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August 10, 2020

Dear Blue Breeders,

I thought 2019 was a crazy year but not compared to 2020!!! It seems that year after year we always have negative things in this world that occupy our time. I would encourage all of us to dig deep and find the good things that have come from this pandemic year. I'm quite sure we all have spent more time at home with family than we usually do and have come to realize that things we thought were priorities in our life are not. We can live a slower lifestyle with less conveniences and still enjoy every day.

Most of us have probably spent more time with our livestock and our property trying to make improvements. As we approach the fall time of the year, keep your head high and your family close as we all have made sacrifices this year to keep everything on track and moving forward.

I will miss seeing everyone that usually attends the ABCA National Show this year, but we will continue to improve our cattle for 2021. Please keep promoting the Blues!!

As we continue to grow the Association, please remember that I am always just a phone call away if you ever have ideas or suggestions that you are passionate about to help keep push our breed forward.

Sincerely,
Steve Dollarhide
President
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American Blue Cattle

BREED: American Blue Cattle

COLOR: White, blue roan, or black.

ANCESTRY: The American Blue began as the Belgian Blue, which originated in central and upper Belgium when the local red-pied and black-pied cattle were crossed with Durham Shorthorn in the late 1800s. Some Charolais influence during the 19th century is also suggested.

HISTORY: Originally a dual purpose breed, beef production became the focus following World War II, when Europe's economy demanded increased beef quality and quantity. During the 1950s, the Belgian cattle underwent a selective genetic breeding and development program conducted by Professor Hanset at the AI Center in the Province of Liege. This program created their unusually heavy muscling.

The first Belgian Blues were imported to the United States in 1978. Today, American Blue Cattle are their own fullblood registered breed, independent from their Belgian relatives after years of

breeding for easier calving, lower birth weights, and improved structural soundness.

BREED CHARACTERISTICS: Large framed cattle with exceptional muscling due to an inactive myostatin gene, and therefore high-yielding carcasses. They are known for quiet temperament, early maturity, short gestation, hardy calves, adaptability, excellent feed conversion, and tender lean meat.

QUALITY AND YIELD: Yield mostly 1s, grade 80% Select due to lack of marbling, but tenderness overrides the lower grade in taste tests.

WEIGHT: Mature fullblood bulls can average up to 2750 lbs., and fullblood mature cows to 1650 lbs. Average birth-weight for fullblood Blues is 96.8 lbs. and 79.9 lbs. for a crossbreed.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND REGISTRY: The American Blue Cattle Association located in Nacogdoches, Texas. For more information: Visit the association website at www.america-bluecattle.org or call 936-652-2550.

Feeding the Blues

The Blues are very unique. Feeding and breeding is the most important concept to keep in mind. From a birth of a full blood calf to raising the young stock is very important. The new born calf must have colostrum within the first few hours of life either from the mother or a commercial mix in a bottle.

As the calf is growing up feeding is important. Free choices of a 16% protein feed and good hay is essential. The normal formula is 3% of body weight would be required. When the calf is weaned, maintain the 3% of body weight rule up until the animal is 24 months of age.

Do not breed the full blood heifers until they are 24 months of age. Full blood bulls are not ready for breeding until they are 24 months of age. The full blood animals do not mature until they are 5 years of age. That is why most breeders breed the heifer to a small out cross such

as angus for the first two calves and then the third calf the cow will be 5 years old.

Feeding the mature animals is very important. Feeding silage or grain up until they are 4 months pregnant is alright. After 4 months only hay, grains and minerals are all you can feed the pregnant full blood. With this program you should avoid any calving difficulties unless a breech birth or a twisted leg. Selenium is important to maintain in their diets.

Half breeds and low percentage can be cared for like any other animal.

Knowing your genetics is extremely important in full bloods and high percentage animals. Make sure you use low birth weight bulls at all times. Some of the old genetics produce large calves so one must stay with proven genetics and low birth weight. There is always the possibility of a genetic mix up that could produce a larger calf.

National American Blue Show & Sale - 9/27/2018

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ID	Weight	Birth Date	IMF	Area	Fat	Dept	h	Sex	WDA
1165	529	4/9/2018	2.90	9.57	0.02			Bull	3.02
1166	630	4/5/2018	0.70	10.28	0.02			Bull	3.60
1167	439	3/23/2018	3.90	9.64	0.02			Heifer	2.34
5988	1189	2/27/2016	4.00	11.98	0.05			Heifer	1.26
7014	1310	7/31/2016	2.40	13.82	0.04			Heifer	1.66
7194	1055	4/3/2017	1.60	14.73	0.07			Heifer	1.95
7244	1535	12/26/2016	2.10	17.05	0.05			Bull	2.40
7245	1155	6/21/2016	2.10	14.02	0.04			Heifer	1.39
7253	816	3/4/2017	2.00	10.19	0.04			Heifer	1.43
7256	885	4/4/2017	3.50	10.52	0.19			Heifer	1.64
7257	883	4/26/2017	2.60	11.38	0.07			Heifer	1.70
7288	1336	4/3/2017	3.00	15.96	0.05			Bull	2.46
7300	1109	10/15/2016	1.90	13.49	0.05			Heifer	1.56
7305	1131	10/28/2016	2.70	13.07	0.05			Heifer	1.62
7421	753	10/19/2017	0.30	10.40	0.18			Bull	2.20
7422	695	11/18/2017	2.00	10.83	0.04			Heifer	2.22
7423	784	9/30/2017	1.70	11.51	0.07			Heifer	2.17
7424	507	2/10/2018	2.70	10.67	0.04			Heifer	2.21
7425	670	12/18/2017	0.50	12.64	0.02			Heifer	2.37
7428	1220	4/23/2017	1.90	16.08	0.05			Bull	2.34
7429	712	11/12/2017	0.90	10.50	0.04			Heifer	2.23

ID	Weight	Birth Date	IMF	Area	Fat	Dept	h	Sex	WDA
7501	1161	6/9/2017	1.90	13.50	0.09			Steer	2.44
7507	480	4/19/2018	1.20	9.70	0.04			Bull	2.98
7508	819	5/25/2017	2.60	8.80	0.05			Heifer	1.65
7509	683	2/9/2018	2.90	9.30	0.09			Heifer	2.97
7517	906	6/9/2017	1.80	11.40	0.04			Heifer	1.91
7518	844	8/14/2017	1.20	12.90	0.04			Heifer	2.06
7519	1022	8/5/2017	3.00	11.80	0.12			Heifer	2.44
7520	602	3/3/2018	3.00	9.60	0.02			Bull	2.89
7521	749	9/5/2017	2.90	10.40	0.02			Heifer	1.94
7522	645	11/30/2017	1.30	11.20	0.05			Heifer	2.14
7523	667	12/10/2017	2.50	11.90	0.04			Bull	2.29
7524	865	10/14/2017	1.40	13.20	0.04			Bull	2.49
7525	720	10/6/2017	1.00	10.50	0.04			Heifer	2.02
7526	956	6/17/2017	2.00	14.00	0.04			Bull	2.05
7538	743	12/2/2017	2.30	10.40	0.09			Heifer	2.48
7541	550	4/8/2018	3.00	9.60	0.02			Bull	2.89
7543	925	5/30/2017	0.90	15.40	0.07			Steer	1.91
13502	443	5/2/2018	2.10	10.50	0.05			Heifer	2.99
13503	907	11/1/2017	1.50	13.30	0.07			Bull	2.75
14639	606	3/15/2018	2.0	9.20	0.05			Bull	3.09

39 Animals Scanned

National American Blue Show - 9/26/2019

NAME	TATTOO	SEX	WEIGHT	MGMT CODE	RIB FAT THICKNESS	RIBEYE AREA	IMF	TEST TAG
Raven	BGBD55	C	1504	ADC1	0.16	14.0	1.97	BGBBGBD55
	BGBE7	C	1024	ADC1	0.05	12.3	1.56	BGBBGBE7
	BGBE5	C	1137	ADC1	0.09	12.3	1.11	BGBBGBE5
	BGBF7	C	636	ADC1	0.05	9.7	1.38	BGBBGBF7
Gabby	BGBE6C	C	1226	ADC1	0.07	13.7	0.94	BGBBGBE6
Miranda	BGBF3	C	843	ADC1	0.11	12.3	1.67	BGBBGBF3
	BGBF1	C	886	ADC1	0.09	11.5	2.23	BGBBGBF1
Carrie	BGBF4	C	773	ADC1	0.09	8.8	1.70	BGBBGBF4
Palmer's Image	EGKKF12	C	1167	ADC1	0.14	14.0	1.33	EGKKF12
Santos Lady	SRDD7	C	727	ADC1	0.11	10.5	1.39	SRDSRDD7
Aurora Bear	SRDD3	C	1185	ADC1	0.09	14.6	1.39	SRDSRDD3
Black Sugar	SRD1G	C	544	ADC1	0.06	09.1	0.81	SRDSRD1G
Sutton	WCC4G	C	470	ADC1	0.04	09.5	1.05	WCC4G
	2S1F	C	1060	ADC1	0.13	09.2	1.50	2S1F
Tempting Toots	ECGECGE1	C	1115	ADC1	0.09	10.3	1.86	ECGECGE1
Motley	JEA119	C	535	ADC1	0.13	08.5	1.76	JEA119
	SKSL38F	C	1179	ADC1	0.11	15.7	1.41	SKSL38F
Toby	BGBE9	B	1506	ADB1	0.09	15.9	1.07	BGBBGBE9
Aaron	BGBBGBF5	B	812	ARB1	0.09	09.0	1.31	BGBBGBE5
	BGBBGBF6	B	621	ARB1	0.09	10.8	1.77	BGBBGBF6
	SKSLF32	B	1356	ARB1	0.13	17.8	0.80	SKSLF32
Palmers SS ET	EGKKF11	B	1370	ARB1	0.04	16.21	0.40	EGKKF12
SS Next Step	EGKKG3	B	498	ARB1	0.07	12.3	1.43	EGKKG3
Black Roe	EGKKE8	B	2062	ARB1	0.15	18.2	0.97	EGKKE8
	SKSL29F	B	1367	ARB1	0.13	15.9	1.04	SKSL29F
Black Mojo	SRDD8	B	733	ARB1	0.11	11.2	0.94	SRDSRDD8
Napoleon	SRDD9	B	805	ARB1	0.06	11.2	0.94	SRDSRDD9
Black Caboose	SRDD3	B	1269	ARB1	0.15	14.2	0.54	SRDSRDD3
Sutton	WCCG5	B	472	ARB1	0.09	09.1	1.11	WCCG5
Jax	BGBE1B	B	1384	ARB1	0.11	14.4	2.17	BGBE1
Money Mad Max	CCWF18	B	1095	ARB1	0.09	15.2	1.44	CCWF1
Flash	JEA120	S	479	AFS1	0.04	07.9	0.48	JEA120

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2019 National Show Results



2019 TULSA STATE FAIR SHOW RESULTS

STEERS

*Prospect Low % Steer: 1/2
Blood or Under 400-900 lbs.*

1. Flash
James Allgood

GRAND CHAMPION

Prospect Low % Steer
Flash
James Allgood

*Market Low % Steer: 1/2 Blood
under - over-900 lbs.*

1. 2/S Duece's Wild
Chris Sutton

GRAND CHAMPION

Market Low % Steers
2/S Duece's Wild
Chris Sutton

FEMALES

*Halfblood Females - February
1 - May 31, 2018*

1. 2/S Fallon
Chris Sutton

CHAMPION

Halfblood Yearling Female
2/S Fallon
Chris Sutton

*Halfblood Females –
September 30, 2016 or Before*

1. 2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

CHAMPION

Halfblood Senior Female
2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

Halfblood Females -Cow/Calf

1. 2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

CHAMPION

Halfblood Cow/Calf Pair
2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

RESERVE CHAMPION

Halfblood Cow/Calf Pair
Chris Sutton

GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Female
2/S Suade
Ashley Sutton

*High % Females -
February 1, 2019 & After*

1. WCC Steel Grey Saleen
Ashley Sutton
2. Motley
James Allgood

CHAMPION

High % Calf
WCC Steel Grey Saleen
Ashley Sutton

RESERVE CHAMPION

High % Calf
Motley
James Allgood

2019 National Show Results

High % Females -

June 1 - September 30, 2018.

1. SKSL Myea Azure
Steve Kinser

High % Females -

February 1 - May 31, 2018

- 1.2/S Steel Grey Shelby
Ashley Sutton

CHAMPION

High % Senior Female

- SKSL Myea Azure
Steve Kinser

High % Females: Cow/Calf

1. 2/S Steel Grey Shelby
Ashley Sutton

CHAMPION

High % Cow/Calf Pair

- 2/S Steel Grey Shelby
Ashley Sutton

GRAND CHAMPION

High % Female

- SKSL Myea Azure
Steve Kinser

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

High % Female

- 2/S Steel Grey Shelby
Ashley Sutton

Purebred/Fullblood Female – February 1, 2019 & After

1. 2/S Chunky Monkey
Chris Sutton

Purebred/Fullblood Female – October 1, 2018– January 31, 2019

1. BGB Carrie
Lane Hull
2. BGB Black Kat
Lane Hull
3. SRD Black Sugar
Steve Dollarhide

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Calf

- 2/S Chunky Monkey
Chris Sutton

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Calf

- BGB Carrie
Lane Hull

Purebred/Fullblood Female – June 1 – September 30, 2018

1. SRD Santo's Lady
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Miranda
Lane Hull

Purebred/Fullblood Females - February 1 - May 31, 2018

1. EGKK Palmer's Image ET
Wilbur Kehrl
2. BGB Stevie
Lane Hull

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Female

- SRD Santo's Lady
Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Female

- EGKK Palmer's Image ET
Wilbur Kehrl



2019 National Show Results



Purebred/Fullblood Female – October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

1. SRD Black Aurora Bear
Steve Dollarhide
2. ECG Tempting Toots
Cedar Creek Farms
3. BGB Lexi
Lane Hull
4. BGB Gabby
Lane Hull
5. BGB Jett
Lane Hull
6. BGB Raven
Lane Hull

CHAMPION

Purebred Senior Female
SRD Black Aurora Bear
Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred Senior Female
ECG Tempting Toots
Cedar Creek Farms

GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female
SRD Black Aurora Bear
Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE

GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female
SRD Santo's Lady
Steve Dollarhide

BULLS

***Halfblood Bulls –
February 1, 2019 and after***

1. WCC Turbo
Ashley Sutton

Halfblood Bulls –

***October 1, 2018 - January 31,
2019***

1. BGB Aaron
Lane Hull

CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull Calf
Lane Hull

RESERVE CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull Calf
Lane Hull

Halfblood Bulls –

February 1 - May 31, 2018

1. SRD Black Caboose
Steve Dollarhide

GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull
SRD Black Caboose
Steve Dollarhide

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull
Lane Hull

Percentage Bulls –

***October 1, 2018 - January 31,
2017***

1. BGB Shackles
Lane Hull

CHAMPION

Percentage Bull Calf
BGB Shackles
Lane Hull



2019 National Show Results

Percentage Bulls – June 1 - September 30, 2018

1. SKSL King DAVYDD
Steve Kinser

Percentage Bulls – February 1 - May 31, 2018

1. SKSL Incurrigible
Steve Kinser

CHAMPION Percentage Yearling Bull Steve Kinser

RESERVE CHAMPION Percentage Yearling Bull Steve Kinser

GRAND CHAMPION Percentage Bull Steve Kinser

RES. GRAND CHAMPION Percentage Bull Lane Hull

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls – February 1, 2019 & After

1. EGKK SS Next Step
Wilbur Kehrli

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls – October 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019

1. SRD Napoleon
Steve Dollarhide
2. SRD Black Mojo
Steve Dollarhide

CHAMPION Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf SRD Napoleon

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Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE CHAMPION Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf

EGKK SS Next Step
Wilbur Kehrli

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - February 1 - May 31, 2018

1. EGKK Palmer's SS ET
Wilbur Kehrli
2. CCW Money Mad Max
Cedar Creel Farms

CHAMPION Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Bull Wilbur Kehrli

RESERVE CHAMPION Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Bull Cedar Creek Farms

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

1. EGKK Black Roe
Wilbur Kehrli
2. BGB Toby
Lane Hull
3. Jones' Dude
Chris Sutton
4. BGB Jax
Cedar Creek Farms

CHAMPION Purebred/Fullblood Senior Bull Wilbur Kehrli

RESERVE CHAMPION Purebred/Fullblood Senior Bull Lane Hull

2019 National Show Results

GRAND CHAMPION
Purebred/Fullblood Bull
 Wilbur Kehrli

RES. GRAND CHAMPION
Purebred/Fullblood Bull
 Wilbur Kehrli

Best Pair of Females
 1. Steve Dollarhide
 2. Lane Hull
 3. Ashley Sutton

Best Pair of Bulls
 1. WiburKehrli
 2. Steve Dollarhide
 3. Lane Hull

Get - Of - Sire

1. BGB Raven
Lane Hull
2. 2/S Chunky Monkey
Chris Sutton

Produce of Dam

1. EGKK Plamer's Image ET
Wilbur Kehrli
2. BGB Raven
Lane Hull

Best of 5 Head

1. SRD Black Aurora Bear
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Raven
Lane Hull

2019 Premier Cow - SRD Black Aurora Bear



2019 National Grand Champion Female
SRD Black Aurora Bear
owned and shown by Steve Dollarhide

SR American Blue Cattle Farm is blessed to have bred and shown the 2019 Premier Cow SRD Black Aurora Bear. Her sire is the 2015 National Grand Champion TOF Dafydd. The Dam is Princess Aurora from the McManigle herd. She was shown by Steve Dollarhide along with his daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Derek Anderson.

2019 Premier Breeder Elmcrest Genetics and Kehrli Kattle

It was great honor in Tulsa in September 2019, when Elmcrest Genetics and Kehrli Kattle won the Premier Breeder award. Thinking back on the many years in the purebred industry we always had a love for cattle during the time that we were very active in the swine industry. We



learned how you combine opportunity, a good product, youth, and hard work to make a breed better. We also learned to study the poultry and swine industries to see where the cattle industry is headed. We never believed that the swine industry would follow the poultry industry; sad to say, it followed the blueprint very closely. At one time in the hog business we found that all of our customers had been told by their packers that they needed to begin using terminal cross boars on their sows to stay in line with new packing standards. I firmly believe that in the cattle industry we will see the same thing. The packer will instruct their producers to use a terminal cross sire, and this is where the American Blues will have a tremendous opportunity. In the beef industry right now roughly 5% of the bulls sold are what you would call terminal bulls. It's estimated that this need could jump to 30% of total bulls sold in a very short time window. What an opportunity in agriculture!

I first saw the Belgian Blue breed at the Iowa State Fair when they were having their national show. I always appreciated the traits they have to offer. Over the years we have found that structural soundness, whether it was in the swine industry or the beef industry was the number one criteria.

In the year 2000 my son and grandson invited me to go to the National Belgian Blue sale when it was held in Walker, Iowa. I just went to look at the half-blood cattle, and happened to watch the full-blood sale. I saw a bull there that completely suited me as far as structure. He had big feet, his hind legs were where they should be, and he possessed an extended body with a long neck. Palmer wasn't very popular, but he was structurally sound, and heavily muscled enough to help us start our journey with the Blues. We brought him home, and used him on a combination of simmental, shorthorn, and crossbred cows. Palmer's calves displayed their sire's structural correctness, and had the ability to out-perform their sire when it came to muscling. In addition to these qualities, we also expect Palmer's progeny to inherit their sire's gift of longevity. Palmer died three years ago at the ripe age of 15, and was still breeding cows as our main herd bull at the time.

Over the years while showing percentage cattle, we had the opportunity to meet many good people and made many friends in the Blue breed. One of

these people was Bob Love from Minnesota, and in 2007 when he decided to retire, we had the opportunity to buy the nucleus of his herd. Bob had brought back embryos from England and several of these were out of Ridgedean Jessie, one of the great cows in England. We got two direct daughters out of Jessie, and they have done a great job building our Blue herd. Palmer, our English bred bull, was the final piece to the puzzle of breeding Blues that are sound, fast growing, good tasting, and now eight generations of natural calving.

The members of the Blue organization are great and have been very helpful in aiding us in building our herd. Our advice to new members getting started in the breed, "Find the very best females out of a great core family and build from there. Don't wait - the opportunity train is leaving the station – be sure to be on it. American Blue Cattle – Unlimited opportunity, and a chance to help grow more beef for our ever-increasing customers.

Elmerest Genetics. Wilbur Kehrli & Kyle Kehrli

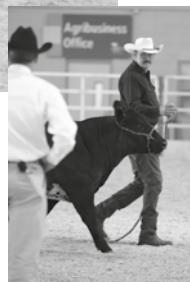
2019 Premier Bull - Black Roe ET

We were very honored to win the 2019 Premier Bull of the breed with Black Roe ET at the national show in Tulsa last September. Both the dam and sire of Black Roe ET were raised on our farm, and as you can see from his pedigree we have lined up the impressive English-born cow, Ridgedean Jessie, on both sides.



Also in the pedigree you will see many good bulls including our English-bred bull, Palmer. Ridgedean Jessie represents the 6th generation of natural calving in the Ridgedean herd, making Black Roe ET a representative of the 8th generation of natural calving within the Blues. Black Roe ET illustrates the soundness expressed by his grandsire Palmer that we are striving to consistently reach within the breed; he accomplishes this feat while also maintaining a good amount of muscling. The founding genetics of the Belgian Blue breed are great ones, but in order to meet our modern day beef needs they must be American-ized; and as the American Blue breed moves forward we feel Black Roe ET, and bulls like him, can be an important step in making the breed popular and accepted in today's beef industry. It has been truly rewarding to watch him develop from a calf into the impressive bull that he is today. This maturity pattern is an "must-have" factor on our farm when it comes to the retention of breeding stock. Thank you to the past breeders who have made these genetics available to us to produce this bull.

Scenes from 2019 National Show



*Photos by
Erin Patterson*

Raising American Blue Cattle

Recommendations from experienced breeders:

American Blue bulls for a cross breeding program we do not recommend putting them on first calf heifers. If you are using them on mature animals you will not see any calving issues that you would not see in any other breed. We have many breeders crossing the blues on multiple other breeds with no calving issues other than the obvious ie: foot back, head turned back, backwards, etc. Raising fullblood American Blue cattle tends to take a little more time and care. Below is some of the things that have been successful for experienced breeders.

- Blues need to be on a continuous very good mineral program that is high in selenium and other minerals if your area has poor nutrients.
- Young females need good nutrition (14-16% protein) for the season until they are old enough to breed for their first calf to a low birth weight breed. Some breeders breed them their first 2 calves to a low birth weight breed.
- Breed heifers at approximately 20 - 24mths depending on their size.
- When heifers have bred, taper them off of feed on to grass, hay, and minerals watching body condition until they calf.
- Good body condition is very important and if you need to feed mature animals make sure they are not fed past the 4th month of pregnancy. An occasional hand full just to keep them coming up maybe. If you have extremely high protein grass it may be necessary to dry lot them and feed hay and mineral the last 3 months, again watching their condition. (Don't try and starve)
- When calves are born under stress you can give Multi-Min 90 or just selenium, and banamine, and LA 200 or Nuflur as a precaution for under developed lungs. For buckling legs give added vitamin A & D.
- When calf is born, make sure the calf gets either mother's milk or commercial colostrum with in the first couple of hours, even if you have to give it in a bottle.
- Most breeders feel it is important to feed calves as they are growing to make them reach their full potential.
- Bulls usually are not mature enough to breed until they are approximately 24 months old. American Blue animals do not mature until they are 5 years of age.
- Knowing your genetics is extremely important in full bloods and high percentage animals. Some of the old genetics can produce large calves so one must be selective for low birth weight bulls in their breeding. There is always the possibility of a genetic mix up that could produce a larger calf.
- Household sugar can be used to reduce swelling if a calf has a thick tongue.
- Get heifers or cows back on protein as soon as possible after calving to help with breed back time. Some also give cows a Multi Min 90 shot to help with vitamins and minerals.

American Blue Cattle



Full blood bull



Full blood female



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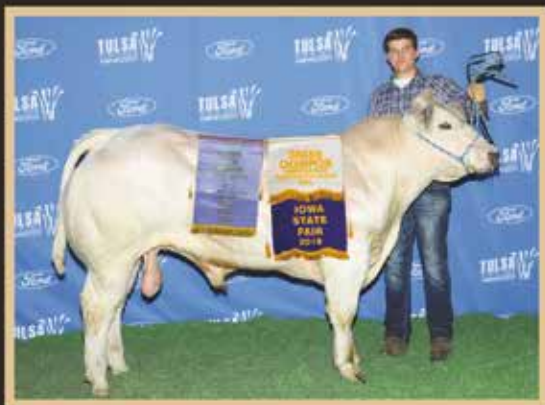
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Judging Blue Cattle



Fullblooded Bull



Fullblooded Cow

Most of what we accept for conformation is the same with all beef breeds. Well set legs at the four corners, not too straight or cow hocked, not set too far behind the hips. Good, strong feet not turned out or in. Strong top line, deep ribbed, clean fronted without excess leather and exhibiting a proper amount of either femininity or masculinity. Mobility is important, an animal with good flexibility and ease of movement. We want animals that can travel and stay sound out in the pastures where they work.

Here are some traits that might be different with the conformation of Blues. First, a thinner hide is desirable. They are usually lighter boned than on some breeds. This is in part due to Blues goal for higher yielding cattle. A long sloped hip with higher tail set is also acceptable. This is partially due to our extra muscling and has been argued by some to increased calving ease by opening up the calving canal. Nature seems to have selected for a sloped hip if we look at deer and elk.



Fullblooded Bull

The main difference is on the Blue's emphasis on muscle and yield. One of the first differences is circles. With many breeds, the terms straight, flat and square are common. Blue's muscle is always round and to add more muscle and yield we try to stack more muscle on the sides of the animal. If standing front or behind the animal, it is desirable to see circles. When looking at the hips, they should be rounded to express the extra muscle that is stacked on the sides of the hips. The ribs will also be rounded. The shoulders also should be well muscled and rounded with extra muscle stacked on the sides. The loin eye is thought to be a strong determinant of muscle, so the top should be long and thick. It can round above the backbone so that if you cup your hand and put your fingers on the backbone, the loin will fill your hand. The loin eye should stay thick all the way until it disappears between the shoulder blades. Another indication of muscle is the budding muscle at the top of the hip. When viewed from the side, the round should show good muscle definition and the muscle should fill out even the bottom of the round, a circle.

Bulls must be functional breeders. It seems that high muscle has a tendency to cause smaller testicles. So slightly smaller testicles can be expected but must still have enough size to be productive.

With many breeds judging is only visual, with Blues it should be hands on.

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Lane Hull is the son of Larry and Sandie Hull of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Lane is currently attending Murray State College aspiring to complete his Associates degree, while balancing a part time job. Afterwards transferring to UCO to further his education towards law enforcement. Lane is extremely grateful for the American Blue Cattle Association for its comradery, sportsmanship, and warm friendships made along the way.

Breeding Up To Fullblood Status

In order to breed up to Fullblood status here are the requirements:

Fullblood bulls are those that are 96% American Blue and above and will be recorded as Fullblood.

Fullblood Females are those that are 93% American Blue and above and will be recorded as Fullblood.

To be recorded as fullblood the grade up animals must be DNA tested to have two copies of the myostatin gene. If the animal has only one copy they remain in the purebred status.

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- Must be a U.S. citizen
- May only receive the scholarship once
- Be a ABCA Junior Member in good standing
- Youth or family own American Blue Cattle

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Phone: 580-612-2583

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Your registration application will be processed and a blood kit will be mailed as soon as full payment is received. Prices subject to error and change without notice.

Tattoo Letters

2021 Tattoo Letter is "J"	2015 Tattoo Letter is "C"
2020 Tattoo Letter is "H"	2014 Tattoo Letter is "B"
2019 Tattoo Letter is "G"	2013 Tattoo Letter is "A"
2018 Tattoo Letter is "F"	2012 Tattoo Letter is "Z"
2017 Tattoo Letter is "E"	2011 Tattoo Letter is "Y"
2016 Tattoo Letter is "D"	2010 Tattoo Letter is "X"

Pay your animal registration fees online: You can now pay your animal registration fees online using PayPal. Use the Registration in Word format - Open the document and type in the information on the application, save it and attach it to an email to info@americanbluecattle.org. Total your registration fees, click on the pay now button and you will be prompted to enter the donation amount on the PayPal page. We will match the emailed registration with your payment.

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- * \$25.00 Registration of Fullbloods and Purebreds
- * \$40.00 DNA Kit
- * \$15.00 Registration of Percentage Grading-Up (50% To Purebred)
- * \$15.00 Certification of Percentage (Up To 50%)
- * \$15.00 Certification of Steers

Miscellaneous Fees

- * \$10.00 Duplicate Corrected / Additional Certificates
- * \$10.00 Animal Transfer of Ownership
- * \$10.00 Embryo Transfer of Ownership
- * \$10.00 Listing of Foreign Registered Animal in ABCA Herdbook
- * \$10.00 Entering Foreign Bloodtype or DNA Genotype at UC Davis
- * \$30.00 Rush charges for any paper work in addition to regular fees

ABCA American Blues Junior Awards

ABCA has developed an awards program for it's Junior exhibitors. The purpose of this program is to encourage development of our Junior cattle-men and women and to promote the American Blue breed.

To be eligible for the program the youth should not have reached his/her 21st birthday.

Awards will be given for the top Junior and the Reserve Junior. To be awarded the honor of top Junior, the young man or woman must be a Junior member of ABCA and accumulate points on the following scales. Open show sanctioned for youth points is: Tulsa State Fair - National Show. Cattle must be family or farm owned for at least 30 days prior to the show. Entry must be in juniors' name to qualify for class and overall points.

Showmanship points are only earned at sanctioned shows.

National Show Class Placings

- 30 points 1st Place
- 25 points 2nd Place
- 20 points 3rd Place
- 15 points 4th Place
- 10 points 5th Place
- Additional 30

points Overall
American Blue
Grand Champion

- Additional 20
points Overall
American Blue
Reserve Grand
Champion

Showmanship

- 25 points 1st Place
- 20 points 2nd Place
- 15 points 3rd Place
- 10 points 4th Place
- 5 points 5th Place

All other shows, including **county fairs, state fairs, 4-H & FFA, Expos and Open Show Class Placings:**

- 20 points 1st Place
- 15 points 2nd Place
- 10 points 3rd Place
- 5 points 4th Place
- 3 points 5th Place
- Additional 20
points Overall Grand
Champion
- Additional 10
points Overall Reserve
Grand Champion

Rate of Gain

- 20 points 1st Place
- 15 points 2nd Place
- 10 points 3rd Place
- 5 points 4th Place
- 3 points 5th Place

Presentations

Any display or speech (at least 10 minutes in length) that promotes the Blue breed.

- 1-10 people 20 points
- 11-50 people 30 points
- 51+ people 40 points

Presentations must be verified in writing by person in charge of event such as FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader. Displays/presentations points can only be earned at one event at each fair.

Points are accumulated beginning in January and must be turned into the ABCA office by December 15.

Juniors may show any number of head at each show but points will only accumulate for four head.

Verification

To receive points the junior exhibitor must submit verification in the form of show results signed by the show superintendent or show results intended for public knowledge such as photos or articles in the media.

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- Short gestation length
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- Compliment to any crossbreeding program
- Great terminal sire breed

Benefits of Crossbreeding

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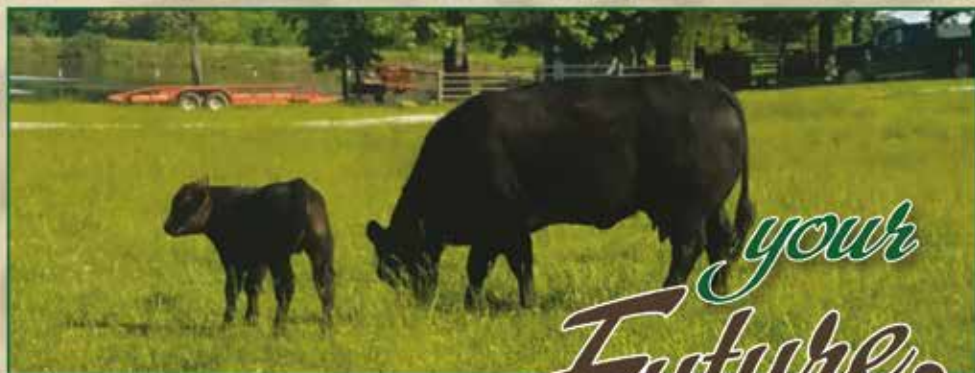
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Belle Brook Farm owner Stanley Jones watches some of his Belgian Blue cross cattle as they pass by in the feed lot on the farm Wednesday in Nacogdoches. Jones began raising the Belgian Blue cattle more than 20 years ago because they produce a leaner, healthier meat. He crosses them with a mix that includes Charolais and Brahman for hardiness, keeping a minimum of 50 percent Belgian to insure the lean breeds through, he said.

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