

Report from Sweden.

Highlights from our 2012 Hereford-year in Sweden.

Performance testing; period 2011-2012

The year began with the auction of approved performance tested bulls. 18 of the 30 bulls which took part, were approved (had an higher than average daily gain, passed the vet and had an acceptable conformation score). Viking Genetics bought two of the bulls for their AI program and the 16 others were sold at auction.



PP Galtås Spotify

The highest selling bull was PP Galtås Spotify who went for 72.000SEK. He had a average daily gain of 2039 gr which is the new record! He his by Venture Moler ET and maternal grand sire is Wilgor SQD Big Northern and breeder Göran Johansson and family. It needs to be mentioned that this is the third year in a row that the breeder of this bull, takes the prize for the best Hereford at the performance testing station! A fantastic achievement.

Unfortunately, two bulls remained unsold and these both were horned. It's a difficult time for the few in Sweden who breed horned Herefords as their just is no market for them. The average price of the 16 that sold was 40.600SEK which is another amazing fact, given the market for say 6-7 years ago. The price of Herefords reflects the demand and one of the best paid bulls went to an Angus and cross breeding farm.

The next auction of approved tested bulls will take part on the 27th of March 2013. Come and visit us! If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact me, and I will do everything I can to help.

New AI bulls



Duran av Ingemanstorp Sold to Viking Genetics



Dalle av Herrgölet, sold to Viking Genetics

We are very proud to present the two bulls that sold to Viking Genetics!

VB Dalle is bred by one of our oldest breeders, Lars Öjegrän, Herrgölet. He had an average daily gain of 1695gr and a terrific conformation score. He has great breeding values for maternal traits, calving ease and production. He weighed 41kg at birth, 290kg at weaning and 563kg as a yearling. His sire, Dalton av Munka ET is by Remitall Online and out of Harvie Miss Nylon 1Y. His maternal grand sire, Kompis av Munka ET is by Double-U Complete.

The other bull sold to Viking Genetics is VB Duran. He is bred by Nils-Åke Johannesson, Ingemanstorp Hereford. He had an average daily gain of 1701gr. He is a complete bull with regards to breeding values together with good conformation. His weights are as follows; Birth 39kgs, weanling 262kgs and yearling 553kgs. His sire is a home bred bull by an embryo import by 23 JSF 37 271 Devo 23C and 37 GL T5 Profound 80U April 37Y and dam is by a son of Remitall Olympian. If you are interested in semen, contact Viking Genetics at

www.vikinggenetics.com

New chairman

At our annual meeting Lennart Andersson resigned after 10 years of being our chairman. The new chairman is now Göran Johansson who a few of you may recognise from the World Hereford Conference in Canada.

Export to Russia

It was no easy task meeting the number of cattle that the Russians required, but in the end 280 pregnant heifers and 20 bulls, left Sweden for Russia. Everything went very smoothly, and all the cattle reached their destination in good condition. I have heard that 2013 there will be an even bigger order from Russia, but that is all I know at the present time.

Information about Hypotrichosis.

In Sweden we take health issues very seriously. The gene causing Hypotrichosis was found and a test became available in Canada. A Canadian bull was being discussed for semen import to Sweden when it was revealed that the bull was a carrier of the Hypotrichosis gene. The import was stopped and our association thought it was time to inform it's members about this defect, advising all members not to import semen or embryos carrying the gene. This information and recommendation is on the Swedish Hereford Associations website and published in our journal.

World Hereford Conference

Sweden was of course represented in Canada by; our resigning chairman Lennart Andersson, newly appointed chairman Göran Johansson, myself the secretary and youth representative Lova Göransdotter. We had a truly amazing time in Canada from the scenery we saw, the cattle we saw and the people we met, to the interesting technical conferences, the WHC meeting and the rodeo and show. Our appreciation goes to everyone involved in the program.

The Swedish Hereford Association celebrates 60 years!

(See photos on our website under "shows" and "SNHS 2012")

To celebrate the associations 60th jubilee, we arranged a show and dinner. A show was very appropriate given that there were no shows at Elmia or Mila this year. The show was held on the 6th of October, just out side of Jönköping at our member, Gert Brandons farm, where he has a newly built indoor arena. 25 Herefords came to the show. The association had also invited in youth from other beef breeds to participate in the showmanship, borrowing Herefords already entered for the show. About 200 people came to the show and 80 to the dinner. Representatives from the breed associations Charolais, Angus and Limousine came and helped us celebrate.

The judge was Fredrik Persson who is a Charolais breeder and a conformation judge at the performance testing station.

Results:

Supreme Champion, Grand Champion Bull and Champion Junior bull, ÄPH Super Tuborg. Bred by Roger Bratt and owned by Einar & Miranda Lysell, Bårarp Hereford. He is by Remitall Super Duty and out of Moeskaer Megan. This is the third show in a row that the Lysells have claimed the Supreme Champion award.

Grand Champion female and Champion heifer calf, 893 GPH Lynette FR Ork. Bred by Göran Johansson, Galtås Hereford. Owned by Lennart Svensson, Hamra Hereford. She is by Ork av Ingemanstorp and out of 699 GPH Lynette (same dam as Swedish AI bull VB King av Galtås)

Lennart Svensson is a new member and breeder, starting only in 2011!

Other Champions;

Champion Junior Female; 857 GPH Jewel. Bred and owned by Göran Johansson & family, Galtås Hereford. By Harvie Java out of 1674 Munka Jewel ET by Star America

Champion Senior Female; 99 Mermaid av Brunared. Bred by Lars Dahlqvist, Brunared Hereford, owned by Oskar Caster. By Buddy av Munka ET out of a daughter of Hollywood av Brunared ET

Champion bull calf; Bårarps Memphis. Bred and owned by Einar & Miranda Lysell, Bårarp Hereford. By Harvie Dan Hidaglo out of a cow by Star Tohon.

Champion Senior Bull; Bårarps Jaguar T110. Bred by Einar & Miranda Lysell, Bårarp Hereford. Owned by Olle W Larsson, Oden Hereford. By K-Cow Nacho Man out of

7053 BPH Omega ET by Remitall Online.

Showmanship results (judge Lowa Göransdotter)

8-12 years, winner; Sofia Bengtsson, Limousine.

16-21 years, winner: Henrik Larsson, Grellesbo Hereford

22 years plus, Winner; Arvid Lennartsson, Viking-Vånga Hereford

Open, all ages, Winner; Miranda Lysell.

In 2013 there will be the Mila and Elmia shows. Mila on the 7th -9th of February and Elmia 23rd – 26th of October. Results from the Mila show will be on the associations website at the time you read this. And unfortunately three herds had to pull out at the last moment due to small veterinary reasons, leaving only seven entries left from the 20 that were first entered. Usually more Herefords take part at the Elmia show.

Come and visit us!

Best regards to all Hereford-friends,

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