

# Viking Beef

Future Beef Breeding Strategy In VG

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# Our Breeding Strategy

- Overall aim is to have genetic gain in the bulls specific for beef on dairy!
  - 2 NBDI units per year
- We now have bulls enough to only keep the best, and have established good collaboration with the breed associations in the nordic contries.

# Beef breeding strategy

- Genomic selection
- Different strategy in different breeds\*
  - Do we need 2 bulls/year or 22 bulls/year?
- Heifers to use for OPU/ET
  - Own heifers or flush contracts?
- Special Beef on Dairy lines\*
- Purebred bulls or Crossbreds?



# Different strategies in different breeds

- Danish Blue
  - Large number of bulls needed – Approximately 20-22
  - OPU and ET widely used
  - Nearly all breeders in DK are working with Viking Genetics (VG)
- Charolais
  - Genomic selection in France
  - Agreement between Swedish and Danish Charolais, and huge degree of ambition and collaboration with VG
- Blonde
  - Some own bulls needed for Sperm Vital and Sexed semen
- Angus

# Special Beef on dairy lines

- A few females of the herd is being used for Beef on Dairy only
- Challenges
  - Do we breed this line towards a narrow pelvis?
  - No Nordic pedigree semen for the purebreeders