

# PEPPERCORN



## BELTED GALLOWAY STUD

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## Belted Aussie wins in NZ!

The historical success of Australia's premier Belted Galloway stud, *Peppercorn*, continues to expand with New Zealand honouring a Peppercorn bull with their highest awards at the Royal New Zealand Show in Christchurch last November.

Peppercorn Zula, Australia's first live Belted Galloway export, was awarded Senior Champion Bull and Supreme Champion Galloway. Zula also received the RAS Gold Medal and the RAS Trophy (Lawton Trophy) for Supreme Champion. The two-year old bull had not been shown prior in either Australia or NZ.

"It was just an amazing experience," says *Peppercorn* stud master, Terry Pierce. "I had a goal of exporting a good animal, and after much research, felt New Zealand was achievable and the most beneficial. Their herds need an injection of fresh quality genetics and I thought there would be a ready market. We had to put Zula into quarantine for four months before flying him to NZ in June 2006."

"We sent the best animal we had. Good muscling and conformation, super temperament and attitude, the whole she-bang. And the tough gamble was worth it. We were excited that we had achieved the first exportation. We hadn't expected to take out the top awards as well. 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. Zula genetics were desirable in New Zealand due to the fact that his paternal grandsire is Mochrum Kingfisher, a world-famous Scottish bull. "Kingfisher's exceptional genetics were unable to be directly imported into NZ because Kingfisher

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unfortunately died prior to him being tested for mannosidosis by NZ authorities,” says Terry. “Through Zula, we can provide these genetics to improve New Zealand’s herds.”

After winning, Peppercorn Zula was sold to *Lilliesleaf Belted Galloway Stud*, located in the South island, for an undisclosed five-figure sum.

“2006 has been an extraordinary year for us,” says Karen, Terry’s wife and business partner. “Besides, Zula’s achievements, we had great success with another of our bulls, Peppercorn Xtra, here in Australia. He won Supreme Exhibit, Senior and Grand Champion Bull at the Royal Canberra Show as well as Reserve Senior Champion at the Royal Melbourne. That in itself was very rewarding.”

“In just one year, Terry has paraded and won two Supreme Exhibits, with two different bulls, of two different sires and two different dams, in two royal shows in two different countries. Terry is obviously making the right decisions for our stud. I’m very proud.”

Peppercorn Rosco, who sired Peppercorn Xtra and is the maternal grandsire of Peppercorn Zula, was successfully sold mid-year to *Jandrew Belted Galloway Stud* in the Central West of NSW, also for an undisclosed amount. Peppercorn Xtra also won Reserve Champion Bull at both the 2005 Royal Brisbane and Toowoomba shows.

Belted Galloways are an ancient Scottish breed thought to have derived from the Galloways crossed with the Dutch Lakenvelder, providing them with a milking edge on the solid colour Galloways. Sir Reginald Reed imported them into Australia in 1973.

Belties are regarded as excellent converters of poor forage into superior, naturally marbled meat with fat containing healthy Omega 3. In fact, Germany uses them for environmentally friendly conservation purposes. They have a unique double-haired coat that keeps them warm and reduces winter feed requirements. As good docile mothers that easily calve down small fast-growing progeny, they cross well with both dairy and beef breeds.

A rare minority breed that was still classified as critically endangered less than a decade ago, Belted Galloways represent an under-utilized fresh genetic bank for the commercial beef producers and are making a remarkable comeback. Even more remarkable, given this rarity, is their ability to consistently place and win in significant carcass competitions around the country. Belties are certainly a breed to watch for the future.

Peppercorn Belted Galloway Stud is located at Barrington, NSW, near Gloucester, Australia.

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Terry Pierce & Peppercorn Zula at the Royal NZ Show held in Christchurch, November 2006.

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Supreme Champion Galloway Bull, Peppercorn Zula at the Royal NZ Show held in Christchurch, November 2006.

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Supreme Champion Galloway Bull, Peppercorn Zula with Terry Pierce and friends at the Royal NZ Show held in Christchurch, November 2006.

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Supreme Champion Galloway Bull, Peppercorn Zula with Terry Pierce in the show ring at the Royal NZ Show held in Christchurch, November 2006.

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Supreme Champion Galloway Bull,  
Peppercorn Zula in the paddock, New  
Zealand, November 2006.

*Photo: Karen Pierce*



Champion Galloway Bull, Peppercorn  
Xtra, Royal Brisbane Show, 2005.

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Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit,  
Peppercorn Xtra, Royal Canberra  
Show, 2006.

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