





#### HEREFORD TRUE GENETICS

Hereford True Genetics is the program for all genetics related breed advancement activities, together with any research and development undertaken by Herefords Australia. Hereford True Genetics will provide a valuable information resource for all Hereford breed advancing initiatives.

Globally the genomics era has revolutionised the utilisation of data for rapid gain. Herefords Australia will continue to implement a strategic vision intent on leading the industry into the future.

#### **SUPER SIRES**

Super Sires is the first initiative under Hereford True Genetics.

#### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

- Grow the demand for Hereford and Hereford influenced cattle
- Increase the utilisation of Hereford genetics across the Australian beef industry
- Expand the footprint of Hereford genetics into regions (northern Australia) and/or sectors (dairy) where Herefords do not have a strong presence
- Increase Meat Standards Australia (MSA) performance through improvement in marbling and ossification
- Assist in producing a highly efficient maternal beef herd

#### **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA OF SUPER SIRES**

The process of selecting sires for the Super Sires program is based on targeted solutions to identified industry needs.

Individual sires are assessed on their ability to address the identified purpose yet still deliver overall trait balance, desirable phenotypic characteristics and structural longevity. All Super Sires will possess a number of key EBV's in the top echelons of the Hereford breed.

In line with Herefords Australia's strategic vision for the genomic era, eligible sires will possess genomically enhanced Estimated Breeding Values.

Hereford True Genetics first Super Sire is Wirruna Matty M288. Proudly bred by Ian and Diana Locke, Holbrook NSW and made available by ABS Global

# **WIRRUNA MATTY**



BIRTH DATE: 21 August 2016 SOCIETY ID: WNAM288

**HORN STATUS:** Homozygous Polled



#### **FEATURES**

The EBV profile of Matty positions him as a versatile option in any straight or cross breeding program with top end calving ease, high growth and a carcase profile suitable for producing the high quality beef that the industry demands.

Matty features a prominent pedigree and rates in the Top 1% of the breed for six EBV's/Indexes, in the Top 5% for 11 EBV's/Indexes and in the Top 10% for 16 EBV's/Indexes supported by high accuracy levels.

Matty is a proven source of Intramuscular Fat (IMF). He was the highest raw scan bull in a large contemporary group and ranked in the Top 1% of the breed for the IMF trait.

Matty rates in the Top 1% of the breed for Carcass Weight, and in the Top 10% for Birth Weight.

Matty can be used to achieve results in improving end product merit and adding increased genetic value to your cow herd. His dam is a super donor cow – consistently producing top–end calves.

The genotype and phenotype of Matty combine to make him a valuable breeding option that can advance a strategically focused progressive breeding program.

# M288 (AI)(ET)(PP)

Allendale Punter 3 (AI) (P)
Allendale Yacka (AI) (P)
Allendale Florrie Z33 (AI) (P)

Allendale National W168 (PP) Allendale Dawn B22 (AI)(ET) (P) Allendale Dawn T60 (AI) (P) SEMEN PRICE
COMMERCIAL: \$15/STRAW
STUD: \$50/STRAW

DAM: WIRRUNA CIRCLE H13 (AI) (PP)

SIRE: ALLENDALE ANZAC E114 (PP)

Ardo Hustler 4110 (IMP NZL) (P) Elite 4110 E212 (AI) (PP) South Bukalong Winifred 54 (AI) (P)

Koanui Rocket 0219 (IMP NZL) (P) Wirruna Circle F31 (AI) (PP) Wirruna Circle D80 (AI) (P)



# **CALVING EASE**

# **GROWTH & MATERNAL**

EBV*	CE DIR(%) +7.6	CE DTRS(%) +3.7	Gestation length (days) -3.7	Birth weight	200 day weight +41	400 day weight + <b>70</b>	600 day weight +98	MCW + <b>75</b>	Milk +17
Accuracy	68%	53%	69%	87%	77%	75%	75%	69%	59%

FERTILITY CARCASE

	Scrotal size (cm)	Days to calving
EBV*	+3.0	-2.1
Accuracy	78%	43%

Carc Wt	EMA	Rib Fat	Rump Fat	RBV	IMF	
+76	+4.9	+1.8	+2.4	-0.6	+3.0	
63%	58%	61%	64%	59%	62%	

### \$ INDEX VALUE

EBV\*

 Sup Ind
 Grass Ind
 Grain Ind
 EU Ind

 +141
 +141
 +191
 +153

The information displayed including EBVs are accurate as of the time of printing. Herefords Australia accepts that information and EBVs can change in time and accepts no responsibility for any changes in information or EBVs. Potential purchasers of semen must perform their own due diligence before purchasing semen

*November 2018 Hereford	Group BREEDPLAN
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1%	Ranks within top 1% of breed
5%	Ranks within top 5% of breed
10%	Ranks within top 10% of breed



#### **HOW IT WORKS**

The Hereford True Genetics – Super Sires Program is available to members of Herefords Australia.

Semen is available by ordering through the Herefords Australia office.

Semen is priced at two levels depending on the intended usage, being either Stud or Commercial.

Any male calves bred using commercial semen must be castrated.

Herefords Australia in partnership with ABS Australia can facilitate any AI technician requirements that may be required.

Semen is available by ordering through the Herefords Australia office. The order form is available here https://www.herefordsaustralia.com.au/super-sires/

#### CORPORATE PARTNERS

Herefords Australia wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution of our corporate partners and their vision for the Hereford Breed.



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# HEREFORD TRUE GENETICS EAR TAG

All calves bred through the Hereford True Genetics Super Sires Program qualify for a Hereford True Genetics ear tag.

The Hereford True Genetics ear tag signifies high quality genetics and is designed to be easily identified.

Hereford True Genetics ear tags are issued at a rate of one tag for every two straws of semen purchased. More tags will be supplied on receipt of actual Pregnancy Test results.

Hereford True Genetics tags can only be applied to calves bred using semen from the Super Sires program.





# Genomics Quick Guide

#### WHAT IS GENOMICS?

Genomics is the study of DNA and genomes.

#### WHAT IS A GENOME?

How cattle look and perform is dictated by their genome, which is the animals genetic code made up of DNA strands.

#### WHAT IS GENOMIC TESTING?

Scientists have discovered that sometimes small mistakes occur when DNA copies. These mistakes are called single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP's) and over 35 million of these SNP's have been identified. The SNP's are mostly responsible for the differences we see in cattle in relation to their appearance (colour, horns etc) or in the economic traits we analyse in relation to growth, carcase traits and fertility. It is the SNP's that are analysed in genomic testing.

#### WHAT IS SINGLE STEP?

Single Step is an analytical program that combines and simultaneously assesses genomic, pedigree and performance data to generate the most accurate prediction of an animals EBV.

# HOW IS GENOMICS USED IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY?

The primary use of genomic data is for:

- 1. Parent verification
- 2. Breed composition
- 3. Identification of undesirable genetic conditions
- 4. Increasing the accuracy of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs). Until recently, EBV's were based only on phenotype data and pedigree.

### THE TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Genomic data is more accurate in measuring the relatedness, and therefore the genetic similarity of animals. The Single Step analysis relies more on these genomic relationships than pedigree relationships, leading to a more accurate EBV.

The increased accuracy of Hereford EBV's will allow you to make more informed selection decisions, which will translate into faster rates of genetic gain for your herd.





