

**NZ MINIATURE HEREFORD  
BREEDERS GROUP  
NEWSLETTER  
AUGUST 2014**



**“Meat for the future”  
“Sales & marketing of the final product”**

Several breeders got together for an informal meeting at Steve and Natalie Fletcher’s - Springhill Miniature Hereford Stud just north of Wairakei, Taupo on Saturday 28th June. The meeting was to discuss future prospects for marketing Miniature Hereford meat and a sub-committee has been set up to follow this through.



Natalie & Steve are really enjoying breeding Minis and are working hard to increase their herd. They want to have more “purpose” to the minis other than lifestyle/pet market. Are looking for more meat options and want to work together with other mini members to increase this potential. We had a great ‘round the table’ discussion and came up with options to check out. (Minutes of Meeting attached)

We all had a great day, lovely lunch and before leaving had a paddock walk to see Natalies & Steves minis.

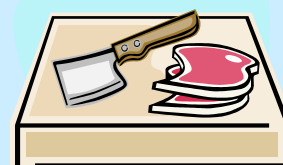
Thank you Natalie & Steve for hosting this meeting and thanks to those who attended.

Maybe the South Island Members may wish to have a similar informal meeting and work together on this.

If any breeders have data from sending their stock off to the meat works or sale yards we would love to have a copy please. This way we can collate some live weights - carcass weights - age of stock when ready to send off - Frames Scores etc..

Please email or post them to: NATALIE FLETCHER - [fletcher4@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:fletcher4@vodafone.co.nz)  
759 State Highway 1, RD4  
Taupo 3384

We can email you separately with a form for you to fill in....



## Cannonbone Length Measurement

This option of estimating your minis future Frame Score is worth checking out. Some overseas breeders swear by it....

A useful tool when on-selling young stock which have not been Frame Score measured, possibly owing to age. Janet will do some re-calculating for smaller animals as some calves CL Measures 7 or 8 inches so they will be getting down into the FS 000, 0000 range or less!

### CANNONBONE LENGTH MEASUREMENT TO PREDICT MATURE FRAME SCORE

This is ideally done at birth before the calf can get up and run away but can be done with an older animal if it is quiet enough. Measure from the top of the dew claw at the back of the hind leg to the top of the cannonbone or first joint of the hind leg (see diagram below). This distance does not alter during the animal's lifetime. Convert the measurement to a Frame Score (FS) according to the following chart

9 inches (22.86 cm) will be FS 00 or less

9 ¼ inches (23.50 cm) will be between FS 00 and FS 0 but no more than FS 0

9 ½ inches (24.13 cm) will be FS 0 or less

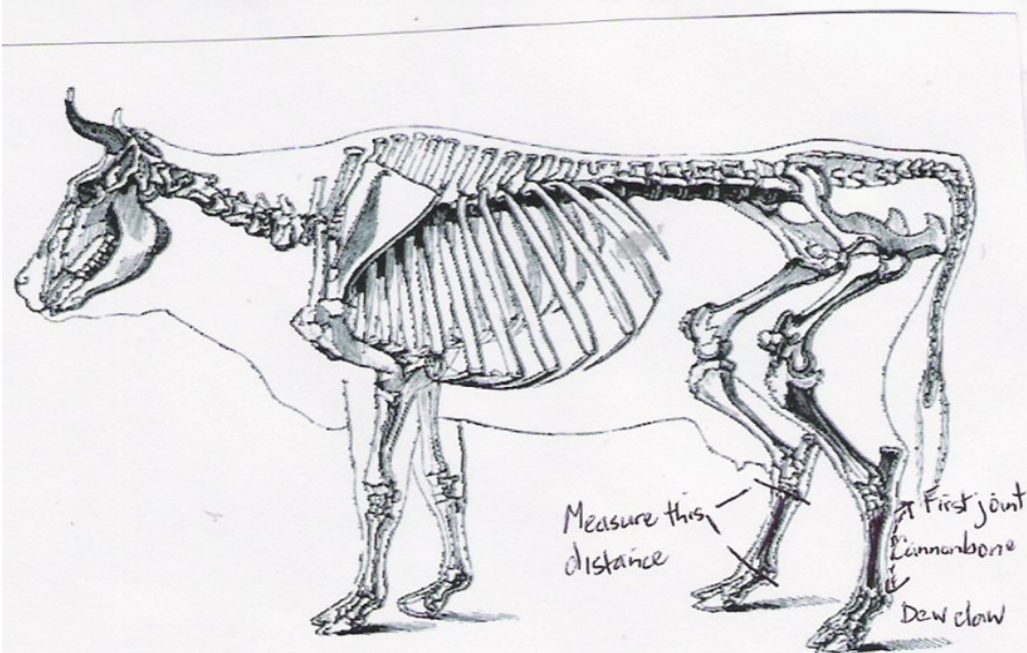
9 ¾ inches (24.76 cm) will be between FS 0 and 1 but under 1

10 inches (25.40 cm) will be around FS 1

10 ¼ inches (26.03 cm) will be between FS 1 and 2 but under FS 2

10 ½ inches (26.67 cm) will be no more than FS 2

**NB. There is actually 0.63 cm difference between each level.**



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## Animal Husbandry

With calving just around the corner for some of us if you have to feed a weak or very small calf that needs supplementary milk because mum doesn't have enough or isn't suckling well this teat is ideal. Available stock firms or you can order directly from Shoof. The teat is softer than the usual on calf feeders. The plastic bottle has an air valve which can be covered by your thumb if the calf starts suckling too fast.



Peach Teat, Excal Teat, Kid Teat, Lamb Teat



Calf Feeder with soft teat will hold 2 litres

- Check with the vet weather you should be administering a long acting selenium product to cows now - this should last over mating.
- This is the time of the year for lice and ringworm. Products to deal with this are available from vets and stock firms. The animal lice are not contagious to humans but the ringworm is.
- In august you could consider drenching your yearling heifers and giving them a mineral boost.
- For those breeders in the areas where the Theileria tick borne virus is spreading check with the vet regarding pre-calving treatment. Newborn calves can have a drop of Eprinix Pour-on administered to the head to avoid becoming infested later on—again consult with your vet.



## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE.....**

**INVOICE FOR YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NZMHBG IS NOW DUE  
(01/07/2014 to 30/06/2015)  
ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR INVOICE**

**\*\* SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR SUBS SO IF YOU ARE NOT SURE  
PLEASE CHECK WITH TREASURER - HELEN**

**Treasurer - Helen Russell - email: [amberleafarm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:amberleafarm@xtra.co.nz)**

## FOR SALES

**Dencoop Stud** (Hester Den Ouden, Pukekohe) Due to change in circumstances Hester is looking for new owners for her herd. Prices are negotiable and include gst. Unless they can go as a whole herd Hester would like them either sold individually to an existing herd or at least in pairs as they are a herd animal. Contact Hester on Ph: 09/238-1511 or Mobile: 0274-983-308 or email: hester@dencoop.co.nz

Riverview Tara - DOB 04/01/05 (FS0) \$1,500.00

Riverview Sally - DOB 08/12/07 (FS1) \$2,500.00

Awanui Bebe - DOB 16/08/10 (Parents FS1 & 0) \$3,000.00

Awanui Bonnie - DOB 31/08/10 (Parents FS1 & 00) \$3,000.00

Awanui Rose - DOB 21/08/07 (Parents both FS1) \$2,500.00

The above females have all run with Kracka Gonales (Bronze winner in World Hereford Championships 2013 - Miniature Hereford Section)



Dencoop Ronia - DOB 26/10/13 (One parent FS1) \$1,500.00

Dencoop Pandora - DOB 17/09/13 (One parent FS1) \$1,500.00

Dencoop Zara - 6 mnth old heifer (rego. Pending) \$1,500.00

Dencoop Zeehan - 20 mnth old steer \$700.00

Dencoop Brodie - 6 mnth old steer \$500.00

(6 mnth heifer plus steers also sired by Gonzales)

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Ruzak Park - (Carole Steele, Oamaru) has:

Ruzak Park Abigail - DOB 27/09/11 (Parents FS1 & FS0) Contact Carol: email: csteele@ruzak.co.nz

Or ph:03/431-3737



**DO YOU HAVE FOR SALE STOCK? LET US KNOW**  
Any information, articles or photos that you would like to put forward for the next Newsletter please email or post to Janet Poole.....thanks

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Matakohe  
Northland 0594  
Ph: 09/439-2420  
Email: riverlets@gmail.com





## FOR SALES

- Sharon has several bulls for sale varying ages  
Contact - Sharon O'brien - Tauranga - sharonobrien@kinect.co.nz  
or Ph: 07/542-0061
- **Sully Goliath - DOB 22/12/12 (likely to be FS1)**  
**Sully Davidson - DOB 29/01/13 (Parents FS1 & FS0)**  
Contact - Karen McNab - Greymouth,  
South Island - kj.awsfarm@y7mail.com or Ph: 03/768-9995
- **Hurworth Stud - Paul Pritchard has a 4month old bull calf for sale (not yet registered)** contact Paul: psprit@xtra.co.nz or ph: 06/753-6039
- **Akeake Tahi Stud - Rolof & Kathryn Lourens, Tauranga**  
Ake Ake Tahi Mary - DOB 14.12.12 (both parents FS 00)  
Contact: roelof.kathryn@xtra.co.nz or ph: 07/543-3534
- **Sarah Wright - Auckland - has:**  
Kracka Gonzales DOB 13.10.10 FS 0  
Contact: nzmh@xtra.co.nz or ph: 09/292-7474



Goliath

Davidson



Mary



Gonzales

**If you sell any of your animals on the "For Sale" list do let me know so that I can take them off the list, or you might like to add your stock for sale to share with other members.**

### **GARDEN ART!!!**



**New member Dale had a bit of a problem with "new Garden Art" when she left the gate open. The girls thought the garden was a great place to sit and enjoy the day!!**

**Dale says the first clue something was amiss was the cow paddy on the lawn.**