

The German annual report

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Traditionally the year started in February with the beefcattle-days in different parts of Germany. At the beefcattle-days, beefcattle-bulls were displayed and came to auction. This year it was very successful for the Hereford-breed, because we could sell bulls for very good prices to breeders in Estonia and to the Czech Republic. The bull Riff, an ET-Bull from Canada, a son of the bull Rib Eye, Breeder Dennis Elsen, went for the price of € 5.000,00 to Estonia and the bull Sascha a son of the bull Samson, breeder Agrar GmbH Biesen, was sold for € 6.300,-- to the Czech Republic. The next stop on the Hereford-schedule for this year was the beefcattle-Heifer auction in April. At this event only 2 heifers took part and were sold to German breeders.



On the weekend of the 22./23, July we had our annual breeder meeting and our AGM. The breeder-meeting was organized by the Hereford-Mutterkuh GmbH in Münchehofe. A village ca. 40 km south-east of Berlin. The farm is located in the middle of the Spreewald.

Hereford-Mutterkuh GmbH works organic and is one of Germany's largest Hereford farms. The meadows and pastures are located in the idyllic Spreewald and so we could take a look at the cattle while doing a boat tour.



From 29th September to 3rd October 2017, 26 Hereford breeders made their way to Denmark to attend the breeder's trip organized by the Petz family. To the German travel group still 4 breeder friends came from Switzerland. The Denmark tour led from the south of Denmark to the northernmost tip to Skagen. On this trip the farms Solbakkens Hereford, the herd of Anni and Anders Søndergaard as well as the herd Skibstedgård of Nanny Knud Erichsen were visited. Even so the herd of Arne Gammeltoft and the Herefords from Jette and Evald Jensen. Finally, the herds of the families Egon and Gert Petz were visited. We would like to thank the Danish breeders for their hospitality and Egon and Edel Petz for the organization of this trip.

