

Country report 2016

By Miranda Lysell, the secretary of the Swedish Hereford Association.

Results from the performance test station.

As your readers may know there is a sale of approved performance tested bulls on the last Friday in March every year. Even the AI bulls picked out by Viking Genetics the year before are sold at this sale. Breeders from across Europe come to the sale, especially from Denmark. Last year at least one Charolais bull was sold to Germany. A hundred bulls from the main five breeds go under the hammer.

This year 14 Hereford bulls sold for an average price of 52.000SEK (aprox £4800) Last years AI bulls, VB Laf of Stendala and VB Ozmo of Oden both sold for 52.000kr. The high selling bull this year was Guran of Svanaholm T-110 by the National Champion bull Origo Rocky. He sold for 87.000SEK (aprox £8000)

Named as the best Hereford bull at the test station was a bull from a relatively new breeder, Oskar Caster who is also on the associations board. His bull, Smen's Fenix T- 112, son of Golden Oak Fusion, had an average daily gain of 1825gr a linear score as follows: legs 88, muscling 90, body 88 and total 91. His weights: BW 46kg WW 350kg YW 634kg. Oskar decided to take him back home.

This years bulls are on www.hereford.nu click on the English flag.

New AI sires

The two new Hereford AI sires from the test station are **VB Amor** and **VB Ebony**.

Amor is bred by our chairman Göran Johansson and by Triara Exelator with Star Tohon as maternal grandsire and is backed by a very well known, strong cow family. He is Homozygous polled, had an average daily gain of 1701gr and weights and linear score as follows: BW 39 WW 334 YW 601 Legs 84 Muscling 82 Body 83 and total 83.

VB Ebony is bred by Jan Nilsson who is also on our board. Ebony is by Square-D Diesel and he is backed by the strongest cow family at Jan Gylteboda herd. He to is homozygous polled, has a high score for marbling and an average daily gain of 1662gr. His weights and linear scoring as follows: BW 46kg WW 347kg YW 616kg. Legs 83 Muscling 83 body 86 and total 85.

Information about all Swedish AI sires are on the association's website in a PDF under "AI sires". Why not take a look... you may miss out on something!



VB Ebony



VB Amor

Shows

Mila

We have had two shows in Sweden this year. The first show at Mila in Malmö was a huge disappointment with regards to the number of Herefords entered. Only four females and one bull... But, the Champion female, 7395 Bårarps Genna did take a 2nd place in the Interbreed Championship.

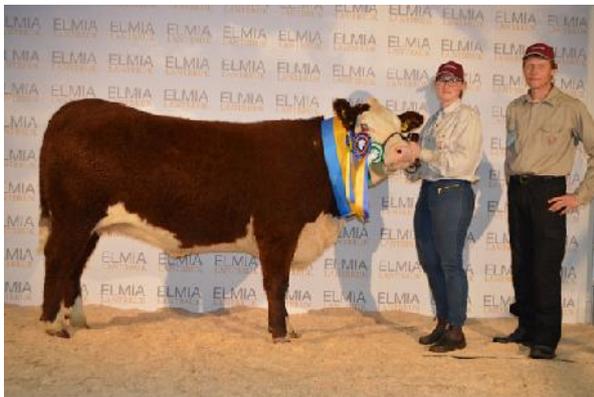


7395 Bårarps Genna

Elmia

At the National Show at Elmia in Jönköping there was a better turnout, even if there were not as many as expected, 21 Herefords. In total approx 110 beef breed cattle. This year's judges were Cole & Jill Harvie from Canada, who also judged Angus, Charolais and Simmental.

The champion female title was awarded the in-calf heifer, 629 Silvia av Gylteboda, daughter of NBG The Wonderer, owned by Jan Nilsson. Silvia also went on to claim a second place in the prestigious Interbreed championship. Jan also took the Reserve female champion title with the winner of the heifer calf class, 670 Holly of Gylteboda, daughter of Golden Oak Xceed.



629 Silvia of Gylteboda

The champion bull and Supreme Champion title (Best In Breed) were awarded the two year old son of Golden Oak Fusion, Buck of Folkestop T-117 exhibited by the author of this report and husband who bought Buck when he was named Best In Test, all breeds at the test station sale in 2015 where he also became the All Time High Seller Hereford bull when the hammer fell at 115.000SEK (approx £10,500). Buck was 2nd in the Interbreed Championship by one point.



Buck of Folkestorp T-117

The Reserve Male Champion title went to another performance tested bull, Hai of Stendala T-109, exhibited by Cattis Ohlsson from Gotland. He was 2nd in the Sire of the Year competition, he to being beaten by only one point!



Hai of Stendala T-109

In the National Junior Beef Breed showmanship older division, there were 6 entries. The Herefords were represented by one entry, Christel Lysell, who just celebrated her 16th birthday at the show with a win for Judge Jill Harvie.



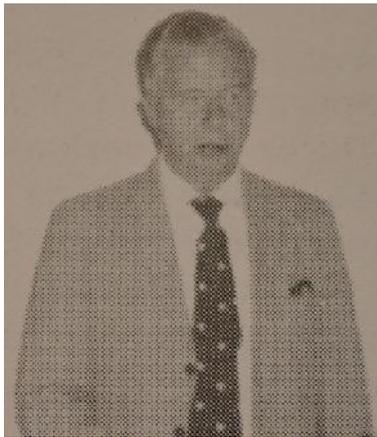
Christel Lysell together with Jill Harvie

In the National Open Beef Showmanship there were 8 entries, including Adam Armour from Northern Ireland. Herefords were represented by 2½ (!) entries, all of who placed top three.

In first place, myself (sorry to say showing an Angus, but non the less, still secretary of the Hereford Association...) In second place was Lowa Göransdotter (our chairmans daughter) and in 3rd place my sister, Annika Harding from the UK who came over to help out at the show. The judge was Jill Harvie.

Obituary

To end, unfortunately on a sad note, I'd like to inform the people who knew past chairman, Arne Henriksson of his passing at age 92. Arne was elected onto the board in 1960. In 1977 he became chairman and was so until 1991. One can only imagine the impact he must have had on the association and on the breed having led the association for so many years. I for one never had the pleasure of meeting him, but I am sure older members of the UK society will remember him well.



Arne Henriksson.

Interesting on the internet...

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