Online Hereford Database Available at www.herefordcattle.org

(Courtesy of New Zealand Herefords)

Do you wish to...

• Check the latest Estimated Breeding Values (EBV’s) of your preferred Hereford AI sire?
  *(An Estimated Breeding Value is the estimated genetic merit of an animal for each recorded production trait).

• Find the phone/fax/email Contact details for every Breedplan performance recorded Hereford herd in the UK?

• Research the Pedigree of any registered Hereford animal?

• Search the latest Hereford sire summary for a sire suitable for use in your herd?

• Search for Sire and Dam Trait Leaders?

• Search upcoming Hereford Sale Catalogues for suitable Hereford bulls to purchase?

• Select a sire based on various UK Hereford Selection Indexes?

The answers to these questions and many more are available via the internet…at www.herefordcattle.org. On the UK Herefords home page, just use your mouse to click on animal or EBV enquiry to research pedigrees, latest EBV’s for any animal(s) or alternatively click on online sales catalogues to view forthcoming sales.

You will be surprised at how easy it is to use. All you need is a connection to the Internet and a standard browser eg Microsoft Internet Explorer. The online database is an invaluable tool to the serious cattle producer.

Getting started with an Animal Search.

Searching animals with particular characteristics is one of the most popular features of the database software.

An example...

Go to the UK Hereford Cattle Society website www.herefordcattle.org and then click on Breedplan Online Database (click here) and you will find on the home page directory five options: Animal enquiries, EBV enquiries, Member enquiries, Online Sale Catalogues and Member on-line registry.

Taking an example of an EBV enquiry, click on EBV and a template will appear on your screen. You can then put in the search specifications of your choice.

Eg: Published sire, Calving ease direct >3kg, 400day weight >60kg and Milk >6. Then click on Search. The animals that fit the criteria appear on the screen.
trait leading EBVs are shaded). Clicking on an individual animal gives access to more information.

A Search by way of Sales Catalogue

Another popular feature of the system is the ability to search for animals across all currently listed sale catalogues. This enables potential bull buyers to analyse sale animals currently available in their area for example.

To search by way of Sale Catalogues, simply click your mouse on “Online Sale Catalogues”. Choose the “animal is for sale” criteria together with any other breeding criteria you may wish to select for. Then click search.

Clicking on an individual animal will allow you to view the pedigree and latest EBV information.

Lots can be viewed and sorted according to lot number, animal number, sire’s name, EBVs etc.

Tips

When searching for an individual animal, you only need to specify sufficient criteria for the animal to be located in the database. If you know the animal identity, then just specify this; otherwise just specify all or part of its name. By specifying too many items eg identity, sex, calving-year etc you may have a slight error in one of your criteria, resulting in not selecting anything.

Don’t put in too many criteria initially, you may not find many or any animals that fit. Start with a few key EBV’s or criteria, if you find too many animals, go back and fine-tune your selection by adding other criteria.