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Genus Breeding



Genus Hosts International Progeny Tour

Over 40 international guests from 11 different countries took part in the third, annual Genus ABS progeny tour last week. Countries as far afield as Canada and Australia were represented along with delegates from Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Romania, USA, Denmark and Sweden.

“This is our third international progeny tour and each year it gets bigger as interest grows in UK genetics and our UK breeding programme” says James Hudson, Genetics Coordinator for Genus/ABS

The three day tour visited over 20 Cornerstone Breeding Club herds to see progeny of numerous proven bulls Burlane Tennyson, Ards Reunion, Overside Dragon, Kelstein Dynasty, Brinstar Sirius and Solo, Moet Skavlan and Melody and prospect bulls that maybe marketed following the August proof run, ABS Topnotch, Winton Black Panther Woodmarsh Chameleon and Aintree Northside.

“We saw lots of Shottles on the tour but it was the newer bulls that our international customers were really interested in and the systems under which our bulls are progeny tested. The firm favourites for most of the guests were the 8 Tennyson daughters we saw whilst bulls like Dynasty Melody and Dragon were appreciated by our Australian and European guests and the Reunion daughters were especially appealing to Canadian and French visitors” said James.

“ Just as important as seeing the daughters was to understand how our UK progeny test programme worked and to gain confidence in our proving system, seeing numerous daughters performing under a variety of management systems certainly helps build confidence in UK proofs”

Also visited during the tour were the Brynhyfryd and Picston herds allowing delegates the opportunity to view some of the very best UK cow families supplying bulls to the Genus ABS programme.

“With fantastic cows like these and the families behind them it is no surprise UK bulls and UK genetics are generating interest around the world, Reunion and Tennyson will be following Shottle into my home market” Concluded Peter Draper ABS Canada.