

## BENDIGO BEEF 2011

It was a shame that there weren't more Square Meaters at Bendigo, especially since there were those who specifically went to have a look at the breed. Roelf and Glennister De Koning travelled all the way from Argio Park at Glencoe, near Mt Gambier in the South East of SA, and it was disappointing that their very deserving heifer and young bull, the only two Squares at the show, didn't have any competition.

As usual, the Argio Park cattle were beautifully turned out, were great representatives of the breed and were thoroughly deserving of their awards.

We went across from Rainbow Valley, Springton SA, and very much enjoyed a lovely weekend with Roelf and Glennister. We intend to go back next year with some cattle of our own. The whole set up was really good, from the accommodation for the cattle, to the camping and parking arrangements. The atmosphere of the show was excellent, and we are looking forward to next year.

We were also interested in the commercial displays, in particular the one on pregnancy testing where we both did a crash course! I don't think we will be doing our local vet out of a job just yet, but we did learn a lot, and now have a far greater understanding. There was plenty of information available, and we all did very well with samples from one of the displays.

It was great to see the support Roelf and Glennister were shown by the newly-formed Victorian Breeders Group. In fact, with ourselves, Robin & Ken Prokopec of Rainbow Valley Square Meaters, SA, Christina Elinor & Paul Bruton of Misty Meadows, Mark & Charlie Kemp of Woodstock on Lodden, Peter Brown & Lyn Ward of Windridge, David Walley & Rachael Howard and, of course, Roelf & Glennister De Koning of Argio Park, SA, the Squares breeders by far out-numbered the Squares! Next year should prove to be a far different story, however, with enthusiasm running high in the Victorian camp. It should be a great week, and I look forward to catching up with everyone once again.



Roelf and Glennister de Koning with their award winning bull and female from Argio Park Square Meaters stud, Glencoe SA.

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