

PRESS RELEASE

Sexed Semen Straw no. 100,000

On Friday April 25 2008 VikingGenetics produced semen straw no. 100,000 in our facilities in Assentoft in Randers, Denmark.

Right from the start there was a huge interest among cattle breeders in this epochal product. "The timing has been perfect since many farmers expand their herds. The price of milk has increased and the prices of heifers are high. Therefore many cattle breeders wish for heifers. We can help them", says Niels Bo, Manager of VikingGenetics.

"Until now more than 2,500 calves have been born after our own sexed semen and the heifer rate is as expected at 90% heifers", emphasizes Søren Borchersen, Head of Research & Development.

The first sexed semen straws were handed out in a large trial in September 2006 and the first calves were born in June 2007. "We wished to be absolutely certain that the semen met the high quality requirements", underlines Søren Borchersen. This has shown by very fine pregnancy results in herds with a high management level. The results emphasize that the cattle breeders safely can use sexed semen from Viking. The best results are obtained when the semen is used in heifers in good heat".

One of the cattle breeders with the highest consumption of sexed semen is Michael S. Hansen, Aulby Damgård, Middelfart. So far 135 heifer calves after sexed semen has been born in this herd. The heifer rate is 91% heifers and the expectations have thus been met fully.

Until now semen from more than 50 various bulls from the dairy breeds Holstein, Jersey, Danish Red and Danish Red Holstein has been sorted. The majority of the sexed semen has been sold in the home market. Danish and as per January 1, 2008, also Swedish cattle breeders have the highest priority since they have taken part in financing the machines and employees. Since October 2007 the 8 machines have been running 24 hours 5 days a week. "Now we sort 3-4,000 doses a week and we constantly work on improving the efficiency and optimizing the technique", says Laboratory Manager Jan Andersen.

VikingGenetics also sorts semen from Finnish bulls and in this week three Swedish SRB bulls arrived in Assentoft for sorting. "The Finnish pregnancy rates are on a par with those obtained in Denmark", emphasizes Søren Borchersen.

VikingGenetics International experiences great interest from abroad in purchasing sexed semen. "Until now we have delivered sexed semen to 17 countries as far away as the United Emirates and Australia. As mentioned the home market has first priority but when the production is further optimized, we hope to be able to deliver larger amounts of sexed semen to our customers abroad", says Export Manager Anders Andersen.

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