breeding center, which we are going to visit on Friday. The average growth rate from 238 to 365 days goes from 1200g to 1500g daily with a feed consumption of 5.0 to 5.6 fu per. kg increment. Muscle area will also be measured and temperament assessed. Temperament, feed consumption and muscle area are important parameters for the economy, time consumption and handling of animals. With respect to these properties, we can easily cope with the big races. Our cows are much cheaper to run and building investments are lower.

In this country we stick to the original breeding goals: Low, dense and strong animals with good beef conformation. Cows weigh 450-600 kg and bulls 750-900 kg. Animals of this type are most economical to feed on and they can hold to make landscaping all year round. It is also best for the natural pasture that the animals are not too heavy and large. Our race is becoming widespread in many beautiful areas in Denmark.

We have no national disease treatments at present. Bluetongue vaccination in 2008 and 2009 was a very big task for the large herds at natural areas, but it has apparently stopped the spread of the disease. There has subsequently been some side effects like miscarriages, loss of calves and sterility in bulls, but it has not been possible to prove bluetongue to be responsible.

There has been exhibited Galloway since 1994 at fairs, but very few. In 2006, however, we view most of the colors at the National Show in Herning. In 2009 the red-belted bull from Rørbæk Hovedgaard won Interbreed at the National Show. The latter was a great experience because it was the first time a Galloway was best in Denmark. We are still working on getting more people to exhibit, but it is not easy.

Our annual summer trip went in both 2008 and 2009 to one of the many Danish small islands, where there is Galloway. These tours were as usual well attended and very successful, professional as well as socially.

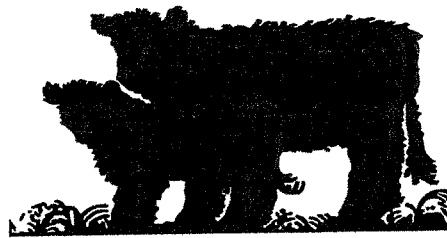
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BDG report for the

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## BDG organisation

at the beginning of 2009 separated of the BDG from his present management in the German farm federation. On it a new agency was equipped with modern equipment and Hans-Dieter Frank was put as a BDG manager. The BDG offer of Merchandise was basically reworked. Old articles were sold and a new assortment with a main focus was built up on textiles. In 2009 product was sold for more than 10,000 €.

With additional offers of beginner's seminars and advanced seminars, as well as a new homepage with a well used stock animal market and many other offers in the member's area new members were won over. The foundation of new family tables (Stammtische) and many visits of the management in the regions affected likewise positively the memberships. The trend of the member's loss could be stopped. Actually the BDG has 430 members, trend slightly rising.

## Breeding information from Germany

Germany the breeding books are led organizationally together with all other meat cattle races in on the regional level active breeding federations. The German Galloway breeders have in the big majority small herds with 20 – to 50 animals, i.e. 7 – 15 mother cows.

In 2009 approx. 6.039 member's companies were connected to the on the regional level working meat cattle breeding federations. Of it 4.126 herd book and 1.913 holder companies). These were 1.2% less companies than in the year before. In the companies approx. 65,790 active herd book animals – a plus of 2.3% stood at the year before.

819 Galloway-companies are in the breeding federations organised of it 591 herd book companies plus 228 holders. 665 herd book bulls and 4.515 herd book cows prove 5180 Galloway-herd book animals. With it the Galloways have a share of the market of 7.9% and lie to Limousin 18.8%, spot cattle (Fleckvieh) 18%, Charolais 15.4% and Angus 14.1% on place 5 of all meat cattle races and on place 1 of the robust cattle races. First insemination with sperm is carried out to from approx. 330 to 350 cows with slightly rising trend.

Colours have become substantially more important in the Gallowayzucht during the last years. Beside Black, Dun and White, Red and Belties are asked, here strongest the colour Red belted. Rigger-Galloways are likewise on the advance, even if they are still unimportant of the figures. All colours will be led with a respective colour key within one race – Galloways.

After the commercial restrictions were lifted for living bovine animals, German breeder families imported considerable numbers in Galloways from Scotland. Besides, primarily it was about bull and Färsen. From Germany some bulls were exported to Scotland.

Approx. 50 – 70 Färsen found buyer in France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Czechia and Switzerland.

Because the Scottish breeders placed for a long time strongly on big-frame-blood-lines, much big frame genetics was also imported according to the offer to Germany. The bigger frame became in many German herds to the normality.

Where these big frame animals become, nevertheless, on profit-weak grounds held and not get additional feed, a clear problem is to be ascertained in the meat getup. Here not so big, but Galloways are used. Today in the isolated cases in which was put too strongly on big frame genetics typical Scottish bulls are used again to restore the right, to the conditions of the company suitable balance.

In the cases in which Galloways with a frame are bred like the big intensive races and are held they also have a feed need like this. Who delivers his animals to slaughterhouses for their market prices, is depended on big meat amounts to work economically. In addition he needs a suitable frame and must serve this with suitable feed amounts and qualities. With respect to that is to be considered that Galloways are sold in Germany to approx. 80% in the self marketing for prices between 7 € and 13 € / kg (mixed meat parcels). However, for such meat prices the customer of more and more frequent bio-quality expects at least an extensive holding.

This is no evaluation for one or other genetics, but important information for everything which want to proceed on new ways. The market will show us with respect to that in the isolated case the right way.

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## **Report to 2010 Galloway World Council**

Since October 2007 we are registered as the German '**Bundesverband Belted Galloway e.V. (BBG)**. Our intention is to give all German Belted Galloway breeders the chance to register their cattle in a separate Belted Galloway herdbook, like we have in Schleswig-Holstein, according to the traditional system in Scotland and most other states. All the time we tried to get an agreement with the German Beef Cattle Society and the German Galloway Cattle Society, but this is still in progress. Till yet it is not obligatory to specify the markings or the colours of a Galloway for registering in the herdbooks of most German countries.

As you perhaps know from our report 2008 in Germany every country has its own beef cattle society and its own way of herdbook regulations. Except in our country Schleswig-Holstein all varieties of Galloways (solid coloured, belted, white and riggit) are registered together in one herdbook. That means e.g. that the offspring of a Galloway and a Belted Galloway is a purebred Galloway with full herdbook, even it is missmarked.

Nevertheless we hope that someday we find a way to work together. A separate German Belted Galloway herdbook would be conform to the international standard and simplifies the increasing international trading of cattle, embryos and semen.

We had several beef cattle shows in Germany. The biennial Beltie Open 2009 to Viöl was the most important show for us with 16 Belties in black, dun and red, plus calves, entering more than solid coloured Galloways. This number of Belted Galloways is unique for German shows. In 2010 there was a beef cattle show also to Viöl with only a few numbers of belties and solids. They were judged together, and a belted heifer was the champion.

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Greetings from the members of the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand.

Our Society which was established in 1948 represents Galloway, White Galloway & Belted Galloway breeders in New Zealand.

As at May 2010 we have 192 members with 31 having joined within the last twelve months. Our members range from small block holders with 2 to 3 animals to commercial farmers with 30 to 40 breeding cows.

During the 2009 year we registered 238 Belted calves, 131 White calves & 25 Galloway calves with total transfers numbering 164.

Most breeders concentrate on selling breeding stock to other breeders, some sell breeding bulls to dairy farmers to put over their heifers & others sell carcasses direct to consumers or through farmers markets.

The affairs of the Society are administered by a Council which meets 3 times a year & our Annual meeting & dinner is held at a different breeders centre each year.

Currently the Society is introducing a computerised recording system & hopes to have it's herd book on line in the next 12 month. This has proven to be a long & tortuous process & we hope it is worth it in the end.

During recent years the Council has been involved in establishing eradication programmes for 2 undesirable traits or diseases in our breeds. The first is to eliminate mannosidosis ( a disease of the nervous system ) also found in several other breeds of cattle, & the second is to eliminate scurs ( false horns ). The mannosidosis programme is nearing completion & the scurs programme is about to begin. We will certainly like to hear how other Society's have dealt with these problems.

On a brighter note, many of our breeders are enthusiastically involved in showing their animals at local agricultural shows & Royal Shows, often doing well against other beef breeds.

Our breeders welcome the opportunity to entertain overseas breeders so if you are planning to visit the south Pacific-leave time for some herd visits.

We hope you have a successful Conference & thank the members of the Danish Society for hosting the event.

Regards, Barry Mc.Alley, President

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## GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND ADDRESS TO THE 2010 WORLD CONGRESS, DENMARK.

It has certainly been exciting and memorable times for the Galloway breed, since the 2008 World Congress held in New Zealand. The one event, which will be engrained in all our minds, is the 2009 Royal Highland Show. The Galloway breed dominated the show, which no other breed has done over the four days at the Highland show. The Galloways won all the major trophies, individual, native interbreed, interbreed and pairs to dominate the cattle championships at Scotland's premiere show.

The star of the show was Blackcraig Kodiak exhibited by Willie MacLean and his daughter Lynne, from Inverglenn, Barcaldine, Oban this six year old bull bred by John and Ann Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock is by the well-known sire Glenkilm Dynamite 1K and out of the renowned Bertha family. Kodiak was part of all the celebrations, on Friday along with Doon of Urr Nerys 42<sup>nd</sup> from Jim and Selina Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead and Blackcraig Noreen from John and Ann Finlay, Blackcraig, they won the native team of three. On Saturday they were joined with John and Ann's other heifer Blackcraig Diana 0222, to make up a team of four and secure the prestigious interbreed trophy. This is the first time since 1974 and the introduction of the continental breeds that the Galloways have won the individual award and to come out top over the 12 other cattle breeds and 1051 beef entries is a fantastic achievement for our minority breed.

The 2010 show is now past and we could never expect another show like last year, but we still managed to secure a trophy, the Native team prize was won by Kirkstead Nancy Boy (JC Thomson), Silverbell 3<sup>rd</sup> of Gall-way (D & M Gall) and Blackcraig Noreen P260 (J & A Finlay). Silverbell 3<sup>rd</sup> of Gall-way was the breed champion and a very popular winner, who was exhibited by well-known Dennis Gall, who you all know from Castlemilk Estates. A full report can be found on our web page [www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk](http://www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk)

The shows both local and national shows are still a very important part of our promotions, some shows are thriving like the Royal Highland Show, but it is with much sadness that we report the demise of the Royal Show in 2009, which was the England's premier show. It was the 160<sup>th</sup> show, which was steeped in history and pride but had seen a decline in both visitors, exhibitors and entries in recent years. It is a reminder how fragile our economy is. The shows enable the public to view and understand what Galloways do for our environment, one factor which is becoming more apparent is locally sourced food and of course food miles. Galloways are certainly fitting into this niche market, with more and more of members either opening farm shops or direct selling, it is become very apparent the general public is want more taste in their beef.

Regarding beef prices in the UK, prices have been steeply falling for six months, and are 5% down on a year ago, so people are not as optimistic as last year, the main reason for this is the recent strengthening of sterling which make Irish products more competitive at home and UK products less competitive in the European market. Also the recent credit crunch, means that people are not buying the higher quality ends and

mince is now back on the menu. With the UK only managing to supply 81% of its total beef demands, let's hope beef prices start to climb again and reach the £3.00 per kilo price which we saw in 2009.

The National show was an event created to attract as much publicity and interest as possible and this has certainly been the case as it is one of the largest shows of Galloways in the UK. We recently had our sixth National Galloway Show which was held at Cumberland Show, Cumbria, England. After the disappointment of the cancellation of the show at the eleventh hour last year, we were all hoping for dry weather, unfortunately this was not to be and the heavens opened just as judging commenced. A smaller show of exceptional Galloways was on show for well known stockman Mr Alastair Cormack, Annfeld Farm, Lundin Lins, Loven, despite the rain the quality of all the Galloways was greatly admired, especially the Championship line up. The champion came from the largest class of the day, Jim and Selina Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries, exhibited their well known cow, Doon of Urr Nerys 42<sup>nd</sup> to clinch the red, white and blue rosette. Nerys has won many accolades in her long show career including 10 championships and 3 champion of champion awards including pairs, native and interbreeds trophies at the 2009 Royal Highland show. The reserve champion was Blackcraig Noreen P260 from John and Ann Finlay, Blackcraig Corsock. This young heifer is a Finmac Norseman daughter and out of the famous Noreen family. Male Champion was the much admired mature bull from Mr Duncan Maxwell, Blairvockie, Rowardennan, Drymen, Glasgow, Blackcraig Lunatic is a Daimond B Knock Out 1K son and again from the famous Blackcraig Noreen Family. Junior champion and reserve were from the same stable, Mr Peter Hunter Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry Castle Douglas who was ably assisted by sons, Duncan and Andrew and daughter Natasha. Their stylish 10 month old heifer Nerys Quintanna of Nether Cleugh is a Doon of Urr Anonymous daughter and out of Nerys Ingrid of Nether Cleugh. The reserve junior and also reserve male champion is a Kirkstead Nancy Boy son, Rebus of Nether Cleugh is September 2009 born and out of the homebred cow Brunhilde Heather.

The National show is certainly an event for anyone who is interested in Galloway, we don't yet know where the 2010 show will be, but if you are interested to attend please contact the office or check the web page.

The sales are the main event in our calendar and with the recent optimism in the beef sector, it is pleasing to report that all the sections have broken the four figure mark with averages as follows for the Castle Douglas Spring Sale 16 Bulls £3825.93 (+£1200.93) 43 Bulling heifers £1158.66 (+£150.07) 15 incalf or running with bull £1253 (£-19.50). Numbers forward for the sales are still short and many purchasers are returning home empty handed, which as a result many cattle are changing hands out with the market. With the UK able to export cattle and beef, we were delighted to welcome our German friends back to our Castle Douglas sale for UK genetics, if anyone is interested in sourcing our bloodline, please contact the office.

With the interest in Galloways still growing, we had a new sale in Devon, South England in July, although prices did not set the heather on fire, it has laid a good foundation for future sales.

Once again the office has been very busy mainly because registrations have doubled in 7 years from 638 female registrations to 1180, it is encouraging that the native breeds are gaining in popularity again, mainly due to two reasons, cheaper to feed and the eating quality of their beef. There has also been a change at the top, Jim Ross who many of you know, stood down as Chairman at our AGM and Mr Drew Brown, Drumphumphry, Corsock, Castle Douglas is now in charge. We are indebted to Jim for all his hard work and help over the last 8 years, he has steered the Society through many difficult times and he has certainly left the Society in better shape.

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.

## **REPORT FROM THE BELTED GALLOWAY SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.**

It has been a busy time for our Society: the cattle continue to rise in popularity, with registrations reaching 1008 females in 2009, with 104 bulls, and the cattle are found in more locations within our two countries. This is driven by the advent of various grazing schemes, where traditional breeds are required. The number of members is also rising. Such growth whilst exciting, also has its challenges; the brunt of which falls onto our secretary. Myrna Corrie, who took over in 2001, at the most difficult of times with the FMD crisis of that year, and then the untimely death of Miss Flora Stuart, took a well earned retiral at the end of 2009. The Society appointed Ian Sutherland as her successor.

A new computer based registration system has been purchased, and the web site is under reconstruction. The constitution has been updated and the Society continues to be put on a business footing suitable to the demands and legislation of the current time.

A competition for young handlers has started, and fat stock exhibitors are encouraged with some financial support along the same lines as show exhibitors.

An inspection system is in place for both Belted and White bulls, as is a grading up system for females. Rules are now in place for embryo transplants and export procedures. A consignment from three herds went out to France in April. The demand for breeding animals remains strong both within our country and from abroad.

The normal autumn sale in Castle Douglas has been complemented by a spring sale in Worcester, England.

Whilst 2009 saw the return of the summer shows after the Blue tongue restrictions, the Royal Show has not survived, and is a sad loss from the English farming scene.

On a happier note our patron, Princess Alexandra was at the Royal Highland Show in 2009, and was able to see her own heifer, in the capable hands of John Corrie, placed in her class. Her Majesty the Queen was also at the Show taking a strong interest in the native breeds. Our champion owned by Anne Bell was delighted to be formally presented.

The background of agriculture and food production is complex and challenging. Our breed has demonstrated her qualities of producing tasty and healthy meat from marginal land with low inputs; we need to continue to deliver.

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The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. of the United States of America

Leanne Fogle, Editor  
*U.S. Beltie News*

Greetings from the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. of the United States!

Reflecting on the year 2009, the U.S. Belted Galloway Society, Inc. administrated a busy and productive year resulting from the work of our Council. The Society Council is comprised of nine elected volunteers, who led various committees. We have very positive results to report.

Animal numbers have been increasing annually and The Belted Galloway Society Inc. database holds over 14,000 active registrations. The Society now has a new website designed with features offering drop down menus for faster, easier use. Check us out at <[www.beltie.org](http://www.beltie.org)>. A new 4-fold-color brochure has been developed and will be available to the membership in January 2010. Council further determined it has become apparent that elements of the future of the breed include product branding and a logo. In 2010, the Beef Marketing Committee will formulate a statement for the inclusion of Beltie beef in a heart healthy diet.

An important facilitator of the Society is The Belted Galloway Foundation, Inc. (The Foundation) is a non-profit corporation created to engage in educational and scientific activities dedicated to the improvement of Belted Galloway cattle breed production and marketing practices, and encouraging youth involvement in beef production through the direction of the seven-member board.

During 2009 the Foundation participated in a nutritional study which looked at the nutritional makeup of ribeyes from both grass-finished steers and grain-finished steers. The results of this study were extremely positive and exceeded expectations of the project. The Foundation also provided funding for Camp Hope, named in honor of former Beltie Youth Group member John Romine (IN). The Foundation has annually awarded (3) \$500 scholarships to individuals furthering their education. Finally, the Foundation also approved funds for the printing and mailing of the new BYG Handbook.

We are very hopeful that in the near future the Foundation will be able to expand on the nutritional study in order to further define the benefits of Belted Galloway beef to those who consume it, and are presently developing an action plan in order to facilitate the expanded study.

Our youth program, The Beltie Youth Group, is divided into various regions across the United States. A Beltie camp, Camp Hope, specifically for Belted Galloway youth, was held in Region 5 and benefited youth. Forty-three head of cattle, 18 farms, and 7 states were represented at Camp Hope. Twenty-one junior campers with fifty people total were there for the weekend.

The Society solely hosted The Belted Galloway Society Premium Sale in Louisville, KY in November, grossing \$56,825 with solid averages for bred heifers of \$3,500 and open heifer averages of \$2,855.

Belted Galloway shows have had record participation and attendance. In the Northeast region of the country, the Fryeburg Fair (ME) and The Big E (MA) are enjoying 70-80 entries annually. The Midwest region has experienced a growth of Belted Galloway cattle only shows with 40-50 entries during the summer months. World Beef Expo (WI) maintains an average of 45 animals exhibited annually.

The U.S. Belted Galloway Society, Inc. will be experiencing a new change in 2010. Secretary Laura Glassmann (PA) will be leaving us to complete her teaching degree to become an educator. As we evaluated the role that Laura has played and saw how it has expanded beyond the realm of breed registry and record keeping, it appeared to be a good time to reconsider the structure of the position. Going forward we have decided to separate the registry and record keeping from all the other duties that Laura has taken on and create an Executive Director position. We feel very fortunate to have entered into a relationship with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) to maintain our registrar functions which will

take place early in 2010.

It is also with great pleasure that we introduce Dr. Vic Eggleston (WI) as the Executive Director of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. Vic is a retired large animal veterinarian, most recently an associate scientist and clinical instructor at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in the Pathobiological Sciences Department. He was the project manager for the *Healthy Cows – Proven Practices* demonstration herd project, a seven-year definitive study on managing for the control and prevention of Johne's disease. He has been a member of the U.S. Belted Galloway Society since 1990 and Associate Member of the Canadian Galloway Association since 1991. He has served on various Society committees and was the President of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. during 2006 and 2007.

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