

Brown Swiss news

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Live webinar

The European Brown Swiss Federation has launched a series of webinars to exchange live with breeders. The first two sessions, in German and French, were a success and the initiative greatly appreciated by the breeders.

During the first webinar, Stefan Knecht from Switzerland and Mathias Brader from Germany talked about their success stories with Brown Swiss.

During the second session, it was Catherine Meister from Switzerland and Alain Terrillon from France who shared their experience with Brown Swiss.

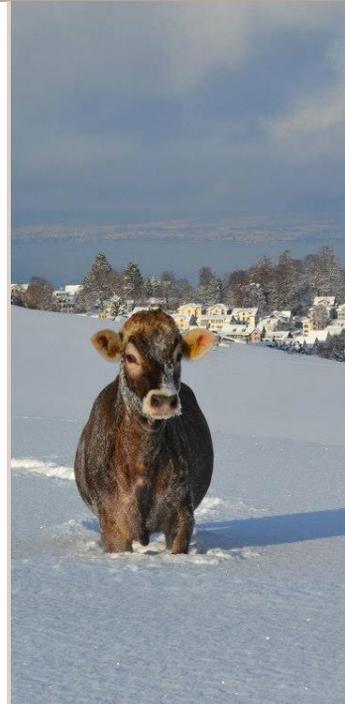
couldn't attend these webinars? the replays are available online on our YouTube channel : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBva-9cUd-ISNHD29SNjTA>

A third webinar will be organized at the start of 2022. stay tuned!

Upcoming Brown Swiss events

- Bruna BS 125 years – April 8,9th 2022 , Zug Switzerland
- Brown Swiss world congress – October 1st to 5th 2022, Madison USA
- European Brown Swiss Congress – 2023, Romania

🎁 The European Brown Swiss Federation 🌲 member's wish you and your family 🦌 a nice season's greetings with all good for the new year 🍪



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Stierenmarktareal in Zug

BREED AMBASSADOR

Performance + type = high lifetime performance

Andy Kocher, Braunvieh Switzerland

Longevity is a strength of the Brown Swiss cattle, which Roman Auer, as IGBS president, always mentions as a key argument. This for good reason: In his herd of over 150 animals, he had five cows with over 100,000 kg by the middle of 2021.

Heidi and Roman Auer are enthusiastic brown cattle breeders. However, in their farm, with various branches, cattle breeding is in the foreground: "With our cows we earn the money".

Since a farm in the neighbourhood with a barn and land could be leased, Auers expanded their livestock numbers to nearly 90 cows last year. The goal now is to increase milk production again, as their herd has been enormously rejuvenated due to the expansion. Until the middle of the year, the flagship cows, which correspond enormously to their breeding goal, were the three cows with over 130,000 kg. Today, there is a cow with over 135,000 kg, one with 125,000 kg and one with over 105,000 kg lifetime performance in their herd. "Excellent type and a tremendous performance are the requirement for such high lifetime performances." In addition, the Brown Swiss breeder is also sure that having one's own jumper bull has often helped older cows to get pregnant again.

The top performers on the farm

Goldfinger Kuba Ex 92 (LL 131,299 kg by June 2021).

The cow family of Goldfinger Kuba, which impressed with her excellent udder (Ex95) until old age, fascinated Roman since he was an apprentice. He therefore bought her granddam sight unseen from the former apprentice farm.



Auer's Anibal Zorania

Brinks Zania Ex 91 (LL 131'378 kg until June 2021)

Zania goes back to a Waimar daughter. Waimar was a half brother to the well-known bull Wurl. Zania's granddam was a Roberto cow. Zania impressed not only with exceptional fertility, but also with a tremendous milk content.

Ace Zeila Ex 92 (LL 135'752 kg beginning of November 2021).

Ace Zeila still impresses at an old age with her strong type. The show cow could celebrate several successes on the coloured shavings. The last one with over 100'000 kg. Zeila was awarded Mention Honorable at the cantonal show in Uster.

Amigo Balaika G+ 81 (LL 125'168 kg beginning of November 2021)

Balaika comes from a natural mating. Her sire Amigo was bred by Christian Joos. Christian has been the breeding partner of Auerhof for over 20 years. Balaika has an average performance of almost 12'000 kg milk.

Ace Zola G+ 81 (LL 107'954 kg beginning of November 2021).

Zola comes from the same cow family as Zeila. So they share genes not only on the paternal side. Contrary to expectations, Zola had excellent fertility into old age.



Auer's breeding goal

Roman describes the breeding goal as follows: To be able to produce a lot of milk, you need a cow with a strong frame and a very good udder. In the valley area, high performance is essential. Therefore, he does not like to compromise on performance when breeding. Also, Roman likes big and wide cows. On the one hand, they are more resistant, on the other hand, the slaughter proceeds compensate for the low milk price.

As a Bruna Data farmer, Roman studies all genomic results of his animals carefully. This allows him to make quick breeding decisions. The selection of bulls is largely determined by the genomic results. Due to the breeding plan, which the own stock inseminator receives via the breeding advice, he is always up to date regarding genetics and can react quickly to genetic trends. As in many places, the motto is "sexed, or beef". Roman appreciates the more accurate data from progeny tested bulls. Therefore, he tries to use the best ones if possible. Nevertheless, he trusts young bulls that come from good cow families.



Location:

Roman & Heidi Auer,
Ober Emmetschloo 2, 8620 Wetzikon

Farm size:

56 ha LN
41 ha permanent grassland
10 ha artificial meadow
5 ha corn

Animal population:

85 cows (current, after restocking)
50 pcs. Young cattle

Feeding cows :

Feed mixer
Pasture in summer

Farm average:

Ø 2020: 63 cows 9007 kg; 3.95 % F; 3.75 % P;
LL 28,092 kg, 4.00 % F, 3.78 % P.

Current insemination bulls:

Barca, Brice, Dreamer, O Malley, Seller, Zeno-ET (own-bred Juan jumper-bull), Haegar, Passat, Bender, Aldo, Bender, Anibal, Cech.

Housing system cows:

Since 2020 automated feed replenishment and milk robot



New genomic sires after the December run



RIDLEY

O Malley x Vanpari x Payslli

This new bull is out of the famous line of the bull Antonov, his half-brother, born at Syr Cattle Farm (Luxembourg)! This very early O Malley son has a unique combination of high components, sensational fitness traits with tight udders and good feet and legs. He has an excellent ratio of stature and width, the ideal medium sized cow for cubicles and for grazing systems too. One of the best Brown Swiss sires for fat%, super calving ease, strong daughter fertility, fast milking speed and long productive life. This an excellent partner for any crossbreeding program too! With 1507 GZW he is at the very top of the Swiss list, and also in USA at 183 PPR. He is BB and A1A2, and widely available conventional and sexed.

ROCKEUR

Aristo x Loustic x Payslli

He is our first Aristo, from a new family followed in our program BGS creation, born at Gaec du Rial. His dam Odyssee is scored VG 85 in her first lactation of 305 days with 7981 kg at 4.65 %F and 3.84 %P. his grand dam is a VG 85 Payslli and then we have a VG 86 Traction, generations of cows with lactations over 10 000 kg. He will be a strong improver for milk volume along with very complete health and fertility traits. His daughters will be tall, long and strong animals in all body parts, also on their feet and legs with a stunning +1.9! Their udders are very functional and Rockeur will be one of the strongest bulls for ligament! He is 1477 GZW in Switzerland, 172 PPR in USA and also 923 ITE in Italy. A very complete package with BB and A2A2, available sexed. Conventional semen in limited amounts for the moment.

ROQUEFORT

Barca x Sinatra x Harmonica

He is the highest Barca son available! He was born in the Puy de Dôme and comes from Vigor FUTE family that has proved a lot with several AI sires: Patrice, Openbar, Romaric and Laser PF. With a different sire stack, he will be a strong improver in milk volume but also protein%! Like his sire, he will transmit a really complete type : stature and length with good strength and above all very pleasant udders in all traits. He is 1406 GZW CH, 1015 ITE, also 126 GZW DE and 167 PPR. A perfect package with BB and A2A2, available sexed. Conventional semen in limited amounts for the moment.



Nougatine, RIDLEY's Dam

GENOMIC SIRES, still at the top!

OPTIMAL Sinatra x Blooming x Vigor aAa: 156324

He is up again in the Swiss list with now 1503 GZW and in second position of the list of AI sires! For sure the most complete son of Sinatra, able to combine production and type, with long lasting cows, from a deep cow family. He is BB and A2A2, available both conventional and sexed.

FACTOLE Blower x Fact x Zephir aAa: 243615

He has very stable year with again 205 PPR in USA, still #1 available bulls in US ! In Italy he still ranks in the Top 10 of genomic sires at 1182 ITE. In ISU he leads the French list at 183 pts! Pactole is BB and A2A2 and widely available both conventional and sexed.

O MALLEY Bender x Glarus x Dally aAa: 423561

He has now a big number of sons arriving in the top of list in all countries! He remains very stable at 1399 GZW, 120 GZW and 1020 ITE. He is BB and A2A2, widely available both conventional and sexed.

ROCKY Canyon x Blooming x Vivid aAa: 156324

He is one the best Canyon son for milk volume and ranks at the top in Switzerland and Italy : #17 of AI sires in GZW at 1416 and #15 of AI sires in ITE at 1192 ! A bull not to miss to add milk power and fertility together, from a deep proven cow family ! He is also BB and A2A2, well available sexed and conventional.

PISTON Bays x Jaguar CH x Hapat aAa: 165243

PARADOR Bays x Amor x Glarus aAa: 651423

PISTON and PARADOR keep their rank of the best Bays sons available in GZW DE and GZW CH. They will bring very much will to milk with top components, excellent health and udders. Both BB / A2A2 and widely available conventional and sexed.

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Sinatra x Harmonica, ROQUEFORT's mother

Type and performance

Once again, the RBW breeding program dominates the German and European Brown Swiss proof with 6 of the top 10. The available bulls not only show themselves to be superior in terms of overall performance and breed-typical characteristics, but also offer clear alternatives in terms of bloodlines and conformation. The first new bulls are already sexed available.

In addition to the dominance of the Anibal bloodlines, which accumulate with Amor, Amorie, Ajax, Piano and Naturel sons, it is all about the deep cow families that supply the RBW breeding program with top bulls of the Brown Swiss breed. The dam Bjalla, a Seasidebloom daughter from the famous Even Bounce family owned by Franz Riedesser, Neukirch and thus from the family of Payssli and Vassli, with the bulls **Chagall**, **Portland** and **Caravaggio** can catapult three sons into the top 10. Full brothers **Chagall** (GZW 147) and **Caravaggio** (GZW 143) both combine the best of Canyon from the paternal side and the maternal line from Even Bounce.

While Chagall promises medium sized cows with excellent udders, he also brings outstanding milk yield with + 1350kg, Caravaggio can also be used as a type improver. Chagall brings calving ease and very fertile daughters are expected. In addition, he shows a very good udder balance and very good front teat placement. Caravaggio shows a little more frame, correct pelvic position and also a very high milk yield.

The third in the line up, the bull Portland (GZW 145), is also already available. With +1663 kg milk, this Piano son is the highest production sire of the breed.



As another piano son, Piccard (GZW 141) is now better available. He traces back to a Huvi daughter of Gerhard Heim, Tettang. In addition to his good body improvement, he promises very correctly positioned long rumps, good feet & legs and faultless udders, which can convince both in terms of front udder length and rear udder height. Piccard is one of the few bulls in the top list with positive components.

With Nathan (GZW 143) there is also an interesting Naturel son out of a Vassli. In addition to the high performance, he promises a lot of frame and well-positioned, optimal teats. The progeny tested sires are still led by Husold (GZW 146), who can again improve by 2 points. In addition, Dorian holds up with GZW 135. Another Dario son is Dragon (GZW 135) with first daughters. Helau (GZW 130) can again gain 4 points in GZW and is a good sire for components.

In total, the current breeding value estimation offers a previously unknown variety of new high RBW bulls, almost all of are also available sexed female. The top bulls have a good combination of performance and conformation, which enables the needed rapid breeding progress for our Brown Swiss breed.

RBW



Wolfhard Schulze

Exchange of bulls!

In the meantime, it has become routine that we have around ten new bulls after each new proof. The reason is not that the "old ones" are no longer good enough, but that a lot of solid new young bulls are showing up. Our strategy is therefore to collect around 2,000 straws of each young bull and then replace him.

New basic bulls

AG Cartago is the only Capri son in use. He can come up with an enormous performance potential (average 127, +1042 kg milk, +0.01% fat, -0.05% protein). Dam and granddam are still producing and impress with their perfect udders.

AG Silvan is one of the few Sidence sons. He comes from a Vanpari daughter with very strong components. His profile is absolutely balanced (GZW 136, MW 124, FIT 114, EXT 107) and shows no weaknesses.

AG Valencia brings more angle in the rear leg. He also promises somewhat longer and thicker teats, which are attached in the center of the quarter. In addition, there is a good udder attachment with a strong center ligament. All these features promise good suitability for AMS.

AG Alpprinz is the only Alpsee son in our stud. He is a Alpsee out of a Vinery and a Joschka cow, which makes an interesting pedigree. Particularly noteworthy is the good udder attachment (108) and the longer teats (107).

Powerful young sires

AG Dash comes from an embryo transfer with the high-performance cow Honda. Several highly typed bull calves resulted from this ET. The most complete of those is AG Dash and he is located in Memmingen. The Seattle half-brother inherits a lot of milk, good fitness, but also a low milking speed.

AG Sepp Pp * is a young bull that we have been waiting for in the polled breeding for a long time. With GZW 142 he tops most of his horned colleagues. With the pedigree Sidence x Hercules x Emsland PS he brings new blood into the polled breeding and can be used widely.



AG Vindiesel, like its namesake, is well muscled and has a beef value of 114. He is a real allrounder. A lot of milk with neutral components (+911 kg milk, -0.04% fat, +0.00% protein), consistently good fitness values (FIT 117) and with Type 120 a first-class conformation bull.

AG Seattle traces back to the famous H-family of the Berkmler-Schoen GbR. Six generations before that there is the cow "Vigate-Hedina". She is the dam of the legendary bull Simvitel. AG Seattle promises a lot of milk with high persistence but lower components.

AG Vargas is a great cousin of AG Sevilla and thus goes back to the Jusch daughter 1185 from the Schlecker farm. Like his relative, he transmits a lot of production and good conformation. There is now enough semen available and waiting for customers.

AG Vanuta is the first Vaselino son and comes from a high-performance Puck daughter with a lot of dairy strength. Well known sire Pustertal also came from Alban Immler's D-cow family. AG Vanuta is a real allrounder at the highest level.

AG Vindus P * S is used again because he inherits polled genetics at the highest level. His breeding values increase from proof to proof and help us to get further in polled breeding.

AG Alphonso is an Ajax son with strong conformation out of a fancy Point daughter. Another trademark, in addition to the slightly positive ingredients (+0.07% fat, +0.01% protein), is the excellent fitness value.



Luca Nolli

AG Campari comes from the innovative breeding program. Vanpari-Nixdau from the Magg farm was flushed as a young heifer and, as a young cow, confirmed the expectations placed in her. The result is one of the tallest Casanova sons with very good conformation (109-106-111-115). Note the short teats.

AG Valentino comes from the same cow as AG Vaclav. The Valid son has an absolutely balanced profile (GZW 135, MW 119, FIT 121, EXT 116) and is therefore also in great demand from our Austrian partners.

Design PP * is homozygous polled. He is the bull for fat (+0.14%) and in perfect rumps.

AG Bachelor is by far the best Bender son and, thanks to his strong conformation transmission (121-115-111-134). He is everybody's darling in Germany and abroad. He is also available sexed.

Daughter proven

AG Pukari is the only Puck son in re-use. He was able to significantly increase his breeding values again. The bull inherits fit and productive daughters with functional conformation. The slow milking speed must be watched when mating.

AG Harvard also increases in his breeding values. The oldest daughters of him are just starting their third lactation and confirm his solid transmission performance.

AG Jakarta is a real allrounder. It is worth mentioning the good muscling (118) with a faultless conformation (105-107-107-115). He is also very fertile.

AG Hirsch comes from a high-performing and lasting cow family. In the meantime, 65 daughters have completed their first lactation with very good production and high persistence.

RBG Memmingen



German Brown Swiss under new presidency

At the last meeting of the German Brown Swiss Federation (ARGE Deutsches Braunvieh) on November 25, 2021, new elections were due, as the previous president, Christoph Nieberle, resigned from his post as president in accordance with the statutes.

The president of the Allgäuer Herdebuchgesellschaft (AHG) Norbert Meggle was elected as the new president. The new vicepresident is Hans-Peter Vetter, the new president of the AI station RBG Memmingen, who is now following Anton Merk at both the AI station and the German Brown Swiss Federation.

Since the previous secretary, Dr. Alfred Weidele, CEO of the Rinderunion Baden Württemberg (RBW), was no longer available for election, Dr. Franz Birkenmaier, breeding director of the AHG was elected to this office. Dr. Weidele will be available as deputy.

The new president, Norbert Meggle, thanked the previous management team for their commitment over the last years, asked for trustful support and assured that they would continue to work fully for the German Brown Swiss.



New and old presidency of ARGE Deutsches Braunvieh. From left Dr. Franz Birkenmaier, Dr. Alfred Weidele, Christoph Nieberle, Norbert Meggle and Hans-Peter Vetter.

New bulls with high production

Martin Rust, Braunvieh Schweiz



The toplist of Brown Swiss bulls is still led by Visor P, Sinatra and Simbaboy. With Benissimo, a strong allrounder has been released for second crop use. Arcas is the new leader for the dual purpose type Original Braunvieh.

Polled bull Visor P remains at GZW 1465 a confident leader of the progeny tested bulls. His first Swiss daughters have calved only recently, so he is still published with his interbull proof.

Sinatra has shown a continuous increase in the past proof rounds. At now over 160 Swiss daughters he is tested very reliable. The outcross bull is with +1299 for milk a safe mating for production and also transmits very well in all fitness traits.



A well-known Swiss daughter by Sinatra: Adrian's Sinatra Emely VG86 (Ø 2L 8'180 kg 4.4 % Fat 4.0 % Protein), dam of the genomic sire Stimorol (O: Hanspeter Kaufmann, Nottwil). Photo: Marisa Pfander

Positive trend for the newly released bulls

The bulls which have been promoted in August have kept up. First and foremost Canyon, who has doubled his daughters numbers and increased significantly in production. For type he is at index 124 one of the superior bulls. For the production specialists Visconti, Romino and Tambur it has been a stable proof round. Type specialist Amir has increased in production and is now over 500 kg of milk. His halfbrother Bays has improved in milk as well is now at +1065 with high components. As for all Arrow-sons, daughter pregnancy rate has to be considered when mated.

Benissimo with a complete profile

Benissimo is a late Blooming-son in second crop use. He is a very complete bull that sure makes productive daughters. Benissimo makes well framed cows with a strong top line, clean hooks and tight udder attachments. Only thing to watch out is his low butterfat content.

Narson is another progeny tested bull now in broad use. He is sired by Narcotic and consequently, he transmits good udders and health traits and a moderate production.

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Wickli's Benissimo ATLANTA G+82.

1. L. 2.02 7'505 kg 3.7 % 3.2 % (proj.)

B/O: Markus Wickli-Müller, 9651

Ennetbühl. Photo: Keleki



21 genomic bulls over GZW 1400

Since August many new promising young sires with interesting pedigrees are fresh to AI. Six sons by O Malley are available of late. Amongst them are Bell Boy (GZW 1499) out of the cow family of Premium Bonita, Amir's maternal halfbrother Owen or Jinxer, a grandson out of the famous Glenn Glena, making noise with an udder index of 141.

With James, Mane Sg, Rocky FR and the full brothers Jocko and Juventus five bulls sired by Canyon (Cadura) find themselves within the top 21 ranks.

Other interesting freshmen are the two highly productive Tussons Till and Olin Sg, the strong allrounder Celio sired by Alpsee or Huge-son Adee at almost 1000 kg of milk and an udder composite of 142.

Number 1 for overall fitness remains polled bull Velmer P, who is at the same time leader for overall grazing index. The new leader for overall type is Adee, while Yule (Lennox) remains number 1 for udder composite.

New Leader for Original Braunvieh

The newly promoted Lordan-son Arcas goes straight to the top of Original Braunvieh bulls. He combines high milk production with very good beef indices as well as an excellent type. With Valido Zenit another OB-bull sired by Valido is released for second crop.



Arcas ASCONA G+84

1. L. 2.01 6233 kg 3.7 % 3.2 % (proj.)

O: Josef Ulrich-Reichlin, 6422 Steinen. B: Christian Portmann, 6012

Obernau. Photo: H.R. Lauper