



For about 50 years, Ron and Sue Garrett have been breeding beef cattle. Ron was initially at Urbanville in the northern part of NSW for about 30 years before moving to their home property near Beaudesert, approximately an hour south of Brisbane in 1993.

At Urbanville we bred Poll Herefords, both for commercial and stud purposes". Sue explains, "after we sold the Urbanville property, we continued with a commercial herd of 160 breeders".

"It was whilst we were travelling through Victoria, we first saw the French breed, Bazadais. They were the type of cattle we had been searching for that offered more length, more muscle and increased growth rates", continues Sue.

Some 6 months later they made their first purchase of stud Bazadais and commenced cross breeding their beef herd and started their own stud herd.

Sue reflects, "there were some challenges. I can remember at the sale yards with our first lot of calves, the auctioneer referred to cattle as "Bazza...whats" and even after Wide Bay feedlot had commenced buying our stock, they would often refer to them as "those Bazza...things".

"After a while we decided to do our own marketing and that's when we saw great results". An excited Sue tells, "our cattle have produced up to an amazing 86.5% carcass to meat yield and that is just great".

A decision was then made in 2000 to commence marketing stud bulls, so an embryo program commenced and that's when BioAktiv was first used. BioAktiv was used recipient and donor cows with good success.

"We believe that BioAktiv improved the health of the animal and assists with the attitude of the animal. For a successful embryo program, you must have your cows with as little stress as possible", remarks Ron.

We achieved a 75% success rate and that is considered extraordinary in this part of the industry. From an initial flushing of 5-8 eggs per cow, it increased to a high of 19 with 15 often been achieved after BioAktiv been introduced to the donor cows.

"Also, we have had some remarkable results in correcting cattle with poor health dispositions and skin conditions", beams Ron. "In fact, we have seen BioAktiv cure other problems that seem to be incurable and furthermore these problems don't reoccur for that animal".

"All of our show cattle are on BioAktiv and for example, we have never had a problem with overheating and fertility in our bulls".

Ron and Sue have won numerous awards at shows that include Sydney, Brisbane, local shows and Beef Australia 1997, 2000, 2006. These ribbons are awards for excellence.

Our idea of showing our cattle is to promote to the other in the beef industry that the Bazadais is a breed that will beef herd in Australia."

We believe in what we do and our programs. In order for us to reach our standards we must have certain programs and products, and those programs includes BioAktiv", speaks a proud Ron.



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