

Blonde d'Aquitaine Denmark
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The first Blonde's came into Denmark 1983/84. The cattle was bought in France, and because of veterinarian conditions all were heifers in the age from 8 – 13th month.

To day we have 1200 pure bred cows, and the population is close to 3000 animals, which made the Blonde's to the 6 largest beef breed.

Our organisation was founded in 1984, and to day we have about 100 members, but in fact there will be close to 200 breeders in total.

We are responsible for selection of bulls for semen production. The semen will be offered through Viking Denmark, which is a part of Viking Genetics, which is an AI organisation between Sweden and Denmark. All young bulls have to go through a performance test from an age from 8 month to 13th month. This will take place in "Aalestrup" for all beef breeds in the country.

The organisation is also responsible to carry out scoring of bulls and cows twice a year and for a couple of shows, mainly the National Show in Herning, together with both dairy and beef breeds.

All data from registration of birth, calving, pedigree, scoring, slaughtering, classification and weight are for all breeds going into the same data base. From this data we will four times a year get new breeding values.

All breeding values are given as index and we are using a rolling base with 100 as the average. The standard deviation is +/- 10.

During these 25 years we have imported semen from France. We have been very pleased with the results from nearly all the bulls. Shown below you can see the results from some of the bulls. All the data are calculated from the offspring there has been born in Denmark.

Hovedindekser, S-indeks, Produktion og Funktion samt delindekser. (Februar 2009)

Name	S	Prod.	Growth	Conf.	Func.	Easy calving	Milk	Calving ability.	Fertility.	Eksterior
Leo	130	108	103	109	144	120	101	134	104	118
Mikado	129	133	135	111	103	92	122	105	92	96
Drop	120	112	106	112	126	112	118	110	108	90
Everest	118	118	116	109	104	108	80	99	116	104
Crack	118	110	102	113	119	117	119	107	94	107
Oulou	117	121	126	102	102	96	100	108	92	93
Eder	110	100	91	110	118	120	97	105	107	113
Nutin	109	108	108	103	106	97	99	108	100	99
Impair	106	99	91	108	114	96	95	122	94	104
Richelieu	104	100	96	105	104	108	112	93	105	112
Poker	104	100	93	109	109	101	99	110	104	98
Fallou	103	97	89	109	103	126	94	90	97	119
Van	103	113	111	107	79	98	82	83	102	110

Explanation:

S-index is a total index combined with the different part indexes.

Production index: combined from growth and conformation of the shape from the body.

Function Index: combined from calving ease, milk ability, calving ability, fertility and conformation of the offspring.

As the first country in Europe, the organisation introduced the polled line in the nineteen's. To day we have the first homozygote bull in our line up of bulls, his name is Cesar av Christinelund and he is offered to all breeders in Denmark.



Cesar av Christinelund



From the National show 2007

From the second to the fourth of July 2009, we will have our 25th year's anniversary show in Herning. Herning is placed in the middle of Jutland, less than two ours driving from the border between Germany and Denmark

The judge this year will be Jean Blanc and Angele Barbaz.

F.I.E.R.B.A. will have a board meeting together with the show. The meeting will be Friday afternoon.

To this show we expect 100 Blonde's in total, included some progeny groups. Friday night we invited all our blonde friends to a grill party

News.

During the first part of 2009, the Danish Blonde d'Aquitaine Society has celebrated their 25 anniversary. The biggest highlight has been the National Show in the beginning of July. More than 100 animals were shown on the fairground in Herning.

This year the breed was the biggest of all the Danish beef breeds.

The judge this year was Mrs. And Mr. Barbaz from France, both very well know from their excellent herd in the middle part of the country.

After the show the Danish Association have received some very nice words from the judge about the quality of the cattle. Denmark has always tried to follow the French type, only for the polled line, we are a little different, but also among these animals, we have seen some nice ones.

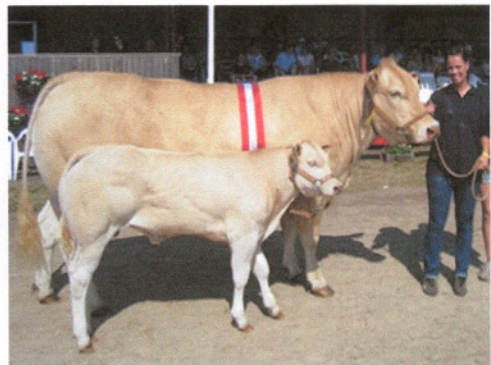
The biggest effort this year gets to the cow, GG Thea who is a daughter of GF Obus Armagnac, an imported Hibernatus son from France. GG Thea was the overall winner in the interbreed competition between 14 different breeds. Thea is a daughter from the Horizon daughter, GG Ninka, the well known cow who has promoted the breed and her owner, the family Poulsen, Arden during years. Ninka is now 12 years old, but still going strong, and this year she was again placed in the top end with a body weight above 1200 kgs.

An imported bull from France from the same owner, Asterix won the Champion title. He is a very tall bull, but with a lot of fineness and strength. The weight was 1500 kgs.

In connection with the show the Danish Association was very pleased to host a FIERBA meeting.



Asterix born by Picard Robin



GG Thea

Kind regards,

Jens Holm Danielsen.