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Square Meaters Cattle - "No Ifs, Just Butts"

From the Chairperson



Welcome to 2019 and this the 15th edition of Outside the Square magazine, the first edition being published in 2004, 8 years after the conception of the Square Meaters Breed and now some 23 years on the breed has developed into a viable animal for the beef industry.

You may ask why Square Meaters?

Developed for the domestic butcher trade market; to meet the requirements of the Australian consumer; providing the consumer with smaller cuts of yearling beef.

However, the concept of Square Meaters cattle by Rick Pisaturo in 1996 – a moderate framed, early maturing type of animal was defined by the development of the Don Burke/Rick Pisaturo Frame Score measurement system which has altered slightly to include score 5 in both bulls and females.

This frame score system has then evolved into a height-for-age measuring system for shows to ensure the cattle are consistent and conform at each age group and remain moderate framed animals into the future.

Along the way the slogan “Square Meaters Cattle – No Ifs – Just Butts” was derived depicting another trait of the breed; good muscular hind quarters; especially in bulls and steers with the females having less bulky muscle but well-proportioned softer feminine hindquarters.

Traits also include good body length, depth and thickness through to a well-balanced proportionate medium length neck and small neat head; to help you visualise a brief picture outline for Squares.

For this all Australian, easy to manage breed type, there are many attributes that make them a good choice for any cattle ventures, small or large, pure or crossbreeding ventures.

These features include good temperament and the capacity to breed thriving calves that can be turned off at weaning to the vealer or later yearling market, of course this is dependent on paddock feed or the need to supplement due to seasonal conditions.

Acceptance of a new or young breed is difficult forging into the sale yards and industry areas where larger framed

breeds are generally more readily accepted for the local and extensive export market.

We know that our moderate framed animals can perform in the sale yards, feed lots, hoof and hook competitions and the show arena, so I encourage you to seek every opportunity to take up the challenge to be a part of our breed and “get out there” to promote Square Meaters marketability and viability in the beef industry.

Over the years Square Meaters have been consistent performers in hoof and hook competitions and winning medals for meat quality across the nation, usually pure bred animals and small in numbers, but most often in the top percentage of performers at these competitions.

Breeder stories across Australia show what passion there is for these very tractable animals along with articles from professional and supporting writers facilitating knowledge growth about managing and breeding cattle in this and previous editions that can be read online at www.squaremeaters.com or obtained from our association office.

We have in this issue an interview with Rick Pisaturo speaking about matters on Square Meaters - how and why they came into being and a short outline of his life story, a very interesting one that continues with new challenges even today into the horse racing industry.

The nature of Square Meaters builds and supports the capacity of young handlers and the Q & A in this edition is a junior youth showing at Australia’s major beef spectacular in Rockhampton and a judge’s perspective on Square Meaters at that event.

This is not the first time Square Meaters have flown the flag at this prestigious event which is attended by thousands of international and national visitors every 3 years.

Enjoy the interesting article about the purpose of showing which is how some breeders choose to promote Square Meaters, this can be very exciting and rewarding to exhibitors who put in many hours of training and preparation of their cattle, visit the breeders and enjoy a chat with them in the cattle lanes at shows.

There are consequences of travelling and moving your herd that can only be described as a challenge in animal husbandry and that includes going to events or moving properties.

This expresses the value of listening to your vet and the importance of maintaining quality assurance where ever your cattle may be moving to.

Breeding of cattle is not something that just happens, there is a degree of looking for the right animals to start the herd and the importance of female traits for the job, previously

we have covered the bull side of things and in this edition there is focus on the female of the bovine species to prove she will do the job in your herd and what visual factors, traits and conformation she needs as a mother for longevity and capacity to breed calves for many years.

Included in the magazine is an interesting article on the how and why of genetics influencing the colour of Square Meaters which demonstrates that selected bulls and females are mated to produce the future of your herd and in doing so combine their inherited genetics for many traits of their progeny, including that of skin and hair colour which in Square Meaters ranges from the solid colours of silver to dark grey with dark pigmented skin and criteria around acceptable areas for colour deviation.

The health of our cattle is important and we all know that the best start for a calf or any new born is with colostrum from their mother; but do we really know the value and importance of this rich source of much needed antibodies and the critical timing for absorption by the intestines to take up the antibodies particularly in calves?

Likewise, the day-to-day management of nutrition and what may happen if the feed becomes lush which may cause bloat in your cattle, which can be severe and cause death within hours if left untreated; there are ways to combat this and there are other causes of bloat; however, if you can't get a vet quickly you may need to intervene as we have done in the past.

Downsizing to smaller pastures for one breeder has opened the door for a couple seeking a lifestyle change in the heart of Victoria and their enthusiasm in finding Square Meaters shines from their story about how they found and fell in love with these placid cattle.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories in this edition of Outside The Square and join us in enjoying the lifestyle of farming alongside this wonderful breed of cattle called

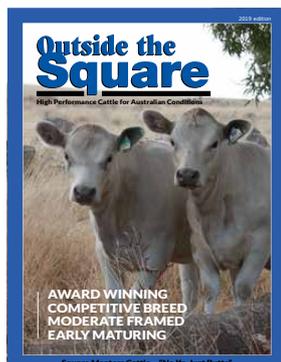
Square Meaters – No Ifs – Just Butts!

Ellen Moffat
SMCAA Chairperson

Cover Photo

Quality, true-to-type Square Meaters heifers are Argio Park Lillypad and Argio Park Becca bred by Roelf and Glennister deKoning of Argio Park, Glencoe SA.

Photo taken by Kelly White



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Why is My Calf Dark in Colour When Both Parents Are Light?

By Gary Sewell

Genetics are a wonderful thing and this article is written with a very basic explanation to the coat colours you can see within your Square Meaters Herd.

This I hope will have some of you asking more on genetics and how other animal traits are inherited.

Coat colours for most breeds have fixed characteristics from early selections when the breed was established.

Coat colour is influenced by numerous hereditary factors. Genes are responsible for the characteristics of the animal. Genes are small spots on the chromosomes (thread-like molecules that carry hereditary information).



Cattle carry about 200,000 pair of Genes on 30 pair of chromosomes. An animal has 2 genes for basic colour so when mating takes place the bull's sperm and cow's egg contribute 50% each of the genes to the embryo.

All cattle possess of 3 basic colours; black, red or white so the 2 genes that the animal has for basic colour makes 6 genetic combinations.

Black is dominant to red so an animal with 1 black gene and 1 red gene will be black, there is incomplete dominance between this black/red gene and the gene for white as is the case for the gene for red/white and white/white will always be white.

Along with the genes for the basic colours there is another set of genes that determine if the colour is diluted or not diluted. The gene for dilution causes black to dilute to grey.

So with our Square Meaters Cattle we have black basic colour with genes for dilution. If we have one dilution gene this will produce grey and if 2 dilution genes are carried silver will be produced. If you then outcross the grey animal over a black animal the resulting progeny will be either grey or silver, the grey is dominant over the black.

As mentioned earlier in this article 50% of the animal's genes are inherited from each parent and what we have to bear in mind is that the parents have also inherited 50% of their individual genes from their parents, this heritage goes down the line.

So you may have an individual animal showing a certain trait that has not been dominant (visual) in the parents that suddenly appears as a result of the mating, this is all governed by the genetics both dominant and recessive.

I hope this article does have readers thinking more on genetics and how they influence each individual animal as they are all individual because of their genetic make-up!



Square Meaters colours range from silver, silver/grey, grey to dark grey and "mulberry dapples" may be seen within those colours.

Beef Week 2018

By Eric Ross, Rosellinos SM

At Beef Week, Rockhampton, the Judge Mr Ron Pullen of "Wyoming" Romagnolas, Tedlands described the Grand Champion Female Cluskers Nora as a wonderful example of the Breed, he said that everything about her was correct and she had an "exemplary calf".

Then describing Oakvale Man-O- Man Grand Champion Bull, a 21 month sire weighing 602kgs with an eye muscle of 107 cm sq. Mr Pullen said that when he walked around, you really can't see his pins, the coverage is just so smooth and even over the top, and he felt absolutely fantastic!

The overall display of Square Meaters was a credit to the exhibitors and Mr Pullen's comments continued with: "I am gobsmacked by the way these Square Meaters walk around; they don't walk, they float," he said.



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Youth at Beef Week

Q & A with Ayla Forman

This is what our youngest QLD youth thought of the biggest Beef Show in Australia.

What was the best thing about Beef 2018?

It was my first time at a big show like Beef 2018 and I liked the experience of getting up early every morning to clean out the stalls and feed our animals. Plus I got to have time off school.

What result did you achieve?

Our cow and calf won the senior champion female and also grand champion female of the breed.

What did you think when the judge said you won grand champion?

I couldn't believe it, then once I realised it was true, I was excited and really proud that all our hard work paid off. What was your experience in the Interbreed judging? I was so excited to have the opportunity to be in the Inter-breed at such a big show like Beef, even though I

knew we probably didn't have a chance to win. I loved the experience and looking at all the other breeds of cattle which were really tough competition.

What did you learn from Beef 2018?

Always be confident when handling your animals in the ring even if they are being cheeky. And always have a lot of fun!

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Ayla and calf Black Oak Nikko with female Cluskers Nora L24, Matt Forman and Grant Ducat from Ducato di Cudgen SM at Beef Australia, Rockhampton QLD

The Purpose of Showing

Supplied by: Jo Van Elten

What is the purpose of the show ring?

The show ring is the opportunity for a visual appraisal of a breed by those interested in the breed. The show ring is an excellent place to study the “right” and “wrong” type of animal.

Although performance testing is an excellent means of selection and evaluating the reproductive ability of an animal, the visual appraisal of breeding cattle always has been and always will be a vital factor in selection.

Don't forget that most commercial cattle are evaluated and bought by eye. Eye appeal is also one of the great assets of the Square Meaters breed.

Another purpose of the show ring is the stimulation it gives to all involved. The breeders exhibiting on the day are encouraged to improve their breeding and or preparation of their animals.

The spectators and breeders that were ringside go home with mental pictures that give them perspective for their future joining and culling.

The show ring does not argue with performance testing, genetics, fertility or anything else it is only concerned with the cattle on parade and one judges' opinion on the day.

The show ring is one of the places where many a commercial cattle breeder looks for his standard and guidance for selection through eye appeal.

The show ring is the place for many experiences – the thrill of winning, the agony of losing, the excitement of competition, a contagious place for enthusiasm and also the place you often hear someone say “I've got a better bull at home”. They should bring him next time.

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Well presented handler wearing correct breed uniform presenting the female heifer for visual appraisal to the judge.

Logistics of Moving Farm

By Erin Wilcock

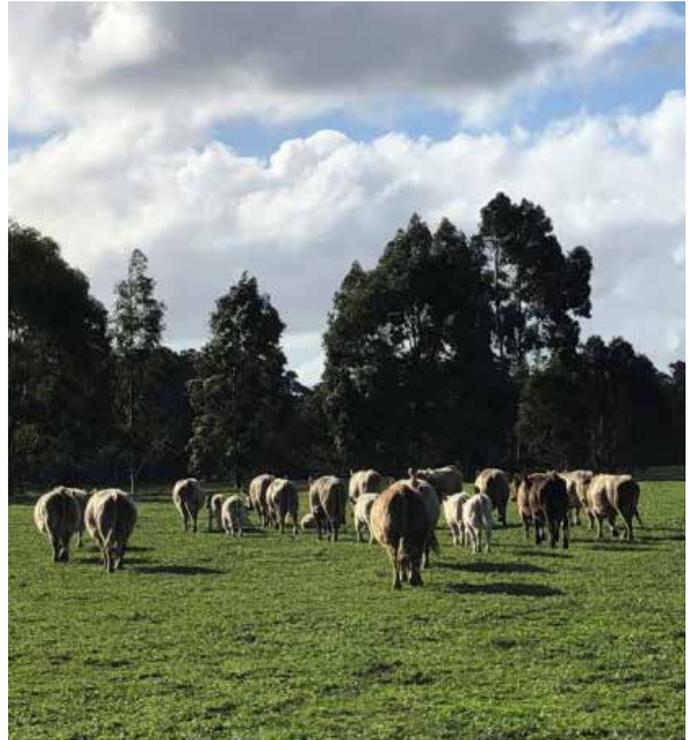
July 2018 saw Preston Rise Square Meaters on the move after selling their 100 acre farm in the rolling hills of the Preston Valley WA to a larger property on the South Coast of WA 18km from Margaret River.

So the planning begins for the move what are we going to need? Trucks, Cattle Trucks, Furniture Removal Trucks, Trailers, Cars and Utes ok that's transport what else cages, tarps, feed bins, loading ramps at both ends, tractors still needed at old farm but required to unload at new farm.

The list went on and on and the logistics got harder and harder.

So the planning goes on to dates for the move what needs to be moved first and if we move that who will be at the new farm to look after them or off load them we needed to be in two places at once. 200km apart. Planning! Planning! Planning!

Of course being cattle farmers and getting the cattle to the new property was a priority.



A truck load of cattle, cows, calves and bull walk calmly off the truck and into their new paddock

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2018 has been a very exciting year for WA Square Meaters and our stud. We have become more involved in shows by providing animals to the Denmark Agricultural College and we have entered another Team into the Paddock to Plate Challenge and seen significant improvements in Team performance putting our breed up there with the best of breeds in WA.

We have continued with sales of bulls into WA Commercial operations so producers and consumers alike can see the merits of our cattle and their traits.

We would like to thank those that have purchased cattle from us throughout the year, and wish all Square Meaters enthusiasts a Great 2019.



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So then you have to ask the question is the fencing at the new property adequate, do the water troughs work and are the pumps in good working order, are the paddocks clear of debris and nasty plants?

Prior to the moving date in June 2018 we had our herd JBAS 8 tested so during the testing we also had the spring calvers preg-tested and a health check done on all animals, with this came a warning from the vet that to “expect some health issues with the move”.

As most of our herd had been born at Noggerup and would be immune to the property so all cattle were 7 in 1 vaccinated and back lined for ticks, lice and worms.

Time to move the cattle then brings around another long list of logistics, lists and questions.

Are the autumn calves big enough to travel with their mums and not get injured? Answer No! so a stock trailer will be needed to transport calves separate from their Dams.

At the time the bulls were still in with the cows so 3 trips saw cows and bull in each truck load with their calves in the stock trailer.

Then there was young bulls, heifers and steers, can't put the young bulls with heifers or the cows so another 2 trips with bulls and steers and heifers on their own. Finally all cattle have arrived at their new place of residence and seem pretty happy with their new surrounds.

Now it's time for the rest of the animals Dogs, Goats, Geese, Turkeys, Chooks, Peacocks all done relatively easy, a quick chat and “if you don't get in that trailer you're staying here” most abided by the rules with the exception of one peacock and the peahen.

Moving 3 sheds full of farming equipment, tools, motor bikes, tractors, show equipment and years of accumulative stuff saw 3 semi-trailers make the 200km trek from Noggerup to Rosa Brook. Finally the furniture truck and removalist made their way with the house contents finally after 3 weeks we are all moved to the new farm.

So getting back to the vets advice, 4 weeks after the move we had the biggest break out of lice and ringworm I have ever seen which affected 90% of our herd, so the new yards were quickly erected and all brought in to be back lined for the 2nd time in two months with a great result.

Moving during winter is also not a good idea as during the move we had 4 weeks of continual rain and working in ankle deep mud for the duration of the move.

So for Doug and I the logistics and advice for moving is all about the planning, animal health and don't, and I mean, don't, do it in winter!

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Performing Females

By Murray Williams

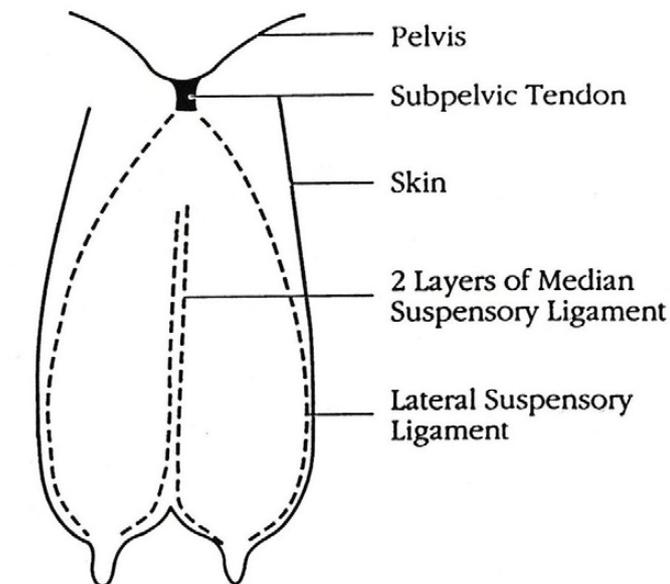
There are many factors involved in the visual selection of our females and you can add measured traits (growth rates, calving interval) and breed specific characteristics (colour, size etc) to that selection list.

In these comments I will outline those factors which I would consider for use in the visual selection of my females. Females are required to have unassisted births, calve every twelve months, nurture a young calf and provide good quality milk in sufficient quantity to provide optimum growth, and to do so economically for ten or more years.

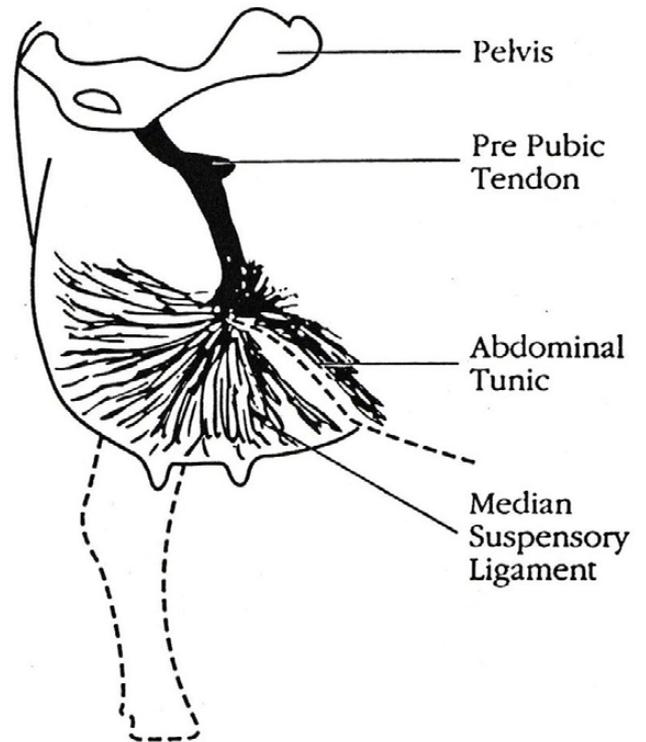
We need to place considerable emphasis on the maternal traits and so first of all the female must look feminine.

This is an expression of the right balance of hormones which allows the animal to do the maternal things well and is typified by an angular profile with a clean head and neck; some pointiness of the poll; length of body; spring and good angle of rib; depth of body and soft, loose fine haired skin.

(Ever notice how if for some reason a cow ceases to reproduce she will become 'steery' or 'butch'... Or, perhaps it is more correctly the other way around. If she loses the hormone balance then she gives up reproducing.)



A firmly-supported, stabilised udder is less likely to suffer bruising and tissue damage, and strong median and lateral suspensory ligaments provide what is known as a firm rear attachment for the udder.



In a high-producing cow the total weight of the udder, includes milk and blood, may range from 50 to 100kg and so the structures which support and attach the udder to the surface of the pelvis and the abdominal wall are extremely important.

Correct skeletal structure is also most important especially in those females which you wish to keep future breeders from. Of importance is some width between the front legs which follows back to heart and lung room which is needed for maximum production.

This generally follows further back in the animal giving capacity to the gut which is the engine room of production, especially in pasture fed management regimes. Skeletal structure which limits heart and lung or gut room puts a limit on the whole engine room capacity of your female.

Of the skeletal bones, the first that I look at is the pelvis. In fact, if I go into a paddock to look at females that is the first place that I consciously look, albeit there is an instinctive assessment of femininity and type.

To me the pelvis is the most important bone in the body for it effects not only mobility but plays a major part in calving ease and udder suspension. For this reason I have included a separate article on the shape and angles of an ideal pelvis.

While we need angularity in our females we also need width in the skeleton as that provides the frame work to add extra

meat in the progeny. Angularity is not fineness. (Angular is, the preferred wedge shape seen in the body conformation of some cows.)

In heifers I look at two other things to get a measure of their probable calving ease and lifetime milking ability. The vulva should be long and flat to the rear of the heifer, not pointing significantly outwards. It should appear soft and pliable, not wrinkled and scrunched up.

The vulva grows as the heifer reaches parturition but the larger it is at the start the bigger it will end up and the easier calving will be. It is not uncommon for a calf born to a heifer to be dead because it took too long to get through the vulva.

Rudimentary teats are a guide to what the heifer's udder will be like. They should be of only moderate length (approx. 3-4cm) and should be well spaced apart from side view (6-8cms) and there should ideally be only four. Watch for the odd teat that may have the opening up the side or two teats conjoined.

Neither is ideal. Teats should not be fat, no thicker than a little finger. Teats that are too long or too thick will get worse with every lactation and eventually the calf will not get onto them all to drink.

This will cause further stretching of the unused teats and result in udder failure.

The long distance between the teats indicates length of floor of udder and greater udder capacity in the lactating cow. (Don't forget that rudimentary teats on your bull will give a guide to the udders of his daughters.)

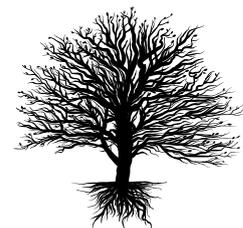
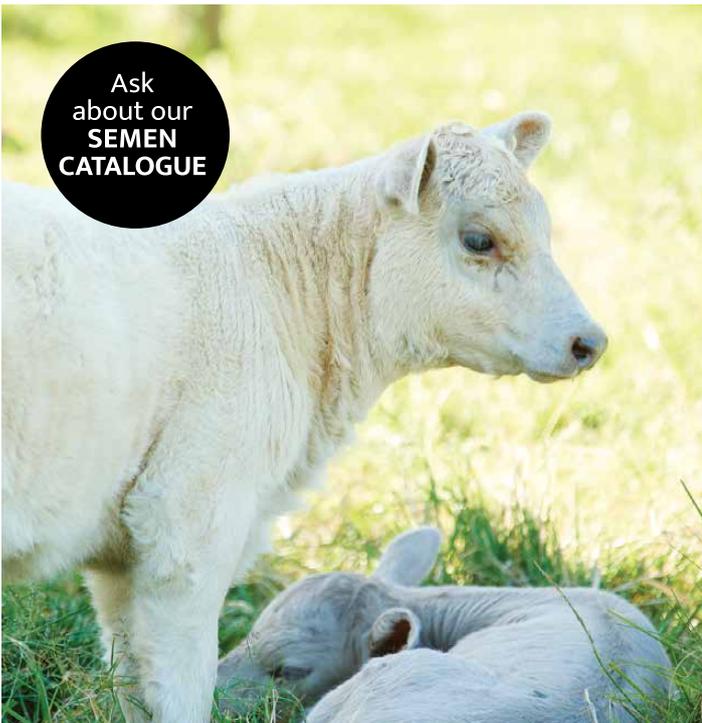
Milk production is best gauged by the growth of the calf, not the size of the udder.

In beef females milk components are often more important than udder size and unlike a dairy cow a beef cow does not have to have udder capacity for twice a day milking. A beef calf will suckle many times each day.

We must achieve a balance between sufficient udder capacity to produce enough milk for the calf and maintain functionality for much longer than in a dairy cow.

Again, in a separate article there is illustration of the components suspending the udder. Whilst those illustrations have been drawn for a dairy cow they are as relevant to the understanding of a beef cows udder.

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Measured Success

Rick Pisaturo Interview by Collin Segelov

The answer to the question of measuring Square Meaters is simple, according to original breeder Rick Pisaturo:

Now in his sprightly upper nineties, the proud recipient of an OAM who first discovered Australia as a POW has done his best to keep out of any measurement row until now but, no longer a breeder he says there's been little to change his views about "true Square Meaters."

Walking around the same Mandalong Park sales ring completed (only hours ahead of time) for the first Square Meaters' auction back in 1996, Rick is quickly down to basics.

Always an extremely hard working man very much of the moment, now a modern millionaire success story, he'll happily take anyone back to the beginning.

"It made sense then—still does now—to start a new breed project with a look at the market for meat, with particular regard to any area where there is greater demand for particular tastes than the existing level of supply.

"We're talking early 1990s, when I had a couple of butchers' shops and found, along with others, that housewives—'householders' we say now—were asking for younger, tender and smaller portions of steak and other cuts.

"A lot of asking around and research led me to believe that I could quietly bring the size of the Murray Grey down sufficiently while increasing smooth muscling and achieving an even fat cover.

That, in short, is what led to today's Square Meaters."

Having lost none of the passion applied back then to the four-year development of his "ideal carcass for the

domestic market," and reckoning that today's domestic meat buyer is more health conscious than ever in wanting quality over quantity, this former farm hand, soldier, real estate developer, cattleman—author even—prostate cancer survivor and now highly-focussed horse breeder, seems indefatigable as he heads toward his centenary.

As is well known, Square Meaters were not Rick's first venture into developing a new breed.

While his earliest taste of country life was in Italian vineyards, labouring alongside his father, he was introduced to the cattle business through the well-known Badgery family in the NSW Southern Highlands as a prisoner of war farm worker he still farms his first breed, Mandalong Specials.

Today, they occupy the main paddocks, but share the wall space of his Mandalong Park office on the Western edge of Sydney with sometimes fading photos of prize-winning Square Meaters along with his third celebrated success, Tropicanas.

But while one of Australia's most celebrated cattlemen may have moved on from the stock he bred specifically for the local market, and from active involvement in the breed's association that he originated, he counts them as one of his major achievements.

For a man who has achieved so much over the course of three-quarters of a century in his adopted country, that means a great deal.

[For those who don't know, after arriving here in 1941, he became a Justice of Peace in the 1950s, won a National Australia Bank Ethical Business Award in the 1990s and, in between, as well as his Order of Australia Medal "for Services to the Cattle Industry," as well as being honoured in homeland of Italy by being made a Cavaliere Dell'ordine Al Merito – Della Repubblica Italiana, and receiving numerous other awards].

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From his initial selection of Murray Greys without declaring the new breed intent, to seeing his mild-mannered cattle admired and adopted across the country and internationally, he now continues to keep an eye on developments from the sidelines.

“They’re breeding Square Meaters in America now, and I still believe they continue to afford one of the greatest conversion rates of any cattle anywhere,” he says, more matter-of-factly than with personal pride.

Over coffee—Italian-style—in his office, Rick rifles through a stack of papers on his desk and produces a promotional leaflet for a 40-lot Square Meaters sale in 2000.

It shows a Mandalong Park-bred steer weaned at eight months, supplemented with grain feed in a small paddock for 60 days and gaining 2.3 kilos per day (to 338kgs), a confirmed conversion rate of 1:3.8 claimed to demonstrate a way to double farming profits!

[He says the right pasture feed would have served as well—if he’d had it!]

Typical bulls are shown as being weaned at eight months with an average weight of 255 kg, with equivalent heifers at 215 kg.

From the outset, Rick recognised the need to regulate the breed, including this stipulation in the same leaflet:

“Registered Class ‘A’ to be deemed to be Pure Bred Square Meaters at 12 months measure at the top of the shoulder 110 centimetres for bulls and 107 centimetres for females. Any females measuring above this height can be registered Class ‘B’.”

Another rummage through desk papers comes up with a loose sheet headed ‘Rick Pisaturo/Don Burke Frame Score System,’ again reflecting those measures, along with the rider “Any bull measuring above 110cm will not be eligible to be registered ... Any females measuring above 107cm will be deemed to be 7/8 Class ‘B’”

All of which might seem to put a seal on the issue as far as Rick Pisaturo and his original Square Meaters Association is concerned ... especially given this further rider:

“The Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe other characteristics as to the eligibility for registration in either class whether as to colour polling, age, sex, size, height, weight or otherwise, solely or in combination PROVIDED THAT no condition shall be valid if it be inconsistent with the score system referred to in Clause 4.3”

As a reminder to some, perhaps new to others, and a basis for discussion for all, it seems, this is the essential content of that clause as it appeared from the beginning:

Rick hasn’t wanted to become embroiled in arguments of measurements, and after proffering his old records, quickly changes our location to Mandalong Park’s stables and our discussion to his current primary passion of horse breeding.

He promises there’s more to come “soon” in the manner of the historic 50:1 first-race win of Mandalong Vampire.

Bought back to cattle measurements, he’ll only say that he was sorry to see the association “lose its way” for a while after it moved away from Mandalong Park. Neither Rick, his daughter, nor either of his two sons have carried on a family interest in Square Meaters. “One of the boys did think about it a while after I’d moved on from the association, but found the fees of that time too high.”

Pressed further, he ends his reluctant contribution to the claims and counter-claims of recent times, saying: “Even before I moved on, it was always thought the Board would need to maintain the right to change things to suit the market.

I can only talk to you about our original thinking and specifications.”

Back in the Mandalong Park sales ring, now overgrown and used as storage space, Rick recalled that it was the promise of purebreds meeting those specifications that brought “amazing” prices for Square Meaters at that first sale in 1996—a top figure of \$5,750 for a Class “A” heifer, and \$52,000 for a Class “A” bull.

Perhaps that’s where we’ll find the final word in proving his 20-yr-old claim that Square Meaters would win wide appeal “because of their obvious extra profitability.”

In today’s money, (using the Reserve Bank’s inflation-adjustment formula), that’s the equivalent of over \$10,000 for the heifer, and closer to \$100,000 for the bull.

On that basis, you could be excused for thinking that a bet on Rick Pisaturo’s Mandalong Square Meaters might still offer a better return than whatever odds any of his future Mandalong thoroughbreds achieve on the track!

A journalist of 50-years’ standing, Collin Segelov is a relatively new Square Meaters breeder, establishing a dedicated stud in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales,

Ed’s note: The original measurement frame scores remain the same with the only change being the inclusion of score 5 being inclusive for bulls and females.

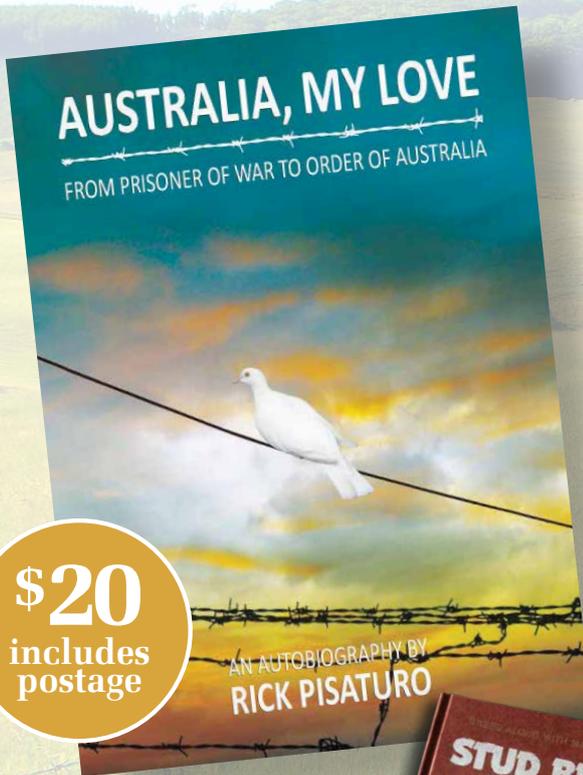
The Membership did have a period of variable membership package deals though now membership is an annual fee and pay for service.

Rick Pisaturo

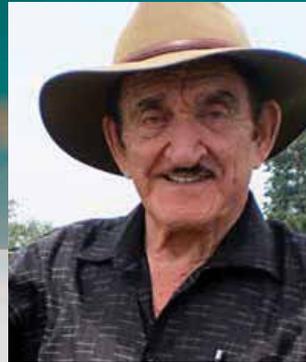
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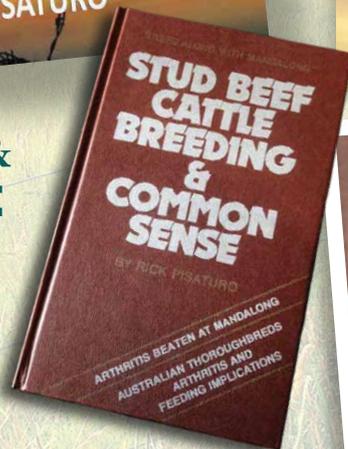
Rick's story describes the horrors of his first internment camp where unfriendly and often drunk guards added to the fear and misery, then the relief of being shipped along with other POW's on the former Cunard luxury liner *Queen Mary* to Australia, the far more agreeable conditions in Australian prison camps and then the enormous relief of being allocated as workers on Australian farms.

The most remarkable element of his fascinating story is the absence of bitterness and rancour where it may well have been justified. His monumental achievements are told with humility, wit and the best form of passion – that which harnesses a dream and moulds it to reality.



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Rosellinos Success

By Eric Ross



Rosellinos Square Meaters have performed well during 2018. Although the season has been very harsh in Queensland our cattle have endured the conditions and are in prime condition. This is a good trait with Square Meaters; they can handle reasonably harsh conditions and still maintain their condition.

Rosellinos exhibited at both the Toowoomba and Brisbane Royal Shows in 2018.

A small team of 3 head was exhibited at Toowoomba, Rosellinos Nerida was first in the 6 to 12 months calf class and then Reserve Junior Calf and her team mate Rosellinos Nicety was second in the calf class. Rosellinos Mytech placed second in bull 18 to 21 months.



These 3 animals went on to win the Breeders Group from 4 entries mostly mature animals.

Rosellinos team performed well at the Brisbane RNA (EKKA) with a team of 7 head. Rosellinos Nerida was first in the 12 and under 16 months class and then won Reserve Junior Champion heifer, Rosellinos Novelty was second in the 12 months and under 16 months class.

Then the junior bull Rosellinos Noble was first in the 12 months and under 16 month class, was then sashed Junior Champion bull and went on to win Grand Champion Square Meaters Bull.

Rosellinos Neptune was second in the 12 and under 16 months class to Noble and was then awarded Reserve Junior Champion Bull.

Rosellinos Mytech was second in the 20 and under 30 months bull and Reserve Champion Bull. Rosellinos was first in the pair of bulls and received a second and third in the Breeders Group. Altogether EKKA was a very successful show.

Rosellinos purchased a young sire from Sunset Park stud, Sunset Park Mr Mister during the year. The first of his progeny are now being born, all males so far but look to be good vealers.

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The Importance of Colostrum to the New-born Calf

By Dr Peter Howard

The anatomy of the bovine placenta prevents transfer of immunoglobulins in-utero; therefore, the newborn calf relies on ingestion of colostrum in the first 24 hours of life to provide immunity.

The immunoglobulins are proteins and within the animal they have the specific purpose of identifying pathogens and destroying them. The main type in colostrum is IgG and this is the immunoglobulin that is absorbed into the bloodstream to protect against infection.

In order to ensure maximum immunoglobulin uptake into the calf's circulation it must be fed within six hours of birth. Ideally the quantity should be 10% of the calf's bodyweight.

This is about three to 5 litres in the first six hours which may need to be over two feeds as the calf's stomach probably can only take two litres at a time.

Colostrum will continue to be absorbed in gradually reducing amounts for 24 to 36 hours.

The newborn calf's gut cells gradually close over during this time making further passage of IgG not possible: After the initial period of colostrum ingestion, it is still important to continue feeding colostrum for 10-14 days as a second immunoglobulin (IgA), which is responsible for surface immunity, continues to coat the young calf's gut and protect against enteric pathogens.

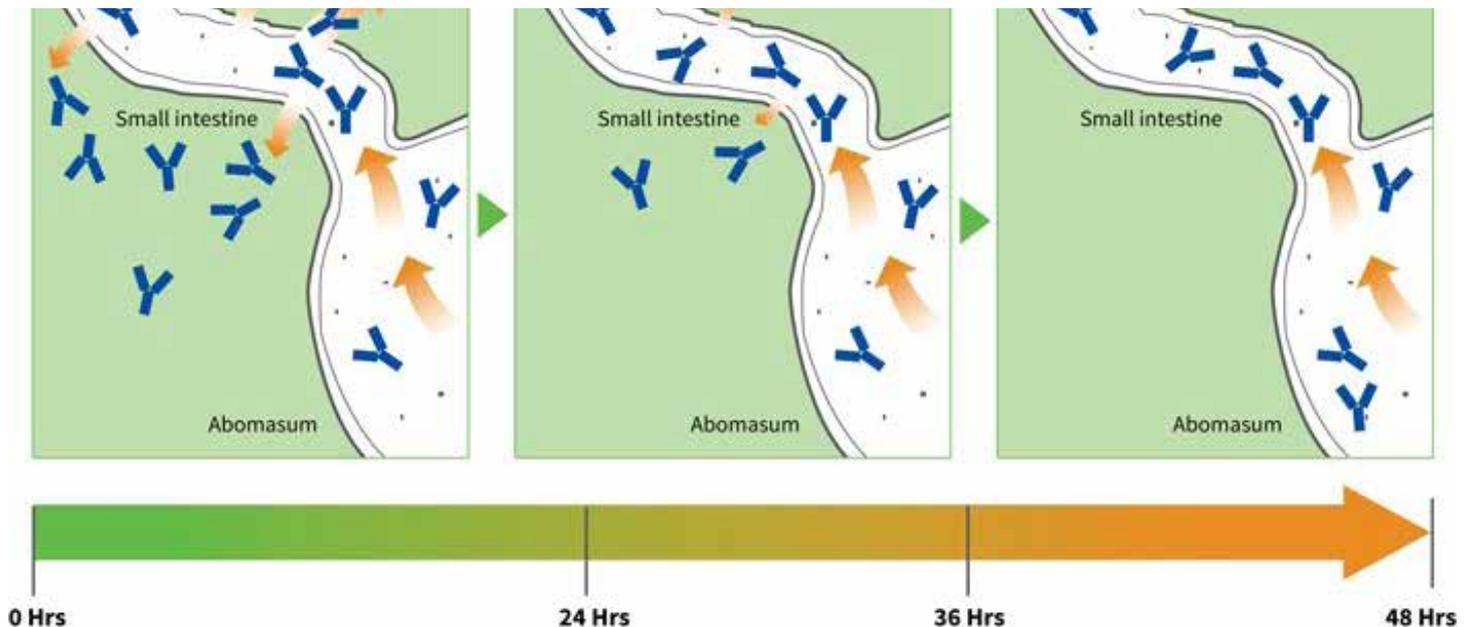
Failure of Colostral Passive Transfer (commonly referred to as FPT) causes higher incidence of disease and mortality; the most common diseases seen as a result in young calves are diarrhoea, navel and joint ill and pneumonia.

As well as providing passive immunity for the new born calf colostrum is the sole provider of energy and nutrition for young calves.

Clearly it is vital to maintain a high quality of colostrum being fed to calves and this can be maximised by focusing on cow health, nutrition and body condition score in the lead up to calving.

Diseases such as mastitis and milk fever will reduce colostrum quality, as will feed restrictions close to calving or over fat or over thin cows.

It is also vital to appreciate how quickly colostrum quality declines after calving - the first 24 hours' milk has the highest levels of immunoglobulins:



Transfer of Passive Immunity

Optimal absorption of antibodies (IgGs) into a calf's bloodstream takes place as soon as possible after birth. Between 24-30 hours, the ability of IgG to pass through the gut lining diminishes. By 48 hours, gut closure prevents IgG transfer into the bloodstream.



We have easy and cheap methods available to test colostrum quality and to test calves' immunoglobulin status, with regards to colostrum quality, we use a Brix Refractometer and we are looking for readings over 22% for immunoglobulin.

Testing calves is useful if you suspect that your system may not be giving calves the best start in life - we like to test a good number (12 is recommended but certainly a minimum of 5 or 6) at under 1 week of age.



A Brix Refractometer for testing and measuring immunoglobulin quality in colostrum

Again results are instant and readings indicate if early colostrum intake was adequate, good or poor and allows adjustments to your system of calf management to be made.

Sometimes tube feeding of colostrum may be necessary as some studies show that despite the calf suckling on the cow, immunoglobulin readings can still be low.

Where possible the calf should be encouraged to suck as this stimulates the oesophageal reflex and prevents colostrum entering the rumen - milk digestion in the calf occurs in the abomasum.

The abomasum is the structure that is the largest stomach when the calf is born and as she progresses towards

weaning with the intake of solid feed, the rumen grows and becomes the major stomach.

It is well documented that as well as reduced disease correct colostrum feeding also leads to higher growth rates in calves and young stock.

We hope you have enjoyed this little summary on the importance of Colostrum Feeding.

Dr Peter Howard BVetMed, CertCHP, MANCIS
Clinical Lead, Roseworthy Campus of the AU.

Postscript: Dr Howard was kind enough to write this article for our magazine and from him, I have also learned the following important information:

"While I was well aware of the importance of a calf's early intake of colostrum in building up its' immune system, I was not aware that at birth a calf has no immune system at all.

Following a difficult birth, a calf is less likely to suckle, and 20% will not suckle within the first 6 hours. It is therefore advisable to store colostrum for when needed.

This can be done by freezing.

As the colostrum should be thawed for use as gradually as possible, it is best to place it flat in the freezer in resealable plastic bags, so that it will take the shortest time possible when thawed in warm water. DO NOT use a microwave.

Freezing colostrum can be variable but research of articles (check through your www. search engine) suggestions that up to six months for optimum viability.

Colostrum taken from cows on the property is the most valuable, as it is specific to diseases on that particular farm. If that is not possible, colostrum can be sourced from a local dairy and if all else fails, powdered colostrum, although not as good, is better than nothing."

Postscript by: Robin Prokopec, Rainbow Valley Square Meaters

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Lush Pasture and Bloat

By Eric Ross

Bloat can be a serious concern when you have a paddock of Clover or Lucerne after some good seasonal rain and ideal growing weather, therefore management becomes an essential component when planning the feeding.

Bloat is a product of these very palatable legumes when grazed by cattle, which develop large amounts of gas in the rumen in a very short time.

If no remedial action is taken cattle can die within minutes because the stomach expands with the gas which in turn presses onto the lungs and the animal dies from suffocation.

Action can be taken by puncturing the rumen on the left hand side to allow the gas to escape.

There is however a remedy to prevent bloating by administering mainly a vegetable oil base product to the animals before they enter the pasture.

There are many and varied ways to administer these products, such as a drench, or mix with the grain or dry feed.

When managing Beef Cattle these procedures can be difficult and time consuming or if adding to the grain you are not always sure that each animal is getting the prescribed dose.

My best recommendation to manage this problem has been to add the oil to the drinking water and it is essential that there is only one site for the animals to drink.



Lush clover pasture that can be the cause of bloat in cattle

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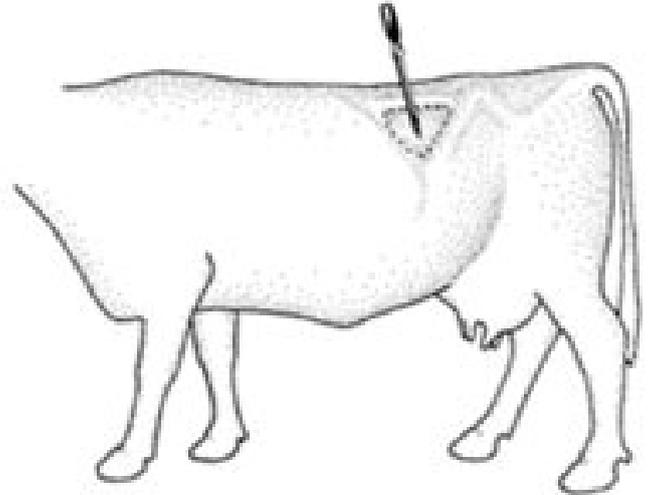
The procedure is to work out the daily requirement for each animal, approximately 45 ml per animal per day depending on the product, multiply by the number of animals and add to the water drinking trough.



Water trough suitable for controlled inclusion of the oil for assistance to prevent bloat.

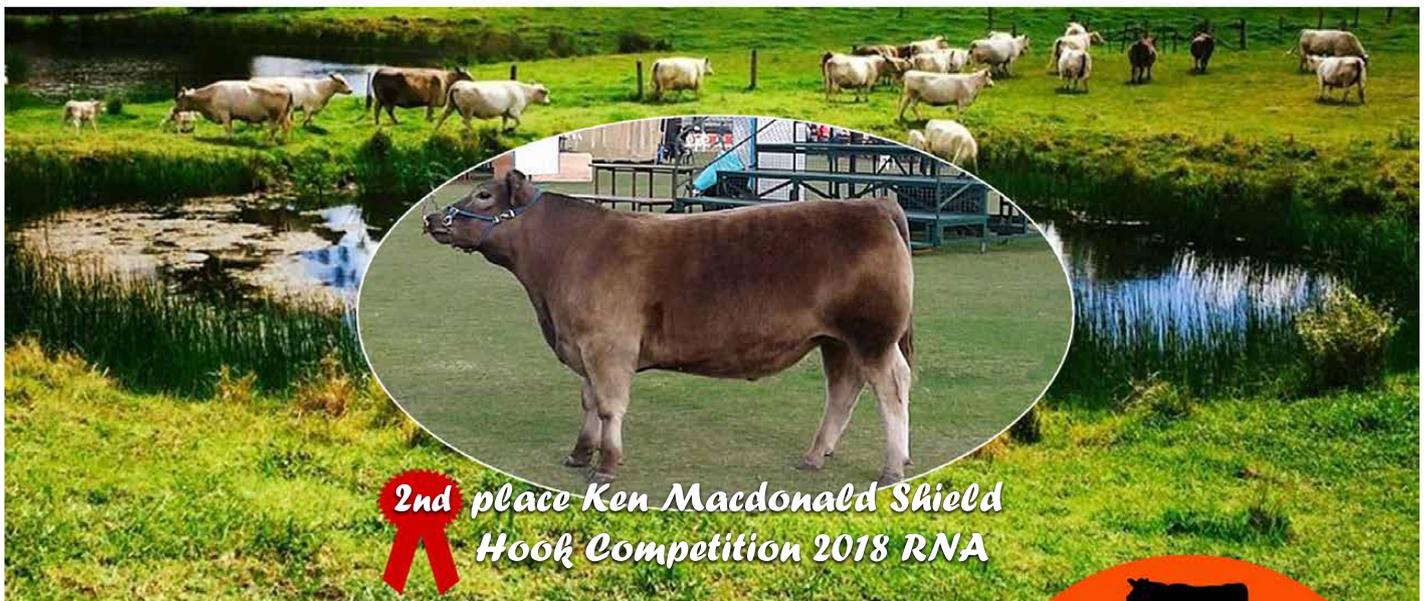
Cattle have to drink water daily and therefore do not need to be forced.

This procedure should commence 2 days before animals are introduced to the lush pasture and continued daily. You can then safely relax when the cattle are grazing these types of pastures.



Site for puncturing the rumen on the left hand side to allow the gas to escape.

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The Pelvis

By Murray Williams

The pelvis is the major structural bone around which the skeleton is built. It is fused to the spinal column in mature males and attached by strong ligaments in the female.

It is the main support structure for the rear legs. In the female, it forms the channel through which the calf must be expelled and is the structure from which the udder is suspended.

The way in which the pelvis is shaped and set up is therefore very important to the function of the female. There are three angles that should be considered in assessing the ideal pelvis.

The angulation between the hip and pin bones is important in opening up the size of the pelvic rim though which the calf must pass.

Tilting the pelvis by lowering the pins increases the pelvic area by approximately 1% for every one degree of angle that the pins are lowered, with the optimum angle being approximately 18 to 20 degrees.

The dairy industry has a traditionally looked for the pins being high in the belief that it gave greater support to the rear udder.

The trade off has resulted in up to 80% of maiden heifers requiring assistance to calve.

The angle or "set" of the top of the pins should be between 30-40 degrees. This is important, as an angle any less than 30 degrees (flat pins) tends to be associated with the tail head being set too far forward, with the associated and consequential effect of the vulva laying forward and flat instead of vertical.

This phenomena results in reduced fertility stemming from the uterus being less able to drain properly after calving and the danger of infection from faeces laying on the vulva and not dropping clear.

Given good length from hip to pin, the ideal setting of the thurl bone should create a 90 degree angle between the three points i.e. hips, pins, and thurls and should be set as close as possible to equidistant between the hip and pin (Fig 4).

The angle itself is important only so much as in order to form the 90 degrees, the thurl must be set low. This is an indication of depth in the pelvis.

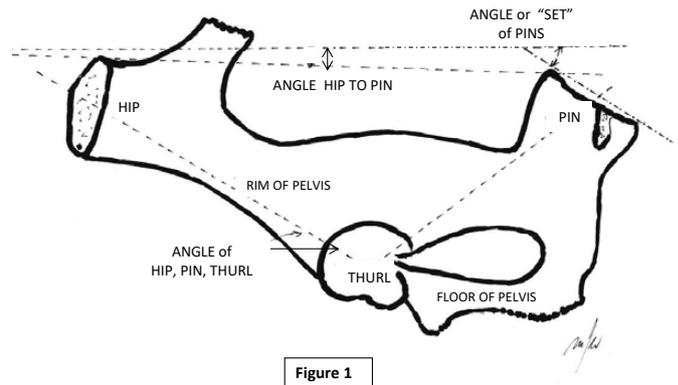


Figure 1

The pelvis shape is very important to the function of the female and there are three angles that should be considered in assessing the ideal pelvis.

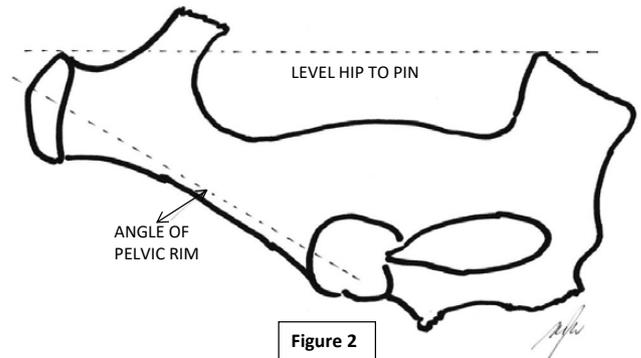


Figure 2

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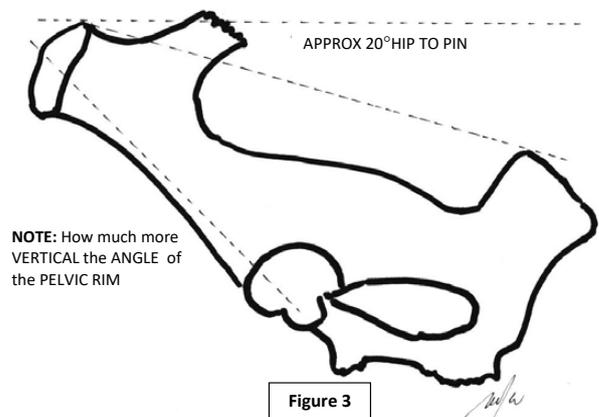
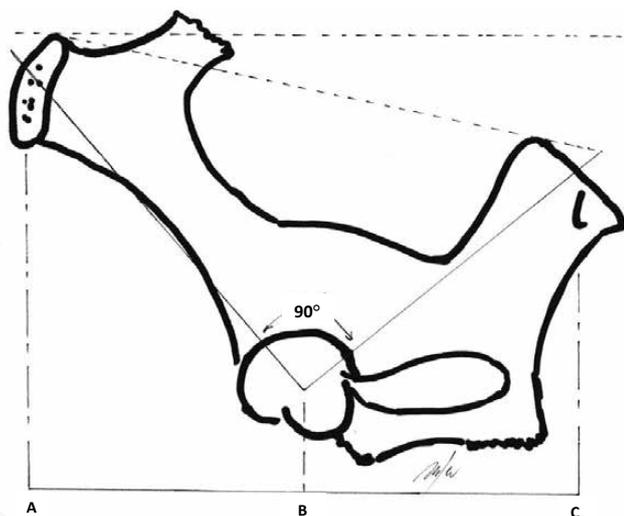


Figure 3

Pelvis with high pins and tilted



NOTE: A to B equals B to C

Figure 4
THE IDEAL PELVIS

Set equidistance between hip and pin, the thurl indicates the length in the pelvis floor, giving udder attachment more directly above the weight of the udder.

It also provides a larger and flatter floor, allowing the contracting uterus to more easily clean post calving.

In order to improve the size of the pelvic opening, we must increase width and /or depth. Depth can be indicated by the position of the thurl bone. Width can be gauged from the width of the pins.

The width between the upper section of the pins is equivalent to the internal width of the pelvic rim.

Given the seasonal and genetic variations in calf weight and the variations in calf shape, the greatest single factor affecting calving ease is the shape and angulation of the pelvis. A factor which can be assessed visually.

A good length from hip to pin and low set of the thurl bone which indicates the length in the pelvis floor, should create a 90 degree angle between the three points for the ideal pelvis.

 A photograph of a dark-colored cow with a white blaze on its face, standing in a grassy field behind a wire fence. The cow has a blue nose ring. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

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Win, Win for Graymax

By Dagmar Sebal

We had a plan to escape our life and do something different, and our goal was always to grow beef cattle and live on the land, but all goals take time to achieve and money of course!

After more than 2 decades in the wholesale nursery industries and recently (6 Years) growing blueberries and other berries, it was time for that change! Or divorce!

Finding the right property wasn't easy, I guess it never is, and wondering what type of Cattle we wanted to breed, well the choices!

We have always had some cattle, different breeds, mostly x breeds and orphans etc. One of our neighbours sold us some of his murray greys and we once many years ago topped the Pakenham market with a murray grey steer.

We really liked the breed mainly because of their even temperament and meat quality.

We also had Hereford x and Simmental, and Angus of course! I haven't met a farmer that hasn't!

We could've never imagined that we would find a farm and a breed all at the same time. Things never go this perfect, and that was so true.

The circumstances were very sad, as we discovered and it was because of this situation, the property was for sale! Before we had even met Emma, we were to meet her silver princess's and the chunky silver/grey babies.

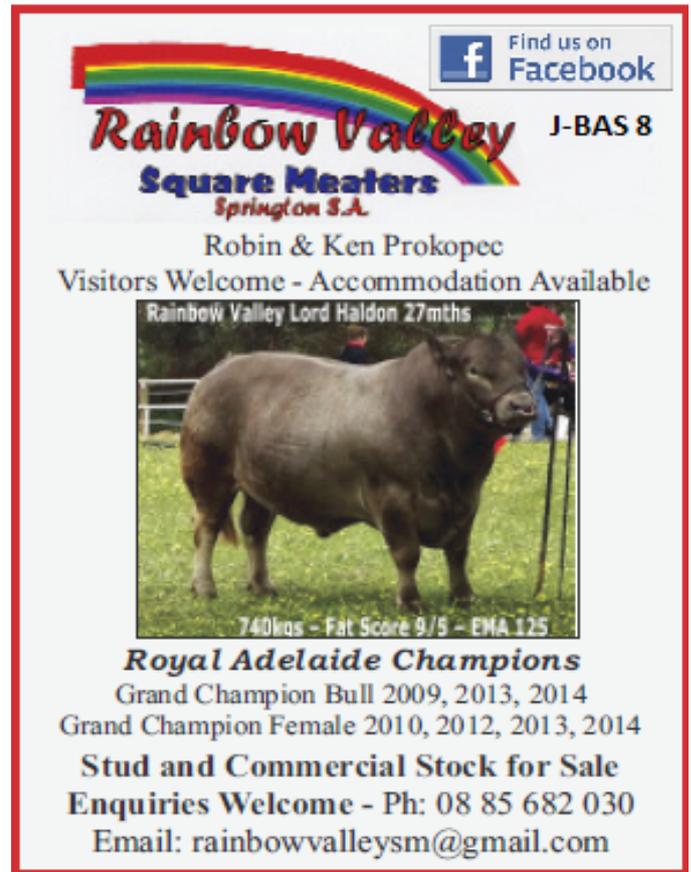
Standing at the fence and greeting us with spoilt bellows wanting something...Attention, I think? Since the condition of them was awesome! (prime) And our full attention they got!

I was fascinated and my husband loved the property, so win,

win? Right? Not so fast, life matters intervened, skip that! I'm pleased to report, that after much negotiations, empathy, trust, kindness, laughs and patience, (on both sides) we are here at Fish Creek with the now "our responsibility" Square Meaters!

Emma and her (late husband) Glenn, and their two amazing children, have created a small paradise for their cattle, the birds and now us.

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Bull Morphology Testing

By Dr Lisa Laycock

There has been much discussion about morphology testing of bulls in past years, but what is it and why is it important?

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The first is the very important crush side or motility (movement) test performed by our vets at your farm when we collect a semen sample.

Using a phase microscope, our vets determine the percentage of cells that are progressively motile and are swimming normally.

Bulls that rate 60% or above get a tick and are fertile and most likely suitable for semen freezing in to straws (semen collection).

Bulls that rate between 30 and 59% are rated as a P and are fertile under natural mating but unsuitable for freezing and lower than 30% is a fail.

Semen morphology testing is about shape and function is the second analysis that can be performed.

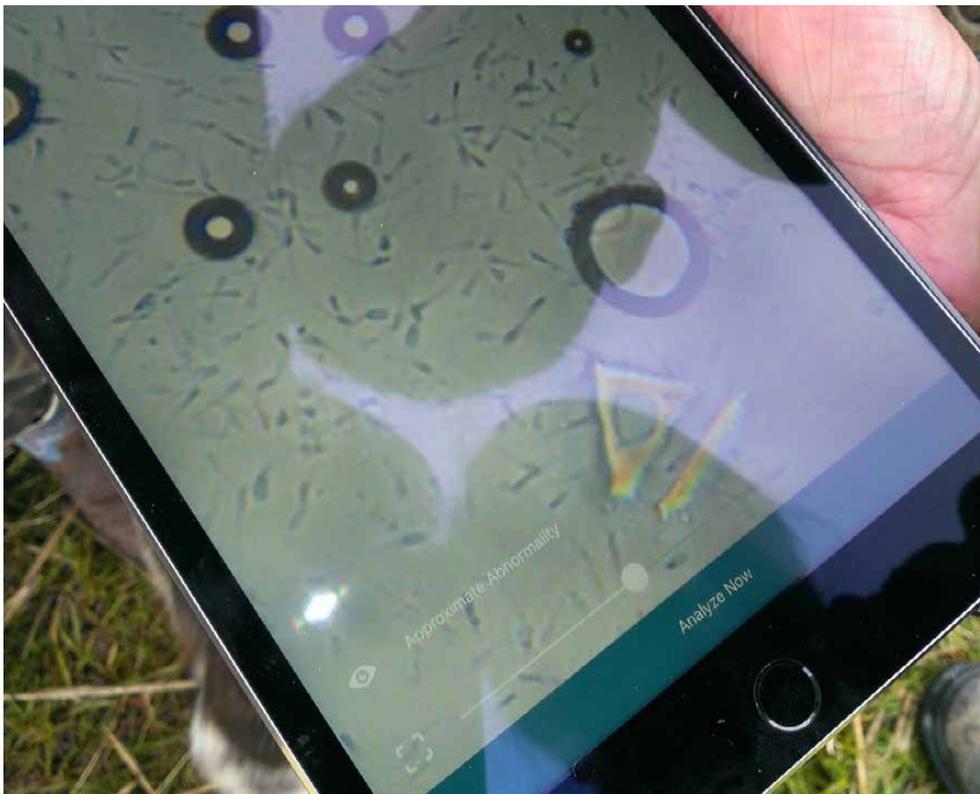
This test uses a very high power microscope and analyses sperm cells that have been 'fixed' and are no longer active. It not only categorises the types of faults seen within the non-swimmers that made them unviable, but also can detect changes to even the normally progressive sperm cells which can impair their ability to fertilise an ovum. Faults that are seen are categorised into either compensatable or non-compensatable.

Compensatable faults are those that impair normal movement in the sperm and prevent it from ever reaching the ovum. This can include bent tails, missing heads and dag like defects on the tail.

These are compensatable, because in a sample of millions of sperm cells, there are enough good cells which are able to reach the ovum, that the faulty ones will be left behind as they can't swim.

Where morphology comes into its own however, is the ability to see non-compensatable defects. These faults are more sinister and appear in the normal progressively motile cells.

They allow the sperm cell to get to the ovum, enter it and lock out other cells, but can either not fertilise the cell, or create embryos which are not viable and die soon after conception.



Technology enabling easy crush side basic analysis of semen

These cells are the ones that make morphology testing so valuable.

Bulls with high levels of these non compensatable faults can look completely normal at crush side tests, but are unable to get cows pregnant as they have very low and impaired fertility rate.

We recommend semen morphology testing as well as crush side tests in most cases, but definitely when the bull has been shown to have a low crush side score, is to be single sire mated or if it is to be used as a stud sire.

Morphology testings is just one more tool in the toolkit for ensuring you maximise your calf drop and your returns.

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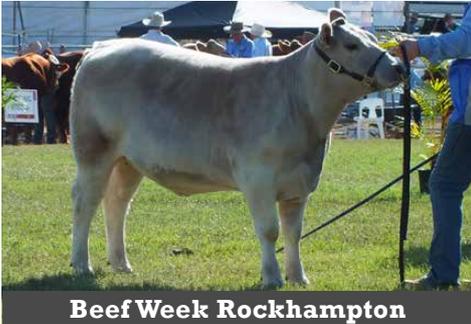
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Oakvale Helen N1
Champion Calf Female

Top Vealers Buoyed by Stock Agent

By Glennister De Koning, Argio Park SQM SA

Situated in the south east area of South Australia, owners/stud masters of Argio Park Square Meaters, Roelf and Glennister have been breeding Square Meaters for 11 years and have been very successful in both the show ring and sale yard where we continue to achieve great market prices.

Have downsized our property we have retained with a smaller select herd of the very top females for studs and even those that are sold commercially are excellent quality animals.

Smaller holding, therefore, we don't have the room to hold on to the calves/vealers to grow them out to heavier steers and the price we are getting for these vealers demonstrates that it is not worth holding on to them and feeding them for a longer period.

For two years we have topped the vealer sale dollars per kilo at Mt Gambier saleyards with a small number of quality steers, against 400-450 mixed vealers (Angus Hereford, Simmental, Murray Grey etc).

As part of our consistent control of stock numbers and

we can boast that the past buyer travelled from Swanhill in Victoria 450km away to purchase our vealers, our stock agent tells him when they are coming onto the market.

The sale prices for our vealers compare over the past 3 years from 2017 8/9 months – 316kgs, price \$3.78p/kg; 2018 7/8 months, 272kgs – \$2.90p/kg; 2019 10/11 months – 363 kgs, price \$2.85p/kg.

Markets are so variable, price per kilo fluctuates from sale to sale so you need to know just what you are targeting, vealers are our target market.

To achieve these sales, we have developed a great relationship with our stock agent Ian Flett, the manager of Southern Australian Livestock at Mt Gambier who has found a specific “boutique” market for our vealers and this year Ian has found 2 more buyers to bid on our vealers.

We have a second crop to sell later in the year and that will confirm to us the strength of this market.

Whilst Ian is talking of retirement we know that the younger associates working with Ian will also work for our market as was proven when Ian was on holidays.

We believe that to get a good price, we must have our stock looking good, this is also helped by the careful selection of genetics we have developed over the years.

The sire of the vealers had a frame score of 3 and the dams a frame score of 3-4.

The vealers come straight off mum, into the truck then into the sale yards and are sold within in a 36 hour period – NO GRAIN FEEDING – only mum and paddock grazing!



Rolf deKoning and Ian Flett look over the first lot of 2019 vealers at Argio Park with Ian commenting, “bloody hell, they are awesome!”

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Standard of Excellence

General Appearance:

All animals must meet the frame score requirements of the Square Meaters breed, and should be well-balanced and proportionate displaying good length, width, spring of rib, adequate muscle and smoothness.

Animals should have a straight top line, with minimal slope from hooks to pins and should express well defined muscle development overall and especially in the hindquarters. Undue deposits of fat must be avoided.

Animals should be free moving with balanced tracking and gait. Bulls should be masculine with breed character and capable of natural service, displaying adequate reproductive organs with a minimum scrotal circumference of not less than 280 mm at 18 months of age or 320mm at 24 months of age.

Females should be of feminine disposition with breed character, showing adequate feminine reproductive characteristic, enabling them to be prolific and capable in rearing their progeny.

Colour:

Animal colour shall be any solid shade of grey, namely silver, silver grey, grey, dark grey (Dark Grey includes a colour spectrum of various shades of brown) Black animals may occasionally occur, Black females are only eligible for Class B registration and therefore cannot be exhibited. Black bulls cannot be registered and black steers may not be exhibited as Square Meaters.

Silver	Silver/ Grey	Grey	Dark Grey

In respect to the term “solid shade” it requires that the animal’s colour is consistent over the animal allowing for characteristic dappling or classical “mulberry” appearance over the back of darker animals. Rarely small, irregularly shaped patches of coloured hair can appear on the body called birth marks. Birthmarks are never white (Pink Pigmentation) and although not desirable shall not be discriminated against.

Skin:

Skin should be dark coloured, loose and supple. Some pink skin (white hair) although not desirable, is acceptable only on the underbody which can include on the testis or udder. It is preferred that there be no pink skin on the underbody forward of the naval scar (for females) or forward of the

pizzle (for bulls), however, if pink skin (white hair) is further forward on the underbody it must not be visible with the animal in a standing position. Pink Pigmentation (white hair) is highly discouraged and is not acceptable on any other part of the body.

Head:

Animals must be naturally polled with good length from eye to muzzle. Animals born with scurs or showing signs of surgical removal of scurs are not eligible for registration. The muzzle and area around the eyes must be dark in colour, denoting dark skin pigmentation. The eyes should be clear, alert and set wide apart. The ears should be well placed. The jaw must be strong, neither undershot nor overshot.

Legs:

The legs must be well placed. The animal should stand square, i.e. equally on all parts of the foot and the feet should be dark in colour and well formed. Cow hocks and sickle hocks are not desirable.

White hooves are not acceptable.

Temperament:

All animals should be of a quiet disposition and docile temperament.

Constitution:

All animals should be of good constitution reflecting good health and high productivity.

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS (in brief)

[Reference: Memorandum of Articles REGULATIONS 6. (a)]

1. To register or transfer registered Square Meaters cattle the applicant must be a full, youth or school member of the Square Meaters Cattle Association and have paid the prescribed Annual Membership.
2. Calves must be Interim Registered before 12 months and Full Registration completed at 12 months on the Interim Registration certificate.
3. Interim Registration Certificates are required for calves that are shown before 12 months of age.
4. Registration Process from birth up to 12 months – Interim Registration Certificates.
 - a. MANUAL List calves on the Progeny Recording Form and forward to the registrar requesting Interim Registration Certificates required (fee applicable for each requested certificate), include any AI documentation – Artificial Insemination records, embryo and donor female certificates.
 - b. ON-LINE – enter the calf details into the LBC on-line Registration application (fee applicable for each entry).
 - c. Interim Certificates will be forwarded upon payment and a tax receipt issued.

5. Full Registration Process at 12 months

Calves are required to be measured at 12 months (+ or - 2 weeks) in accordance with Regulations and as per diagram and frame score system.

The 12 months measurement and Mannosidosis declaration for bull calves is required to be recorded on the Interim Registration Certificate and witnessed by an independent person or a family member, if no independent person is available, forward certificates to the Registrar at LBC.

a. Bull height is between 103cm and 113cms bulls outside this measurement are considered commercial and cannot be registered under any circumstances.

b. Female height is between 100cms and 110cms females outside these measurements can be registered as "B" Grade. It is not in the best interests of the association to register females under the height of 100cms at 12 months.

c. Certificates will be forwarded to you when accounts are paid in full and a tax receipt issued.

6. Late Registration and Penalties

Calves over 12 months can be registered and must meet the following criteria.

- a. The application will require board approval.
- b. The application will attract a financial penalty as prescribed.
- c. Animals must be Progeny Recorded or Interim Registered before 12 months.
- d. Bulls must be Mannosidosis tested.
- e. Animals must meet 18 months measurement requirement and be witnessed.
- f. Certificates will be issued when fees and penalties are paid in full.

MEMBERSHIPS:

New members are required to pay a once only Joining Fee as prescribed.

All full members may advertise in the Outside the Square Magazine and Inside the Square newsletters and are encouraged to be active in writing articles and providing photos for both at the discretion of the editor.

All Full members can promote their cattle through the Website such as advertising, photo competition and cattle sales through the Web Manager and all members are listed in the members section of the website and magazine.

Members can further promote their Stud by way of contributing to the Square Meaters Cattle Association Sponsorship Plan for major shows Australia Wide.

Membership & Registration Fees

2019

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Membership Fee	\$185
Commercial / Associate	\$ 50
School / Youth Memberships	\$ 30
ONE OFF MEMBERSHIP JOINING FEE	
Full Membership	\$110
Commercial / Associate	\$ 50
School / Youth Memberships	\$ 30

REGISTRATION FEES (PER ANIMAL)

(Complete A' & B' Female registrations \$50 and Bull registrations \$100)

All Calf Interim Registrations	\$10
Upgrade to Full Registration (12 months)	
Female	\$40
Bull	\$90

**LATE REGISTRATIONS (18 Months & Over)
(Applications to the Board of Directors)**

All animals 18 mths & up to 24 mths	\$50
All animals 24 months and over	\$150

TRANSFER FEES (PER ANIMAL)

Female transfers	\$50
Bull transfers	FREE
Whole Herd Transfer Discount Contact LBC	

COMMERCIAL APPENDIX

Registration foundation cows & calves	\$20
Commercial Appendix transfer	\$10

DONOR FEMALE REGISTRATION

Donor females & bull used on the donor cow by natural service or artificial insemination must be DNA tested. DNA must be received at office prior to ET work.

Donor female registration	\$50
Transfer of recipients	\$50

SEMEN

The bull must be approved by the Board of Directors and the bull must be DNA tested prior to semen being sold.

Licensed semen (must be registered)	\$150
Un-licensed semen	\$150

SEMEN SHARES

DNA test must be forwarded to office prior to selling shares.

Bull shares (per share)	\$50
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REGISTERED MURRAY GREY FEMALES

Outside Australia and registered as "B" Grade Square Meaters only

\$50

International enquiries are Welcome, please contact the Square Meaters Cattle Association of Australia, Livestock Business Centre +61 2 42323333

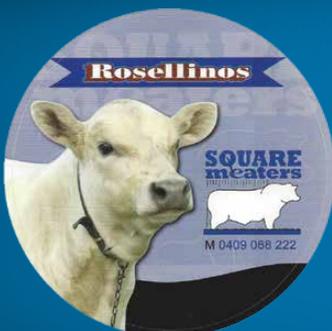
Rosellinos

Rosellinos Noble

Grand Champion Bull Brisbane RNA 2018



Rosellinos Square Meaters have performed well during 2018. Although the season has been very harsh in Queensland our cattle have continued to win awards. See page 15.



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