



Hot export to NZ

TERRY Pearce, Peppercorn stud, Barrington, has become the first breeder to export a live Belted Galloway to New Zealand.

The bull, Peppercorn Zula is currently standing at the Tararua Breeding centre for semen collection, before heading to the South Island to service two studs.

Peppercorn Zula stayed in Melbourne in quarantine for 126 days.

Mr Pearce (pictured above) said there was a market for belted Galloways in New Zealand, as the climate is cooler, and there were more breeders.

New Zealand used to export all semen to Australia, but now the roles have reversed, with top quality Australian stock headed overseas.

Currently, there are eighty studs in New Zealand compared to 28 in Australia.

Mr Pearce has been breeding Belted Galloways for ten years and has 20 stud females and 60 commercial head at his stud near Gloucester.

The stud has shown champion, grand champion and supreme exhibits at Royal shows at Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.

Mr Pearce said the breed performed exceptionally

well in competitions, despite being a small breed.

Galloways placed fourth in the Sydney Royal Show's Stan Hill trophy, judged on carcase and show results, against bigger breeds.

Originally from Scotland, Belted Galloways are often popular to the designer market to hobby farmers, they also produce marbled meat.

In New Zealand the bulls are used over dairy cattle to throw small calves.

The Pearces will host a field day on September 2 at Barrington.

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