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# WIESE FARMS

# **Our Herd Sires**



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Our Senior Herd Sire, GS Bellringer, pictured here at 28 months. His mature weight is 1900 pounds. He is a very correct bull and his offspring is adding quality to our herd. We will have heifers and bulls for sale from him this summer as well as from other breeding.

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Brian and Jill as well as Bill and Angie are proud to announce that Wiese Farms will be hosting the Western States Red Poll Association annual summer meeting. We invite Red Poll people from everywhere in the country to attend the gathering of Red Poll enthusiasts to tour our farm, see our Red Poll herd and enjoy some Red Poll fellowship on August 9 and 10. Give us a call or E-mail to let us know you are interested in attending and we will give you all the details. You can help us choose our entries to the National Red Poll Sale in the fall.

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EPDs: BW 1.9, WW 0, YW -2, MM 6, M&G 6

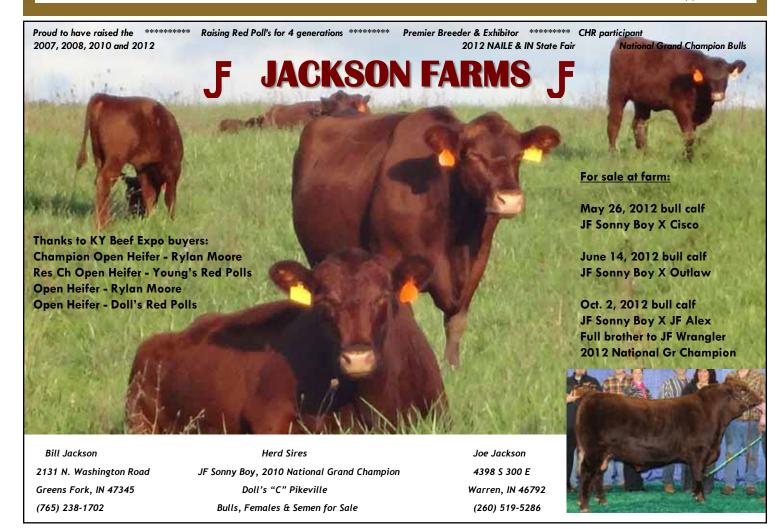
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# **Normal Registrations**

Under 12 months of age	\$25
12-24 months of age	\$30
Over 24 months of age	\$40

# **Complete Herd Report**

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beginning of the year)	

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Within one month of date of sale	\$15
One to three month from date of sale	\$18
Over three months from date of sale	\$25

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# From the President



It seems like I just wrote a little something for the journal not that long ago, time seems to fly by. Well, our weather short changed my wife and I by about a month of growing season already, as I write this article about a month ago we had a major wet snow fall that didn't help anyone get in the fields until May, and gave cow/calf producers a run for the money here in Minnesota. I've heard some people in the Dakotas that have large herd shave lost 1/3+ of their calf crop because of the wet snows. So, needless to say our grass is running a little behind and we are looking forward to a little warmth in the future.

As I thought of what to write for the journal, the one thing that came to mind was how helpful the "Red Poll Family" is to lending a helping hand or advice to someone that is just starting in our breed. This got me thinking about the help that I had to getting started in the Red Poll breed. People have asked, "What made you choose Red Polls?" I answer, "I didn't have a choice." (Then cue a bewildered look on people's faces.) You see, I came from a small family farm, not from a family of cattle producers, but had always wanted livestock. What some don't know is that I was engaged to someone else before I met Hope.

After a couple years of dating this man's daughter, I had told him I wanted to run some cows someday. He said that I could get some to run with his. I was excited and told him my mom's cousin and her husband owned one of the top five purebred herds in the U.S. of a breed other than Red Poll, and that I probably would purchase from him. He said, "Whoa! You can get into Red Polls." My thought was, "I want something else."

After thinking about it for awhile, I decided that if I want cattle, they are going to be Red Polls. He was proud that I bought Red Polls and I became proud of the fact that I had such beautiful crimson red cows that I could handle with ease. It has been one of the best decisions I have ever been guided into. Most of you may not know Marvin Hogrefe, who is still a great friend of mine. I'd like to give a special thank you for helping me in getting started in this breed that has given me so much.

As some of our producers wonder what the future will hold for our breed and their cattle operations or for those breeders that don't have another generation to pass their herd onto, I encourage people to find someone interested in cattle and to help them get started into their operation to this great breed...just like Mr. Hogrefe did for me.

- Mike Mammele, President

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The tour of Australia is progressing well with the tour section provisionally finalized. Our tour provider, Sunlover Tours, has provided a link from our webpage, www.redpoll.org.au and would welcome your enquiries now. As for the Congress itself speakers are still being arranged and an agenda formulated for the Delegates meeting. We hope to instigate discussion relevant to promoting Red Polls around the World. Albury, the Congress venue, is on the River Murray and forms the border between the states of Victoria and New South Wales; our most populous states. This picturesque rural city will provide plenty of tourist attractions for those accompanying members of the tour who do not wish to attend meetings.

Perth, Western Australia, will host the welcome dinner and registration and the tour will end with a farewell lunch at the Gold Coast in Queensland 80Kms south of Brisbane but connected to the international airport by a dedicated train that runs every 20 minutes. The tour is in three section, Western Australia, South Australia and the eastern states; Victoria, NSW, Queensland and can be done that way although I would imagine anyone travelling from overseas would get the best value for their effort by doing the whole tour and perhaps further travel afterwards.

October/November in Australia is quite warm and can be hot at times. It is also when we make hay and our crops begin to fill and ripen. In some areas harvest could be very close. However you will see Australia at its most productive and the cattle should all be blooming. Daylight saving time will exist in some states and not others so you may find a considerable time change as you travel across Australia. Also the sun can be quite bright so sunglasses, a hat and sun screen would be advisable. While on the bus most of your needs will be cared for however when site seeing on your own it would be best to take water with you although we don't expect you to be too far away from civilization. For those of you that haven't been to Australia before there are long distances between towns and the further you get away from the major cities facilities diminish in availability and complexity. However the "Outback", as the more remote parts of the country are called is a wonderful place to visit. The vast open dry plains filled with salt bush, blue bush, spinerfex, mallee trees and crossed by dry river beds and river red gums and outcrops of red rock will remind you of how Australia is an ancient land. We hope our tour will create an overall impression of Australia.

The Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders look forward to entertaining you next year.

Please come and bring your friends.

# 2014 WORLD TOUR& CONGRESS Invergry

Day 1 - 21 October 2014 - Arrival Perth

Welcome dinner and registration.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant /function room

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room, Novotel Langley Perth

### Day 2 - 22 October 2014 - Perth

Travel to Quairading via York by coach

Visit to include hosted Lunch & Dinner and view Yongerellen ,Le Topaz and Red Sands herds. Return to Perth. Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room, Novotel Langley Perth

### Day 3 - 23 October 2014 - Perth to Bunbury

Visit Yarrabah to view Ranfurley, Bellaway and Juniper herds

Visit Cooranning and Aurora herds at Wandering including hosted Lunch at Cooranning.

Entrance and dinner at Dardanup Heritage Park

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room, All Seasons Sanctuary Golf Resort

### Day 4 - 24 October 2014 - Bunbury

Full Day tour of surrounding area including Black Rock angus stud at Vasse, a silk farm, Margaret River for lunch at own account, Lake and Mammoth caves

Dinner at Voyager Winery

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room, All Seasons Sanctuary Golf Resort

### Day 5 - 25 October 2014 - Bunbury to Perth

Brunswick Show and return to Perth.

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room, Novotel Langley Perth

### Day 6 - 26 October 2014 - Perth to Adelaide/Clare Valley

Transfer by private coach to the Perth Domestic Airport

Coach for Adelaide, Clare and Barossa Valley Touring.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Studio Rooms, Clare Country Club

### Day 7 - 27 October 2014 - Clare Valley to Yorke Peninsular

Visit Virangra on way to Oakwood.

Visit to Oakwood to include hosted Lunch

Return to Clare

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Studio Rooms, Clare Country Club

### Day 8 - 28 October 2014 - Clare Valley to Jamestown to Adelaide

Visit to Maleer and Moyle Park including hosted Lunch

Return to Adelaide

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Deluxe Rooms, Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide

### Day 9 - 29 October 2014 - Adelaide to Melbourne

Day at leisure in Adelaide. Transfer to the Airport for 4pm flight to Melbourne

Transfer by private coach from Melbourne Airport to Hotel

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Crown Promenade, Melbourne

# Day 10 - 30 October 2014 - Melbourne

Coach travel from here to Gold Coast

Visit to Lardner Park, east of Melbourne, to view Ketlang, St. Cerry and Raedean studs including hosted Lunch Observe grass fed steer trial.

Travel to Phillip Island and Cowes for lobster dinner and Penguin Parade at dusk

Return to Melbourne

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Crown Promenade, Melbourne

### Day 11 - 31 October 2014 - Melbourne to Ballarat /Hawkesford Travel west of Melbourne, via Lorne to visit Koallah Park, including hosted Lunch Travel to Ballarat via Turanga Red Polls.

Entry, Dinner and Show "Blood on the Southern Cross" at Sovereign Hill Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Mercure Ballarat

### Day 12 - 01 November 2014 - Ballarat to Kilmore to Melbourne

Visit Cabbage Tree Hill Pastoral Co. On way to Lunch in Bendigo

Bendigo Tourist tram time permitting then visit Derrileen and Woodburn and return to Melbourne

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Crown Promenade, Melbourne

### Day 13 - 02 November 2014 - Melbourne to Albury

Depart Melbourne for Whittlesea Show to view Red Cactus, Lynbarry, Sophronites, Redward and others Depart early afternoon for Albury

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Rydges Hotel, Albury

### Day 14 - 03 November 2014 - Albury

Full Day Conference Room Hire including morning/afternoon tea and lunch

Conference Dinner with beer, wine and soft drinks

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Rydges Hotel, Albury

### Day 15 - 04 November 2014 - Albury

Melbourne Cup Sweepstake

Visit Cooeeyana and then to Eurimbla for hosted lunch

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Rydges Hotel, Albury

### Day 16 - 05 November 2014 - Albury to Canberra

Travel to Canberra via the Alpine Way

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Novotel Hotel, Canberra

### Day 17 - 06 November 2014 - Canberra

Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

Travel to Tarago to visit Glenrossal, Belault and Red Cedar studs and hosted lunch

Return to Canberra and the Old House of Parliament for dinner in Members Dining Room

Three Course Set Menu Dinner

Three Hour Beverage Package to include beer, wine and soft drinks

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Novotel Hotel, Canberra

## Day 18 - 07 November 2014 - Canberra to Dubbo

Entrance to Dubbo Zoo

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Comfort Inn, Blue Lagoon Dubbo

### Day 19 - 08 November 2014 - Dubbo to Tamworth

Travel to Murrurundi via Denman to view horse stud on route and Lunch at Murrurundi Art Gallery

Visit to Omega 3 "Bindaree" Stud

Dinner at the Cattleman Steakhouse, Tamworth. Home of Australian country music

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, All Seasons Tamworth Towers

# Day 20 - 09 November 2014 - Tamworth to Glen Innes

Hosted lunch at Glen Innes Showground and view Kookabookra, Glenleigh , Lagoona studs and others

After lunch visit Rangers Valley Feedlot and return to Glen Innis

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Ovemight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms. Rest Motor Inn ,Glen Innes.

### Day 21 - 10 November 2014 - Glen Innes [ via Tenterfield ] to Gold Coast

Hosted breakfast at Tannamerah stud, "Colgoa" at Deep Water

Visit Richmond Dairy at Casino on way to Gold Coast for hosted lunch.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms, Sofitel Gold Coast.

### Day 22 - 11 November 2014 - Depart Brisbane

Farewell lunch at The Sofitel

Transfer to Brisbane Airport for outgoing flights.



# **Broken Brick Farm** Linda Rager

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# Calendar of Events

JUNE June 21-23

AJRPA 2013 Summer Preview Show

Greensboro, North Carolina

Hosted by the Blue Ridge Red Poll Association

See more information on page 19.

AUGUST August 6-7

Indiana State Fair Open Red Poll Show

Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana

August 9-10

The Western States and Wiese Farms **Summer Meeting in the Heartland** 

For more information and to R.S.V.P., contact Bill Wiese

at 620-465-3865 or wmhwiese@gmail.com

August 15\*

(please note this is earlier than previously posted online)

Ad deadline for Fall Issue of Red Poll Beef Journal **Entry deadline for the 2013 ARPA National Sale** 

Start making plans for your consignments and start capturing pictures for the catalog. We want to include as many high quality pictures as we can get in the catalog.

**August 23-25** 

Kentucky State Fair Open Red Poll Show

Kentucky Fair and Expo Center, Louisville, Kentucky

OCTOBER October 18-20

**ARPA National Meeting and National Sale** 

Sedalia. Missouri

Hosted by the Western States Red Poll Association National Meeting & Sale in Sedalia Missouri

The meeting will be on Saturday, October 19 and the

National Sale will be on Sunday, October 20.

NOVEMBER

November 16-22 ARPA National Red Poll Show

North American International Livestock Expo. Louisville, Kentucky



# THE WESTERN STATES AND WIESE FARMS

Invites you to attend Summer Meeting in the Heartland

# **August 9 & 10**

Schedule of Events

### **FRIDAY**

2:00 p.m. Meet at the Wichita Best Western Airport Inn and go with the group to see the Old Cowtown Museum nearby. Cowtown is a living history museum where you'll experience life in the 1870s. Immerse yourself in a sampling of the sights, sounds and activities common to a midwestern cattle town.

4:30 p.m. Return to your motel; either the Best Western Airport Inn or the Express Inn in nearby Goddard.

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Solo's featuring all you can eat catfish or order from the menu. Solo's is attached to the Best Western Airport Inn.

### **SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m. The Hieberts and Wieses welcome you to view their fine herd of Red Polls. Refreshments will await you and you can help them to select some animals for the National Sale in Sadalia, Missouri.

12:00 p.m. Time for a delicious catered meal compliments of Wiese Farms at nearby Haven, Kansas.

1:00 p.m. The annual Western States Red Poll Meeting with President Kim Scott presiding.

2:00 p.m. Director's meeting

See you there!

For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact Bill Wiese at 620-465-3865 or wmhwiese@gmail.com



<u>Remember!</u>

Hosted by the Western States Red Poll Association

deadline for sale consignments

Send high resolution photos & information to Brian.

Watch www.AmericanRedPolls.com for more details, hotel information and other important deadlines.

# **Using Genetics to Get More Efficient**

and finishing phase

of production, a 1%

By Bob Weaber, Ph.D. **Cow/Calf Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor Department of Animal Sciences and Industry Kansas State University** 



improvement in feed efficiency has the same economic impact as a 3% increase in rate of gain. The traits that beef producers routinely record are outputs which determine the value of product sold and not the inputs defining the cost of beef production. The inability to routinely the efficient application of selection

measure feed intake and feed efficiency on large numbers of cattle has precluded despite moderate heritabilities (h2 = 0.08-0.46). Feed accounts for approximately 65% of total beef production costs and 60% of the total cost of calf and yearling finishing systems. The cow-calf segment consumes about 70% of the calories; 30% are used by growing and finishing systems. Of the calories consumed in the cow-calf segment, more than half are used for maintenance.

**Different Measures of Efficiency:** 

There are a variety of measures of efficiency discussed and utilized in beef production. Some may or may-not be important to cow-calf producers. For improvements in 'efficiency' to positively impact profitability of a cow-calf producer, the efficiency improvement must be realized prior to the marketing endpoint of progeny. While that may seem rather obvious, members of a production sector in the beef industry often get caught up in selection for outcomes for which they have no or limited opportunity to capture the value of the genetic gain. Often that selection pressure is at the cost of selection for traits that are economically relevant to the enterprise's market endpoint. In the following sections a variety of 'efficiency' measures are discussed including their applicability and limitations for improvement in efficiency of the cow herd. These measures or their component traits have been shown to be heritable, so selection for improvement is possible but anticipated to be slow, requiring a decade or more to move the population a meaningful distance. A number of the measures, especially measures of biological or economic efficiency are also favorably impacted, typically, by the improvements in lowly heritable traits like longevity and fertility due to heterosis generated in structured crossbreeding systems. System efficiency improvements due to crossbreeding can be realized in 3-5 years depending on replacement rate in the herd.

# Feed Efficiency or Feed Conversion Ratio:

Many cow-calf producers and, certainly cattle feeders, are familiar with the term feed efficiency (FE) or its reciprocal, feed conversion ratio (FCR). Both of these measures are indicative of differences in the efficiency of feed utilization and are most commonly associated with animals during the growing or finishing phases. They represent a gross efficiency measure of the conversion of feed to gain. Both measures are suitable for managerial use during feeding but are poor selection tools. Their utility is limited in selection due to two issues. First, the measures are ratios of inputs and outputs, so improvement in the ratio can be achieved by changing the numerator, the denominator or both.

Therefore breeders don't have control over which parameter in the ratio changes due to selection. In practice the parameter improved in selection tends to be the one with the largest genetic variance. Selection tools like an index that consider each input and output separately are more effective. Second, FCR or FE is strongly related to average daily gain (ADG) and composition of gain. Leaner biological types and larger, faster growing animals tend to have better FE and FCR. Selec-

Improvement of the economic position of the farm or ranch is an ongoing process for many commercial cow-calf producers. Profitability may be enhanced by increasing the volume of production (i.e. the pounds of calves you market) and/ or the value of products you sell (improving quality). The reduction of production costs, and thus breakeven prices, can also improve profitability. For commercial beef producers, the implementation of technologies and breeding systems that increase the quality and volume of production and/ or reduce input costs is essential to maintain or improve the competitive position of the operation. Profitability is influenced by these factors concurrently. Efficiency is the proportion of outputs to inputs and is frequently used by beef producers. There are many different 'efficiencies' that affect beef production, especially at the cow-calf level. Some of these efficiencies are observed at the individual animal level and some observed at the system or herd level. The various efficiencies can be categorized into with measures of biological or economic efficiency. Improvement in individual animal efficiency, especially during the post-weaning growing or finishing phases, may or may-not improve efficiency at the herd or system level, and may have undesirable correlated response in traits of cows.

So, why is improvement in feed efficiency important and why does the beef industry focus on it? During the growing

tion based on FE or FCR results in larger, later maturing and leaner cows. This type of cow tends to have higher maintenance energy requirements.

### Residual Feed Intake:

Recently, residual feed intake (RFI) has been reintroduced as an efficiency measure for beef production. RFI was first proposed by Koch et al. in 1963, so RFI is not a new idea. It is a residual computed by deviating actual average daily feed intake (AFI) from the predicted daily dry-matter intake. Predicted daily drymatter intake is computed from a multiple regression model by regressing AFI on ADG and Body Weight (BW) scaled to the ¾ power (est. of metabolic weight). By regression, RFI is independent (i.e. zero correlation) from differences in ADG and BW. Recall the problems with FCR and FE centered around their undesirable association with other growth parameters. When RFI is computed on the phenotypic scale independence is assured for predictor variables. However, this doesn't assure genetic independence. In fact research shows underlying genetic correlations between RFI with FI, ADG and BW as well as measures of composition. Computing RFI on the genetic scale as an index of EPDs assures a selection tool with fewer antagonisms. That said, RFI is not a perfect tool. The data used to compute it is quite expensive to gather as it requires individual feed intake monitoring systems. Additionally, RFI can and does identify efficient animals that also have slow growth and low feed intake making these candidates undesirable for selection and use in the commercial beef industry. So. RFI must be used with other measures like ADG to assure that industry acceptable animals are selected. Some research suggests that selection for RFI produces slightly larger and leaner cows over time and cows that have older ages at first calving. In general, selection for favorable (negative) RFI results in animals with equivalent performance, but achieves that output with less feed consumed.

Table 1 shows the potential cost savings to the US beef cattle industry that could occur with selection for feed intake, feed efficiency, growth, and carcass traits. Calves and yearlings selected for residual

In Wt.	Out Wt.	Lb. Gain	ADG	Days on Feed	RFI	Reduced Feed Intake	Feed Cost Savings	% of Fed Mix	Feed Cost Savings
				Calf Fe	eds				
600	1,250	650	3.5	186	0.0	0			
600	1,250	650	3.5	186	-2.0	-371	\$ (54.72)	0.34	\$ (502,620,65
	Y	earling F	eds						
775		525	4.0	131	0.0	0			
775	1,300	525	4.0	131	-2.0	-263	\$ (38.67)	0.66	\$ (689,539,82
					,	Fotal Saving	gs:		\$(1,192,160,47

feed intake (RFI) have the same ADG but eat less feed thus saving feedlot operators money. Assuming 27 million cattle are fed per year and that 34% of cattle in the feedlot are calves and 66% are yearlings, the beef industry could save over a billion dollars annually by reducing daily feed intake by just 2 lb. per animal.

# Weaning Weight per Cow Exposed:

This is a gross measure of biological efficiency and relates the importance of reproductive success, longevity, calf survival and other factors on system output. Improvements in maintenance efficiency

of cows (or a reduction in maintenance or production requirement under stressful environments) would likely improve this efficiency metric. Clearly, both production potential (growth and lactation) and heterosis from crossbreeding can substantially affect this measure.

# Weaning Weight per Cow Exposed per Unit of Energy Consumed:

Another measure of biological efficiency that includes accounting of nutrients consumed for both production and maintenance of cow and calf. This metric should point to best combination of genetic merit for economically relevant traits to a weaning market endpoint including calving ease, growth, lactation, and mature cow weight

among other. Researchers (Ferrell and Jenkins, 1994) have conducted a number of studies to evaluate different sire breeds for biological efficiency under low, average and high nutrient availability. In this experiment, the found little difference in efficiency across biological type (growth, lactation and leanness) at moderate nutrient availability. Under low nutrient availability, smaller breeds with lower lactation potential were more efficient. At high nutrient availability, large, high milk breeds were more efficient. The primary difference was the impact of nutrient availability on fertility for a given biological type.

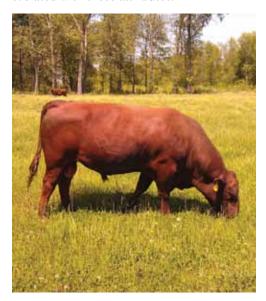


# Using Genetics to Get More Efficient ● Continued from Page 11

# Selecting to Improve Efficiency:

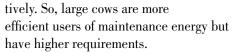
# Role of Growth and Lactation Potential on ME efficiency and ME requirements:

Mature cow weight and lactation potential play a key role in determining annual nutrient requirements for cows. Increasing average cow mature weights from 1,000 lb to 1,400 lb, approximately the change we've observed over the last 30 years, increases nutrient requirements by 27%. Increasing lactation potential from 10 lb. to 30 lb. per day at peak results in a 16% increase in nutrient requirements. These increases in potential have the opportunity to be associated with increases in output, but they also have the potential to undermine a cows fitness in a given production environment. Increases in mature weight and lactation drive up maintenance requirements. Optimization of growth and lactation genetics, and ultimately profitability, requires understanding the marginal revenues and marginal costs associated with these attributes.



The associated change in maintenance requirement due to mature weight change is distinctly different from the change increased weight has on maintenance energy or metabolic efficiency. Metabolic rate does not scale linearly with mass or weight. Instead, it increases exponentially by the ¾ power. Thus, warm blooded animals with larger mass are more meta-

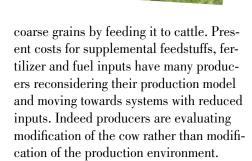
bolically efficient than ones of small mass. The principle reason for these phenomena is relationship between surface area of the animal and it's mass. Large animals have less surface area per unit mass enabling them to conserve heat more effec-



The key then is finding cows with appropriate levels of mature weight and lactation potential (or biological type) for your production environment. Note that managerial (i.e. reducing supplemental feedstuffs) or environmental (i.e. drought) changes that alter nutrient availability may substantially change the fitness of your existing cows. Care should be taken in sire selection for production of replacement females such that their growth, mature weight and lactation potential are appropriate.



Historically, supplemental feedstuffs have been relatively inexpensive compared to current costs. In fact, much of the early motivation to develop farmer owned confinement feeding systems, common in the Midwest, was to add value to



It seems that in the short run, the most effective way to improve efficiency at the production or herd level is through selection for cows of the appropriate biological type that fit their production environment. In the intermediate to long run, seedstock and ultimately commercial producers should select for animals, via selection index, that optimize efficiency to the enterprise's market endpoints. Such a two pronged approach leverages efficiency gains due to additive and non-additive genetics that affect animal efficiency of feed utilization as well as biological efficiency, respectively.



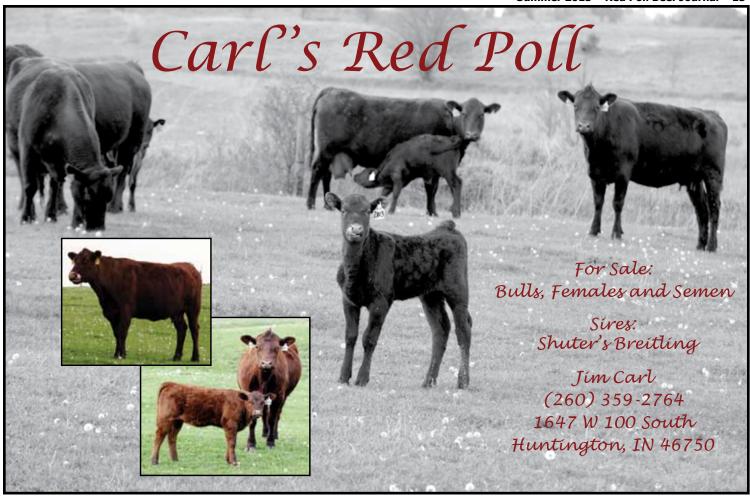
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# **Article from the Past**

Published in the Spring 1979 issue of the Red Poll News
Submitted by the Archives Committee

It is a growing belief among the people who keep track of cattle numbers trends, that a new cycle is underway. Time out for cheers. There will be a period of several years of relatively good business, decent profits for efficient producers and breeders and real opportunity for any pure breed, the cattle of which have merit, to expand.

This breed held its own in registration volume during the liquidation years of the recent cycle. As nearly as I can determine from the records, this never before happened. Breed reputation and you breeders who built it are due the credit. It would appear that 1979 and the decade of the 1980's can be a period of Red Poll numbers growth. The breed has demonstrated its merit, is poised to do more. Continued breed improvement and wider public acceptance can go forward together. But it must be worked; it will not just happen.

Breed growth depends on more than breed reputation for usefulness, though this is the first essential. It is axiomatic in the purebred cattle business that no breed ever enlarged itself without consciously working for expansion. Public demand for the cattle guarantees nothing unless a breed's breeders conserve and make available foundation female cattle. Within- breed planning and promoting of the idea of saving and placing good cattle is what will result in more numbers. Not many folks realize this. Never have the numbers level phenomena of foundation female availability been well understood. These are not difficult to understand, however. It's just that few people try to analyze what happens to a breed's annual heifer crop.

In this, my last lead editorial for the RED POLL NEWS, I again will try to explain, and demonstrate with self-evident truths and some simple math, that more numbers of Red Polls registered and used will depend on at least half of you breeders being reasonably efficient conservators, promoters and sellers of foundation females. If half of all breeders do a good job, there can be breed numbers growth. If only a quarter of breeders do a good job, the breed will do well to hold even in annual registrations. Expansion is a nut with a thick shell, hard to crack but crackable.

Before getting into the reasons with the undeniable facts and the basic arithmetic, it is well to state a hypothesis that will be the promotional background permitting expansion.

The pacesetter breeders, being unusual people in terms of personal ambition, breed loyalty and a desire to serve, will keep right on improving the top cattle. Being thoughtful, they will continue to watch for and work to meet the needs for type and cattle fashion changes to be required by economics. It is fair to believe, further, that the quality and performance levels possible of the breed, which are quite good in the top herds, will continue to filter through the breed. Generation by

cattle generation. There must b~ predicated and followed a basic promotional philosophy that actually will make available and place foundation females in the hands of purebred-minded new people. Red Poll breeders as individuals must realize and accept that the easy way out in herd management and promotion can be the road to breed extinction at worst, to little progress in breed numbers at best. Consider, for example, the unguided effect of breed reputation.

The Red Poll cow, with powerful aid from modern animal scientists, has given the breed a fairly-well- recognized reputation as a "mother" breed. This is a factual reputation, well-supported by research data. It is a highly promotable idea. But, stop and think!

In this age of crossbreeding, promotion aimed at encouraging the use of Red Poll cows directly in crossbreeding programs, by mating them to bulls of the "sire" breeds, would be using reputation to decimate breed numbers. Yet we hear some scientists and some breeders advocating exactly that. Instead, put breed reputation to work by encouraging crossbreeders - whether commercial producers or breeders of exotics grading up numbers - to use some of our good bulls on cows of other breeds and so obtain their Red Poll blood a little more slowly through the daughters of those bulls. This will tend to build the breed in two ways, by stimulating a growing bull market and by making females available for establishing herds and to produce more good bulls. The latter will feed on and be nourished by the former. Besides, selling premium bulls to premium buyers at premium prices is where the good money is in the purebred business. Demand for a breed's bulls will attract new breeders, creating demand for foundation females. It's a double-barrelled promotional concept which, once set well into motion, will tend to be selfsustaining.

There you have the hypothesis.

Definition of the word: "A proposition put forth as a basis for reasoning ... " Now, let's look at some simple self-evident facts and effects of those facts on numbers. Take a clean sheet of paper and a sharp pencil and follow along, using your own input if you don't like my input figures.

Every cow does not wean off a live calf every year. Some are slow, others miss entirely. A few calves fail to live. I don't know whether we average an 85 % purebred calf crop weaned breedwide, or not, but have chosen to use the figure. We have 85 live calves from each 100 cows exposed to herdsires.

About half of those calves will be heifers. Not everyone will agree. There even was a study years ago that concluded there were 109 males born in the animal kingdom for each 100 females; it was postulated this is nature's way of compensating for a higher death rate among .males. Nonetheless, I'll say

half and drop fractions as I go. We have 42 heifers from 100 cows; 42% crop of heifers from the breed's brood cows put annually to the bulls.

All heifers do not have the type, quality and performance to make them worthy of being saved as breeding cattle. We must allow for reasonable culling. A few herds, long selected, may get by with a 5 % cull; others surely need to cull 50 %. In this exercise, I'm going to cull an average of 20% breedwide. That takes eight heifers of the 42. We're down to 34 heifers.

Brood cows have a limited useful lifespan, must be replaced to keep a herd going. How many replacements are needed? The number will vary with the average age of cow herd that a given breeder wants to maintain. Many purebred herds will average more years of age than commercial herds. Idealistic pure- bred people will try to push their top herd-improving, breed-improving females to advanced ages, and they should. But here is a place where in average herds we can make some management planning do double duty. In instances, we can improve our established herds faster and do some of our new breeders a good turn at the same time. I'm going to use an average age of seven for the reason to follow. It suggests a concept that will work in herds headed by outstanding breeding bulls.

There is one opportunity to improve cattle once per each cow generation. The more generations, the more chances for improvement and the faster that herd improvement takes place provided truly good bulls are the herdsires. Turning the generations over faster by saving more heifers will make more young to middle-aged cows available as foundation females. Cows, by and large, will do the best job for many new breeders. Decent registered cows with calves at sides and bred back to good bulls are highly merchantable property.

Maintaining a 100-cow herd averaging seven years of age will require selecting 14 of those remaining 34 heifers to be held as replacements. Our heifer crop from each 100 cows put to the bulls has been reduced to 20 head that, theoretically, ought to be available as breed expansion material.

At this point we must become realistic about people. Even if the breeders as an organization understand and adopt the principles outlined above, what percentage of execution is it reasonable to expect in view of the human element involved? Experience leads me to the belief of 50% execution being optimistic even in the best of cattle times. That puts us down to 10 heifers which we may get promoted and sold as herd foundation females. That will increase our cow base put to the bulls each year by 10% and, in view of that 85% calf crop, increase the number of our calves weaned by 8.5%. But about one-third of the Red Polls registered annually are bulls.

So, increasing the cow base annually by 10% and the calf crop annually by 8.5%, we possibly increase annual registrations by about 6%. But our replacement heifers released some serviceable cows as foundation females, too, from our herd of 7-year-old cows. Can we hope they will be promoted and merchandised efficiently enough that the total result is a net increase of 10% annually in cow base? I hope so. If so,

we can look forward to -an annual registration increase of about 7%. Perhaps even 8 or 9%. There is promotional good sense in the hope. Such cows are by far the most economic foundation females for new breeders who must stretch limited capital.

Now, compounding works here just like it does with other investments, if the gain is re-invested. A compounded 7 % of annual increase in registrations will double registrations in just over 10 years. Red Polls could be registering 4,600 head' of cattle by 1990; 9,200 head by the year 2000; 18,400 head by 2010; and 36,800 head by 2020.  $\_$ .  $\sim$  .

If you used slightly different inputs, resulting in a different percentage of annual increase, you may arrive at the extensions by using the banker's "rule of 72". Divide the percentage into 72. Result is the number of years a given increase compounded will double the number. E.g., capital invested at 10% compounded will double itself in 7.2 years.

A young man of 21 years, now in the Red Poll business, will lack a number of years of attaining retirement age by the year 2020. What a business he can have during 40 years if the breed does this! What a challenge for the young people in the breed!

Even today's old codger of 45 could have 20 years of satisfying Red Poll business!

Tough challenges, including the toughest one of breed survival, were faced and met by the Red Poll breed in the late 1950's and on through the 1960's and 1970's.

Performance testing was a principal factor in meeting them. It has been a privilege to have worked with you in meeting the challenges of that breed era.

Different, even greater challenges face the breed today. They are more pleasant ones. The opportunity to increase breed numbers is an exciting one. Another is the matter of keeping breed improvement and breed adaptation moving forward to- meet changing economic requirements.

My very best wishes to each and every one of you and to John Nemeth, in capitalizing on the opportunities ahead.

# Thank You!

# To all of the members who provided photos for this issue!

If you have high resolution photos for the next, please email them to: American Red Poll Association ARPA@americanredpolls.com

# **Deadline is August 15**

# **Extending the Grazing Season: It's Not Too Late**

**By: James Rodgers** 

It's September and fall is fast approaching. The growing season is winding down, but from a forage production standpoint, an active growing season still lies ahead. For much of the Noble Foundation's service area, the first hard freeze will occur about

November 24, which leaves a good 60

days of growing season for warm-season forages. Cool-season forage growth will occur optimally in a temperature range from 70 to 80 degrees F with some growth occurring as low as 40° F, meaning coolseason forages can conceivably grow through winter in southern Oklahoma and north Texas. Favorable growing temperatures during this period are also accompanied by rain. Average rainfall in Carter County, Okla., for August, September and October from 1971 to 2000 is 11.1 inches. Even with these conditions, hav feeding for some will begin at frost and continue





is not a true stockpile, and quality will be much, much lower than fresh, fall-accumulated stockpile. Forage utilization will be higher if grazing access can be controlled through the use

> strip grazing or some other means. Make sure you match quality to animal requirements and supplement appropriately.

# Nativegrass

In a perfect situation, nativegrass stockpile would begin with spring grazing followed by deferment from early July until frost. In a less-than-perfect situation, nativegrass needs at least 60 to 75 days of rest prior to frost to accumulate carbohydrate reserves for spring growth. If sufficient growth has

occurred during this period to

allow grazing, it can be utilized after a hard frost. After frost, be very careful not to graze the range too close - leave a 6-inch residual to avoid crown damage. Again, be aware that quality may not be the best, and supplementation should be done based on animal requirements.

# Stockpile

# **Introduced Forages**

Bermudagrass, bahiagrass, Old World bluestems and tall fescue are some of the more common forages that can be used for stockpiling. Of these, bermudagrass and tall fescue will work the best due to the quality and the amount of forage they can produce. If stockpiling toxic-endophyte-infected tall fescue, delay use until as late in the season as possible. For introduced forages, ideally select a pasture where previous growth has been removed, and apply nitrogen fertilizer at a rate of 50 to 60 lbs/ac. On bermudagrass at this fertility rate, expect about 2,500 lbs/ac accumulation. Here are two things to keep in mind regarding stockpile fertility of warm-season perennials. One, if spring fertility was applied, due to the dry spring and limited forage growth, there may be carryover nitrogen available; a soil test can tell you this. Two, growing days are limited - there is no need for high nitrogen rates since response will be limited by the short growing season. If phosphorus and potassium are deficient, this is a good time to correct deficiencies. Defer from grazing until after frost. If you have introduced pastures with a large amount of residual growth from spring or summer, do not add additional fertilizer. These can be utilized, but realize this

# Cool-Season Annuals (CSA)

The traditional establishment deadline for CSA at the Noble Foundation has been Sept. 15. Clean-till CSA are usually best utilized by growing animals because of their high quality and cost of establishment. Overseeding CSA into warm-season perennials is a common practice, but, due to competition from warm-season perennials during the fall, expect only limited fall production from CSA. No-till drilling the annual can help with establishment and earlier production. Annual ryegrass is the most common overseeded annual with bermudagrass. It can give you 45 to 60 days of grazing prior to bermudagrass green-up. Overseed 15 to 20 pounds per acre of ryegrass in September, and topdress with nitrogen in February. Because of its aggressive re-seeding, annual ryegrass may not need to be re-seeded for several years. Acreage that is used for stockpile bermudagrass works well for ryegrass production. Grazing the stockpile off allows for the spring release of ryegrass. It is not advisable to have all your introduced warm-season perennial forage acres overseeded because spring competition will delay green-up of the warm-season perennials.

# **Some Tips**

- 1. When using stockpile, remember that cows are very selective forage consumers just like you are at your favorite buffet. If allowed, cows will consume leaves first, followed by stems, which can lead to underutilization if grazing is not controlled.
- 2. Extending the grazing season implies that you are pushing limits of forage availability. If forage availability is limited, animal intake will be limited, which directly influences condition and performance. Try to accumulate 2,000 pounds of forage per acre so intake will not be limited. Be sure to monitor cow body condition and make adjustments as necessary.
- 3. Monitor cow pies. When a cow pie stacks up like a high rise, forage quality has dropped and you probably need to add a supplement.
- 4. Always have hay on hand. Establish a goal of only feeding hay for 45 days during the winter, or, better yet, eliminate hay feeding. But be realistic and err on the side of caution and have the hay when you need it.

5. Avoid the "sympathy bale." Many producers really like their cows and work a little too hard to meet cow needs. Producers need to change their mindset from "I have to feed hay" to "I feed hay only when I have to."



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10:00 a.m. AJRPA Meeting

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Lots Gross **Average** 23 \$28,400 \$1,235

Champion Bull Price: \$2,850	Lot: # 1 Consigned by Matthew Young, Simpsonville, KY Purchased by David Hickman, MI
Reserve Champion Bull Price: \$2,000	Lot: # 4 Consigned by Shuters Sunset Farm, Frankton, IN Purchased by Albert Peterson, KY
Champion Open Heifer Price: \$2,000	Lot: # 23 Consigned by Jackson Farm, Greens Fork, IN Purchased by Rylan Moore, KY
Res Champion Open Heifer Price: \$1,700	Lot: # 14 Consigned by Jackson Farm, Greens Fork, IN Purchased by Leo Young, Simpsonville, KY
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Res Champion Bred Heifer Price: \$1,800	Lot: # 7 Consigned by Shuters Sunset Farm, Frankton, IN Purchased by (not available)
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**Reserve Champion Open Female** Jackson Farms, Greens Fork, IN



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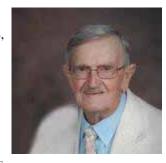
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# In Memoriam: Jacob A. Voth Jr.

Graveside service for Jacob A. Voth Jr., 85, of Kremlin, Oklahoma, was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013, in Enid Mennonite Brethren Cemetery, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11 a.m. at Enid Mennonite Brethren Church. The Revs. Jay Risner, Garvie Schmidt and Lynn Becker will be officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home.

Jake was born Jan. 23, 1928, to Jacob A. Sr. and Elizabeth Schmidt Voth on his parent's farm, Southwest of Kremlin. He graduated from Kremlin High School in 1945. Upon graduating, he became a full-time farmer and dairyman with his father, where raising and showing registered Red Poll cattle at the Tulsa State Fair, numerous national Red Poll sales among others became very near and dear to his heart. His farming practices



were well respected because of his deep furrows, immaculately straight sowing patterns, and care for every detail of his farm. He also raised registered Hampshire sheep, studying to learn everything he could about raising them, and served as president of the Garfield County Sheep Breeder's Association. Along with farming, Jake was a member of Kremlin Lions Club, served on the Farmers Grain Coop board, served on the Garfield County Election Board, and worked as a deputy appraiser for 10 years at the County Assessor's office. He was active in the Western States Red Poll Association for more than 40 years and also served as livestock superintendent for the Sooner State Dairy Show. God was gracious in answering Jake's desire to remain on the family farm until the Lord called him home on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

On Oct. 14, 1951, he married Beverly Hamm in Fairview, Okla. They spent 61 years together in love and were blessed with two children, Steven and Pamela. Jake accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1944, and was baptized in 1946. He became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church, where he devoted much of his time. He served the Lord for eight years as a deacon, also singing in the choir, male chorus, men's quartet and was a Sunday school teacher and church board member.

A patient, true gentleman, Jake cared for his family very much. He is survived by his loving wife, Beverly; son, Steven and wife Shirley of Dinuba, Calif.; daughter, Pamela Schoenhals and husband Dennis of Kremlin, Okla.; grandchildren. Stefanie Voth-Friesen, Jacob Voth, Ty Schoenhals and Trev Schoenhals; one great-granddaughter, Noelle Friesen; and sister-in-law, Martha Voth.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Menno Voth; sisters, Rosa Toews, Anna Regier and Tena Voth; and an infant brother.

# In Memoriam: James L. Quiram

James L. Quiram, 87, of Washburn, Illinois, died Friday, March 15, 2013, at 9 a.m. at the emergency room of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Jim was born Sept. 27, 1925, in Washburn, Ill., to John and Minnie (Heedt) Quiram. He married Jennie Tomlinson on Oct. 16, 1948, in Washburn, Ill. She survives in Washburn.

Also surviving are his children, Vickie (David) Canaday of Nicholasville, Ky., Sally (Steve) Ehlers of Washburn, John (Karen) Quiram of Hudson, Charlene (Lorin) Warnkes of Washburn, Jean (Tom McKenna) Quiram of Washburn and Julie (Ladd) Harms of Washburn; grandchildren, Jennifer Ehlers, Johnna (Brad) Clark, Ryan (Lynn) Ehlers, Brent (Jamie) Warnkes, Jamie (Neal) Bratburg, April (Darrell) Matthews, Mareka (Dustin) Larimer, Andy (Nikki Scheierer) Harms; great-grandchildren, Justin Quiram, Katie Clark, Rylan Warnkes, Makenna Warnkes, Oliva Ehlers, Chase Ehlers, August Matthews, Jarrett Matthews, MaKayla Larimer, Maddie Larimer, Drake Larimer, Hayden Warnkes and Sadie Bratberg. Also surviving is his faithful dog, Noah. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Hildred Fauber, and one grandson, Larry Warnkes.

He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Washburn, of which his grandfather was one of the founders, serving as an elder. He also was a member of Trinity Lutheran, LaRose.

Jim had served his country in the United States Army during WWII as an M.P. He was a member of the Washburn American Legion for over 68 years, and had served as financial officer. He owned and operated Jim Quiram Excavating for over 50 years and operated J&J Concrete Septic Tanks. He also dug many graves over his years in business. He was a member of the Operators Union Local #649 for over 50 years. He also was substitute school bus driver for many years.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 17, 2013, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home, Washburn. Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Washburn, with visitation an hour prior. Pastor Bruce Scarbeary will officiate. Burial will follow at Lynn-Mount Vernon Cemetery, Washburn, where full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials may be made to St. John's or Trinity Lutheran Church or to the Washburn American Legion.

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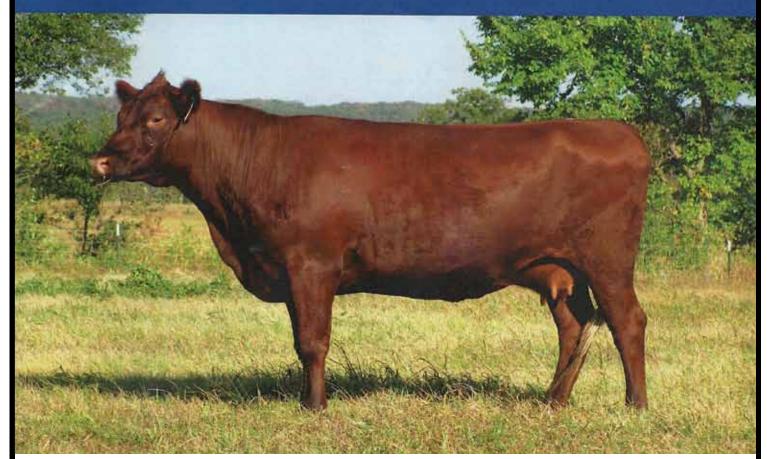
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