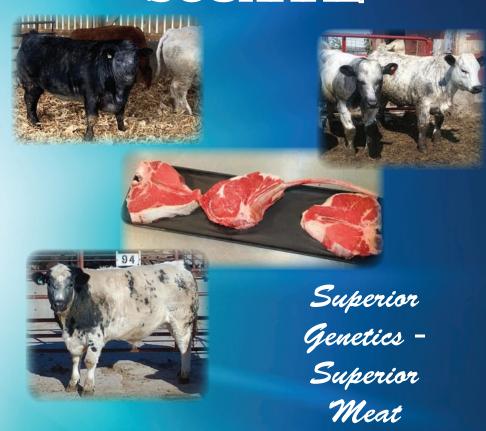


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MNP History...











I am humbled to be your President for the Association for the year 2024. I have truly enjoyed being president this year and helping by promoting the breed that I and my wife have come to love. I do this as a passion for the blues, a passion for beef and most of all a passion for you all.

I genuinely believe in the importance of promoting the beef industry and protecting the ranching/farming way of life. The time for us to stand up and get involved is now. This is especially true for the younger generations of us that want to see this industry and lifestyle last for generations after us. We are fighting for our future in 50 years and further and can't hold out on the ones before us to keep leading the charge.

The one thing I've learned as a farmer over the last 30 years is that we all need each other, and our voices are stronger together. We need the diversity of experience and fresh perspective, sixth generation and first-generation, outside connections and internal influence. Many of us are connected to the beef industry, whether we raise the beef, are a service to the beef business, or just enjoy eating beef. There are unique avenues and stories we can all share when it comes to our love for beef, ranching, and the western way of life!

This is why my goal for the year is getting out there and informing the youth whether we have FFA meetings, going to open shows, county fairs and most of all our National Show every year in Tulsa Oklahoma. I am asking for everyone's helping hand to try and add 1 new member this year as an encouragement and goal for the year, whether it is a junior member or a family.

If you are not already, I would love to have you join me by becoming a member of the ABCA. By joining you become a part of an integral group that supports and protects family ranches and the highest quality and healthiest beef production.

We are essential. Cattle and the ranchers are essential. I know for certain that we care for our animals, care for our land, and care for our communities and people. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing industry and I'm grateful to begin my journey as your President, representing the strong and inspiring Cattlemen or Cattlewomen from all over the United States of America.

Charles Kinnison, ABCA President crkblues@yahoo.com

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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 birthweight 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.

			Natio	nal Amer	ican Blu	e Show -	National American Blue Show - 9/30/2021	
				Rib Fat	Ribeye			
Sex	Birthdate	Weight	Scan Date	Thickness	Area	IMF	Animal	Owner
Ф	12/24/20	673	09/30/2021	90.0	09.4	00.85	BGB Bandit ( 93.75% )	Larry Hull
В	5/1/20	1187	09/30/2021	0.10	16.0	00.87	SKSL IMA Dafydd 2 (50%)	Steve Kinser
ပ	11/12/19	1044	09/30/2021	0.12	14.5	01.56	BGB Harley ( 100% )	Larry Hull
В	4/19/19	1505	09/30/2021	0.13	16.9	09.00	SKSL Black Iron Confetti (68.75%)	Steve Kinser
Ф	4/16/18	1659	09/30/2021	0.14	14.7	01.01	POB Arthur ( 100% )	Chuck Kinnison
ပ	1/31/20	993	09/30/2021	0.11	11.7	01.90	BGB Roxy (100%)	Larry Hull
В	4/5/20	1185	09/30/2021	0.10	13.3	02.19	SKSL Great White (57.75%)	Steve Kinser
ပ	10/11/20	918	09/30/2021	0.11	10.8	96.00	CRK Jolene ( 100% )	Chuck Kinnison
ပ	7/11/19	1190	09/30/2021	80.0	11.9	01.69	BGB Oreo (100%)	Larry Hull
ပ	12/7/19	763	09/30/2021	0.08	08.4	00.51	BGB Vixen ( 100% )	James Allgood
ပ	1/28/19	1304	09/30/2021	0.18	12.6	01.23	SRD Black Sugar (100%)	Steve Dollarhide
ပ	11/21/19	929	09/30/2021	80.0	12.6	00.80	BGB Levi (100%)	Larry Hull
ပ	2/15/19	1212	09/30/2021	0.14	12.4	01.93	SRD Black Snuggles (100%)	Steve Dollarhide
S	4/19/20	1202	09/30/2021	0.13	11.6	02.20	CCW Lad (75%)	Charles Weddle
Ф	12/14/19	1605	09/30/2021	0.12		01.20	BGB Kolt (50%)	Larry Hull
ပ	12/18/19	1105	09/30/2021	0.09	13.1	02.32	SRD Aurora's Gem (100%)	Steve Dollarhide
В	10/4/20	855	09/30/2021	0.05	12.1	00.72	SRD Black Mack (100%)	Steve Dollarhide
ပ	3/25/20	922	09/30/2021	0.09	11.3	02.05	SRD Black Star (100%)	Steve Dollarhide
ပ	2/23/20	529	9/30/21	0.07	4.9		JEA 3 Socks (61.72%)	James Allgood
		1098.58		0.1	12.12	1.37		

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Reg#	Weight D	DOB	Sex	Av. REA Av	Av. IMF	Av. FT	Animal Name	Owner
7989	611	2/22/22	8	10.18	2.3	0.07	SRD Roe's Outlaw ( 100% )	Steve Dollarhide
7982	287	6/12/22	0	5.7	1.7	0.08	SKSL Crystal Confetti (68.75%)	Ashlyn Augustine
7909	1126	4/27/21	B	14.2	2.1	60.0	W3E Mongo (50%)	Rose Wagner
7905	1172	4/28/21	8	12.5	2.2	0.08	W3E Maximus (50%)	Rose Wagner
7983	799	7/28/21	B	11.6	1.6	90.0	EGKK Improver (87.5%)	Rose Wagner
7988	1102	6/4/21	B 1	14.9	S	0.29	W3E Little Dude (50%)	Rose Wagner
7992	1184	5/9/21	B 1	16.7	2.1	90.0	MNP Blue Prancer's Black Gold (100%)	Connie Brooks
7991	1166	5/23/21	8	16.3	3.2	0.07	MNP Blue Prancer's Classic ( 100% )	Connie Brooks
7993	1083	5/29/21	8	16.7	2.4	0.08	MNP Blue Reformer's Rambler (100%)	Connie Brooks
8008	1116	5/27/21	8	15.4	3.7	0.08	CCW Big John ( 50% )	Charles Weddle
7873	1305	12/24/20	9	16.5	2.3	0.1	BGB Bandit ( 93.75% )	<b>Braiden Garcia</b>
8007	510	2/26/22	8	10.1	2.7	0.07	CCW Prince Max Jr. (75%)	Charles Weddle
8006	463	3/28/22	O	7.5	2.4	0.07	CCW Snow Princess ( 100% )	<b>Charles Weddle</b>
7998	555	2/18/22	U	11	1.6	0.07	BGB Luna (100%)	Larry Hull
7999	431	3/6/22	U	10.3	1.2	90.0	BGB Sofia ( 100% )	Larry Hull
7995	467	2/21/22	U	11.3	1.6	90.0	BGB Mini Myte (100%)	Larry Hull
7997	445	3/30/22	U	10.4	2	0.08	BGB Jade (100%)	Larry Hull
8001	675	2/18/22	8	15.1	2.3	0.08	BGB Wilbur ( 100% )	Larry Hull
8003	575	2/12/22	8	11.3	1.5	0.07	BGB Rio (87.5%)	Larry Hull
8002	877	10/18/21	B	14.7	1.8	0.07	BGB Maverick ( 100% )	Larry Hull
7599	1904	4/16/18	3 B	18.9	2.3	0.12	POB Arthur ( 100% )	Chuck Kinnison
7921	814	12/21/21	0	16.4	1.4	0.08	CRK Arthur's Joy ( 100% )	Chuck Kinnison
7945	1037	4/20/21	U	14.5	2.2	0.07	EGKK BR Belle Star (87.5%)	Chuck Kinnison
7930	758	10/9/21	O	13	2.5	0.09	SRD Blue Love Bug ( 100% )	Chuck Kinnison
7934	720	12/5/21	0	12.6	2.4	0.07	SRD Blue Cuddle Bug ( 100% )	Chuck Kinnison
7820	1270	3/25/20	0	14.5	3	0.08	SRD Black Star ( 100% )	Steve Dollarhide
7868	951	2/18/21	U	14.9	1.3	0.08	SRD Aurora's Jackie ( 100% )	Steve Dollarhide
7931	785	10/10/21	U	14.3	2.3	0.08	SRD Black Brandy ( 100% )	Steve Dollarhide
7933	677	10/19/21	U	13.7	2.7	0.09	0.09 SRD Black Penny ( 100% )	Steve Dollarhide

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Owner	Charles & Rebecca Kinnison	Steve & Rose Wagner	Steve & Rose Wagner	Steve & Rose Wagner	Steve & Rose Wagner	Steve & Rose Wagner	Steve Dollarhide	Steve Dollarhide	Steve Dollarhide	Steve Dollarhide	Steve Dollarhide	Steve Dollarhide	Steve Dollarhide	Larry & Sandie Hull	Taylor & Braiden Garcia	Taylor & Braiden Garcia	Ernest & Celeste Garcia	Charles Weddle	Ernest & Celeste Garcia												
Animal Name	SRD Blue Cuddle Bug 100%	SRD Blue Love Bug 100%	CRK Farms Johnny Cash 100%	SRD Rudy 50%	SRD Blue Oreo 100%	SRD Blue Gizmo 100%	W3E Daisy Hearthrob 50%	W3E Skipper's Badge 50%	W3E Donald's Shadow 75%	W3E Bubba 100%	EGKK Improver 87.5%	SRD Natorious Elsa 100%	SRD Black Armor 100%	SRD Big Boy 50%	SRD Black Diamond Too 100%	SRD Mocha Bear 100%	SRD Passion Bear 100%	SRD Sugar Bear 100%	BGB Maverick 100%	BGB Rudolph 100%	BGB Mini Myte 100%	BGB Lexi 100%	BGB Jade 100%	BGB Angie 100%	BGB Wild Bill 100%	BGB Luna 100%	TBG Blue Bonnet Spearman 73%	BGB Bandit 93.75%	ECG Buttons 59%	CCW Spike 87.5%	ECG Bubba 25%
FAT	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.18	60.0	0.08	0.26	0.26	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.18	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.07	60.0	0.18	60.0	90.0	90.0	0.07	0.08	0.09	60.0	0.07	0.33
%IMF	2.19	1.14	0.83	3.05	2.02	1.13	3.78	3.68	5.06	3.00	1.66	1.57	2.07	3.27	1.59	1.39	1.13	1.79	2.14	2.08	1.62	2.47	1.41	0.70	0.93	0.99	1.64	5.66	2.50	1.46	2.70
REA/CWT	1.49	1.49	1.38	1.61	1.61	1.94	1.45	1.23	1.57	1.31	1.29	1.96	1.66	1.68	1.57	2.04	1.83	1.88	1.41	1.37	1.39	1.04	1.18	1.64	1.83	1.15	1.51	1.23	1.64	2.25	1.69
REA	17.52	16.41	13.31	10.57	15.69	12.42	16.56	14.00	13.08	15.52	19.27	12.26	15.06	12.55	11.33	13.71	13.38	12.78	20.26	11.47	13.47	18.86	12.39	13.43	11.96	11.39	12.11	20.29	14.46	9.08	14.21
SEX	ш	ш	S	S	ш	Σ	S	S	Σ	Σ	Σ	ш	Σ	S	ш	ш	ш	ш	Σ	Σ	ш	ш	ш	ш	Σ	ш	Σ	Σ	ш	S	S
DOB	12/5/21	10/9/21	6/18/22	12/6/22	5/23/22	2/12/23	5/20/22	5/20/22	8/22/22	4/12/22	7/28/21	2/28/23	10/20/22	12/23/22	10/15/22	1/7/23	12/27/22	1/5/23	10/18/21	12/25/22	2/21/22	9/5/17	3/30/22	4/26/22	12/18/22	2/18/22	10/12/22	12/24/20	10/11/22	4/22/23	10/14/22
Veight	1179	1098	396	929	972	640	1142	1142	834	1188	1489	625	906	745	721	671	731	681	1436	835	896	1805	1047	819	655	994	800	1649	883	404	843

American Blue Cattle Scan Data 2023

# 異 2023 National Show Results 岩

# 2023 TULSA STATE FAIR OPEN SHOW RESULTS

#### **STEERS**

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

- 1. ECG Bubba Dalton D. Garcia
- 2. SRD Big Boy Steve Dollarhide
- 3. SRD Rudy Paul Smiley

#### **CHAMPION**

Prospect Low % Steer ECG Bubba Dalton D. Garcia

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION**

Prospect Low % Steer SRD Big Boy Steve Dollarhide

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

1. CCW Spike Charles Weddle

#### **GRAND CHAMPION**

Prospect High % Steer CCW Spike Charles Weddle

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

- 1. W3E Daisy Hearthrob Emma Wagner
- 2. W3E Skippers Badge Emma Wagner

#### **GRAND CHAMPION**

Market Low % Steers

W3E Skippers Badge Emma Wagner

#### **RES. GRAND CHAMPION**

Market Low % Steers W3E Skippers Badge Emma Wagner

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

1. CRK Farms Johnny Cash Paul Smiley

#### **GRAND CHAMPION**

High % Steers CRK Farms Johnny Cash Paul Smiley

# GRAND OVERALL CHAMPION STEER

W3E Daisy Hearthrob Emma Wagner

#### **FEMALES**

High Percentage Females - October 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

1. ECG Buttons
Dalton D Garcia

#### **CHAMPION**

High Percentage Calf
ECG Buttons, Dalton Garcia

Purebred/Fullblood Females - February 1, 2023 & After

- 1. SRD Notorious Elsa Rachel Anderson
- 2. CCW Patches Blue Moon Charles Weddle

#### **CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Calf

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SRD Notorious Elsa Rachel Anderson

#### Purebred/Fullblood Females – October 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

- 1. SRD Sugar Bear Steve Dollarhide
- 2. SRD Black Diamond Too Steve Dollarhide
- 3. SRD Passion Bear Steve Dollarhide
- 4. SRD Mocha Bear Rachel Anderson

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Females SRD Sugar Bear Steve Dollarhide

#### Purebred/Fullblood Female – February 1 – May 31, 2022

- 1. BGB Luna Sandie Hull
- 2. SRD Blue Oreo Paul Smiley
- 3. BGB Angie ET Sandie Hull
- 4. BGB Mini Myte Sandie Hull
- 5. BGB Jade Sandie Hull

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Females BGB Luna, Sandie Hull

# Purebred/Fullblood Female – October 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

1. SRD Blue Cuddle Bug Paul Smiley 2. SRD Blue Love Bug Paul Smiley

#### **CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Female SRD Blue Cuddle Bug Paul Smiley

Purebred/Fullblood Females -September 30, 2020 or before

1. BGB Lexi Sandie Hull

#### OVERALL CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Female SRD Blue Cuddle Bug Paul Smiley

#### RESERVE OVERALL CHAM-PION

Purebred/Fullblood Female BGB Lexi Sandie Hull

# Purebred/Fullblood Female – Cow/Calf

1. CCW Moon Beam Blue Charles Weddle

#### **BULLS**

Percentage Bulls – October 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

 TBG Blue Bonnet Spearma Tylor Garcia

#### **CHAMPION**

**Percentage Bull**TBG Blue Bonnet Spearma
Tylor Garcia

Percentage Bulls -

#### June 1 - September 30, 2022 1. W3E Donald's Shadow

Emma Wagner

#### **CHAMPION**

Percentage Yearling Bull W3E Donald's Shadow Emma Wagner

#### Percentage Bulls – October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

1. EGKK Improver Emma Wagner

#### RESERVE CHAMPION

Percentage Bull EGKK Improver

EGKK Improve: Emma Wagner

# Purebred/Fullblood Bulls – February 1, 2023 and after -

1. SRD Blue Gizmo Paul Smiley

#### Purebred/Fullblood Bulls - October 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

- 1. SRD Black Armor Steve Dollarhide
- 2. BGB Rudolph Sandie Hull
- 3. BGB Wild Bill Sandie Hull

#### **CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Bull SRD Black Armor Steve Dollarhide

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Bull
BGB Rudolph
Sandie Hull
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#### February 1 - May 31, 2022

1. W3E Bubba ET Emma Wagner

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

1. BGB Maverick Sandie Hull

#### Purebred/Fullblood Bulls -October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

1. BGB Bandit Tylor Garcia

#### **CHAMPION**

Purebred/Fullblood Senior Bull BGB Bandit Braiden Garcia

#### RESERVE CHAMPION

Purebred/Fullblood Senior Bull BGB Maverick Sandie Hull

Purebred/Fullblood Bulls -September 30, 2019 or before - 1. BGB Maverick Sandie Hull

#### Best Pair of Females

- 1. Paul Smiley
- 2. Sandie Hull

#### Best Pair of Bulls

- 1. Tylor Garcia
- 2. Sandie Hull

#### Best of 5 Head

1. BGB Rudolph Sandie Hull



National Grand Champion American Blue Female SRD Blue Cuddle Bug Owned by Charles & Rebecca Kinnison



National Grand Champion American Blue Bull SRD Black Armor Owned by Steve Dollarhide



National Grand Champion American Blue Overall Steer W3E Hazels Hearthrob Owned by Rose Wagner



National Grand Champion American Blue High Percentage Steer CRK Farms Johnny Cash Owned by Charles & Rebecca Kinnison



National Reserve Grand Champion American Blue Female BGB Roxy Owned by Charles & Rebecca Kinnison



National Reserve Grand Champion American Blue Bull BGB Bandit Owned by Tylor & Braiden Garcia



National Reserve Grand Champion High Percentage American Blue Bull EGKK Improver Owned by Wilbur Kehrli

#### American Blue Beef

Healthy & Flavorful

The final judgment as to the success of a beef breed lies in the hands of you, the consumer. Today's beef consumer is more health conscious than ever before and is increasingly educated about the food and beef industry. American Blue Beef purebred meats have been repeatedly shown to contain less fat, less calories, and less cholesterol than skinless baked chicken breast, while still maintaining all the high nutritional elements for which beef is renowned.

The same genetic trait that results in a healthy meat item also creates a tender, moist, flavorful product as well. A cross-section of American Blue meat will contain more and shorter muscle fibers than traditional beef. This significantly contributes to meat tenderness. Since there is minimal fat content, American Blue beef has greater moisture content. These two items together help establish a base for an exceptionally flavorful product.

Beef up your herd with American Blue Cattle the terminal sire of choice for commercial and dairy herds. Blue Cattle are bred for high yield lean meat with less fat and cholesterol than chicken. Their docile temperament makes them an excellent choice for club calves.



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### 2023 National Show Awards



Steve Dollarhide receives National Premier Breeder Buckle



Emma Wagner receives National Grand Champion Steer Buckle



Chuck and Rebecca Kinnison receive National Grand Champion Female Buckle



Emma Wagner receives
National Reserve High
Point Junior Award



Steve Dollarhide receives
Pam Lee Memorial
Award Buckle



Paul Smiley receives National High Point Junior Buckle



Steve Dollarhide receives National Grand Champion Bull Buckle

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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.

Pearsons 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 bree. 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 genelogical 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 Whtie (Friesian. Holstein) with white legs. Besides this, some animals exhibit still another pattern with pigmented legs. This condition, due to a dominate 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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#### Testimonials of American Blue Cattle Meat



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Growing up in the agricultural community I've been exposed to every single breed of cattle. As I got into my career as a butcher, I first started my career in a processing facility that processed your everyday breeds to the mainstream cattle. I processed beef all the way up to state inspected beef that we had a full custom cut sheet. This would offer the customer every single possible cut they can get off the beef. During that time my overall view of cattle completely changed. The meat end of the industry truly opened my eyes to a whole different world.

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-



Strip Steak

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



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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.

#### Beard Brothers Meats N More Coweta/Broken Arrow, Oklahoma





With over thirty years in the meat processing industry and the past four years at Fischer's, I had to let you know about your animal. I am not that familiar with double muscled or Belgian Blue beef, so my first impression while breaking down your animal was "wow, this will be a very tough beef". This was due to the fact that it had very little fat cover or marbling, but I could not have been more wrong. I have cut prime, choice, and Kobe beef, as well as numerous show animals including grand and reserve champions from some of the largest shows in Texas, so I know my beef. Not only was the yield 20 to 30% higher, but yours was the most tender of any beef I have ever cut. I honestly was blown away by this animal and look forward to your future business.

Ronnie Vaughan Fischer's Meat Market Muenster, Texas.



#### 2023 Premier Bull - SRD BLACK ARMOR



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Shown by Rachel Dollarhide.

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#### 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.

All Fullblood and Purebred cattle must be DNA tested. If the fullbloods are parent verified from birth by DNA testing, they will have an elite status. Those cattle that are bred up to fullblood status must have all generations of the American Blue lineage verified and have a parent verified status. All purebred cattle with parent and previous generations of American Blue testing will have the status of "Parent Verified".

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- Great terminal sire breed

# Benefits of Crossbreeding

Beef producers have been benefiting when using a Belgian Blue bull as a terminal cross sire. Belgian Blue crossbred calves result in increased carcass yield as compared to the dam. The Belgian Blue bull will put more weight and muscle on the calves' frames.

Butchers will also pay premium prices for both steers and heifers knowing there will be a high yield and more saleable.

# Overall benefits of crossbreeding:

- High growth rates
- Early turnoff
- Outstanding feed conversion rates
- Outstanding dress percentages 60% +
- High yield
- Market preferred
- Butcher preferred
- Premium prices

## Membership Benefits

As a member of the American Blue Cattle organization, the following are some of the many services and programs we offer members.

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# American Blue Cattle Application For Membership

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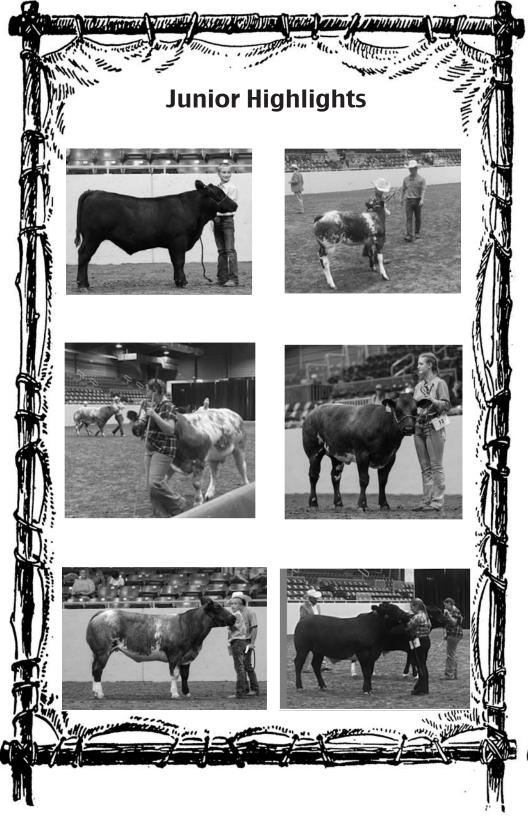
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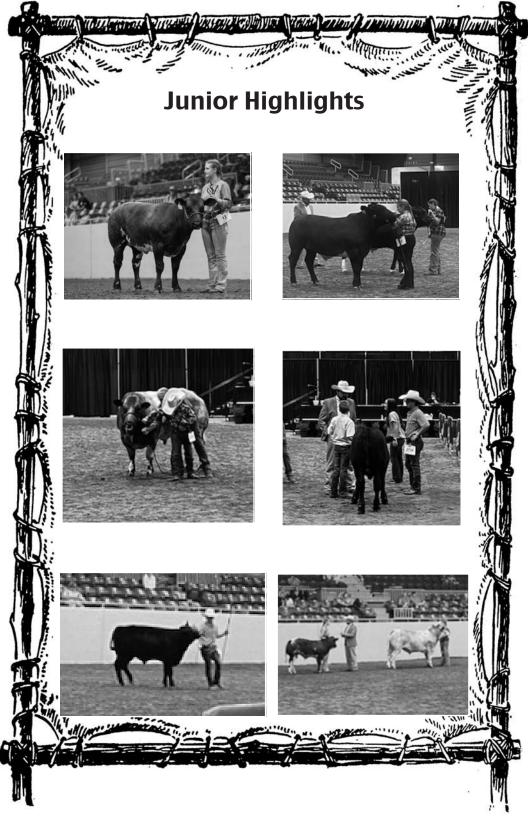
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Phone: 580-612-2583 P.O. Box 165 Haworth, OK 74740

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#### **Tattoo Letters**

2024 Tattoo Letter is "M" 2018 Tattoo Letter is "F" 2023 Tattoo Letter is "L" 2017 Tattoo Letter is "E" 2016 Tattoo Letter is "D" 2016 Tattoo Letter is "C" 2016 Tattoo Letter is "C" 2020 Tattoo Letter is "H" 2014 Tattoo Letter is "B" 2019 Tattoo Letter is "G" 2013 Tattoo Letter is "A"

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#### 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 cattlemen and women and to promote the American Blue breed.

To be eligible for the program the vouth 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 Displays/ 4-H Leader. presentations points can ony 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 iunior exhibitor must submit verification 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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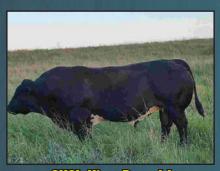
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Belle Brook Farm owner Stanley Jones watches some of his Belgian Blue cross cattle as they pass by in the feed lot on the farm Wednesday in Nacogdoches. Jones began raising the Belgian Blue cattle more than 20 years ago because they produce a leaner, 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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