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Last Straw

out at work. He really was my last straw of his sire Glouton De Peroy. This was the bull that first caught my eye and peaked my interest in the Blues. He had a nice balance of performance and calving easy. He was also one of the only Istamboul De Caremberg bloodline bulls in the US. So is a outcross to all our genetics.



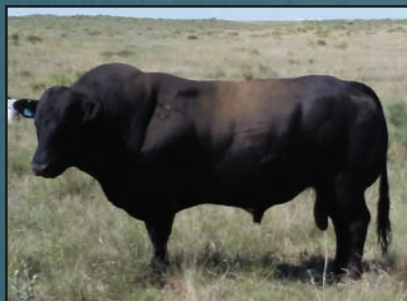
SKSL King Davydd

was 2019 National Grand Champion 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.



SKSL In Corrigible

is the homozygous polled son of Increda Bull. At 16 months, his weight was 1367 lbs., and he had a 15.9 in loin eye.



SKSL Increda Bull 636

is the polled two time National Grand Champion Low % bull.

SAND KASTLE RANCH

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WOW! My first message for The American Blue Journal as president. This should stand as a warning to all of you as what might happen to you if you skip the annual meeting. So, I expect to see you all in Tulsa!

I wish I had a crystal ball so I could tell you what to expect in the coming year in the industry. Things are changing fast. I remember coming home all excited that I had some 300-400 pound calves bring \$300. At the last sale I went to some average 200 pound calves went for \$700-\$800. Who knows what they might be doing by the time you read this. What I do know is Now is the perfect time to promote our cattle. Now is when value is more important than ever. Now is when the Blue's high feed efficiency, higher yield on the rail and easy handling and quiet disposition should be even more important to the rancher. Now is when packers should be looking for cattle who not only yield on the rail but produce a high yield of retail product. Now is when consumer interest in environmentally friendly beef production combines with top quality tender beef. This should make the Blues the number one pick for both consumers and ranchers.

I am very excited with the way some of our members are working to promote our breed. The way I see it, everyone should be interested in putting a little Blue in everything they do. Come join us at Tulsa.

Steve Kinser
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 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

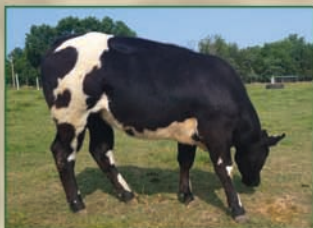
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NAME	TATTOO	SEX	WEIGHT	MGMT CODE	RIB FAT THICKNESS	RIBEYE AREA	IMF	TEST TAG
Raven	BGBD55	C	1504	ADC1	0.16	14.0	1.97	BGBBGBD55
	BGBE7	C	1024	ADC1	0.05	12.3	1.56	BGBBGBE7
	BGBE5	C	1137	ADC1	0.09	12.3	1.11	BGBBGBE5
	BGBF7	C	636	ADC1	0.05	9.7	1.38	BGBBGBF7
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								

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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. on:			1098.58		0.1	12.12	1.37	

National American Blue Show 2022

Reg#	Weight	DOB	Sex	Av. REA	Av. IMF	Av. FT	Animal Name	Owner
7989	611	2/22/22	B	10.18	2.3	0.07	SRD Roe's Outlaw	Steve Dollarhide
7982	287	6/12/22	C	5.7	1.7	0.08	SKSL Crystal Confetti	Ashlyn Augustine
7909	1126	4/27/21	B	14.2	2.1	0.09	W3E Mongo	Rose Wagner
7905	1172	4/28/21	B	12.5	2.2	0.08	W3E Maximus	Rose Wagner
7983	799	7/28/21	B	11.6	1.6	0.06	EGKK Improver	Rose Wagner
7988	1102	6/4/21	B	14.9	5	0.29	W3E Little Dude	Rose Wagner
7992	1184	5/9/21	B	16.7	2.1	0.06	MNP Blue Prancer's Black Gold	Connie Brooks
7991	1166	5/23/21	B	16.3	3.2	0.07	MNP Blue Prancer's Classic	Connie Brooks
7993	1083	5/29/21	B	16.7	2.4	0.08	MNP Blue Reformer's Rambler	Connie Brooks
8008	1116	5/27/21	B	15.4	3.7	0.08	CCW Big John	Charles Weddle
7873	1305	12/24/20	B	16.5	2.3	0.1	BGB Bandit	Braiden Garcia
8007	510	2/26/22	B	10.1	2.7	0.07	CCW Prince Max Jr.	Charles Weddle
8006	463	3/28/22	C	7.5	2.4	0.07	CCW Snow Princess	Charles Weddle
7998	555	2/18/22	C	11	1.6	0.07	BGB Luna	Larry Hull
7999	431	3/6/22	C	10.3	1.2	0.06	BGB Sofia	Larry Hull
7995	467	2/21/22	C	11.3	1.6	0.06	BGB Mini Myte	Larry Hull
7997	445	3/30/22	C	10.4	2	0.08	BGB Jade	Larry Hull
8001	675	2/18/22	B	15.1	2.3	0.08	BGB Wilbur	Larry Hull
8003	575	2/12/22	B	11.3	1.5	0.07	BGB Rio	Larry Hull
8002	877	10/18/21	B	14.7	1.8	0.07	BGB Maverick	Larry Hull
7599	1904	4/16/18	B	18.9	2.3	0.12	POB Arthur	Chuck Kinnison
7921	814	12/21/21	C	16.4	1.4	0.08	CRK Arthur's Joy	Chuck Kinnison
7945	1037	4/20/21	C	14.5	2.2	0.07	EGKK BR Belle Star	Chuck Kinnison
7930	758	10/9/21	C	13	2.5	0.09	SRD Blue Love Bug	Chuck Kinnison
7934	720	12/5/21	C	12.6	2.4	0.07	SRD Blue Cuddle Bug	Chuck Kinnison
7820	1270	3/25/20	C	14.5	3	0.08	SRD Black Star	Steve Dollarhide
7868	951	2/18/21	C	14.9	1.3	0.08	SRD Aurora's Jackie	Steve Dollarhide
7931	785	10/10/21	C	14.3	2.3	0.08	SRD Black Brandy	Steve Dollarhide
7933	677	10/19/21	C	13.7	2.7	0.09	SRD Black Penny	Steve Dollarhide

2022 National Show Results

2022 TULSA STATE FAIR OPEN SHOW RESULTS

STEERS

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

1. CCW Prince Max Jr
Charles Weddle

GRAND CHAMPION

Prospect High % Steer
CCW Prince Max Jr
Charles Weddle

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

1. CCW Big John
Charles Weddle
2. W3E Little Dude
Emma Wagner

GRAND CHAMPION

Market Low % Steers
CCW Big John
Charles Weddle

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Market Low % Steers
W3E Little Dude
Emma Wagner

FEMALES

*High Percentage Females -
February 1, 2022 & after*

1. SKSL Crystal Confetti
Ashlyn Augustine

*High Percentage Females -
June 1 - September 30, 2021*

1. W3E Margo
Emma Wagner

GRAND CHAMPION

High Percentage Female
W3E Margo
Emma Wagner

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

High Percentage Female
SKSL Crystal Confetti
Ashlyn Augustine

*Purebred/Fullblood Female -
February 1, 2022 & After*

1. BGB Luna
Sandie Hull
2. BGB Jade
Sandie Hull
3. CCW Snow Princess
Charles Weddle
4. BGB Mini Myte
Sandie Hull
5. BGB Sofia
Sandie Hull

*Purebred/Fullblood Female -
October 1, 2021- January 31,
2022*

1. SRD Blue Love Bug
Paul Smiley
2. SRD Black Brandy
Steve Dollarhide
3. SRD Blue Cuddle Bug
Paul Smiley
4. CRK Farms Arthur's Jo
Paul Smiley
5. SRD Black Penny
Steve Dollarhide

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Females
SRD Blue Love Bug
Paul Smiley

2022 National Show Results

Purebred/Fullblood Female – February 1 – May 31, 2021

1. SRD Aurora's Jackie
Steve Dollarhide
2. EGKK BR Belle Starr
Paul Smiley

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female
SRD Aurora's Jackie
Steve Dollarhide

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female
EGKK BR Belle Starr
Paul Smiley

Purebred/Fullblood Females - October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

1. SRD Black Star
Steve Dollarhide

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female
SRD Black Star
Steve Dollarhide

GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female
SRD Black Star
Steve Dollarhide

BULLS

Halfblood Bulls – February 1 - May 31, 2021

1. W3E Mongo
Rose Wagner
2. W3E Maximus
Emma Wagner

CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull
W3E Mongo
Rose Wagner

RESERVE CHAMPION

Halfblood Bull
W3E Maximus
Emma Wagner

Percentage Bulls – February 1, 2022 and after

1. BGB Rio
Sandie Hull

CHAMPION

Percentage Yearling Bull
BGB Rio
Sandie Hull

Percentage Bulls – June 1 - September 30, 2021

1. EGKK Improver
Emma Wagner

CHAMPION

Percentage Bull
EGKK Improver
Emma Wagner

GRAND CHAMPION

Percentage Bull
EGKK Improver
Emma Wagner

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Percentage Bull
BGB Rio
Sandie Hull

2022 National Show Results

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls – February 1, 2022 and after -

1. BGB Wilbur
Sandie Hull
2. SRD Roe's Outlaw
Steve Dollarhide

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls – October 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

1. BGB Maverick
Sandie Hull

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf
BGB Wilbur
Sandie Hull

RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull Calf
BGB Maverick
Sandie Hull

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - February 1 - May 31, 2021

1. MNP Blue Prancer's Black Gold
Connie Brooks
2. MNP Blue Prancer's Classic
Connie Brooks

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

1. BGB Bandit
Braiden Garcia

CHAMPION

***Purebred/Fullblood Yearling
Bull***

BGB Bandit
Braiden Garcia

RESERVE CHAMPION

***Purebred/Fullblood Yearling
Bull***

MNP Blue Prancer's Black
Gold
Connie Brooks

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - September 30, 2019 or before -

1. POB Arthur
Paul Smiley

CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull
POB Arthur
Paul Smiley

GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull
BGB Bandit
Braiden Garcia

RES. GRAND CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Bull
POB Arthur
Charles Kinnison

Best Pair of Females

1. Paul Smiley

Best Pair of Bulls

1. MNP Blue Prancer's Classic
Connie Brooks

Get - Of - Sire

1. BGB Sofia
Sandie Hull

Best of 5 Head

1. BGB Maverick
Sandie Hull

2022 National Show Results



**National Reserve Grand Champion
Half Blood American Blue Steer
W3E little Dude
Owned by Emma Wagner, Parkston, SD**



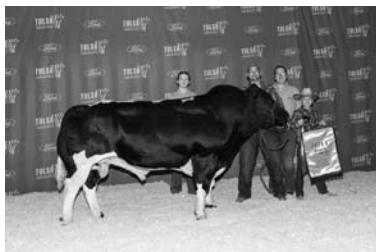
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Female Buckle**



**Taylor & Braiden Garcia
receive National Grand
Champion Bull Buckle**

Scenes from 2022 National Show



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.

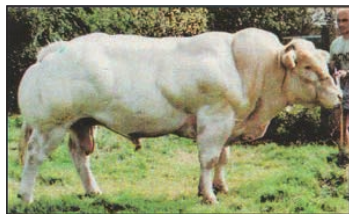
The expression of this gene is quite variable and may be restricted to a black nose and black ears and small-pigmented spots below the eyes.

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".



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Fast forward many years later I finally got my opportunity to see what the American Blue breed truly has to offer. In November 2022, I purchased three American Blue cross steers that were ready to be processed. Each steer did have a different percentage of Ameri-

can blue mixed with other English type breeds. We dry aged the beef for a minimum of 14 days before processing; these steers impressed me.

As a business owner and butcher **YIELD!** is the word in our industry. These cattle did NOT disappoint! Each steer yielded 75 to 80% of total overall yield off our carcass weight vs. actual retail cuts and usable parts. As I processed each beef, I noticed each beef had considerably less fat than most cattle would have at this size. So, in my industry that means less waste. I'm able to get these beautiful cuts with less trim. The ribeye section of the beef but most notably the short loin section, that's where the t-bones or strip steaks/ filet come from, I yielded another three or so steaks off each beef.

I personally take customer feedback very seriously in my business. I had numerous upon numerous people give feedback. Customers that we had been selling our own beef to would message me saying their ribeye was so tender they could cut it with a fork. I had a family member tell me the same thing



T-Bone



Chuck Eye Steak

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Sirloin Steak

about the t-bone. Another customer told me the filets were the best they ever had. I had several repeat customers that bought briskets tell me it was the absolute most tender, most flavorful cut they have ever cooked. The list continues. The marble on these cuts were different but when consumed they blew away anything else they had ever eaten.

As a butcher, I can fully tell tenderness of the meat as I cut it and these American Blues fully surpassed any other breed I've ever cut as far as smoothness on my knife and smoothness of the cut. If you want super high yield and some of the most tender, flavorful meat, please educate yourself on the American Blue Breed of cattle. I'm completely sold on this breed, and we have a very large amount of our personal herd bred to American Blue bulls.

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***Ronnie Vaughan
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Shown by Steve Dollarhide.

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- 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
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- Youth or family own American Blue Cattle

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To register an animal go to www.americanbluecattle.org and print the form and send it to American Blue Cattle at:

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Phone: 580-612-2583

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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

2024 Tattoo Letter is "M"	2018 Tattoo Letter is "F"
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"

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. 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%)
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- * \$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.

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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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