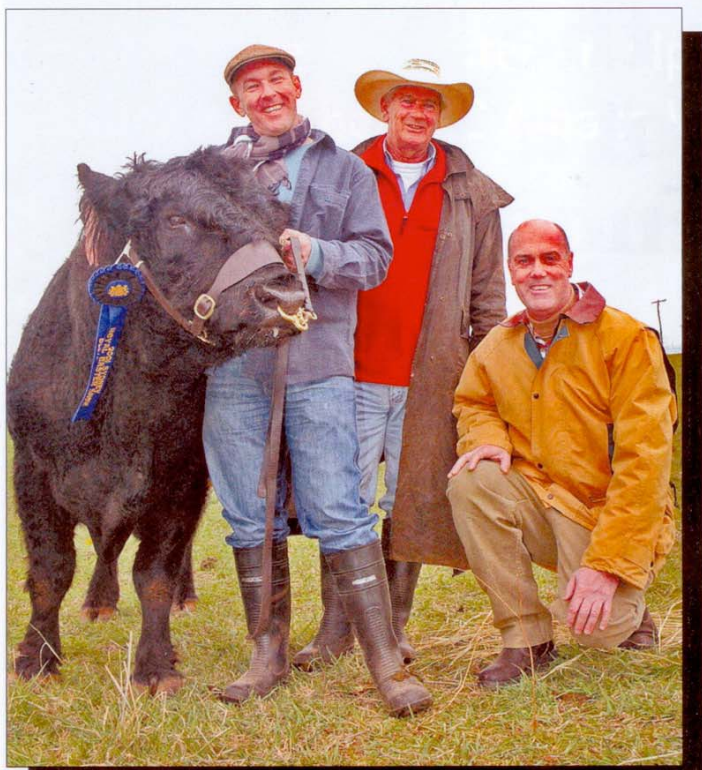


Peppercorn Belted Galloway Stud

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Andrew Monaghan, Jandrew Belted Galloway stud, Bathurst; Terry Pierce, Peppercorn Belted Galloway stud, Barrington, and Glenn Smith, Bathurst, with Peppercorn Rosco.

Beaut belties

PEPPERCORN Belted Galloway stud unwittingly achieved an Australian first in June last year when it exported a live bull to New Zealand.

Owners, Terry and Karen Pierce, were keen to exploit the international genetics market and chose the land of the long white cloud as their entry point.

The couple subsequently sold Peppercorn Zula for a five-figure sum in November to Lilliesleaf Belted Galloway stud, in the South Island, but retained exclusive worldwide semen rights.

The deal was struck after the two-year-old won supreme champion Galloway and senior champion bull at the Royal NZ show in Christchurch against the reigning champion.

"It was just an amazing experience," Mr Pierce said. "I had a goal of exporting a good animal and, after much research, felt New Zealand was achievable and the most beneficial."

"Their herds needed an injection of fresh quality genetics and I thought there would be a ready market."

"We sent the best animal we had: good muscling and conformation, super temperament and attitude, the whole shebang."

By FIONA GOWERS

"The New Zealand response has been extremely positive for us, and great for Australia's reputation."

Peppercorn Zula's sire is Peppercorn Wisdom, grand champion of the Royal Sydney and Brisbane shows in 2003.

Mr Pierce said Zula's genetics were extremely desirable in NZ owing to his paternal grandsire being Mochrum Kingfisher, a famed Scottish bull.

"Kingfisher's exceptional genetics were unable to be directly imported into New Zealand because the bull died before being tested for mannosidosis by authorities," he said.

"Through Zula we can provide these genetics to improve New Zealand's herds."

Since founding their stud in Barrington on the Mid North Coast, in 1996, the Pierces have sought superior bloodlines to remain viable and improve the carcass appeal of their stock.

They paid \$4000 – an Australian record – for the Belted Galloway cow, Quamy Park Idaho 3rd, in 1996, which has become one

of their most productive and reliable animals.

Meanwhile, their foundation sire, Peppercorn Rosco, Zula's maternal grandsire, has produced many champion bulls – one of which is Peppercorn Xtra, the present herd sire.

Xtra last year won supreme exhibit and senior and grand champion bull at the Royal Canberra Show, as well as reserve senior champion in Melbourne.

But Mr Pierce says more important than winning a ribbon is how many progeny are on the ground from the stud's champion bulls.

"Are your bulls good enough for people to want to keep on using your genetics? That's the test. We're happy with what Peppercorn has achieved here."

As well as several bulls, the Pierces now run about 30 stud Belted Galloway females and 60 commercial breeders.

"Commercial belties help us measure the carcass value of the genetics we put over them, and to develop a better breeding strategy for meat production," Mr Pierce said. "Meat is really what it's all about."

■ Glamour, glitz and some gorgeous Galloways, p19.

Honour Roll

BELTED Galloways are a rare minority breed that was still classified as critically endangered less than a decade ago.

They represent an under-used fresh genetic bank for commercial beef producers, and consistently achieve success in carcass competitions.

Here is a snapshot of the Galloway breed's recent show success:

- Belted Galloways, lightweight carcass champion – Sydney Royal Show, 2007
- Stan Hill trophy 2nd – Sydney, 2007
- Class 1 taste test winner – Sydney, 2007
- Middleweight carcass champion – Sydney, 2006
- Stan Hill trophy: Galloways 2nd, Belted

Galloways 4th – Sydney, 2006

- Junior champion live judging – Sydney, 2005
- Reserve champion carcass – Sydney, 2004
- Taste test grand and reserve champions (Belted Galloways had the highest average carcass points of any breed) – Sydney, 2003
- Reserve champion carcass – Royal Melbourne Show, 2003
- Taste test grand and reserve champions – Sydney, 2002
- Grand champion carcass – Sydney, 2001
- Champion purebred carcass – National Steer Competition, Dubbo, 2000

Source: Galloway Cattle and Beef Marketing Association. Visit www.gallowaybeef.com.au



LEFT: Terry Pierce, Peppercorn Belted Galloway stud, Barrington, holds Peppercorn Zula after he won supreme champion Galloway and senior champion bull at the Royal NZ show.

The drill

Sydney Royal Show Results:

- At the 2007 Sydney Royal Show, Merv and Beth Presland, Bekadan Belted Galloway stud, South Windsor, won the champion lightweight steer with a Belted Galloway
- The Preslands and Peter Koppman, Greenethorpe Galloways, Cowra, grew the

steers that placed Belted Galloways second in the all-breeds Stan Hill trophy

● Meanwhile, Mr Koppman's steer, prepared by Chiffley College, Shalvey, was the Class 1 taste test winner

● In the past five years, belties have placed three times in the top four of the Stan Hill trophy



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