



Dear Simmental-Fleckvieh Friends,

After a few months we have prepared for you the second issue of the WSFF e-journ@1. During autumn we got some feedback on the first issue and tried to respect your comments and suggestions.

At the beginning of the New Year we would like to thank you for your work in favour of our breed. We wish you a happy and successful new year!

Yours sincerely

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Josef Kučera Bruce Holmquist

NEWS



27th CONGRESS of the European Simmental - Fleckvieh Federation, September 29th – October 4th

Congress was held in Zagreb, Croatia, organized by Croatian Livestock centre - www.hssc.hr. During the 27th Congress of the European Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation a new president was elected. The position of Richard Pichler (Austria) took over Josef Kucera from the Czech Republic. Peter Polgar (Hungary) was elected as a new vice-secretary of the European federation.



Presentations from the 27th congress of the European Simmental Federation are available in the download section of the www.evf-esf.info web site. Click [here](#) and/or [here](#).

Upcoming events for spring 2008



Federal Show Fleckvieh/Simmental Beef Purpose in Germany (January 19th) within the Internationale Grüne Woche in Berlin 2008 (January 18th – 27th). For details see www.asr-rind.de

EXPO Umotest 2008 in Besançon, France (February 6th) - <http://www.coopex.com>

For more events: www.wsff.info, section calendar.



Short INFO:

Last control year 2006/2007 meant for the Czech Fleckvieh an increase in the milk yield by 168 kg. Current average amount of milk of registered cows is 6 368 kg milk with 4, 05 % fat; 3, 43 % protein. In Bavaria /Germany, the difference is + 197 kg milk: 6 865 kg milk – 4, 12 % fat; 3, 49 % protein. Milk yield in the last control year reached in Austria 6 666 kg milk – 4, 16 % fat; 3, 40 % protein (+183 kg milk).



Signing of the contract about the co-operation between the Fleckvieh organisations of Czech Republic, Germany and Austria was the final stage of the common evaluation of breeding values for beef traits. Routine common genetic evaluation start in 2008, next steps in the joint genetic evaluation among the large Fleckvieh dual purpose populations are planned for the next months.



Personal NEWS

The Australian Simmental Association's Chief Executive Officer, **Peter Speers** left the Association at the end of the year. During 20 years in the Association Peter Speers has played a major role in designing and implementing many programs that have benefited the breed and Association members.




Richard Pichler (Austria) and **Peter Massmann** (South Africa) retired at the end of 2007.



Both gentlemen supported the WSFF from the foundation of WSFF in 1974 in Zagreb. Richard Pichler is especially in central Europe known as "Fleckvieh ambassador". He spent a lot of time after the iron curtain fall in 1989 connecting the Fleckvieh populations. An unforgettable experience for many participants has been the 26th European congress held in Austria, organized by Richard Pichler and his team.

Peter Massmann was vice president and for many years chairman of the subcommittee Simbra and member of the technical subcommittee and the beef subcommittee by WSFF

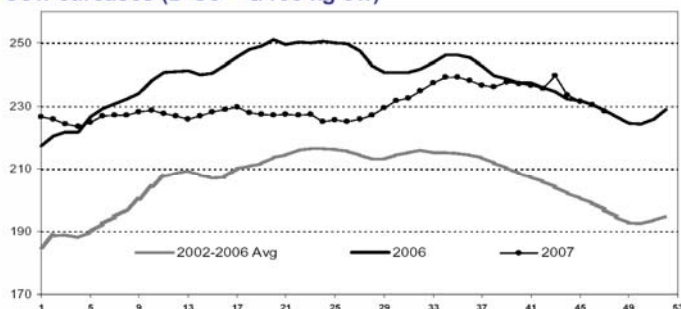
Thanks for your great input on the international level, on the board of WSFF to all of you, gentleman!

The countdown for the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation congress 2008 United Kingdom is running 

Only a few months and Simmental-Fleckvieh enthusiast from all over the world will meet in UK. More details follow:

<http://www.britishsimmental.co.uk/congress2008/index.html>

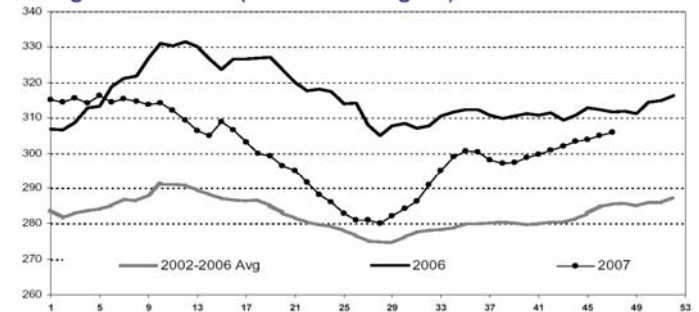
Evolution in EU carcass prices (4): Cow carcasses (D O3 – €/100 kg cw)



Price in week 47 : **228.39** Average price in octobre 2007 : **236.92**
% change y/y : **-0.2%** % change y/y : **0.3%**

DG AGRI, European Commission – 05 December 2007


Evolution in EU carcass prices (2): Young bull carcasses (A R3 – €/100 kg cw)



Price in week 47 : **305.90** Average price in octobre 2007 : **300.67**
% change y/y : **-1.9%** % change y/y : **-3.2%**

DG AGRI, European Commission – 05 December 2007

We recommend to your attention:

The influence of Simmental beef cattle on meat production and quality of Lithuanian Black-and-White cattle. 


Authors: Jukna, Č., Jukna, V., Lietuvos veterinarijos akademija

Abstract:

The efficiency of crossbreeding Lithuanian Black-and-White dairy cows with Simmental beef bulls was evaluated. The meat characteristics and quality of purebred Simmental cattle in Lithuania were also studied. It was shown that crossbreeding with Simmental bulls improved the body weight of Lithuanian Black-and-White cattle at 500 days of age by 26.7 kg (5.7%, $P < 0.05$) and reduced feed conversion per unit liveweight gain by 7.4%. Crossbreds had a 1.3% ($P < 0.01$) better carcass output, 1.5% better output of meat without bones, 1.6% better output of ham, 0.43 larger coefficient of ham succulence and 29.2 cm² larger area of lean loin. All indices of meat production of purebred Simmental cattle were 1.0-21.8% higher compared to crossbreds. Crossbreeding had no significant influence on meat quality. A lower meat pH, higher shear force and better tryptophan:oxyproline content ratio were observed in the crossbreds. In conclusion, crossing Simmental beef bulls with Lithuanian Black-and-White dairy cows results in improved meat production.

Watch your YouTube!

"First Fleckvieh crossbreeding calf 19 month later"
[YouTube - First Fleckvieh crossbreeding calf video](#)

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