



The **LINCOLN RED** Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a good start to the year. Our Summer in the west so far has been very hot and dry after the 75 mm we had in December which was not welcome during harvest.

The cattle are looking good and with a bit of pampering the bulls should look even better for the Kojonup Bull sale on the 20th February.

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David and Kate Turners UK Trip

Lincolnshire Show

This was our first Lincolnshire show we had been to and we had a great time. We went on the second day of the show and saw the interbreed judging, the Lincoln Reds were judged on day one.



Interbreed Judging

We caught up with Michael Read who I had met on my previous visit to Lincolnshire and he showed us around the cattle inclosure and took us to the Lincoln Red tent for refreshments. The quality of the Lincoln red cattle at the show far exceeded David's expectations, he commented on their muscling, smooth coats and the fact that their where 50 Lincoln reds on show at the same time.

The next day we visited two farms trying to source new genetic lines for the future. We visited Martin Clough farm first, Martin is the president of the UK Lincoln Red cattle society. They have 70 Stud Cows and some very nice senior stud bulls which offer such tremendous thickness and muscling.

The second herd were descendents of the famous BREMBRIDGE herd where it was evident of the great deal of cross breeding that has occurred to meet today's market and trends. With over 300 Lincoln Red Pedigree herds and the fact that on average ten new herds are joining the society each year Lincoln Reds are definitely moving in an upward trend.

Stud bull at Martin Clough



Development of Molyneaux Farms Lincoln Reds from 1972 Onwards

The Molyneaux Brothers Partnership commenced in the late 1930's and is comprised of Bill & Jim Molyneaux, and in recent years, Jim's son Luke. The trio are continuing the family tradition on their Wimmera property established near Horsham, Victoria in the 1870's. Cattle, as a commercial enterprise, were first introduced to the farm during 1965, partly in response to low wheat prices and the introduction of the wheat quota system. Initially a base herd of cattle was developed into a Red Poll line of stock, that being one of the most popular breeds in the early 1970's. In a desire to improve the quality of the herd, the inclusion of other breeds was investigated. During a farming tour in the 1950's Len Molyneaux, their father, had been impressed by the bone and depth of the Lincoln Red breed whilst visiting the royal Smithfield Show in England. Upon further investigation and with the advent of Artificial Insemination in the 1970's, which facilitated the procurement of the overseas breeds, the Molyneaux Brothers Partnership looked to improve their Red Poll/Shorthorn cross vealer producing herd.

Experimenting with semen from Sussex, Lincoln Red, South Devon, Santa Gertrudis, Charolais and Mandalong Poll Shorthorns, they finally selected Sussex and Lincoln Reds, influenced by the British Milk Marketing boards tests which showed that these two breeds had the highest percentage of live calves born out of dairy cows by all the popular sires used. Following the initial success of this progeny, Bill Molyneaux trained and qualified as a fully accredited Artificial Insemination technician in 1973, thus allowing further expansion of the operation.

The use of AI has allowed the brothers to grade up both Sussex and Lincoln Reds from Red Poll, Poll Shorthorns and some

Santa Gertrudis/Red Poll cows. This has required substantial time and effort, particularly with the Sussex which required all extra 6th grade (31/32) of purity to be achieved. Fortunately this was accomplished before the onset of BSE. The subsequent loss of genetic material from the UK having, little effect on the final outcome. The development of the Lincoln Reds was made easier with the availability of quality local animals purchased from Kimbolton Stud in South Australia. These cows were based on Camnock blood lines, and in more recent times the purchase of a bull from Max Conrau's Alameda Stud in WA. Other imported lines of semen used throughout the breeding program were Deeping Landmark, Aethorpe Pegasus, Tattershall Esquire 2nd and Henningby Jain.

Since the commencement of the breeding program, there has been an underlying aim to develop a line of cattle that is ideally suited to the particular conditions of the Wimmera, typifying much of Australia's wheat country (a 17 inch rainfall – 430mm), with 80% recorded during the cold winter months.

In recent years the goal has been achieved through the inclusion of Sussex blood into the Lincoln Red breed, under the direction of the Lincoln Red Cattle Society's Breed Improvement Scheme. This introduces many desirable traits, such as ability to forage and excel in harsh conditions. In fact it is claimed by the Sussex society that they have poorly developed taste buds – the counterpart of the goat in the cattle world. Other desirable traits are very uniform udders and teats and a deep red colour, augmenting the Lincoln Reds own and adding great muscling potential, especially in the butt.

For several years this program has been underway and the results are already on the ground and out performing all expectations.

PRESIDENTS REPORT DECEMBER 2008

The Lincoln Red Cattle Society has had an interesting year this year. A big thankyou to Diana McLeish for her skills and organisation throughout the year. We look forward to continuing the relationship with her next year.

Thankyou to the other Directors, their assistance throughout the year has been helpful to me in my first year as president. Thankyou also, Richard Dixon Hughes for your assistance as company secretary, your knowledge and input are greatly appreciated.

A very hearty thanks also to Kate Turner for her fine efforts in keeping us all informed and at times amused with the printing of our LINK newsletter.

One of the major tasks we have done this year is to introduce the Herd Maintenance Fee structure. As far as we can tell it has been well received. We are contemplating some changes to the layout, unfortunately, these will not be in operation for next year.

I urge you all to have a look at the Web site, Lincolnreds.com. Thankyou to the Grant family, especially Malcolm, for getting this up and running and very user friendly. It links in with the ABRI data base and you are able to do a sort on animals by the year or on an individual basis plus a whole lot more. Have a look and give us your feedback.

At this stage we are hoping to have a good line-up of cattle at next years Sydney Royal Show coming from Bundara and the Hunter Valley as a start.

Sydney Show will be held 20th March to 2nd April. I will once again be a steward and the Lincoln Red Breed Captain. Lincoln Red Judging set for Monday 31st March at 4.30pm. The cattle will be on

the showground from 6pm Friday 28th March and will leave Thursday 3rd April.

If you need your cattle classified please contact the classifier directly. In the West is the very capable Mr Mark Muir 08 97691001 and in the East is myself 02 65473506, with assistant classifier Denise Grant.

We will be looking into GeneSTAR Testing. Catapult Genetics offers DNA Marker testing for marbling, tenderness and feed efficiency, with results possibly to be added to the website

2008 AGM. We are looking at holding the AGM and Members in Committee meetings on Sunday March 30th. This will be confirmed at a later date. However, a get together will be held after judging which proved so successful at last years show.

I hope the start of the year is a whole lot better, feed wise, than the end. I know in our area it is! We have certainly had our fair share of droughts and flooding rains to last a while. That is now all in the past, thankfully, and we are looking forward to a good summer.

Wishing everyone a prosperous New Year from the Lincoln Red Cattle Society (Aust).

Jann Dixon-Hughes – President

These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her mum knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

JACK (age 3) was watching his mum breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mum why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

Article from UK

Annual Show & Sale held
Thursday 29th November, 2007
**Eager buyers prove Lincoln Reds are
the way forward...**

79 females were entered for the sale, the largest number for some years, 43 were present on the day due to a number of withdrawals caused by the continuing movement restrictions due to both FMD and Bluetongue.

Michael Read's 18 month-old heifer Hemingby Connie achieved the highest price for a female at 2000gns. It was purchased by Ian Houlgrave, Near Louth, who bought five other quality heifers to add to his newly formed Legbourne herd.

1900gns was paid by new breeder, Graham Allenby of Belton, Near Doncaster for R I Clough & Son's in calf heifer Beverley Kelsie. The same buyer also paid 1700gns for Beverley Sunny, again in calf and from R I Clough & Son.

Two quality young bulls were shown and sold on the day, Top price of 2,000gns paid for Michael Read's Bull, Hemingby Banner, bought by Richard Mee and R E Needham and Son's bull, Market Stainton Jasper, sold to Robert Watts Ltd for 1750gns.

The two bulls sold went for an average of 1875gns.

The 41 females sold averaged 1121gns.

Average in Calf Heifers 1400gns

Society Secretary Carole Martin commented that although bidding was understandably less brisk than at this Spring's record-breaking sale, "The Society are delighted with the outcome of

our Autumn Sale and especially pleased to welcome six new members to the Society forming new herds at the sale, proving once again that Lincoln Red's are now recognised as an important and versatile national breed of cattle".

SEMEN FOR SALE Tone Park has currently 2 lots of semen available for sale.



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Aussie Poem

The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock
The cocky took off in his Ute, to go and check his stock.
He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,
The float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank
And saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.
"Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they've got no common sense,
"They won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt
She'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.
But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free
And in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.

He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down
If he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would drown.
Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim
He saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.

He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks
And as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.
He jumped into the water and away that cocky swam
He caught up with her, somewhere near

the middle of the dam

The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip
He tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.
At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath
She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.

She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side
He swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.
Then round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed
He still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed.

The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.
He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away
He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea
But nor was he prepared for what he was about to see.

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view
For running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe.
And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch
The farmer yelling wildly "Come back here, you lousy bitch!"

The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car
The cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far
So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks
Spot the hazard, assess the risk, and always wear your jocks

Article from Farm Weekly

Red meat crisis meeting maps WA industry future

19 November 2007

Some 380 Western Australian graziers have turned out for a red meat crisis meeting in Bunbury, venting their anger but also mapping a path for the industry's future.

WAFarmers meat section president, Mike Norton, says Thursday's the meeting was about understanding the issues that have contributed to the current desperate price situation, as well as identifying solutions.

Producers were given the opportunity to question a panel including representatives from Harvey Industries, Western Meat Parkers Group, and WA Agriculture Minister Kim Chance's Office.

"The producers threw some tough questions at the panel and weren't happy with some responses," Mr Norton said.

"This meeting wasn't just about naming and shaming processors or retailers, or about producers venting their concerns, it was also about establishing a path forward which would help the producers remain in the industry and re-establish profitability in their operations."

The 380 producers voted positively for several motions which they believed would assist in enabling them to continue their operations in WA. They include:

- * that a farmer-owned service kill facility be established along side a saleyard facility in WA;
- * that the WAFarmers and PGA Meat Councils be responsible for eliminating buying collusion in saleyards (including reviewing the practice of commission buyers and stock agents having multiple buying orders);
- * that the farmer organisation groups start a public campaign to point out the irresponsible practice associated with Coles trucking beef from Queensland when they can buy beef from WA;
- * that the State Government be requested to immediately instigate action to provide all environmental clearances, within 14 days, for T&R's North Dandalup plant;
- * all effort is taken to ensure retail costs increase to cover the cost of production of WA red meat products; and
- * that the charter of MLA be expanded to include the area of 'producer profitability'.

Mr Norton said the biggest challenge would be increasing the prices paid to the farmer in balance with the ramifications this has on the end consumer.

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