



Dairy Beef Progeny Test

400-day weights and calving traits for Cohort 9 (2024-born)

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DBPT Cohort 9: 400-day weights and calving traits

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This report summarises the 400-day weights for the sires of calves in the 2024-born cohort of the Dairy Beef Progeny Test (DBPT). In January 2025, calves were drafted into four management herds -- big and small steers and big and small heifers -- with approximately equal numbers of progeny per sire in each group. All calves have stayed in these groups since this date. The 400-day weights were recorded when the cattle averaged 395 days of age, approximately 4 days later than last season.

The liveweights presented were analysed alongside all sires and progeny with records in the DBPT up to 400-day weights. The analysis includes age at weighing and the progeny contemporary groups (a combination of cohort-year, sex and grazing herd). The sire mean reported reflects the mean performance of all progeny included in the progeny test. Notably, the average performance of this cohort is better overall than the previous two cohorts.

Birth weight and gestation length are presented in the table below to support comparisons between bulls -- these are the values reported in the [annual DBPT report](#).

All values are least squares means, adjusted for sex and year. "n" indicates the number of progeny that were measured at 400-days of age. The rank of the sire within the cohort for 400-day weight is shown in brackets.

Sire	Breed	Animal ID	n	400d weight (kg)	200d weight (kg)	Gestation Length (days)	Birth Weight (kg)
Focus 201421	Angus	NZE194730201421	18	296 (1)	187.6	278.4	39.0
Focus Kapiro S1247	Angus	KNZ21S1247	15	287 (5)	188.2	281.1	38.9
Rissington Paradox R376	Angus	NZE145720200376	29	279 (9)	172.4	282.4	36.8
Beechwood Kinda Magic 21	Hereford	0051200021	20	286 (6)	175.1	285.0	37.5
Foulden Hill Horizon 210768	Hereford	1731210768	27	282 (8)	173.7	280.6	37.3
Kairaumati Maverick 2172	Hereford	1483210072	19	292 (2)	183.1	281.2	37.5
Mahuta Raider 1168	Hereford	0828211168	21	286 (6)	171.6	281.3	39.0
Orari Gorge Urea	Hereford	0400200039	16	290 (3)	174.2	287.6	39.8
Panorama Sustainabull T4	Hereford	1685220004	21	288 (4)	181.5	278.2	36.6
Glen Anthony 20/55	Simmental	0299200055	20	287 (6)	179.0	287.1	43.4
Blue Sky Bobby Dazzler	Speckle Park	SGN T128	30	259 (15)	163.7	284.3	36.5
Stabilizer 205220	Stabilizer (Red)	N/A	25	270 (13)	167.1	286.0	34.0
Number 8 Michi Nutella (AI) (ET)	Wagyu	NBRFS011	12	241 (16)	151.9	287.6	38.2
Koanui Sizzler R039*	Hereford	0216200039	30	279 (9)	172.3	282.0	38.3
Orari Gorge Upper Hutt 200095*^	Hereford	0400200095	18	265 (14)	165.4	283.1	38.8
Wirruna Matty M288*	Hereford	AUWNAM288	38	274 (12)	170.2	277.3	36.5
Chequers Raptor R5*	Murray Grey	2548200005	34	269 (14)	166.6	284.9	37.3

* Denotes Link sire

^ Used at half rate in 2023 & 2024 calvings

There are some minor differences in the numbers compared to the April Calving Trait Report as the last of the DNA results (re-samples) have been processed since that analysis.