



Viking Beef

Future Beef Breeding Strategy In VG

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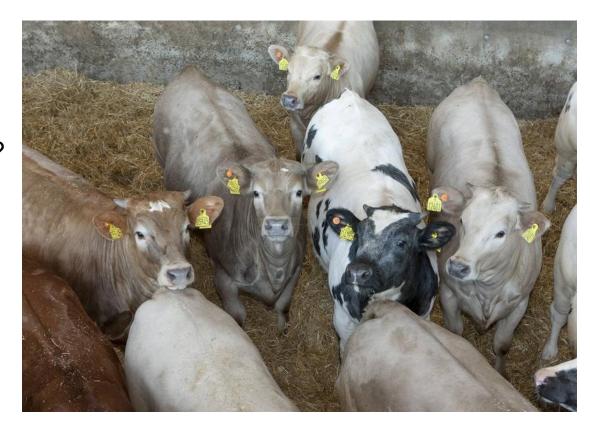
Our Breeding Strategy

- 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 beeing used for Beef on Dairy only
- Challenges
 - Do we breed this line towards a narrow pelvis?
 - No Nordic pedigree semen for the purebreeders