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Breeding bullstation

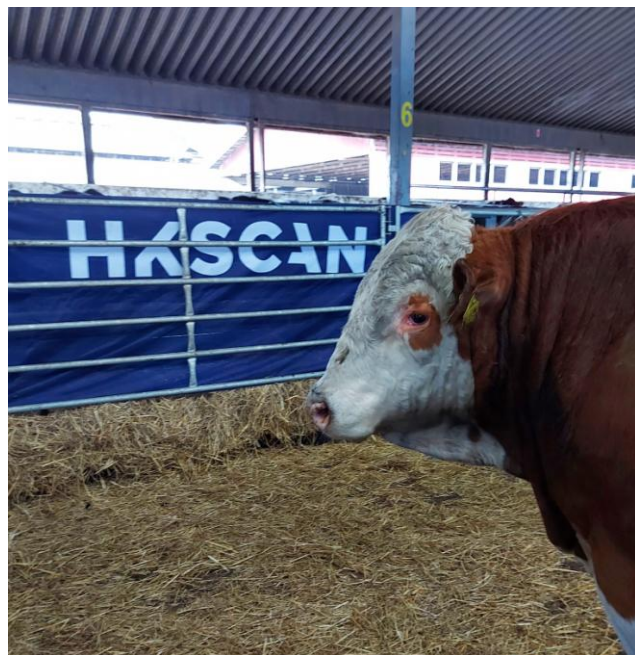
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- HkScan breeding bull station
 - Family operated farm
 - Organised by HKScan Finland
 - Since 2003,
 - 21st auction at spring 2023

Season 2023-2024 will be gap year with no Breedin bull station

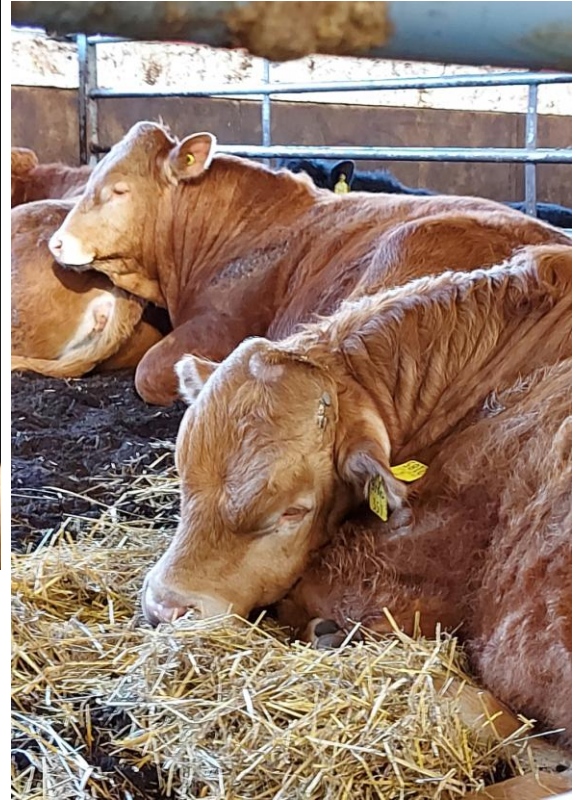
- spring -23 lots of coughing
- cause found : Mycoplasma bovis
- National animal health program to resist M.bovis
- selling stopped to avoid spreading the desease
- clearance of the desease expencive and takes time
- New place for the season 2024-2025



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- Number of bulls at the farm
 - 230-250 potential breeding bulls from Contract farmers who has breeding cattle operation
 - Aberdeen angus
 - Hereford
 - Simmental
 - Charolais
 - Limousin
 - (Blond & Wagyu)

60-100 bulls sold yearly for breeding
- Taking bulls in the breeding bull station
 - Only from recording cattles
 - Only purebred bulls
 - Pedigree certificate parents
 - Best bulls of the age group
 - Moderate birth weight
 - >280kg weining weight
 - >1000g daily gain from birh to weining
 - Avarages this year 324kg (corrected 200day weight) / 1355g daily gain from birth to weining **all breeds**
 - Strict health documentation, **Naseva** (national health care register)
 - Testet negative for salmonella and M.bovis, and healt certificate from the vet
 - Only ET –animals (origin from abroad) needs to be tested for bvd and ibr, Finland is free from those diseases



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- Observation period from november until the end of march
 - Monthly weighings
 - Feeding is based on grass silage (grass mix with clover), high roughage % (up to 67), Energy 10,6-11,3 MJ/ kg DM
 - Temperament notice from every handling sessions
 - Genomic samples are collected
 - Pedigree confirmed
 - DNA tested from main genomic diseases
 - Conformation scoring
 - Back muscle ultra sounds
 - Video shootings
 - Claw set review
 - Testicle measurement and palpation by vet
 - **Best bulls are for sale at the internet auction in April-May**
 - **Showing the bulls before auction**

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Breeding bullstations benefits the whole beef chain

- Breeders
 - facilities, comparison, easy selling
- Research
 - Source of data for research
- Cow/calf production farmers
 - easy and safe to buy good genetics and
 - improve own operation with the best bulls
- Beef producers get better calves with good growth to slaughter weight and good quality and high price carcasses
- HKScan gets better carcasses and quality meat to market
- Consumers get delicious tasty meat

Thank you!
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