

# Brown Swiss news

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## ANARB Breed classifiers

There are 70 candidates enrolled in the 2021 edition of the course to become Anarb breed classifiers.

Young breeders and technicians from all over Italy have been participating with enthusiasm and strong motivation in the course. The lessons, in presence and in full compliance with the anti-Covid rules, began at the end of August and will end in September.



## Bruna Days

The Anarb activities have restarted with the 2021 edition of the Bruna Days. Two meetings are planned, organized in the North and Central-South Italy.



## European Federation Assembly and Committee

On 22 and 23 October, Italy will host two important meetings of the European Federation. The Board Committee and Assembly will be hosted in the elegant Villa San Biagio, in the province of Vicenza. Visits to some herds in the province of Vicenza and Padua and planned



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# Strong families brings the new bulls generation



Following the august run, 3 new genomic sires are now available by BGS :

### RIDLEY O Malley x Vanpari x Payssli

This new bull is out of the famous line of the bull Antonov, his half-brother! This very early O Malley son has an ideal package for commercial farms looking for medium sized cow, with the great power of components of Brown Swiss and all the desirable fitness traits: he is a top fat% sire, super calving ease, high daughter fertility, fast milking speed and of course he will bring the sweet udders for a long productive life. With such a profile, he matches perfectly also any crossbreeding programs. With 1471 GZW he is at the very top of the Swiss list, also and 183 PPR. He is BB and A1A2, already available now both conventional and sexed, qualifies for USA/CAN.

### PAVOISY Malcolm x Verdi x Glenn

It is the only son of Malcom (an Anibal son from BGS), that comes from a new cow family with strong foundations. He combines interesting quantities of protein and fat kg, with good functional traits and complete type profile. He is one of the rare complete bull that can really improve teat size when becoming too thin and short is a problem! His dam VG 85 produced in 3rd lactation 10252 kg at 4.84 %F and 3.89 %P, and his Glenn EX 90 grand dam 9733 kg at 4.16 %F and 3.82 %P! He is 1373 GZW in Switzerland, also 1015 ITE in Italy. A very complete package with BB and A2A2, available sexed. Conventional semen in limited amounts for the moment.

### RAMSES Antonov x Hugor FBS x Shottle

Another bull that comes from a new cow family, an example of BGS philosophy to build on cow families that work very well at home and that can transmit high breeding values.

His great grand dam, a G+84 Vasir, achieved 8 lactations, his grand dam (VG 88 Shottle) is starting soon her 5th and dam (VG 85 Hugor FBS) is starting her 4th lactation! They all show a lot of body capacity and will to produce, most of the herd hails from this cow family, a good sign of longevity. Ramses has a very unique combination of high fat% with high milk yield and excellent daughter fertility! When you wish to improve fertility without sacrificing the rest, don't miss him. He is 1354 GZW CH, also and 181 PPR. An original package with BB and A2A2, available sexed and conventional now.

Among the other top genomic bulls, **PISTON** (Bays) remains the highest ISU sire with 184pts. His half brother with a similar profile, **PARADOR** will transmit the high quality of udders of his maternal line. He ranks at the top in all countries with 1387 GZW CH (1st Bays son), 1017 in ITE, 127 GZW DE and 178 pts of ISU in France.

2 top proven bulls are also back on the market, **MATHIEU** (Halleluja xAnibal) who remains at high level of ISU with 156pts after the addition of his first milking daughters. **LUTHER** (Bradley x Anibal) is a bull that delivers really nice bodied cows, plenty of strength, width and depth, moving on great feet and legs. They show also very good milk production with balanced components.

Ombrelle (LUTHER) won the spring Miss BGS online contest



*Guillaume May*





## The success story continues

After the RBW breeding program had played a dominant role for years, the intensive use of the domestic Brown Swiss population can again contribute to top bulls in a previously unknown breadth. Like expected, genomic bulls determine the top positions, but there are also some interesting new daughter proven bulls. With 6 bulls among the top 10 of the breed, the highest genomic bull and the highest progeny proven bull, the RBW breeding program can once again underpin its qualities.

### Chagall

No. 1 of the breed is the Canyon son Chagall (GZW 146), who traces back to a Seasidebloom dam and has its origins in the Even Bounce cow family, and thus in the Payssli and Vassli cow families. He was bred by the Riedesser family in Neukirch. Chagall will bring correct feet & legs and the desired medium frame. The udders will be long in the fore udder and high and wide in the rear udder with good teat shape and placement. In addition, he shows a very high milk yield (+1,389 kg) and consistently positive functional traits.

### Ajax sons

Arnimo (GZW 143) is bred out of a Seasidebloom and shows suitable, faultless udders with good feet & legs and body, promises plenty of milk, vital calves and very good persistence. He will play a prominent role internationally as a sire of sons. Alvarez (GZW 141), who is out of a Cadura dam, and Axa (GZW 140), who goes back to Bisto, can mainly be used to increase milk performance. Alvarez also shows consistently positive functional traits and Axa shows positive components. Axa's full brother Arkin (GZW 142) can be used to improve type and style. Avadi can be used as an udder improver (udder 122).

### Dorian now with daughters

One of the most interesting new daughter proven bulls is Dorian, who starts with a medium amount of milk, but is one of the best udder sires of the tested bulls and has already demonstrated this with an outstanding progeny group for the German Dairy Show online. He makes very convincing udders and has positive components. Dorian is one of the highest new daughter proven bulls with GZW 136.



## German Brown Swiss Young Breeders Show 2021

After 5 years, the German Brown Swiss Young Breeders Show will take place again in Bad Waldsee-Hopfenweiler on Sunday, November 21, 2021. This event is organized by the Brown Swiss Young Breeders Association of Baden-Wuerttemberg together with the Allgaeu Young Breeders Association. The internationally experienced Austrian judge Marco Burtscher, Vorarlberg, has the job of choosing the champions from the best Brown Swiss animals in Germany. Participants from Baden-Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Hesse and North Rhine-Westphalia are expected to attend the young breeders' show. The German A.I. stations are planning to present progeny groups of top actual Brown Swiss sires to the audience. Showing competition and the choice of the best type animal offer a varied program. The highlight will be the champion's choice of the most beautiful Brown Swiss cow in Germany.





## BSG Brown Swiss - Tradition und Moderne

### Deep cow families, genomic, embryo transfer, sexed semen

*The first genomic breeding values for Brown Swiss were published 10 years ago, at that time with our Oldstars Harley and Vintage as genomic young sires. This April, a major calibration and the introduction of the single-step method was carried out for the first time. While there was a lot of scepticism in the beginning, almost all breeders now use the tool of genomic selection. After several years of gaining experience, it can now be applied and used excellently. At the Greifenberg insemination station, genomic selection has also become an important tool in bull selection. Nevertheless, the bulls themselves and the cow family are in focus when selecting the current genetics.*

#### VISOR P\*S

##### **Polled, good performances in combination with strong type**

When selecting bulls for purchase, emphasis is placed not only on genomics, but also on the cow family. At the time of his purchase in 2016, **Visor P\*S** was ranked 5th in his half-sibling group of Viper Pp\* sons. Already as a calf Visor P\*S convinced with his excellent movement and strong body width on the breeder's farm Klement Emilius, Rehbiel. His dam Huxoy Bonita Ex-93 and his granddam Huray Bora Ex-90 could inspire at that time by their enormously strong willingness to perform as well as an outstanding conformation. In the meantime, Bonita has 7 calvings and a lifetime production of over 80,000 kg milk.

The daughters of Visor P\*S also underline a strong willingness to perform in connection with high milk components in the 100-day performances. The impeccable udder composite of 121 points is certainly worth mentioning, which is optimally secured by his outstanding cow family.



Visor P\*S has also been used internationally a lot. With this August breeding evaluation Visor P\*S is the first progeny tested bull in Switzerland to break the magic barrier of 1500 GZW points.

A video of a Visor P\*S progeny group was prepared for the Digital German Dairy Show and will be soon available on our website.

##### **Youngest genetics paired with performance & type**

In the pedigree of **Volantis** there are also type strong cows from the deep cow family around Denmark-Hecke and Raymo-Helene and from the Brown Swiss farm Barnsteiner. The daughter of Hecke - Jublend-Heidi could already prove her impeccable conformation at the Bavarian Young Breeders Show in Wertingen. With Huxoy, Amor and Vorsprung as his sire we find a combination of the latest genetics with the strengths of this cow family.

His dam Amor Himiko convinces in the breeders' barn especially with her long middle hand, correct pelvis and impeccable udder. Especially the udder length and the rear udder expression of Himiko are worth mentioning.





**Amarula – progeny tested & genomic**

Several 100,000 kg lifetime performance cows can be found in the pedigree of the Brown Swiss young bull **Amarula** which can be traced back to well known K- cow family of Denmark Kobra. In his pedigree the heavily used Brown Swiss bulls Cadence, vasir and Huray are immediately visible. With the mating of the Amor son Amoré, Amarula was bred. He is also one of the few Amoré offspring, who can convince with positive ingredients, which is also well secured through his cow family. Amarula shows already at his young age a likewise very strong body conformation and stands out positively in the production barn due to his pleasant behaviour.

**Cairon & Amor – one cow family on two farms**

**Amor** has already been in use for a long time and his daughters convince in the stables besides their high willingness to perform with their uncomplicated handling as well as with their excellent udder health. His dam Huray Debora was also successfully used over ET. In the meantime, she can look back on a lifetime performance of almost 80,000 kg milk with 7 calvings and there are already some promising daughters of her at the Arnold Josef breeding farm. An older daughter of Debora is the Seasidebloom young cow Dida. She was also used via embryo transfer and can already show 3 sons in insemination. With **Cairon** the latest offspring of this cow family starts in the first season. From this Canyon-son we can also expect daughters with high fitness, best udder health and an appealing udder quality.



The young Valid son **Vallejo Pp\*** brings a blood refreshment in the polled Brown Swiss breeding programme. His dam Rubi is a medium-framed Wachter Pp-daughter. A strong rear udder width and a correct teat expression as well as placement belong to the strengths of this fourth calf cow on the farm Jordan Michael, Aitrang. In the pedigree of Vallejo Pp\* you can also find the BSG Oldstar Juleng, a guarantor for body width, strength and depth. The genomic breeding pattern of Vallejo Pp\* promises strong daughters with correct feet&legs. In addition, Vallejo Pp\* can significantly improve milkability and udder quality, which is often desired in polled breeding.

**Vincero Pp\*** is the first Visor P\*S son to be used for the first time in Germany. On the dam's side we find with Salomon, Vasir and Hucos three positively progeny tested Brown Swiss bulls. His dam Salomon Perle convinces after 4 calvings with a dry expression of feet&legs. An udder with excellent veining, tight udder attachment and an appealing rear udder expression complete her strong appearance. The wide pelvis, positive milk components (+0,38%fat +0,15%protein), excellent fitness and impeccable udders are the trademark of Visor P\*S son Vincero Pp\*.

**Design PP\*** is a young, homozygous polled David-son already out of a Visor P\*S daughter. Design PP\* is characterised by an appealing milk yield and positive ingredients. Also, in the fitness traits this polled young Brown Swiss bull leaves hardly anything to be desired. In the group of purebred polled bulls Design PP\* leads the list and also convinces with his strong conformation especially in the feet&legs as well as udder quality. Design PP\* should be available until the end of September.

**BSG**







# A broad variety of new bulls

Martin Rust, Braunvieh Schweiz

With the publication of the proofs of August, seven new Brown Swiss bulls have been released for second crop use. Amongst them are high production bulls, type specialists as well as excellent overall all-rounders.

For the first time, a proven bull could reach the magic milestone of GZW 1500 in Switzerland. Based on his interbull proof, polled bull **Visor P** accomplished this outstanding mark. His first daughters in Switzerland will calve in late autumn.

## New releases - spoilt for choice

**Scherma Arrow Bays-ET** is the highest newcomer with GZW 1337. As a maternal brother to Biver, he inherits a very good production as well as strong components. That makes him one of the best bulls for MIW (milk value). Bays makes smaller sized cows with a functional type.

**Schöchli's Vassli Visconti** takes credit for his extreme milk potential. With a breeding value of over 1600 kg for milk he also transmits more than a decent type.

Exciting entries with all-round quality are **GasserGenetic Calvin Canyon** and **R.B. Edgard Franzisco**. Both bulls note over 600 kg of milk with good fitness traits and very good udder composite.

**R.B. Huvi Finn**, who just like Franzisco traces back to the family of Vinos Fuchsi, is another good production bull with desirable fitness traits.

**Studer's BS Arrow Amir** is a convincing type bull out of the well-known cow family of Eagle Enrica. This family already brought out the bulls Genox Boy und Virestar.

The first son of Nescardo, **KÄLINGen Nescardo Nesco** is a well-balanced transmitter with a strong type.

## Reliable proven bulls

**Simbaboy** has well matured. At the age of nine years, he persistently keeps up with the top bulls.

**Bender** has now over 800 daughters and remains a bull for high production and very good udders.

Having now a good number of daughters in second lactation, **Haegar** remains stable on a high level.

**Capucino** has lost a little in production but could add a little to his udder index. Together with Calvin, Bender and Phil he is in an exclusive group of udder bulls.

## Interesting new genomic bulls

**Gisler's Canyon James** is with GZW 1499 an exciting new genomic bull. James convinces with an excellent Fitness-Index, high protein content and an udder index of 135. He traces back to Jetwa on the maternal side.

With **Velmer P**, the best polled bull appears at the fifth place of the toplist. The Visor-son out of Fact is at the same time Number 1 for overall fitness. He combines a lot of milk with an excellent daughter fertility as well as an udder index of 131.

Velmer's half-brothers Tamboy P and Vialo PP also took profit by the convincing development of Visor and have both risen considerably.

With **Scherma Dreamer Biniam**, another very complete young sire is newly available. Biniam combines high components with desirable fitness traits and promises excellent udders on top.

Talking of type, Lennox-son **Yule** remains leader for overall exterior and udder.

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1. Rüegg's BS Bays Epesse has a projected first lactation of over 9'500 kg of milk (B/O: Stefan & Thomas Rüegg, Weisslingen).  
Photo credit: Keleki.



2. Visconti Libelle has finished her first lactation with 8'846 kg of milk (O: Andreas Studach, Mörschwil).  
Photo credit: Keleki.

3. Rüttimann Canyon Carmela confirms the type quality of Canyon (O: Matthias Bamert, Lütisburg).  
Photo credit: Keleki.

4. Sinatra-daughter Jora is the dam of Gisler's Canyon James (B/O: BG Gisler, Littenheid).  
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