

Dear Simmental-Fleckvieh friends,

Before the next WSFF congress which will be held in United Kingdom we would like to share with you some most recent news from the Simmental-Fleckvieh breeding around the world, point out some upcoming events for the summer and autumn 2008 a give you a brief overview about the current market development in some parts of the world. For all of us it would be very good, if the news and information in the E-journ@l will come from your side as well.

We wish you a nice summer time!

Yours sincerely

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NEWS

European Simmental - Fleckvieh Federation organized a workshop focused on the further harmonization in the area of type classification of Fleckvieh. Representatives of 10 European countries took part in the meeting held in Slovenia. Reports and presentations from the meeting will be available on the www.evf-esf.info soon.

Classifiers course was held in Munich Grub with the original certificates for the attendants (May 19th - May 20th). All participants passed the practical test on animals successfully and obtained official certificates for the type classifier.

New web sites of the Polish Simmental Association - www.simentale.pl



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SUMMER-AUTUMN 2008



Regional exhibition of domestic animals and agricultural fair
Slavonski Brod, Croatia (June 6th - June 8th)



27th Congress of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation, United Kingdom (June 15th – July 1st)



National Lifestock Show
Tullamore, Ireland (September 1st)



Agrokomplex Nitra
Nitra, Slovak Republic (August 21st - August 25th)



National Cattle Show
Gornja Radgona, Slovenia (August 23rd - August 28th)



Council meeting of the European Simmental - Fleckvieh Federation (August 27th - August 30th) Krakow, Poland
For more information, details of the program and the registration form visit http://www.simentale.pl/zjazd_en.html



AGRARIA - Messe Wels 2008, Internationale Landwirtschaftsmesse
Wels, Austria, (September 3rd - September 7th)



XI. National Exhibition – The Day of the Czech Fleckvieh
Radešinská Svatka, Czech Republic (September 18th)



ZLF – München
Bavarian National Show, Bayerische Landestierschau, Germany, www.zlf.de, (September 20th - September 28th)



EuroTier 2008
International DLG-Exhibition for Animal Husbandry and Management, Hannover, Germany, www.eurotier.de, (November 11th - November 14th)



For more events: www.wsff.info, section calendar.



Beef up your profits by Thys Swart

With the Fleckvieh it is possible to produce  quality weaners for feedlots from specialized dairy breeds such as Jersey and Holstein. These crossbred bull calves are increasingly attracting the attention of feedlots throughout South Africa. Feedlots are already paying farmers between R11 and R12 per kg for Fleckvieh-cross bull calves – this is the same as for pure beef breeds.

Farm trials with Fleckvieh on Jersey also proved excellent growth rates. On Dundonald the average weight for seven month old Fleckvieh/Jersey cross bulls were 231 kg. On Weideland, the farm of Dr. Josef Uys, Fleckvieh/Jersey crosses average 205 kg at 5, 5 months of age.

At Springmount Trust in the Eastern Cape a group of mixed crosses (Fleckvieh/Jersey and Fleckvieh/Holstein crosses) reached 264 kg on grass pastures at ten months of age. The cross calves on Springmount were sold for R2 795 average, with a profit of R632 per calf. Pure Holstein bulls in the same group had to be kept 30 day's longer to reach 267 kg. Their profit was only R451.

Dr. Carel Müller found that five month old Fleckvieh crosses weigh 209, 3 kg with a daily gain of 1,071 g per day. Twenty per cent of the crosses grow >1 201 g per day while only 7% of Holstein bull calves achieved the same. Fourteen per cent of the Holstein bull calves grow less than 900 g per day, while no Fleckvieh crosses grow less than 900 g per day.

For more details:

<http://www.dairyconnect.co.za/dairyMail/issues/oct2007/beefupyourprofits.djhtml>

The countdown for the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation congress 2008 United Kingdom is still running

17 days only and Simmental-Fleckvieh enthusiast from all over the world will meet in UK. More details follow:

<http://www.britishsimmental.co.uk/congress2008/index.html>

Medium-term forecast for EU beef and veal market

EU production, consumption, trade and intervention stocks (million tonnes cwe)



- Declining cattle herd from dairy sector
- Impact of decoupling of direct payments
- Impact of market disruptions of 2001 BSE-FMD crisis

DG AGRI, European Commission – 07 April 2008

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Simmental Fleckvieh on the YouTube

Take a few minutes watching the Simmental  Fleckvieh videos on YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJfn1yljh_4

Two former presidents of the ESF and WSFF– **Mr. Hans Häckel** (Germany) and **Dr. Hugo Valentin** (Italy) – celebrated their birthday anniversary!



Best wishes on behalf of the WSFF!

We found for you...

Journal of Animal Science

Relationship of milk production, milk expected progeny difference, and calf weaning weight in angus and simmental cow-calf pairs

T. T. Marston, D. D. Simms, R. R. Schalles, K. O. Zoellner, L. C. Martin and G. M. Fink

The online version of this article, along with updated information and services, is located on the World Wide Web at: <http://jas.fass.org>

Japan hit by butter shortage

Japanese demand for butter is outstripping supply. The deficit began last November and consumers are now starting to see less butter on supermarket shelves, with reports of some unable to source any of the product. Demand for milk and milk products in Japan had, until relatively recently, been sluggish and subsequently there had been little effort to increase production. Furthermore, returns from yogurt and milk drinks have led to processors diverting milk away from butter, into these more lucrative products.

There are reports of some being butter available in Japan but it comes at a price; 200g of imported French butter currently retails at 2,000 yen (around £10.00), compared to 500 yen (around £2.50) for 250g of domestically produced butter. This is partly caused by the import tariff on butter, which increased twice last year and is now standing at approximately 30%. To alleviate the current situation processors in Japan have agreed to increase monthly butter production by 20%.

Source: <http://www.mdcdatum.org.uk/>