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Hello Membership,

We are almost halfway through 2022 and guess what? Again, we have another obstacle to overcome, high gas prices and inflation. I believe we will always have issues to deal with, but we must keep our focus and continue to look forward. Raising cattle is what we love to do, and we will continue to solve short term problems so we can continue our business.

The Association is holding its own and we are on track to register and transfer more cattle than we have in the past few years. Please keep the progress moving forward by keeping up with your registrations so when buyers are ready to purchase, you are ready to sell.

Please keep an eye on our website ([americanbluecattle.org](http://americanbluecattle.org)) for news and show information, our National show in Tulsa will be held on Friday September 30th in the a.m. Our National Banquet will be held Saturday, October 1st starting at 5p.m. at Oklahoma Joe's BBQ.

Come and enjoy fellowship with other breeders.

Steve Dollarhide  
ABCA 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](http://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										Mac Scan					
9/27/2018										Dallas McDermott 7809 NW 96th St. Johnston, IA 50131 (712) 579-1615					
ID	Weight	Birth Date	IMF	Area	Fat Dept h	Sex	WDA	ID	Weight	Birth Date	IMF	Area	Fat Dept h	Sex	WDA
1165	529	4/5/2018	2.90	9.57	0.02	Bull	3.02	7501	1161	6/9/2017	1.9	13.5	0.09	Steer	2.44
1166	630	4/5/2018	0.70	10.28	0.02	Bull	3.60	7507	480	4/19/2018	1.2	9.7	0.04	Bull	2.98
1167	439	3/23/2018	3.90	9.64	0.02	Heifer	2.34	7508	810	5/25/2017	2.6	8.8	0.05	Heifer	1.65
5988	1189	2/27/2016	4.00	11.98	0.05	Heifer	1.26	7509	683	2/9/2018	2.9	9.3	0.09	Heifer	2.97
7014	1310	7/31/2016	2.40	13.82	0.04	Heifer	1.66	7517	906	6/9/2017	1.8	11.4	0.04	Heifer	1.91
7194	1055	4/3/2017	1.60	14.73	0.07	Heifer	1.95	7518	844	8/14/2017	1.2	12.9	0.04	Heifer	2.06
7244	1535	12/26/2016	2.10	17.05	0.05	Bull	2.40	7519	1022	8/5/2017	3.0	11.8	0.12	Heifer	2.44
7245	1155	6/21/2016	2.10	14.02	0.04	Heifer	1.39	7520	602	3/3/2018	3.0	9.6	0.02	Bull	2.89
7253	816	3/4/2017	2.00	10.19	0.04	Heifer	1.43	7521	749	9/5/2017	2.9	10.4	0.02	Heifer	1.94
7256	885	4/4/2017	3.50	10.52	0.19	Heifer	1.64	7522	645	11/30/2017	1.3	11.2	0.05	Heifer	2.14
7257	883	4/26/2017	2.60	11.38	0.07	Heifer	1.70	7523	667	12/10/2017	2.5	11.9	0.04	Bull	2.29
7288	1336	4/3/2017	3.00	15.96	0.05	Bull	2.46	7524	865	10/14/2017	1.4	13.2	0.04	Bull	2.49
7300	1109	10/15/2016	1.90	13.49	0.05	Heifer	1.56	7525	720	10/6/2017	1.0	10.5	0.04	Heifer	2.02
7305	1131	10/28/2016	2.70	13.07	0.05	Heifer	1.62	7526	956	6/17/2017	2.0	14.0	0.04	Bull	2.05
7421	753	10/19/2017	0.30	10.40	0.18	Bull	2.20	7538	743	12/2/2017	2.3	10.4	0.09	Heifer	2.48
7422	695	11/18/2017	2.00	10.83	0.04	Heifer	2.22	7541	550	4/8/2018	2.0	9.8	0.09	Bull	3.20
7423	784	9/30/2017	1.70	11.51	0.07	Heifer	2.17	7543	925	5/30/2017	0.9	15.4	0.07	Steer	1.91
7424	507	2/10/2018	2.70	10.67	0.04	Heifer	2.21	13502	443	5/2/2018	2.1	10.5	0.05	Heifer	2.99

# 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
	BGBF4	C	773	ADC1	0.09	8.8	1.70	BGBBGBF4
Carrie	EGKKF12	C	1167	ADC1	0.14	14.0	1.33	EGKKF12
Palmer's Image	SRDD7	C	727	ADC1	0.11	10.5	1.39	SRDSRDD7
Santos Lady	SRDD3	C	1185	ADC1	0.09	14.6	1.39	SRDSRDD3
Aurora Bear	SRD1G	C	544	ADC1	0.06	09.1	0.81	SRDSRD1G
Black Sugar	WCC4G	C	470	ADC1	0.04	09.5	1.05	WCC4G
Sutton	2S1F	C	1060	ADC1	0.13	09.2	1.50	2S1F
Tempting Toots	ECGECGE1	C	1115	ADC1	0.09	10.3	1.86	ECGECGE1
Molley	JEAI19	C	535	ADC1	0.13	08.5	1.76	JEAI19
	SKSL38F	C	1179	ADC1	0.11	15.7	1.41	SKSL38F
Toby	BGBE9	B	1506	ADB1	0.09	15.9	1.07	BGBBGBE9
Aaron	BGBBGBE5	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
Palmer's 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
	SRDD8	B	733	ARB1	0.11	11.2	0.94	SRDSRDD8
Black Mojo	SRDD9	B	805	ARB1	0.06	11.2	0.54	SRDSRDD9
Napoleon	SRDD3	B	1269	ARB1	0.15	14.2	1.45	SRDSRDD3
Black Caboose	WCCG5	B	472	ARB1	0.09	09.1	1.11	WCCG5
Sutton	BGBE1B	B	1384	ARB1	0.11	14.4	2.17	BGBE1
Jax	CCWF18	B	1095	ARB1	0.09	15.2	1.44	CCWF1
Money Mad Max	JEAI20	S	479	AFS1	0.04	07.9	0.48	JEAI20
Flash								

## National American Blue Show - 9/30/2021

Tattoo	Sex	Birthday	Weight	Scan Date	Rib Fat Thickness	Ribeye Area	IMF	Test Tag
7873-12-24	B	12/24/20	673	09/30/2021	0.06	09.4	00.85	7873-12-24
7841-5-1-2	B	5/1/20	1187	09/30/2021	0.10	16.0	00.87	7841-5-1-2
7831 11-29	C	11/12/19	1044	09/30/2021	0.12	14.5	01.56	7831 11-29
7882 4-19	B	4/19/19	1505	09/30/2021	0.13	16.9	00.60	7882 4-19
7599 04-18	B	4/16/18	1659	09/30/2021	0.14	14.7	01.01	7599 04-18
7834 01-20	C	1/31/20	993	09/30/2021	0.11	11.7	01.90	7834 01-20
7840 04-20	B	4/5/20	1185	09/30/2021	0.10	13.3	02.19	7840 04-20
7825 10-20	C	10/11/20	918	09/30/2021	0.11	10.8	00.96	7825 10-20
7827 07-19	C	7/11/19	1190	09/30/2021	0.08	11.9	01.69	7827 07-19
7835 12-19	C	12/7/19	763	09/30/2021	0.08	08.4	00.51	7835 12-19
7609 01-19	C	1/28/19	1304	09/30/2021	0.18	12.6	01.23	7609 01-19
7828 02-20	C	11/21/19	959	09/30/2021	0.08	12.6	00.80	7828 02-20
7884 02-20	C	2/23/20	559	09/30/2021	0.07	04.9		7884 02-20
7777 02-19	C	2/15/19	1212	09/30/2021	0.14	12.4	01.93	7777 02-19
7885 04-20	S	4/19/20	1202	09/30/2021	0.13	11.6	02.20	7885 04-20
7838 12-19	B	12/14/19	1605	09/30/2021	0.12		01.20	7838 12-19
7776 12-19	C	12/18/19	1105	09/30/2021	0.09	13.1	02.32	7776 12-19
7865 10-20	B	10/4/20	855	09/30/2021	0.05	12.1	00.72	7865 10-20
7820 03-20	C	3/25/20	955	09/30/2021	0.09	11.3	02.05	7820 03-20
Avg. ont:			1098.58		0.1	12.12	1.37	



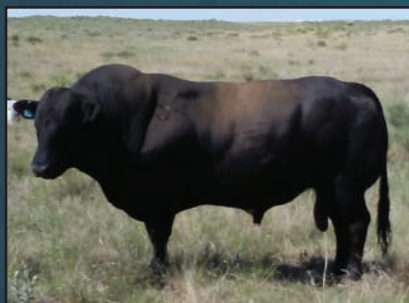
# **POLLED - HIGH YIELDING - FUNCTIONAL AMERICAN BLUE CATTLE**



**Dafydd's Metallic Confetti**  
is the polled son of Dafydd and the  
2017 National Grand Champion  
High % bull.



**SKSL In Corrigible**  
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creda Bull. At 16 months, his weight  
was 1367 lbs., and he had a  
15.9 in loin eye.



**SKSL Increda Bull 636**  
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Low % bull.



**SKSL King Davydd**  
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pion High % bull. At a little  
over 15 months old, his wt. is  
1356 lbs. and 17.8 in loin eye.  
He is homozygous for polled  
and Blue myostatin genes. Son  
of Confetti

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# 2021 National Show Results

## 2021 TULSA STATE FAIR OPEN SHOW RESULTS

### STEERS

*Prospect High% Steer: Over  
1/2 Blood Under 15/16 400-900  
lbs.*

1. JEA Milk Face  
James Allgood

### GRAND CHAMPION

*Prospect High % Steer*  
JEA Milk Face  
James Allgood

*Market High % Steer: Over  
1/2, under 15/16 - over-900  
lbs.*

1. CCW Lad  
Charles Weddle

### GRAND CHAMPION

*Market High % Steers*  
CCW Lad  
Charles Weddle

### FEMALES

*High Percentage Females -  
February 1 - May 31, 2020*

1. JEA 3 Sock  
Elizabeth Allgood

*High Percentage Females -  
October 1, 2019 - January 31,  
2020*

1. BGB Vixen  
James Allgood

### GRAND CHAMPION

*High Percentage Female*  
BGB Vixen  
James Allgood

## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

*High Percentage Female*

- JEA 3 Sock  
Elizabeth Allgood

*Purebred/Fullblood Female -  
February 1, 2021 & After*

1. SRD Aurora's Jackie  
Steve Dollarhide

*Purebred/Fullblood Female -  
October 1, 2020- January 31,  
2021*

1. CRK Jolene  
Charles Kinnison

### CHAMPION

*Purebred/Fullblood Calf*  
CRK Jolene  
Charles Kinnison

### RESERVE CHAMPION

*Purebred/Fullblood Calf*  
SRD Aurora's Jackie  
Steve Dollarhide

*Purebred/Fullblood Female -  
February 1 - May 31, 2020*

2. BGB Diva  
Sandie Hull

*Purebred/Fullblood Females -  
October 1, 2019 - January 31,  
2020*

1. SRD Aurora's Gem  
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Roxy  
Sandie Hull
3. BGB Harley  
Sandie Hull

# 2021 National Show Results

## CHAMPION

*Purebred/Fullblood Yearling  
Female*

SRD Aurora's Gem  
Steve Dollarhide

## RESERVE CHAMPION

*Purebred/Fullblood Yearling  
Female*

SRD Black Star  
Steve Dollarhide

*Purebred/Fullblood Female –  
October 1, 2018 - September  
30, 2019*

1. SRD Black Sugar  
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Oreo  
Sandie Hull
3. SRD Black Snuggles  
Steve Dollarhide

## CHAMPION

*Purebred Senior Female*

SRD Black Sugar  
Steve Dollarhide

## RESERVE CHAMPION

*Purebred Senior Female*

BGB Oreo  
Sandie Hull

## GRAND CHAMPION

*Purebred/Fullblood Female*

SRD Aurora's Gem  
Steve Dollarhide

## RESERVE

## GRAND CHAMPION

*Purebred/Fullblood Female*

SRD Black Sugar  
Steve Dollarhide

## BULLS

*Halfblood Bulls –*

*February 1 - May 31, 2020*

1. SKSL IMA Dafydd 2  
Steve Kinser

*Halfblood Bulls –*

*October 1, 2019- January 31,  
2020*

1. BGB Kolt  
Sandie Hull

## CHAMPION

*Halfblood Bull Calf*

SKSL IMA Dafydd 2  
Steve Kinser

## RESERVE CHAMPION

*Halfblood Bull Calf*

BGB Kolt  
Sandie Hull

*Halfblood Bulls –*

*February 1 - May 31, 2018*

1. SRD Black Caboose  
Steve Dollarhide

## GRAND CHAMPION

*Halfblood Bull*

SKSL IMA Dafydd 2  
Steve Kinser

## RES. GRAND CHAMPION

*Halfblood Bull*

BGB Kolt  
Sandie Hull

*Percentage Bulls –*

*February 1 - May 31, 2020*

1. SKSL Great White  
Steve Kinser

# 2021 National Show Results

## **CHAMPION**

### ***Percentage Yearling Bull***

SKSL Great White  
Steve Kinser

### ***Percentage Bulls – October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019***

1. SKSL Black Iron Confetti  
Steve Kinser

## **CHAMPION**

### ***Percentage Yearling Bull***

SKSL Black Iron Confetti  
Steve Kinser

## **GRAND CHAMPION**

### ***Percentage Bull***

SKSL Great White  
Steve Kinser

## **RES. GRAND CHAMPION**

### ***Percentage Bull***

SKSL Black Iron Confetti  
Steve Kinsser

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bulls – October 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021***

1. SRD Black Mack  
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Bandit  
Sandie Hull

## **CHAMPION**

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf***

SRD Black Mack  
Steve Dollarhide

## **RESERVE CHAMPION**

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf***

BGB Bandit  
Sandie Hull

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - February 1 - May 31, 2020***

1. SRD Turbo's Hemi  
Steve Dollarhide

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - September 30, 2018 or Before***

1. BGB JAX  
Charles Weddle
2. POB Arthur  
Charles Kinnison

## **CHAMPION**

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Bull***

BGB JAX  
Charles Weddle

## **RESERVE CHAMPION**

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Yearling Bull***

POB Arthur  
Charles Kinnison

## **GRAND CHAMPION**

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bull***

BGB JAX  
Charles Weddle

## **RES. GRAND CHAMPION**

### ***Purebred/Fullblood Bull***

POB Arthur  
Charles Kinnison

### ***Best Pair of Females***

1. SRD Black Sugar  
Steve Dollarhide
2. SRD Black Star  
Steve Dollarhide
3. BGB Diva  
Sandie Hull



# 2021 National Show Results

## **Best Pair of Bulls**

1. Sandie Hull

## **Get - Of - Sire**

1. SRD Black Turbo ET  
Steve Dollarhide
2. SRD Poppin Natural ET  
Sandie Hull

## **Produce of Dam**

1. BGB Sunny Dee  
Sandie Hull

## **Best of 5 Head**

1. SRD Black Snuggles  
Steve Dollarhide
2. BGB Diva  
Sandie Hull



**National American Blue  
Grand Champion Fullblood Bull  
Owned by Charles Weddle, Edmond, OK**



**National American Blue  
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Bull  
Owned by Charles & Rebecca Kinnison  
& Family, Wakarusa, IN**



**National American Blue  
Grand Champion Fullblood Female  
Owned by Steve Dollarhide, Haworth, OK**



**National American Blue  
Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood  
Female Owned by Steve Dollarhide,  
Haworth, OK**

# 2021 National Show Results



**National American Blue  
Calf Champion Female**  
Owned by Charles & Rebecca Kinnison  
& Family, Wakarusa, IN



**National American Blue  
Grand Champion Halfblood Bull**  
Owned by Steve Kinser, Hugoton, KS



**National American Blue  
Grand Champion High % Bull**  
Owned by Steve Kinser, Hugoton, KS



**National American Blue  
Grand Champion High % Steer**  
Owned by Charles Weddle, Edmond OK



**National American Blue  
Reserve Grand Champion High % Bull**  
Owned by Steve Kinser, Hugoton, KS

## ***2021 Premier Bull - BGB JAX***



**2021 National Grand Champion Bull  
Owned by Charles Weddle**

The 2021 Elite Bull, BGB JAX, is owned by Charles Weddle of Edmond, Oklahoma. He was purchased from Larry and Sandie Hull in 2019 at the age of 2 years. He produced the High Percentage Market Steer winner, CCW LAD, at the 2021 Tulsa State Fair American Blue Show

## ***2021 Premier Cow - SRD Aurora's Gem***



**2021 National Grand Champion Female.  
SRD Aurora's Gem  
Owned by Steve Dollarhide**

SR American Blue Cattle Farm is once again blessed to have bred, raised and shown the 2021 American Blue Premier Cow SRD Aurora's Gem. Her dam Princess Aurora from the McManigle herd has produced the 2019 and 2021 Premier Cow. Shown by Steve Dollarhide along with daughter Rachel and son-in-law Derek Anderson.

## **2021 Premier Breeder - SRD American Blue Cattle**



**Steve Dollarhide receives National Premier Breeder buckle.**

It is a great honor to receive the Premier Breeder award for 2021. Consistent hard work, dedication to the breed and helpful members have played a big role in our breeding program. SRD Black Turbo, my current herd sire has done a great job in producing some very good females. We hope his females continue to move our program forward with various sires. Thank you to everyone's help 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.

Purebred Bulls are those that are 15/16 or 93.75% up to 96% American Blue.

Purebred Females are those that are 7/8 or 87.5% up to 93% American Blue.

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## ***Coat colour inheritance in the Belgian Blue***

*by Prof. R. Hanset*

Regarding coat colour, the Belgian Blue is a "trimorphic breed" with animals belonging to one of the three phenotypes: either completely white or blue or black. The Belgian Blue shares this colour polymorphism with the Shorthorn breed, which is also either completely white or roan or red.

This similarity is not surprising since Shorthorn or Durham breeding animals were imported into Belgium during the second half of the XIXth century.

The study of the inheritance of coat colour in the Shorthorn has attracted two great names of Biometrical Genetics: Karl Pearson on the one hand and Sewall Wright on the other hand.

Pearson in a paper published with Barrington in 1906, concluded that "it would thus seem that no simple mendelian formula can possibly fit the Shorthorn case" while Sewall Wright, in 1917 and again in 1977, brought strong arguments in favour of the single-gene hypothesis, in spite of few exceptions due to phenotypic overlaps and Herd-Book errors. In 1985, we were able to confirm that the single-gene hypothesis of Sewall Wright was true for the Belgian Blue (Hanset, R 1985, *Genet. Sel. Evol.* 17(4): 443-458).

Recently, with the unequivocal assignment of the gene for blue to chromosome 5 of the bovine genome, the single gene model was definitely established. (Charlier C. et al 1996 *Mammalian Genome* 7: 138-142).

To have a colour phenotype similar to that of Galopeur des Hayons which is blue with white spots, several genes must be present: the R gene for blue, The E gene for black and the s gene for white spotting. His genetic formula can be written as follows: RrEEss. The

white areas are due to the homozygosity --ss- for the recessive gene --s- as in the Holstein.

Rr means heterozygosity for the R gene. A single copy of this gene introduces white hairs within the coloured areas. This mixture of white and coloured hairs gives: the roan if the coloured hairs are red (ee for the red phenotype as in the Shorthorn) but the blue if the coloured hairs are black (EE or Ee for the black phenotype as in the Belgian Blue).

On the other hand, two copies of the R gene, as in the homozygote RR, produce the completely white, with the exception of a few black hairs at the tip of the ears and of the tail.

So the bull Opticien d'au Chene is RREE (ss) but the white spotting due to ss is not visible, the bull being entirely white because of RR.

In the Belgian Blue breed, the basic colour is black, most of the animals being homozygous EE. A few are Ee and consequently will give a proportion of red offspring when mated with red (ee) animals or with black animals carrying the red gene (Ee).

Beaujolais de Halledet, father of Opticien, was carrier of the red gene and therefore, he was: RREe(ss) as he was also completely white.

On the other hand, the bull Negre du Home since he is black and white is: rrEEss.

A white Belgian Blue bull crossed with Holstein cows gives blue calves with white spots RREEss x rrEEss = RrEEss.

A blue bull being RrEEss, if crossed with Holstein cows, will produce 50% of blue calves and 50% of black calves, in both cases with white areas.

The Angus is self black because he carries the S gene, S for self-coloured, dominate to s. The Angus is rrEESS. The cross of white bull with Angus cows will give: RREEss x rrEESS =

RrEESs or a completely blue animal with very few white spots if any. Furthermore, it will be hornless since the P for polledness is dominant.

The same cross as above but with red Angus (rreeSS) will give the same result as with the black Angus except if the Belgian Blue bull carries the red factor. In this case, RREess x rreeSS + 50% RrEeSs (blue) and 50% RreeSs (roan).

The Hereford is red with a white face determined by the dominant gene S(H). His genotype is: rreeS(H)S(H). Crossed with a white Belgian Blue, the progeny will be blue with a white face, the genotype being: RrEeS(H)s.

Moreover, a "pattern" gene called "colour-sided" or "white-back" is also found within the breed. This typical pattern is well illustrated with the bull Ephata du Major. The gene responsible S(cs) is dominant.

Therefore, a single copy of the gene is sufficient to produce this pattern. Its presence can easily be traced back along the genealogical tree. So, Ephata got it from his father Parker du Fond de Bois who got it from his grandfather Ardent de la Reche Terre through his mother Nationale due Fond de Bois.

The expression of this gene is quite variable and may be restricted to a black nose and black ears and small-pigmented spots below the eyes.

In the Belgian Blue, the most common pattern observed in coloured animals is that also found in the European Black and White (Friesian. Holstein) with white legs. Besides this, some animals exhibit still another pattern with pigmented legs. This condition, due to a dominant gene, is illustrated with the bull Adagio and two of his sons: Kelvin de Belle Eau and Electeur de Somme.

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**Galopeur des Hayons:**  
**genetic formula RrEESs**



**Opticien d'au Chene:**  
**genetic formula RREE(ss)**



**Negre du Home:**  
**genetics formula rrEESs**



**Adagio (above) and his son Kelvin de Belle Eau (below): uncommon pattern with pigmented legs.**





**White Belgian Blue bulls x Holstein cows gives blue calves with white spots.**

**Blue Belgian Blue bulls x Holstein cows gives 50% blue calves and 50% black calves.**



**White Belgian Blue bulls x Hereford cows gives blue calves with white face.**



**Ephata du Major a pattern gene S(cs) called "colour sided" or "white-black".**



**White Belgian Blue bulls x Angus cows (black or red) gives completely blue calves with very few spots if any. Belgian Blue bulls with red factor x Red Angus cows gives 50% blue calves and 50% roan calves.**



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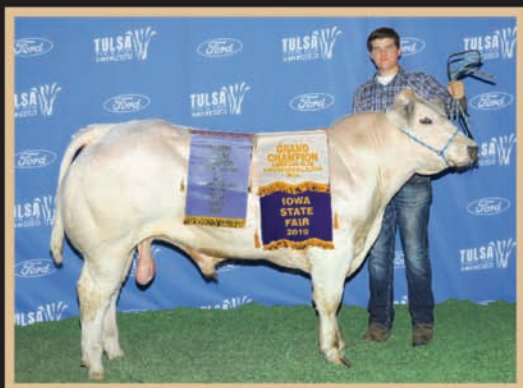
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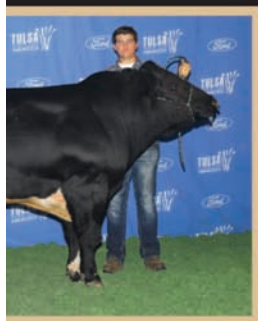
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## ***Judging Blue Cattle***



**Fullblooded Bull**

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**

**American Belgian Blue - 20**



**Fullblooded Cow**

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.



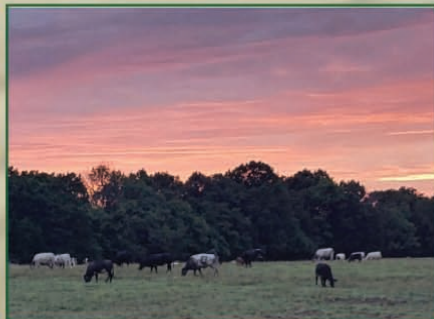
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## ***Raising American Blue Cattle***

### **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 within 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.

## ***Annual Scholarship Program***

To register for our annual scholarship program, download the application from the website: [www.americanbluecattle.org](http://www.americanbluecattle.org) and mail to:

American Blue Cattle  
Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 165  
Haworth, OK 74740

### **Criteria for the Scholarship Program**

- Enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college
- Age 18-22
- ABCA Junior Member for a minimum of one year
- 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

## ***Registering an Animal***

To register an animal go to [www.americanbluecattle.org](http://www.americanbluecattle.org) and print the form and send it to American Blue Cattle at:

American Blue Cattle Association, Inc.

Phone: 580-612-2583

P.O. Box 165

Haworth, OK 74740

Your registration application will be processed and a DNA Form will be emailed as soon as full payment is received. Prices subject to error and change without notice.

### **Tattoo Letters**

2023 Tattoo Letter is "L"	2017 Tattoo Letter is "E"
2022 Tattoo Letter is "K"	2016 Tattoo Letter is "D"
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"

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@belgianblue.org](mailto:info@belgianblue.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.

### **Animal Registration Fees**

- \* \$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
- \* \$30.00 Myostatin Gene Test

### **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 its 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.

Send by December 15 to : American Blue Cattle Assoc., P.O. Box 165, Haworth, OK 74740

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- Compliment to any crossbreeding program
- Great terminal sire breed

## ***Benefits of Crossbreeding***

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## Belle Brook Farms



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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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