

# **Danish Hereford Association International Report 2018.**

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Denmark has had a historically dry summer this year, but despite this it has been a good year for the Danish Hereford Association with good turnouts at all the activities.

## **New bull tapped.**

For the fourth year in a row the Danish Hereford Association has selected a new bull for tapping. This time it is Fonagergaard Norman, which has been tested at the bull testing station in Aalestrup with good results.

His sire is Rosenkær Night Flyer with Solbakkens Gangster as the dams sire. He has a high S index- 138 and a very high production index of 143. All in all a good all round bull.

## **Herefords with the highest confirmation scores.**

In Denmark it is possible to have your cows under 4 years and bulls over 1 year judged by a consultant in accordance with the Nordic Classification program which give a complete picture of the external features such as body type, size of muscles and legs. Every year the owners of the highest scoring bull, cow and herd are presented with a certificate.

The bull with the highest confirmation score was Mandix Liam. His sire is Mandix Ricoche and dam is Mandix Britannia which is sired by Harvie Jackpot. Liam scored an average of 90 points and he is owned by Mikkel Christiansen, Markeslevgård Hereford.

The cow with the highest confirmation score is another one from the Mandix herd. She is Mandix Frida. She scored an average of 95 points.

For the second year in a row the Mandix Herd had the highest average with 89,2 points.

## **The National Show In Herning July 2018.**

There were 50 entries for the National Show and James Ludgate (England ) was the judge. There were many international visitors and a large delegation from England.

The Grand Champion Bull was Nordbæk Mauser First Calibre from Nordbæk Hereford. His sire is Days Calibre and his dams sire is Moeskør Keyman 1003 ET.

Mauser was also the Junior Champion. James Ludgate chose the bull SMH Nobody 135 N as reserve Grand and reserve Junior Champion. He is sired by Bakgaard 1 Keno and his dams sire is Gouldinpoll 1 Superduty. He was shown by SMH Hereford.

The Bull Calf Championship went to Bakkegaard Noam 234 sired by Moeskær Tracer with NBG Wonderer 36R ET 3W sire of the dam. He was shown by Bakkegaard Hereford.

The Champion Senior Bull was Hazel Rambo sired by Gross Don Kevin and the dams sire is Mandix First Rambo. He was shown by Hanne Storm Brems.

On the female side James Ludgate chose Rosenkær Miss World as Grand and Heifer Champion. She is sired by Moeskær Pacman 1417 and her dams sire is Dorepoll 1 93N Nationwide ET.

The next day Rosenkær Miss World won the interbreed competition. She was shown by Rosenkær Polled Hereford.

Reserve Grand and reserve Heifer was also from Rosenkær Polled Hereford, Rosenkær Nemesis sired by Moeskær Pacman 1417 and the dams sire is Slyks 1 Agro.

The Champion Heifer Calf was BI New Sportline sired by A1 10Y Hometown Big bang 7MA and the dams sire was Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty. She was shown by BI Hereford.

Reserve Heifer Calf Champion was City Hereford Nelly sired by Panmure 1 Henry and the dams sire was Seaconpull 1 Rumpus. She was shown by City Hereford.

The Champion Cow was Nordbæk Light 1372 sired by NBG The Wonderer 36R ET 3W and the dams sire was Remital Pilgrim 93P. She was shown by Nordbæk Hereford.

Next Year we will celebrate The Danish Hereford Associations 50 years Anniversary. We are planning to make a great, great Show in Herning from the 4.-6. of July. We are hoping to see a lot of people from abroad.

Invitations will be sent later.

## **The Show on Fynen.**

There were 22 hereford entries at the show in Odense and they were judged by Anders Mortensen.

Grand and Junior Champion Bull was Hazel New Don Nero, sired by Gross Don Kevin and the dams sire was Nørby 1 Faust. The bull was shown by Hazel Hereford.

The reserve Grand and Senior Champion Bull was Hazel Rambo which is from the same herd as Hazel New Don Nero. The dams sire was Mandix First Rambo. Hazel Rambo was shown by Nikolai Brems.

Anders Mortensen chose Mandix Frida as the Grand Champion female and Cow Champion. Fridas sire is Mandix Ricoche and her dams sire is Moeskær Router 1207. Frida went on to win the Interbreed competition. She was shown by Mandix Hereford.

Reserve Grand and Calf Champion was BI New Sportline sired by AL 10Y Hometown Big Bang 7MA. The dams sire is Gouldinpoll 1 Superduty. She was shown by BI Hereford.

## **The Roskilde Show.**

The weather was absolutely beautiful, lots of spectators and 53 Hereford entries. The judges were Ib Ravn and Keld Balle.

Grand and Calf Champion on the male side was Åland Napoleon. He is sired by Fisher 1 Jaguar and the dams sire is Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty. He was shown jointly by Stald Birch and Markeslevgaard Hereford.

Reserve Grand and Junior Champion was GMH Merkur sired by Roost 1 Hannibal and the dams sire is Moeskær Nero 1371. He was shown by Kristian Schmidt.

Reserve Calf Champion was GMH Nitro sired by Nordbæk Kenan and the dams sire is Rambo H av Brunarad P. Shown by GMH Hereford.

The Senior Bull Champion was Skovlundegaard Just sired by Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty and the dams sire is Sdr Ydby Apollo. Shown by SMH Hereford.

Reserve Senior Bull Champion was Asserholm Lincoln sired by Mara Humorous and the dams sire is Auckvale Barnstormer. Shown by Stig Hornshøj.

Ib Ravn and Keld Balle chose the 13 months old Moeskær Riply 1585 as Grand and Heifer Champion. She is sired by Moeskær On Fire and her dams sire is CCR 57G Stamina ET 199S. Shown by Højriis Hereford.

Reserve Grand and Junior Champion, Juelsgaard Maja, sired by Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty and her dams sire is Dorepoll 1 93N Nationwide ET. Shown by Markeslevgaard Hereford.

Reserve calf Champion was Woodland Netflix Queen Mastercard 525 N sired by Woodland Mastercard M 480. The dams sire is Moeskær Mercury 1327. Shown by Woodland Hereford.

Reserve Junior Champion was Markeslev Fix 5 sired by SMH Hong Kong 69M and the dams sire is Markeslev Extra. Shown by Markeslevgaard Hereford.

Markeslevgaard also took the title of Cow Champion with Markeslev Fix 3. She is sired by Gouldingpoll 1 Superduty and the dams sire is Sdr Ydby Apollo. Shown by Markeslevgaard Hereford.

Reserve Cow Champion was Moeskær Ambrosia 1313 sired by Moeskær Keyman 1003 ET. The dams sire is Stockmaster 3J. She was shown by Woodland Hereford.

## **Danish Hereford Meat**

*By Evald Jensen, Nr. Blæsbjerg Hereford*

A Higher Price For Slaughtered Hereford Animals

The marketing concept 'Danish Hereford Meat' has become a reality, based on an agreement between a wholesale meat buyer 'The Meat Wholesaler', the slaughter house known as Danish Crown and The Danish Hereford Association. The first animals in the concept were slaughtered in August 2017.

'The Meat Wholesaler' has recognized the good quality of the meat from Herefords and considers the meat as a highly valuable product which they sell for a higher price. 'The Meat Wholesaler' supplies hotels, restaurants, canteens and other catering firms and can therefore sell all the different cuts from the carcasses.

Danish Crown slaughters the animals, hangs them and then cuts them up.

The Danish Hereford Association has compiled a committee to take care of the interests of the Hereford breeders who are the suppliers. The committee has 2 coordinators who are responsible for organizing which animals are slaughtered in which week so that the right number of animals is slaughtered every week. Presently 'The Meat Wholesaler' buys 16-18 animals every week.

The animals for slaughter have to comply with the following rules -

Young bulls: Carcass weight 280 - 380kg Minimum classification of 6.5. Age 12 - 24 months.

Heifers, young cows and bullocks : 280 - 380 kg. Minimum classification of 5.5. Age 12 – 24 months.

Fat classification 3 - 5 and colour classification 3 - 4 for all animals.

The Hereford breeders selling their slaughter animals to the concept receive their normal payment from Danish Crown and an extra payment of 4,70kr per kg. amounting to circa 1500kr extra for every animal. The breeders have to be able to verify that the animals are at least 75% hereford .

## **Hereford Youth, Denmark**

*By Mike Emil Brems, Leader of the Danish Youth.*

Hereford Youth is a group of young Hereford breeders, who's passion is to work with Herefords.

In Denmark there are about 50 young members between 5 – 30 years of age. Every year we have a Junior National show where we often have 30 Hereford entries, we always have a foreign judge. This year we had Josh Dowbiggin from England, he judged our show which this year took place at the Roskilde Show.

Josh did a fantastic job, and really showed us how he looked at the cattle, and why he made the decisions he did.

We also had a summer trip. This year we went to see a bison farm and a local Hereford breeder, both visits were very exciting and informative. At the end of the day we went bowling, a great combination of learning and relaxing.

Next year we will have our Hereford Youth show in Herning, this will be a little bit more special because it is the 10th anniversary for the Hereford Youth. I hope that some of you could be interested in visiting Denmark next year, I think that the new Hereford generation will give something to all of us.

