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Bazadaise News

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Calf Registrations 2015

Names should begin with
the letter 'L'



News and Events for 2015 and a new one for 2016

Stop Press!!

Royal Welsh Show 2016

We have been invited by the Royal Welsh Show to have showing classes for Bazadaise cattle. This is a tremendous opportunity for us not only to showcase the breed but also for keen breeders to get themselves some useful exposure in the show ring in dedicated Bazadaise breed classes.

All breeders who think they would like to enter their animals should contact Tessa to discuss. As the Royal Welsh wishes to encourage the minor breeds, there are favourable entry fees and so costs while at the showground will be minimal. If anyone would like to enter animals but feel they need extra help to do this, then all the more reason to contact Tessa soon so we can get the ball rolling for next year.

We, at the Bazadaise Council, are looking forward to it already!

This year, we've been to Scotland's Beef Event at Blairgowrie in May where we had a large stand with Willie Crawford's two finishing bulls and Iain Orr's two finished AngusXBazadaise steers. We were very busy on the stand and it was a very well attended and worthwhile event. [Link here](#)

Beef South West will be held on Wed 11th Nov 2015, Westpoint, Exeter. We will have a stand there with some excellent cattle from Colin and Kim Drake, Crockernwell, Exeter. See photos of their cattle on our [website](#)

In April we had our Annual Sale of pedigree and crossbred Bazadaise at Newark Livestock Market. Due to mistakes by Newark staff and management, no catalogues were produced despite repeated worried enquiries by Council members. This resulted in many potential purchasers not attending the sale (and we have had feedback from many folk on this) and therefore missed opportunities all round. There were some excellent cattle for sale on the day. The Council is determined that there will be no repeat of this misfortune next year. [Link here to sale report](#)

In its ninth year, Harrison & Hetherington's Borderway Agri Expo 2015 is held at Borderway Mart, Carlisle on 30th October. The British Bazadaise Cattle Society will have a stand with several cattle from B & J Bainbridge, Bishop Auckland. [Link here](#) [Cattle photos here](#)

We are sponsoring £50 for the best exhibit in the show sired by a Bazadaise bull at the English Winter Fair at the County Showground in Stafford. It's on the 21st and 22nd November. [Link here](#)

July 2015 French AI Bull Proofs

The tables below show the latest figures from France on the performance of popular AI bulls. **Babacool** tends to give big framey calves, maybe useful for those wishing to increase the size of their heifer replacements or for producing cattle for finishing. **Bengal** is a good allrounder bull for heifer replacements or beef. **Cesar** (born 2007) now weighs 1085kg – he gives excellent well shaped, good natured calves and can be used on heifers with care. He has produced 700 calves in France & the UK with an average birthweight of 42kg. **Elysee** should be used with care - but calves really are good and very quiet. **Imprevu** is the newest bull – he is an outcross bull and had a magnificent 1.7kg daily liveweight gain during the feeding period in the bull testing station. He is specifically recommended for heifers. Several breeders in the UK now have cows and heifers in calf to this bull. **Call Secretary, Tessa, for help choosing an AI bull to suit your herd and see our Website for photos of AI sired calves.**



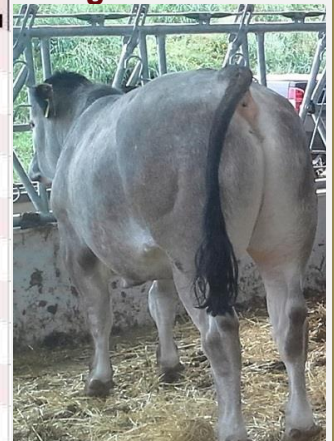
SERSIA FRANCE EVOLUTION INTERNATIONAL BAZADAISE proofs July 2015

BULL	SIRE	GRAN SIRE	CALVING EASE		IBOVAL					
			IFNAIS Calving ease	CD IFNAIS Reliability	CRsev Growth capacity	DMsev Muscular development	DSsev Skeletal development	FOS Fine bones	ISEVR Total merit index for direct effect at weaning	CD ISEVR reliability
BABACOO	RAMBO	ESTER	86	0.85	114	96	117	87	97	0.81
BENGAL	RAYON	INDIGO	83	0.86	111	112	114	96	102	0.81
CESAR	VAILLANT	ICEBERG	93	0.9	100	97	106	96	91	0.87
ELYSEE	BENGAL	ABEL	82	0.82	107	101	107	92	89	0.74
GARCIMORE	ELECTRON	RELAX								
IMPREVU	VIDOCQ	SIRTAKI								
IBANEZ	MEDIUM	TALON								
TALON	GENDRE	CAID	103	0.93	109	119	95	116	124	0.9
TOM	CONSCRIT	FRIQUET	109	0.92	97	102	99	101	108	0.9
VALLON	OSCAR	ICEBERG	101	0.9	95	98	102	100	96	0.85



BULL	SIRE	GRAN SIRE	IBOVAL					
			CD ISEVR reliability	AVEL Calving ability for the female	ALAIT Sucking	IMMAT Global proof for maternal qualities	CD MMAT	CRpsf Growth potential
BABACOO	RAMBO	ESTER	0.81	102	.	.	.	113
BENGAL	RAYON	INDIGO	0.81	93	.	.	.	112
CESAR	VAILLANT	ICEBERG	0.87	114
ELYSEE	BENGAL	ABEL	0.74
GARCIMORE	ELECTRON	RELAX						
IMPREVU	VIDOCQ	SIRTAKI						
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VALLON	OSCAR	ICEBERG	0.85	100	.	.	.	99

Cesar sired steer aged 19mths.



Calves by AI Bulls – read our Breeders Comments

Shaun Worrell, Lincolnshire (Marsh Herd) has a 60 cow commercial herd and 13 pedigree Bazadaise, As well as a stock bull he uses AI and has calves by Cesar and Elysee. The **Cesar** sired heifer calves will themselves be calving this November and all have grown on well, they might be a bit more spirited than the Elysee sired calves which Shaun says are very quiet indeed. Due to **Elysee's** calving figures, Shaun has only used him on cows but has had no problems calving whatsoever – his recommendation to others is not to be put off using Elysee as the calves are excellent.



Elysee sired calves



Tess and Phil Akers, Wiltshire (Braydon Forest Herd) use AI regularly in their herd and have calves sired by **Bengal, Babacool** and **Cesar**. Tess says that Babacool calves can be big framed, long and rangy. She is also pleased with Bengal sired calves and has used him on heifers. Bengal calves are also very quiet. Tessa is awaiting her 4 Cesar sired heifers to calve – they are in calf to the newest AI bull from France, Imprevu. The herd now also has two Cesar sired bulls ready to work, one of which will be for sale.

Photo is of Braydon Forest Jessica at 8mths

Ann Malcolm, Aberdeen (Hardhillock Herd) has used **Cesar** on a few cows and has a Cesar sired heifer that calved a bull calf this year, First impressions are that the heifer does not have loads of milk but calved at 26 months and got back in calf again quickly with a calving interval of 345 days – and the calf is a very good shape.

A Cesar sired steer was sent away fat in August and did U+3 and 390kgs dwt at 20 months old. This year Ann has 5 commercial cows and a pure Bazadaise cow AI'd to **Imprevu**.



Cesar sired heifer and steer calves

Straws for the various AI bulls can be ordered online via the website www.bazadaise.org.uk or you can phone the Secretary, Tessa Akers on 01666 860470. You can order as many straws as you like from any of the AI Bulls – straws cost from £10 to £20 plus the relevant transfer fee. Imprevu is £15 + transfer fee. Edonil is less for bulk orders. Photos of calves of AI bulls can be seen on the website. Lastly, **Edonil** is a bull that has been used for many years on pure and commercial cattle of various breeds and is suitable for heifers. His calves are always good and suitable for replacement females.

Secretary's News

Hello members,

I write this as we come to the end of another summer of mixed weather! Hopefully you have all managed to get the silage, hay and harvest finished.

In April of this year we held our Annual sale of Pedigree and Crossbred Bazadaise at Newark, this was marred rather by the failure of the Auctioneers to produce the catalogue. We received a profuse apology from the market and they endeavoured to send out letters to anyone that had requested a catalogue.

We then had a successful day in May at 'Scotland's Beef Event' and are now looking forward to attending the Agri Expo on Friday 30th October 2015 at Borderway, Rosehill Carlisle and then on Wednesday 11th November we will be at the 'Beef Southwest' Both events will have livestock on the stand. Details are on the website.

If anyone is interested in **female sexed semen from the French bull Cesar**, then please contact me as this is now available in France. I think that to virtually guarantee a heifer calf for a first calver has got to be a good thing. As always our aim is to grow and improve the British Bazadaise and so we welcome any comments or feedback.

Thank you and keep up the good breeding.
Best Wishes, Tessa.



Treasurer's News



Rachel's Plea

Could all those members who have not, as yet, paid their annual subscription fees or new calf registration fees, please do so without delay as it costs the Society in time and money (that we can ill afford) to send out reminders or to chase for payment. We'd rather spend what money we have in attending events to publicise the breed or importing the latest bull semen from France.

Breed Admin

New Calves Registered

138 registered in the 2014 Herd Book,
158 registered in the last 12 months,
98 registered in the 2015 Herd Book, so far...

Of these 98 animals, 38 are bulls and 60 are heifers.
Nine are French sired – Babacool 1, Bengal 3, Cesar 3, Edonil 3.

There are 994 live animals currently registered in the Herdbook of which 331 are French sired. 237 are male, 757 are female.
There are currently 49 Full Members of the Society and 36 Associate Members. All of these Members receive Newsletters.

If you have any stories or news or photographs of your cattle that we can use on the website or in the next newsletter please send them to registrations@bazadaise.co.uk
We would be delighted to receive them.

12 week old Edonil sired calf bred by D & E Evans, Cornwall



Chairman's Report – October 2015



Chairman, Willie Crawford, West Lothian, runs a long established 30 cow herd of now mainly pure Bazadaise, selling heifers and bulls for breeding - those not destined for breeding are finished as bulls and sold through ABP. Visitors to Scotland's Beef Event at Mains of Mause, Blairgowrie in May will have seen two of his impressive young bulls on our stand there. Willie's stint as Chairman ends in 2016.

This has been a strange year in many ways, with many areas experiencing unusual weather patterns which have affected farming activities in different ways.

Some parts of the country which are normally dry are having unusually wet weather, while others, like my own, getting away with it and having enough grass and securing high yields of crops which though slow ripening, are in the barn in good condition. (Pity about the price)

As a breed society, we are somewhat treading water. As we gain a few new members, we seem to lose others, or some reduce the numbers of cattle born and registered. However, in the last couple of years, we have been pleased to welcome some enthusiastic young breeders, establishing new pedigree herds alongside their commercial herd and making good use of the wide choice of AI bulls to develop bloodlines.

The AGM and Open Meeting are held in March, the Council Meeting is held in October. Currently, we meet in North Yorkshire starting at 11am till about 1, then lunch together, and ending about 3pm.

Having a pedigree herd of cattle should result in higher sale prices for purebred animals, or increase the value of the herd retained. There is certainly a level of demand for both bulls and breeding heifers which is sustained by exposure on the Society website. If we cannot supply that demand in various parts of the country, then prospective buyers may turn to other breeds.

Can I therefore encourage members to register as many calves as possible to help meet the demand for pedigree Bazadaise?

I realise that it may seem expensive (£35) to pay the registration fee for every calf born, but that is the society's main source of income, and if this is not maintained, then the running of the backroom services (Secretary's time, Treasurer's services, calf registration and sale transfers, newsletters and website) will become more difficult.

Taking space at shows and specialist beef events has also to be funded out of this. The more purebred cattle we have in the Herdbook, the more it increases the integrity of the individual pedigrees, and allows more data for recommending bulls and different bloodlines.

Please engage with your Society, and help to increase our influence on the beef population of the U.K.

Most of our Council members have been on for a few years now and it would be good to have some new (and younger) members on board. If you have points to make, they are more likely to be actioned if aired from the inside. Please consider finding time in your diary if invited to accept nomination. We only have two full meetings in the year.

Willie Crawford.

October 2015.