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BENNO HUBER, VZV HÄGGENSCHWIL

We warmly congratulate Othmar Kaufmann on his 60th anniversary as a milk inspector. For decades, he has fulfilled an important role for the VZV Häggenschwil – and previously for the VZV Wittenbach – with great reliability, dedication, and enthusiasm. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for his tireless dedication and loyalty, and we wish him continued joy in his work as well as the best of health. Picture: VZV Häggenschwil

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Accurate health data for precise breeding value estimation

Every livestock farmer aims to have healthy cows, and this is essential for fully realizing a herd's productive potential. To achieve this, nothing beats close observation and the excellent care provided by our farm manager families.

However, there are also clearly genetic factors that influence the health of our animals. As a Bruna Data farm, we not only have a duty to accurately record health data, but we also benefit significantly from the discounts on animal genotyping.

Office work is anything but my favorite thing to do. But the health portal on BrunaNet or the SmartCow app – which will be replaced by SmartHerd this summer – makes the process much easier.

It's even easier for businesses that work with a veterinarian who uses the Diana veterinary practice software. Starting this winter, it has been possible to have treatment or Health data is transmitted to Braunvieh Schweiz via this software. They are imported directly into the farms' treatment logs.

Qualitas relies on the most accurate and complete collection of health data possible so that breeding values for health traits such as resistance to mastitis and ketosis, etc., can be estimated. In short, the more accurate and complete the data collection is, the more reliable the estimated breeding values will be.

I wish all breeders the best of luck in their breeding efforts, and hope for healthy, fit, and long-lived cows.

Jakob Fuster,
Board Member of Braunvieh Schweiz

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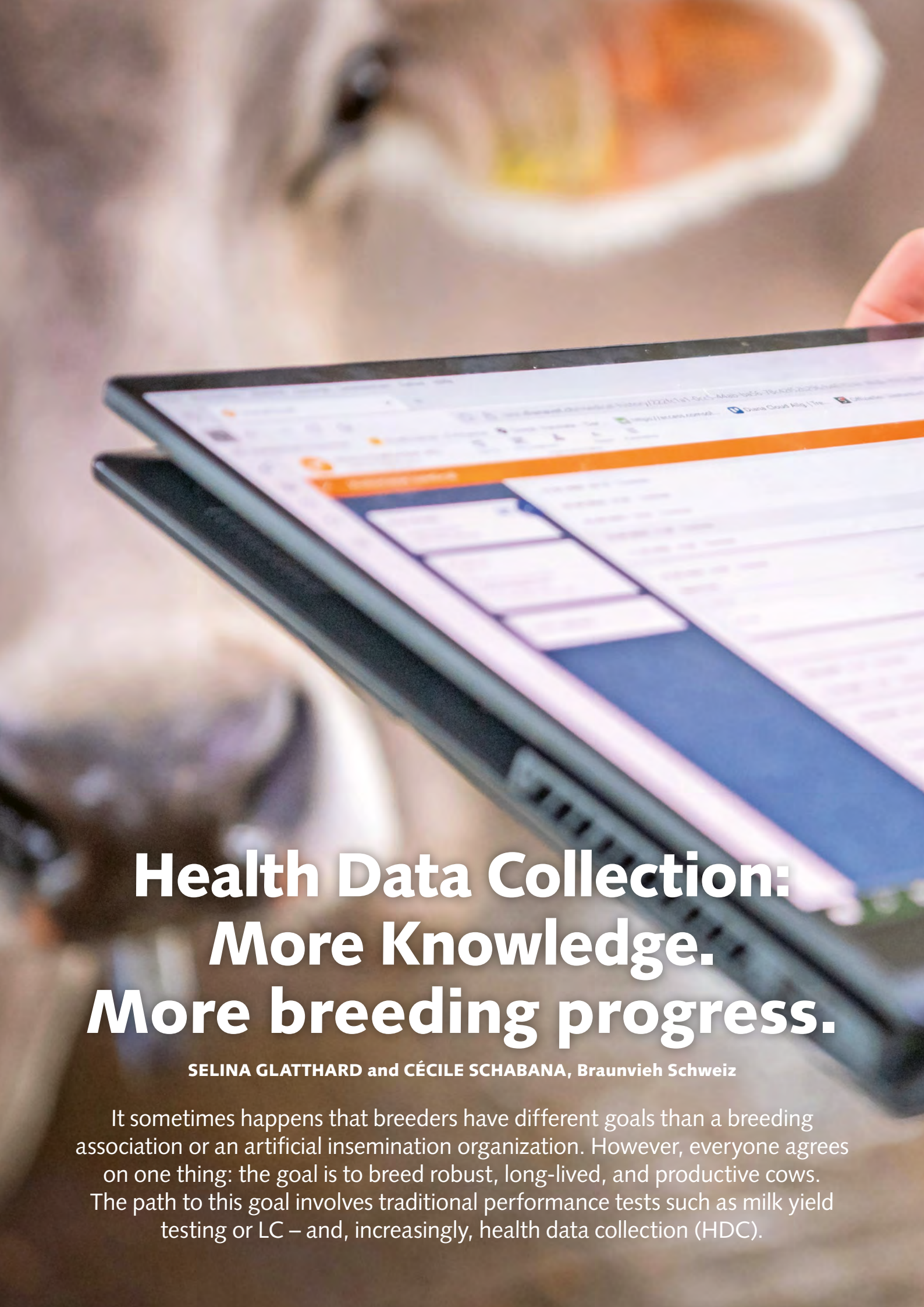
Goya, a daughter of the newly classified bull Guy from the GG Sticher herd in Hämikon, Lucerne.
Picture: HR. Lauper



Health Data Collection: More Knowledge. More breeding progress.

SELINA GLATTHARD and CÉCILE SCHABANA, Braunvieh Schweiz

It sometimes happens that breeders have different goals than a breeding association or an artificial insemination organization. However, everyone agrees on one thing: the goal is to breed robust, long-lived, and productive cows. The path to this goal involves traditional performance tests such as milk yield testing or LC – and, increasingly, health data collection (HDC).

Since last winter, it has been possible to submit diagnoses and treatments from veterinarians to the treatment journal in BrunaNet. Picture: Diana Software AG

By systematically recording disease diagnoses, treatments, and other health-related events, breeding is specifically focused on functional traits such as fertility and animal health. This not only helps to further develop one's own herd and breeding program, but also strengthens the competitiveness of Swiss genetics.

The systematic collection of data on disease diagnoses and treatments supports breeding efforts with regard to functional traits such as fertility and animal health. Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

Breeding values based on health data

Breeding values for resistance to mastitis and ketosis are already available today, based in part on health data. As the volume of data increases, its accuracy is continuously improving. Hoof breeding values have also been added. This is largely based on data collected through the "Healthy Hooves" resource project with the help of around 100 hoof care specialists. In total, there are currently around 65 000 data records available for the claws. About 33 000, or roughly half, were allocated to the breeding value estimation.

This example clearly shows that a large volume of data – and, above all, complete data collection – is crucial for meaningful results.

Completeness determines the validity of the data

A key aspect of health data collection is its completeness. It is not just a matter of which animals were sick. Information about healthy animals is just as important. Taking the example of hoof breeding values again, the fact is that farms generally do not actively record data on healthy cows. Thanks to data collected by hoof trimmers, it was also possible to identify the healthy animals.

Only complete data at the operational level can therefore provide reliable analyses. At the same time, it becomes clear that collecting health data is a collaborative effort: it takes time, a large amount of data, and communication with partners such as hoof trimmers and veterinarians.

Discussions with veterinarians

An important step in this direction is the ability, introduced this winter, to transmit diagnoses and treatments directly from the veterinarian to the treatment journal in BrunaNet. This significantly reduces the workload for businesses and further improves data quality. The following pages explain how this works, what the challenges are, and where this path leads.

Health Portal on BrunaNet

However, even without a direct connection to the veterinarian, the ability to independently record health data offers significant value to the farm. This is where the BrunaNet health portal comes in, which has been available for some time now. Nevertheless, many users are not yet fully aware of the wide range of possibilities. Recording treatment logs via BrunaNet or the SmartCow app – and its successor, SmartHerd – offers clear advantages.

Easy to read and always within reach

The treatment record can be easily entered at any time. With just a few clicks, treatments are documented and can then be easily accessed. All entries are digitally archived and are available at any time as needed, or can be printed out regularly.

Intuitive operation

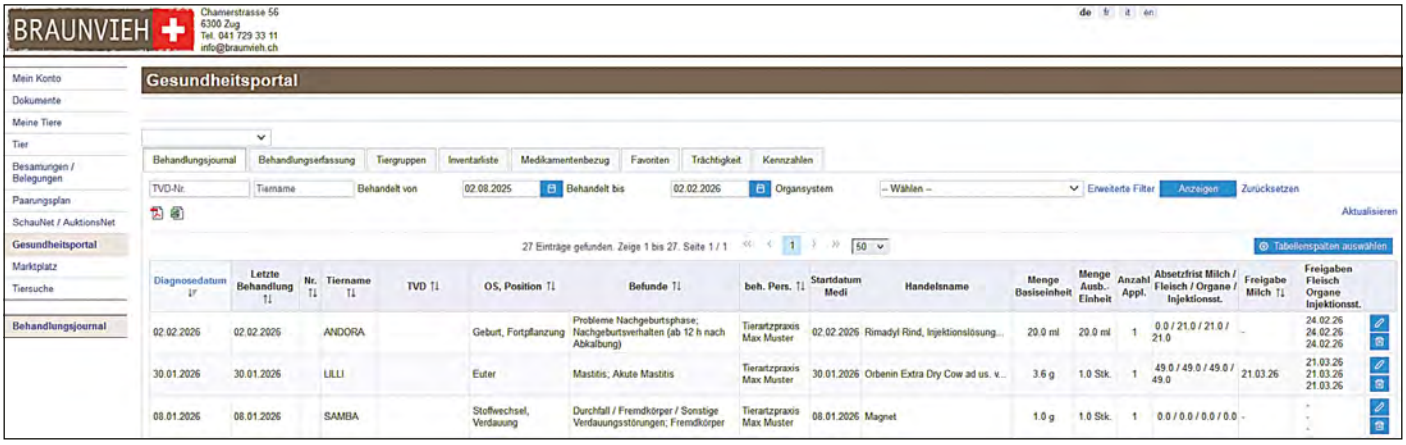
The interface is deliberately designed to be intuitive: medications can be quickly found using an integrated database, and withdrawal periods are automatically stored, eliminating the need to calculate them manually. Favorites make it particularly easy to record recurring treatments. This makes keeping the treatment log a routine task without requiring much extra effort.

A Brief History of Animal Health

Another advantage is evident at a glance: In BrunaNet, each animal has its own health record, which consolidates information from milk yield testing and the treatment log. This makes an animal's health history clear at a glance and can provide valuable guidance for breeding decisions.

Quote from Florian Schamaun, Davos Platz

"The treatment log in BrunaNet makes it much easier to keep track of the animals' health." "Since my veterinarian records health data using his practice management software and automatically transfers the treatment records to BrunaNet, the extra work for us has been greatly reduced."

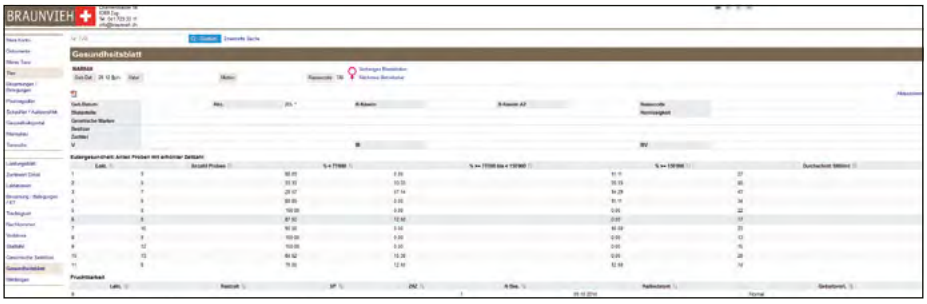


An example of a properly recorded treatment log in the BrunaNet health portal.

Health Data: Investing in the Future of Swiss Brown Breeding

The collection of health data does not only offer operational benefits. At the same time, it makes an important contribution to improving breeding values for fitness traits. This benefits everyone, particularly through more accurate breeding values. In addition, financial compensation is provided for each initial diagnosis.

In the long term, consistent health data collection leads to healthier cows, lower veterinary costs, reduced antibiotic use, and higher lifetime productivity. It therefore does not represent an additional administrative burden, but rather an investment in sustainable breeding, animal welfare, and economic efficiency – to the benefit of every individual farm and the entire Swiss Brown breeding enterprise.



With a single click on the animal and the health record, the animal's health history is clearly displayed.

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Connected for Animal Health: How Data Flows Between Systems

SARAH ENGEL and LISA ZANINI, Qualitas AG

To enable the exchange of health data between different systems, e.g., Veterinary practice software, the Information System on Antibiotics in Veterinary Medicine (IS ABV), the electronic treatment journal in BrunaNet (ETJ), and milking machines – in order for data to be exchanged between these systems, it must be clearly structured. This means, for example, that diseases must be recorded using a diagnostic code that all system participants have agreed upon. Or that the medications administered and the animals treated can be clearly identified.

When exchanging data digitally, it is also important that participants can log in securely and that there are clear rules regarding who is authorized to send and receive which data.

Behind healthy cows lies the digital exchange of data between veterinarians and farms.
Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

In order for health data to be exchanged between different systems, the data must be clearly structured. This means that illnesses must be recorded using a diagnosis code that is valid across all systems.
Picture: Qualitas AG

Requirements and one-time setup steps

It is currently possible to send treatment records from the DianaCloud veterinary practice software.

Veterinarian:

- Use Diana with the DianaCloud extension
- Apply for a login with the breeding associations
- Configure the necessary settings (guided by Diana Software AG)

Operation:

- Then add the veterinarian to BrunaNet under "My Account" in "My Advisors," thereby granting permission for data to be transferred to the treatment journal. Alternatively, he can contact Braunvieh Schweiz directly.

Ongoing operations

Once everything is set up, the veterinarian will record the treatment in DianaCloud, just as before. When saving, the user is automatically asked whether the treatment should be sent to the company's EBJ. Just like when prescribing to IS ABV, the veterinarian can now send the treatment with just a few clicks. A few moments later, the treatment will be visible in the ETJ of the facility in BrunaNet.

If an antibiotic that must be reported to IS ABV is used during treatment, the report to IS ABV and the submission to the ETJ on behalf of the veterinarian are handled in a single step, so no additional effort is required.

Challenges and Outlook

Developing an interface for data exchange is time-consuming and expensive. In addition to planning and financing, cooperation and the capacities of the various system participants are particularly crucial. Not all of the planned interfaces can be implemented at the same time.

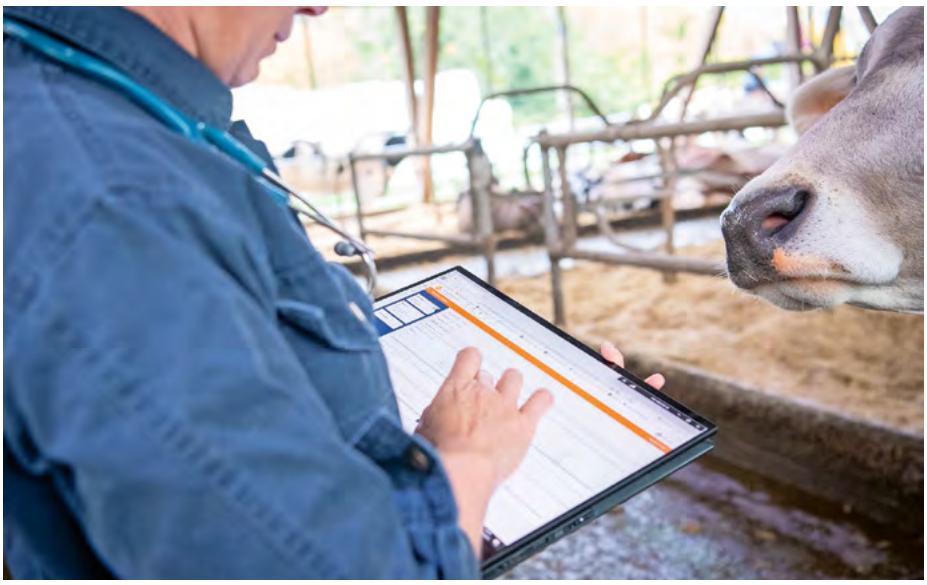
That is why the breeding organizations have decided to start by using the DianaCloud veterinary practice software for the exchange of health data. The goal is for other software providers to have this option in the future as well.

The exchange of health data with milking machine manufacturers has also been in the works for some time. In addition to milk production data, the first steps will involve implementing the transmission of insemination/Fertalys data and MR data before moving on to health data. This is especially true since some manufacturers do not yet use a diagnostic key.

From Paper to Digital: Greater Clarity with the Electronic Treatment Record

FIONA BRUNNER, Diana Software AG

For over 35 years, Diana Software AG has been supporting veterinarians with practice management software developed specifically for the Swiss market. Through close collaboration with our customers, we continuously adapt these products to meet the needs of modern veterinary practices.



With Diana's practice software, veterinarians can record treatments directly at the animal's location and transmit the data to the treatment log in BrunaNet. Picture: Diana Software AG

Diana Mobile improves communication

In recent years, the demand for mobility and flexibility has increased significantly. That is why it was important to us to create a modern and practical solution. The new Diana Mobile web application is an app designed specifically for mobile use that improves communication between veterinarians and farms.

Thanks to the app, veterinarians can access their schedules at any time, stay up to date, and easily edit or reschedule appointments. In addition, treatments can be recorded directly in the barn or on the go. This saves time, eliminates duplicate work, and ensures complete documentation.

Treatments are automatically recorded in the treatment log

Once the data has been entered, it is transmitted directly to the breeding associations via the electronic treatment journal (ETJ). This significantly improves data quality. At the same time, there is no longer a need to keep a handwritten treatment log on paper or maintain separate inventory lists. Data is exchanged only with the farm's consent and after the necessary activation has taken place.

Veterinarians and farmers benefit

The data collected by the veterinarian plays an important role in breeding more robust cows and improving the farm's profitability. At the same time, breeders can keep track of treatments and medications administered. Both the farm and the veterinarian benefit from this thanks to a smooth flow of information in their daily practice and farm operations.

Further information
www.diana.ch

Automatic Health Data Transmission Put to the Test

SILVRETTA VETERINARIANS, Inc., Klosters-Serneus

As a pioneer in the field, Silvretta Tierärzte AG was an early adopter of automated transmission of treatment data. The people in charge explain why this step was worthwhile, what challenges they faced, and how both the team and customers are benefiting from the new system.

What is the process from treating an animal on the farm to transferring the treatment data to the treatment log in BrunaNet?

Silvretta Tierärzte AG: After treating an animal, we veterinarians dictate the details of the procedure to the veterinary practice assistants (VPAs) via WhatsApp: the owner's name, the animal's name, the date, the reason for the treatment, the findings, the diagnosis, the procedures performed, and all medications administered along with their dosages. After that, the TPA enters all the data into our practice management software, "Diana." In a second step, the data is forwarded to the breeding association and the IS-ABV reporting office. For all previously recorded medications – not just antibiotics – the method of administration, the number of doses per day, the dosage, and the duration of treatment must be entered again in the Diana Cloud.

How would you compare the time required by the previous data entry system to that of the current system, which automatically transmits data to Braunvieh Schweiz?

The workload has increased for us. However, a major advantage is that the new system, with its interfaces to the TVD and BrunaNet, automatically generates the animal lists. The assignment to the treated animal is also correct in each case. With a single click, the recorded data is automatically reported to BrunaNet and the legally mandated reporting agency for antibiotic use, IS ABV.

Overall, however, the time required for our TPAs has increased. This is because, unlike in the past, all medications – not just antibiotics – are now being prescribed.

What feedback have you received from the participating farmers regarding the import of data into the treatment log?

Most farmers, understandably, prefer to keep administrative burdens to a minimum and therefore greatly appreciate the automatic transmission of data to BrunaNet and the seamless maintenance of the treatment log that comes with it.

What kind of feedback did you receive from your own team?

The system is now well established and offers participating veterinarians significant advantages, particularly in terms of being able to instantly (within seconds) access an individual animal's medical history on their mobile phone – for example, while they are in the barn. Everyone on the team really appreciates this.

What motivated you to participate as a pilot veterinarian and implement the new system?

The motivation was, on the one hand, to contribute to innovative solutions and, on the other hand, to generate added value for customers without incurring additional costs.

What has been your experience so far during the pilot phase as a pilot veterinarian? And what has your experience been like in day-to-day operations?

With a pilot project, you never really know exactly what to expect. And that's probably for the best. It took a great deal of patience on the part of our TPAs, especially in the early stages. However, the support provided by the software specialists at Diana was excellent.

Do you have any recommendations or comments you would like to share with farmers, the breeding organization, or other veterinarians?

For all new digital solutions, the primary goal must be to reduce administrative burdens or to be able to cut down on "paperwork." With the HDC via farm management software, this has at least been achieved for farmers.

The team at Silvretta Tierärzte AG Veterinary Practice. Picture: Silvretta Tierärzte AG

What is the IS ABV?

The IS ABV is a federal information system in which veterinarians are required to record antibiotic prescriptions for animals in order to monitor consumption in Switzerland. The collected data makes it possible to analyze the use of antibiotics, compare farms, and develop targeted measures to combat antibiotic resistance.

A breakthrough in health data collection

MARTIN RUST, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Diana Software AG

With the launch of the "Electronic Treatment Journal" module last fall, we have taken a step closer to our goal of reducing duplicate and multiple entries for the same events in the barn.

Braunvieh Schweiz and swissherdbook acquired a stake in the software development company Diana several years ago with the strategic goal of expanding health data collection, reducing the administrative burden on member farms, and improving the foundation for the development of breeding values for health traits. In addition, a digitally recorded medical history provides a quick overview of an animal's past treatments – this is important information for both the treating veterinarian and you as a breeder. Last but not least, as a farm manager, the electronic treatment journal in BrunaNet ensures that you are fully prepared for any inspections.

We are absolutely thrilled that we were able to reach this milestone. The goal now is to build on this positive momentum and convince as many veterinary practices as possible to adopt Diana Cloud, so that many practice managers can benefit from the electronic treatment journal. True to the principle of "enter once, use many times."

Martin Rust. Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

News

Three cows that have produced 100 000 liters each at the Amrein family farm in Gunzwil, Lucerne

HUGO STUDHALTER, BRAUNVIEH SCHWEIZ

At the Toni Amrein-Müller family's Brown Swiss farm in Gunzwil, Lucerne, there are currently three cows in the barn, each with a lifetime milk yield of over 100 000 kg.

Photo (from left): Son Raphael with Antico Andora 2DL** (born 2011, 12 calvings, 100 089 kg milk, 3.55 % fat, 3.44 % protein, 34 calvings), farm manager Toni Amrein with Tango Pisa * (born 2011, 9 calvings, 102 886 kg milk, 3.55 % fat, 3.42 % protein, 46 calvings) and son Tobias with Alibaba Anette 2DL* (born 2012, 11 calvings, 10 122.9 kg of milk, 3.82 % fat, 3.46 % protein, 120 lactations.

Congratulations on these robust, healthy, and fit Brown Swiss cows.

Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

Hofmatt BS Benji Bonita, 1st lactation projection: 7,808 kg, 4.37 %, 3.61 %, LBE 81-79-81/84-86/82, Breeder/Owner: Hanspeter Kaufmann, Nottwil

Picture: Mr. Lauper

Consistent performance despite adjustments

ANDREAS KOCHER, Braunvieh Schweiz

In the April breeding value prediction, the base is adjusted. On the other hand, this is an opportunity to introduce new breeding values or adjust existing ones.

In April 2026, the base adjustment was +15 kg for milk, +0.01 % each for fat and protein, and 2 points for the udder. The overall breeding index and the milk value for BS were also introduced using the new weights. Breeding values for mastitis resistancy are now predicted using the single-step method.

A new pipeline has been created for the calving traits. This means that, in addition to the switch to single-step breeding value estimation, there will be significant changes to the breeding values for "calving ease direct" and "calving ease maternal." A different data set will now be used, and the system will be switched from the sire model to an animal model. This means that the mother's influence is directly taken into account in the breeding value estimation.

The genetic defects BH39, BH40, SPATA16, QRICH2, and WDR19 have also been published. The last three are recorded only for male animals (see Herd Book Regulations).

"Optimal" remains the gold standard

With an additional 275 subsidiaries, Optimal is delivering on its promises. Even the switch to the single-step method for mastitis resistancy has little effect on its high breeding value. With a milk yield

TMI und MI BS

Trait	TMI new
Milk yield	25 %
Protein yield	9 %
Protein content	6 %
Fat yield	8 %
Fat content	2 %
Persistence	3 %
Longevity	2 %
Somatic Cell Count	6 %
Mastitis resistance	6 %
Fertility	18 %
Feet & Legs	3 %
Udder	10 %
Stature (neg)	2 %

Trait	MI
Milk yield	50 %
Fat yield	16 %
Fat content	4 %
Protein yield	18 %
Protein content	12 %

TMI und MI OB

Trait	TMI
Milk yield	8 %
Fat yield	5 %
Fat content	2 %
Protein yield	11 %
Protein content	4 %
Persistence	3 %
Longevity	10 %
Somatic Cell Count	4 %
Mastitis resistance	4 %
Fertility	14 %
Rump	5 %
Fundament	4 %
Udder	6 %
IFV	20 %

Trait	MI
Milk yield	31 %
Fat yield	16 %
Fat content	4 %
Protein yield	40 %
Protein content	9 %

of +1079 kg, a somatic cell count of 123, a mastitis resistancy score of 109, and a fertility score of 125, he remains the top-ranked proven AI bull based on TMI. His breeding value for performance improvement also underscores the high performance potential of Optimal's daughters, with a breeding value of 108. SYR Aristo Arif also remains in second place with a TMI of 1372. His excellent performance traits continue to be a strong point. With 92 additional daughters, he can increase his protein content to 0.22 %. His daughters also excel in functional traits such as cell count (113), mastitis resistancy (109), and fertility (104).

A newcomer rounds out the podium. Scherma Noro Guy confirms his high genomic scores and enters the rankings in third place with a score of 1366. With a milk yield of 852 kg, a positive protein content, and excellent physical condition, he meets all the requirements of an outstanding progeny-tested bull. With 249 daughters, he already has a solid data set thanks to his extensive use as a young sire. With a cell count of 119, a mastitis resistancy score of 113, and a fertility score of 112, he has excellent health scores.

Schwegler's BS Brice Benji is also ranked for the second round. One of the few Brice sons is making his debut with outstanding milk yield potential of +1231 kg. This ET-free bull impresses with its excellent genetic potential and fertility, as well as its outstanding conformation. When selecting breeding pairs, attention must be paid to the inheritance of somatic cell count and mastitis resistency.

Original Braunvieh: Minor changes / two new bulls

With 238 additional daughters, Omar continues to improve his milk yield to +577 kg. It lives up to the slogan "Milk and Meat." With an IFV of 126, he rounds out his strong performance. Killy, Orlando, and Donald continue to hold the spots right behind them.

Everyone was eagerly awaiting Rasimus's first results. The son of Rugel and the 2024 Sorexpo runner-up, Harley Humana, has sired several outstanding daughters that have been shown at various shows. Its product, which impresses with its appearance, fitness features, and milk contents, is further enhanced by a positive IFV.

As a further addition to the OB program, Menovin was classified as Kappa Casein BB. The Morin son excels in milk yield, health, conformation, and IFV. He inherited his high milk-producing potential from his dam, Gorner Goldi. Goldi produced an average of 10 120 kg of milk over 5 lactations.

Outlook for April 2027

The final two major changes are expected next year. The breeding value estimates for longevity and fertility are expected to be converted to the single-step method. Work is currently underway to adjust the model for both breeding value estimates. Fertility, in particular, is an important trait for Brown Swiss cattle breeders. As the work progresses, a potential new trait – age at first insemination – will also be analyzed. The fertility index and the respective weighting of the individual traits will also be examined in greater detail as this work progresses, and possible adjustments are currently being evaluated. A new model for the breeding value for longevity is currently being developed, which takes into account the various stages of a dairy cow's life. Determining the weighting of individual life spans in the final breeding value is also part of the ongoing work ahead of the planned introduction of the new single-step breeding value in April 2027.

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› Dienste › Reglemente

High expectations met

ANDREAS KOCHER, Braunvieh Schweiz

Following the April breeding value estimation, a number of interesting progeny tested bulls will be added to the lineup. CHbraunvieh presents the tested bulls that have completed the official testing program and been selected for re-entry, along with a brief description. Within the breeding direction, the order of presentation is determined by the Total Merit Index.

Further information
www.swissgenetics.ch › Breed › Brown Swiss

Further information
www.selectstar.ch

Scherma Noro GUY – CH 120.1553.5565.6 — Noro × Balzac × Simbaboy

With eight young bulls in the artificial insemination program, Guy was frequently used as a sire. With an outstanding initial performance, he confirms his high genomic breeding values and, based on the first 249 daughters contributing to his progeny performance, ranks as the top bull in the Swiss program. Thus, he is not only an outcross bull with a different bloodline, but also demonstrates that the cow families from the Schertenleib farm are once again worthy of praise.
The dam, Balzac Griotte, is one of the highest-producing Brown Swiss cows, averaging 12 609 kg of milk over three lactations, with 5.58 % fat and 4.04 % protein. Her grandmother, Simbaboy Gretchen, also has an average yield of 11 455 kg, with 4.59 % fat and 3.84 % protein.
But Guy isn't the only bull in this family to make it through the progeny testing. Greg, the son of Eagle born in 2004, is already returning to service with a positive breeding record.

Genetic markers: B39C, WEF, ARF, SDF, SMF, B2F, B14F, B6F, B40F
KK: BB B-casein A2: A1A2 Hornless: POF

Sticher's Guy Goya, 1st lactation projection: 7794 kg, 3.59 % fat, 3.52 % protein, LBE: 84-83-82/83-82/83
B/O: GG Sticher André + Nicola, Hämikon, Lucerne

Picture: Mr. Lauper

+ Milk	– Chest and rump width	TMI	1366	Milk kg	+852
+ Persistence	– Ankle flexion	MI	126	Fat %	–0.06
+ SCC, MAR, fert.		FI	125	Protein %	+0.02
				Fert.	112

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Schwegler's BS Brice BENJI – CH 120.1591.1988.9 — Brice × Grischa Star × Genox Boy

With his first daughters, Benji, a son of Brice, is living up to his promise of performance. He enters his re-use with a milk yield of +1231 kg. He doesn't get his performance just from his father. His dam, Grischa Star Bria, has an average milk yield of 11 350 kg and was 17 points above the farm average.
His family of cows is also well known. Jetway Patty, who was the result of an embryo import from Vogue Pammy, was a well-known show cow who also excelled with an average lactation yield of 11 848 kg and a lifetime yield of over 137 000 kg. Patty had already brought a bull into the second round. Over 12 000 births have been registered for Cognac Carlos.
Benji is a very interesting bull in terms of his genetic potential for performance and conformation. When selecting breeding pairs, attention must be paid to fitness traits, particularly resistance to mastitis.

Genetic markers: B6C, WEF, ARF, SDF, SMF, B2F, B14F, B39F, B40F
KK: BB B-casein A2: A2A2 Hornless: POF

Campus, 1st lactation: 7458 kg, 3.81 % fat, 3.62 % protein, LBE: 85-84-80/83-79/82
B: Franz Huber, AltoJohann, O: Matthias & Fränzi Süess, Andwil, St. Gallen

Picture: Mr. Lauper

+ Milk	– Somatic Cell Count	TMI	1296	Milk kg	+1231
+ Udder	– Mastitis resistance	MI	138	Fat %	–0.03
+ TMI	– FI	FI	94	Protein %	+0.02
				Fert.	99

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Rasi Breiti's Morin MENOVIN – CH 120.1563.2797.3

Morin × Gorner × Winzer

Menovin combines milk production with good fitness, conformation, and meat quality. It also contains BB kappa-casein, which is suitable for cheese production. He has no known genetic defects, and his maternal lineage features a versatile line of sires.

Gorner Goldi, Menovin's mother, is an exceptionally high-performing cow. She has an average milk yield of 10 120 kg over five lactations, with an average somatic cell count of 34, which is 12 cells per milliliter above the farm average. In addition, the DL cow was rated VG 85 in her first lactation and has already achieved a lifetime yield of over 54 000 kg. Menovin's grandmother, the dairy cow Zarti, was already classified as EX94 and achieved a lifetime milk yield of over 37 000 kg. This is also the case with very low cell counts of 27.

This genetic profile, which is further influenced by his sire Morin, is also reflected in Menovin's genetic makeup. When it comes to performance, the milk yield of +872 kg certainly stands out. When breeding with Menovin, attention must be paid to protein content and milkability. Another notable figure is the positive cell count of 112. His daughters are easygoing cows in everyday life.

Genetic markers: F2F, O1F, O4F, O9F
KK: BB B-casein A2: A1A2

Breiti's Gorner Goldi (Menovin's dam), 5th lactation: 10 120 kg, 3.55 %, 3.23 %, LBE (1st lactation): 86-86-86/84-82/85
B/O: Emil Breitenmoser-Frick, Andwil, St. Gallen

Picture: KeLeKi

+ Milk	– Milkability	TMI	1157	Milk kg	+872
+ Somatic Cell Count	– Birth traits	MI	120	Fat %	+0.06
+ Mastitis resistance	– Protein %	IFV	104	Protein %	–0.19
+ Temperament		WZW	111	Fert.	95

RASIMUS – CH 120.1581.7708.8

Rugel × Harlei × Magnus

Expectations for Rasimus are high. In fact, he had already has 1775 registered female breeding animals. He owes his popularity partly to his excellent genomic breeding values and partly to the fact that he comes from a very deep cow family.

His mother, Harley Humana, has already completed her sixth lactation and has an average milk yield of 9288 kg. Also striking are the extremely low cell counts of just 12 across all lactations. She's no stranger to the show ring either. At Sorexpo 2024, Humana, classified as EX95, won the Reserve Champion title and received an Honorable Mention in the conformation competition.

The DL cow's dam, Magnus Murmeli, had already impressed with high milk yields of over 11 000 kg and very low somatic cell counts. Based on an average of four lactations, Murmeli, who is rated EX93, has only 60.

Now in its third generation, Vogt Viola continues to impress with the same qualities: high milk yield, good somatic cell counts, and an excellent rating. She is also the grandmother of the current Mister ZM Zug, Wenger Winzer. Rasimus inherited his strong build and high cell count from his ancestors. He also has a positive influence on the IFV.

Genetic markers: F2F, O1F, O4F, O9F
KK: AB B-casein A2: A1A1

Baida, projected milk yield: 5793 kg, 3.71 %, 3.75 %, body condition score: 84–83–85/87–85/85
B/O: Arnold Glatthard, Schattenhalb

Picture: Mr. Lauper

+ Components	– Stature	TMI	1154	Milk kg	+157
+ Somatic Cell Count	– Median suspensory	MI	109	Fat %	+0.25
+ Ketosis resistance	– Fore teat placement	IFV	104	Protein %	+0.01
+ Udder		WZW	112	Fert.	101

GUY

74.– 43.–

CH 120.1553.5565.6 | Scherma Noro GUY | B39C | aAa: 243 615 | Z: Schertenleib Marc, Vulliens | ZW: G BS 04.26

Guy-Töchter, Tier & Technik 2026

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GZW	MIW	FIW	WZW
1'366	126	125	127

Funktionelle Merkmale

ausgesch. Töchter: 5 %

NRR Stier		95	tief	hoch
Persistenz	G	124	tief	hoch
Zellzahl	G	119	hoch	tief
Mastitisresistenz	G	113	tief	hoch
Melkbarkeit	G	101	langsam	schnell
Temperament	CH	104	nervös	ruhig
Fruchtbarkeit	G	112	tief	hoch
Nutzungsdauer	G	112	kurz	lang
Normalgeburten Stier	G	110	wenig	viel
Normalgeburten Töchter	G	106	wenig	viel

Exterieur

Anzahl Töchter: 91

Gesamtnote		107		
Rahmen		104		
Becken		97		
Fundament		103		
Euter		114		
Kreuzbeinhöhe	(148.8 cm)	120	klein	gross
Flankentiefe	(81.4 cm)	100	wenig	viel
Brustbreite		83	schmal	breit
Obere Linie		128	gesenkt	erhöht
Beckenlänge	(54.3 cm)	108	kurz	lang
Beckenbreite	(32.4 cm)	78	schmal	breit
Beckenneigung		119	gestellt	abgezogen
Lage Umdreher		118	hinten	vorn
Sprunggelenkswink.		72	gerade	säbelbeinig
Sprunggelenksauspräg.		101	voll	trocken
Fesseln		124	weich	steil
Klauensatz		122	flach	hoch
Voreuterlänge		110	wenig	viel
Voreuteraufhängung		122	locker	straff
Aufhängung hinten Breite		89	schmal	breit
Aufhängung hinten Höhe		123	tief	hoch
Eutertiefe		119	tief	hoch
Euterboden		112	gestuft	angehoben
Zentralband		105	n. sichtbar	l. gespalten
Zitzenlänge		103	kurz	lang
Zitzendicke		94	fein	grob
Zitzenstellung		100	n. aussen	n. innen
Zitzenverteilung vorn		104	weit	eng
Zitzenverteilung hinten		104	weit	eng
Bemuskelung		87	leer	voll
Zusatzzitzen % blind		-1	Zusatzzitzen % lebend	-1

Abstammung

Antonov NORO SG
CH 120.1436.1926.5

Scherma Balzac GRIOTTE
L1 85 85 84 83 83 / GP-84
Ø 3L | 12'609 | 5.58 | 4.04

- **Scherma Volvo BALZAC**
- **Scherma Simbaboy GRETCHEN**
  L1 84 84 85 86 80 / GP-84
  Ø 2L | 11'455 | 4.59 | 3.84

Sticher's BS Guy GOYA
E: CG Sticher André & Nicola, Hämikon

Produktion

Anzahl Töchter/Betriebe: **249/189** κ-K: **BB** β-K: **A1/A2**

Sicherheit	Milch	Fett		Eiweiss	
93 %	+852 kg	+30 kg	-0.06 %	+32 kg	+0.02 %

BENJI

39.–

CH 120.1591.1988.9 | Schwegler's BS Brice BENJI | B6C | Z: Schwegler Paul, Ufhusen | ZW: G BS 04.26

Hofmatt BS Benji BONITA
E: Kaufmann Hanspeter, Nottwil

Gesamt- und Teilzuchtwerte

GZW	MIW	FIW	WZW
1'296	138	94	110

Funktionelle Merkmale

ausgesch. Töchter: 9 %

NRR Stier		110	tief	hoch
Persistenz	G	102	tief	hoch
Zellzahl	G	87	hoch	tief
Mastitisresistenz	GA	84	tief	hoch
Melkbarkeit	G	105	langsam	schnell
Temperament	CH	105	nervös	ruhig
Fruchtbarkeit	GA	99	tief	hoch
Nutzungsdauer	GA	102	kurz	lang
Normalgeburten Stier	GA	94	wenig	viel
Normalgeburten Töchter	GA	92	wenig	viel

Exterieur

Anzahl Töchter: 12

Gesamtnote		114		
Rahmen		115		
Becken		100		
Fundament		109		
Euter		119		
Kreuzbeinhöhe	(148.1 cm)	122	klein	gross
Flankentiefe	(83 cm)	118	wenig	viel
Brustbreite		111	schmal	breit
Obere Linie		106	gesenkt	erhöht
Beckenlänge	(54.8 cm)	109	kurz	lang
Beckenbreite	(34.2 cm)	108	schmal	breit
Beckenneigung		94	gestellt	abgezogen
Lage Umdreher		95	hinten	vorn
Sprunggelenkswink.		100	gerade	säbelbeinig
Sprunggelenksauspräg.		114	voll	trocken
Fesseln		99	weich	steil
Klauensatz		104	flach	hoch
Voreuterlänge		121	wenig	viel
Voreuteraufhängung		110	locker	straff
Aufhängung hinten Breite		121	schmal	breit
Aufhängung hinten Höhe		122	tief	hoch
Eutertiefe		111	tief	hoch
Euterboden		115	gestuft	angehoben
Zentralband		115	n. sichtbar	l. gespalten
Zitzenlänge		83	kurz	lang
Zitzendicke		98	fein	grob
Zitzenstellung		121	n. aussen	n. innen
Zitzenverteilung vorn		113	weit	eng
Zitzenverteilung hinten		106	weit	eng
Bemuskelung		98	leer	voll

Abstammung

Scherma Bender BRICE
CH 120.1313.8044.3

Schwegler's BS Grischa Star BRIA
L1 84 84 84 87 85 / VG-85
Ø 2L | 11'350 | 3.74 | 3.63

- **Joos Big Star GRISCHA STAR**
- **Schwegler's BS Genox-B GALANDA**
  L1 84 82 82 80 80 / GP-82

Benji CAMPUS
E: Süess Matthias & Fränzi, Andwil SG

Produktion

Anzahl Töchter/Betriebe: **24/22** κ-K: **BB** β-K: **A2/A2**

Sicherheit	Milch	Fett		Eiweiss	
91 %	+1'231 kg	+47 kg	-0.03 %	+45 kg	+0.02 %

RASIMUS

59.– R 69.– R 39.–

CH 120.1581.7708.8 | RASIMUS | aAa: 654 213 | Z: Marty Alois, Goldau | ZW: G OB 04.26

Rasimus BADIA
E: Glatthard Arnold, Schattenhalb

Gesamt- und Teilzuchtwerte

GZW	MIW	FIW	WZW	IFV
1'154	109	106	112	104

Funktionelle Merkmale

ausgesch. Töchter: 5 %

NRR Stier		109	tief	hoch
Persistenz	G	103	tief	hoch
Zellzahl	G	111	hoch	tief
Mastitisresistenz	GA	102	tief	hoch
Melkbarkeit	G	100	langsam	schnell
Temperament	CH	102	nervös	ruhig
Fruchtbarkeit	G	101	tief	hoch
Nutzungsdauer	GA	99	kurz	lang
Normalgeburten Stier	G	97	wenig	viel
Normalgeburten Töchter	G	95	wenig	viel

Exterieur

Anzahl Töchter: 68

Gesamtnote		112		
Rahmen		110		
Becken		105		
Fundament		111		
Euter		115		
Kreuzbeinhöhe	(143.3 cm)	120	klein	gross
Flankentiefe	(80.1 cm)	105	wenig	viel
Brustbreite		110	schmal	breit
Obere Linie		105	gesenkt	erhöht
Beckenlänge	(54.2 cm)	114	kurz	lang
Beckenbreite	(36.6 cm)	98	schmal	breit
Beckenneigung		105	gestellt	abgezogen
Lage Umdreher		109	hinten	vorn
Sprunggelenkswink.		103	gerade	säbelbeinig
Sprunggelenksauspräg.		112	voll	trocken
Fesseln		106	weich	steil
Klauensatz		108	flach	hoch
Voreuterlänge		114	wenig	viel
Voreuteraufhängung		136	locker	straff
Aufhängung hinten Breite		112	schmal	breit
Aufhängung hinten Höhe		111	tief	hoch
Eutertiefe		106	tief	hoch
Euterboden		107	gestuft	angehoben
Zentralband		94	n. sichtbar	l. gespalten
Zitzenlänge		100	kurz	lang
Zitzendicke		102	fein	grob
Zitzenstellung		104	n. aussen	n. innen
Zitzenverteilung vorn		95	weit	eng
Zitzenverteilung hinten		95	weit	eng
Bemuskelung		104	leer	voll
Zusatzzitzen % blind		-3	Zusatzzitzen % lebend	-4

Abstammung

Reimo RUGEL
CH 120.1380.4399.0

Harlei HUMANA
L5 96 96 94 95 95 / EX-95
Ø 6L | 9'288 | 3.88 | 3.30

- **Rio HARLEI**
- **Magnus MURMELI**
  L3 90 88 94 94 95 / EX-93
  Ø 4L | 9'502 | 3.74 | 3.49

Rasimus LANA
E: Dettling Robert, Lauerz

Produktion

Anzahl Töchter/Betriebe: **136/117** κ-K: **AB** β-K: **A1/A1**

Sicherheit	Milch	Fett		Eiweiss	
89 %	+157 kg	+23 kg	+0.25 %	+6 kg	+0.01 %

SGKV	FKV	FETKV	SGMT	FMT	FETMT
103	98	110	100	99	107

MENOVIN-OB

Breiti's Morin MENOVIN-OB
OB | 27.11.2020 | aAa: 516 423 | 2-2-2/81

BSWCHEM120156327973 | CH 120.1563.2797.3

M: Gorner GOLDI-OB

GZW:	1'157
WZW:	111
MIW:	120
GN:	109
FIW:	98
IFV:	104

G 04.26 Töchter: **24** Betriebe: **19** KK: **BB** BCN: **A1/A2**

B %	Milch	Fett	Eiweiss
86	+ 872 kg	+ 39 kg + 0.06 %	+ 16 kg -0.19 %

Fleischzuchtwerte

IFV	104		Schlachtgewicht	Fettabdeckung	Fleischigkeit
Bankkälber		G	105	106	100
Bankvieh		GA	106	108	89

G 04.26 | Anzahl Töchter: **15**

Gesamtnote	109		
Rahmen	114		
Becken	106		
Fundament	100		
Euter	112		
Kreuzbeinhöhe	108	klein	gross
Flankentiefe	114	wenig	viel
Brustbreite	112	schmal	breit
Obere Linie	105	gesenkt	erhöht
Beckenlänge	101	kurz	lang
Beckenbreite	106	schmal	breit
Beckenneigung	107	gestellt	abgezogen
Lage Umdreher	108	hinten	vorne
Sprunggelenkwinkel	95	gerade	säbelbeinig
Sprunggelenkausprägung	91	voll	trocken
Fesseln	97	weich	steil
Klauensatz	106	flach	hoch
Voreuterlänge	128	wenig	viel
Voreuterhaufhängung	119	locker	straff
Aufhängung hinten Breite	95	schmal	breit
Aufhängung hinten Höhe	119	tief	hoch
Eutertiefe	102	tief	hoch
Euterboden	110	gestuft	angehoben
Zentralband	98	kein	stark
Zitzenlänge	101	kurz	lang
Zitzendicke	106	fein	grob
Zitzenstellung	99	n. aussen	n. innen
Zitzenverteilung vorn	98	weit	eng
Zitzenverteilung hinten	93	weit	eng
Bemuskelung	112	leer	voll

MENOVIN-OB

V: Bürgler's Minor **MORIN-OB**

M: Breiti's Gorner **GOLDI-OB**
1L / **VG85**
Ø5L: **10'120** kg **3.55** % **3.23** %
LL: **52'336** kg **3.57** % **3.25** %

MM: Winzer **ZARTI-OB**
3L / **EX94**
Ø2L: **6'062** kg **3.46** % **3.20** %
LL: **37'577** kg **3.61** % **3.33** %

Ausgeschiedene Töchter %: 7

Persistenz	G	92	tief	hoch
Zellzahl	G	112	hoch	tief
Mastitisresistenz	GA	104	tief	hoch
Melkbarkeit	G	89	langsam	schnell
Temperament	CH	111	nervös	ruhig
Fruchtbarkeit Töchter	G	95	tief	hoch
Nutzungsdauer	GA	101	kurz	lang
Geburtsablauf direkt	G	77	schwer	leicht
Geburtsablauf Töchter	GA	97	schwer	leicht
Kälbervitalität Index	G	100	tief	hoch

The bull Nesta was carrier of the two genetic defects BH39 and BH40. He was the first known carrier of BH39. Pictured is Best, the well-known daughter of Nesta and mother of Biver and Bays. Picture: KeLeKi

News from the breeding program

SIMON SCHLEBUSCH, Braunvieh Schweiz

Since publication of estimated breeding values in April the carrier status for the haplotypes BH39 and BH40 are published for Brown Swiss cattle. In homozygous stage, they are associated with rearing losses and infertility. In addition, WDR19, QRICH2, and SPATA16 are now published for male animals. JM1 has been published for Jersey.

The abbreviation BH39 is used for Brown Swiss haplotype 39. A mutation in this haplotype is associated with rearing losses in cattle. Homozygous animals exhibit tooth discoloration, impaired physical development, and are susceptible to disease. Recurrent cases of pneumonia and diarrhea are common. Nesta was the first bull to spread BH39 within the Swiss population.

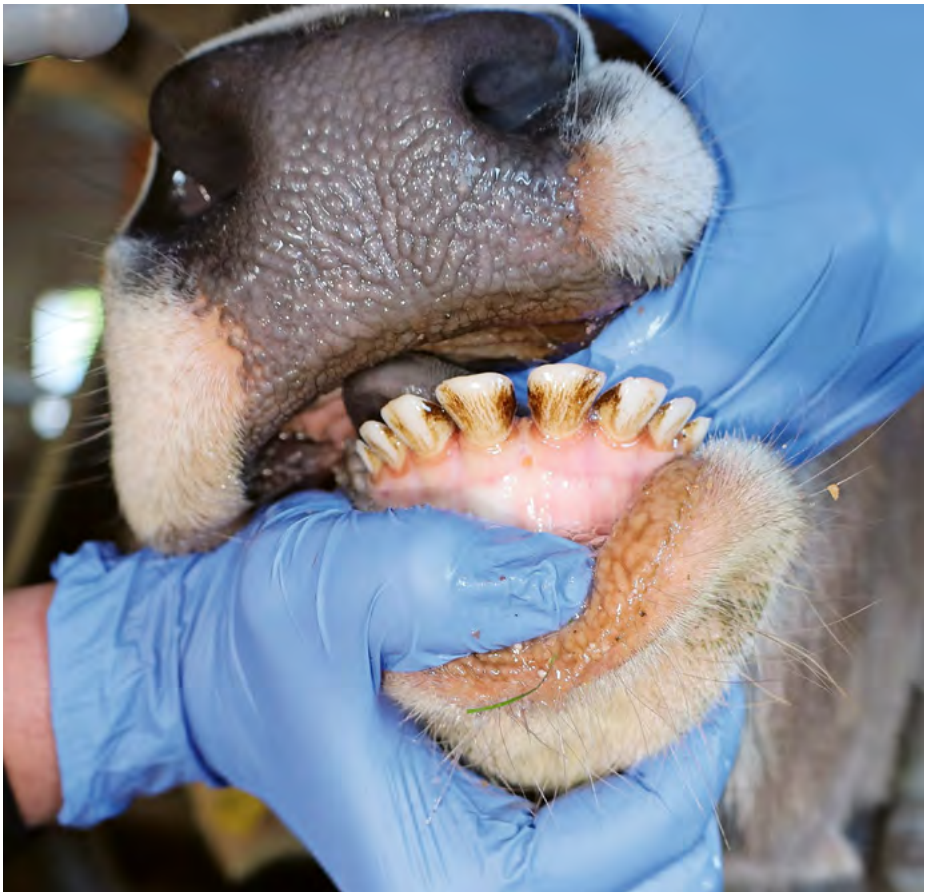
BH40 is an abbreviation for Brown Swiss Haplotype 40. A mutation in this haplotype is associated with reduced fertility in cattle. Studies show that the problem likely arises shortly after fertilization, before the first cell division. In addition, some homozygous animals exhibit gait abnormalities of varying severity, including crossing of the hind legs, a stiff gait, or other neuromuscular problems. Jinx King is the oldest known carrier.

The genetic disorders mentioned above are inherited in a recessive manner. This means that an animal is affected only if it inherits the defective gene from both its father and its mother. Braunvieh Schweiz therefore recommends avoiding high-risk matings. This refers to matings in which both the sire and the mated female are carriers. Genotyping allows us to draw conclusions about all currently known genetic defects. To avoid risky matings, the mating plan in BrunaNet, with its genetic defect light system, is the tool of choice. BH39 and BH40 are now also included.

Haplotypes related to male fertility

WDR19 is a gene in which a mutation can lead to reduced fertility in male animals. Homozygous bulls exhibit reduced repro-

ductive performance. This applies to Brown Swiss and Original Braunvieh.
QRICH2 is a gene in which a mutation leads to severely impaired fertility in male animals. The sperm count is significantly reduced, and the sperm are immobile and abnormally shaped. Homozygous bulls are virtually infertile. This applies to Brown Swiss and Original Braunvieh.
SPATA16 is a gene mutation that reduces fertility in male animals. It interferes with sperm production and thereby leads to reduced fertility. This applies to Brown Swiss and Original Braunvieh.
The following applies to all of the male haplotypes listed above: Since only male fertility is affected, only male carriers are identified. Breeders can view all genetic defects and haplotypes for their genotyped animals under "Herd Lists/Genetic Markers."



This cow exhibits tooth discoloration caused by the BH39 genetic defect. This genetic defect is responsible for rearing losses in Brown Swiss cattle. Picture: University of Bern

New haplotype for milk in Jersey cattle

JM1 refers to the Jersey milk haplotype 1. A mutation in this genetic region has a negative effect on milk yield. Affected animals produce less milk. The fat and protein content of the milk is also lower.

New single-step breeding values

With the April breeding value prediction, additional traits will be included that are now estimated using the single-step method rather than the two-step method as was previously the case. Starting in April, the traits "calving ease Bulls & Daughters," "stillbirth Bulls & Daughters," and "Mastitis Resistancy" will benefit from higher reliability. As mentioned elsewhere, the single-step estimation for the traits of fertility and longevity will be postponed by one year.

Table 1: Genetic disorders are designated by a three- or four-letter code.

Genetic disorder	Free of the genetic defect	Carrier
BH39	B39F	B39C
BH40	B40F	B40C
WDR19	WDF	WDC
QRICH2	QRF	QRC
SPATA16	SPF	SPC
Jersey JM1	JM1F	JM1C

The letters at the beginning indicate the genetic defect, and the last character indicates the status: F = Free (free of the genetic defect), C = Carrier (heterozygous carrier), S = Homozygous carrier.

Why does the reliability increase so significantly?

Reliability has increased, in particular, because significantly more genotypes are now included in breeding value estimation than in the past: depending on the trait, the number has risen from around 10 000 to over 150 000. This allows breeding values to be estimated much more accurately. This effect is particularly pronounced in young Swiss AI bulls, as they are closely related to the genotyped cow population, which also provides data from milk performance testing and confirmation scoring.
Qualitas AG's analyses also show that breeding values are very stable: less than 1 % of the animals fell outside the confidence interval, mostly due to a large amount of newly added information. ■

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GoldHill Gustav CAPTAIN-ET

CH 120.1825.5511.1 SPC WEF ARF SDF SMF B2F B14F B6F B39F B40F
B: GoldHill Genetics, Romoos
birth: 14.12.24 Kc: BB
P: 2-2-2/81 Bc: A1A2 aAa: 165234

Ammann's BS Buob GUSTAV	O Malley BUOB
	Ammann's BS Salomon GRETA *DL Ø 5L 8487 kg 3.49 % 3.29 % 106 PP LC 90-85-91/96-96/92 3.L LP 48 382 kg 3.52 % 3.32 %
GoldHill Visor CALANA LC 85-80-84/84-81/83 1.L Ø 1L 305 7079 kg 5.17 % 4.04 % 98 PP	Viper VISOR P
	GoldHill Bender CALUNA SG-ET F93 Ø 4L 10 202 kg 4.19 % 3.71 % 122 PP LC 97-93-90/97-97/94 3.L LP 54 762 kg 4.20 % 3.84 %

swissgenetics

BS26/GA 04.26			
TMI	1442	MI	136
FI	120	PBV	126
Performance			
BV Milk (85 %)			+399
F kg / %		+70	+0.73
P kg / %		+43	+0.39
Per			96
Functional Traits			
SCS			116
MS			99
DPR			115
PL			103
Linar Traits			
FS			115
FR			117
RU			108
F&L			106
UDC			121

COOPER-ET

CH 120.1825.5548.7 B39C WDC WEF ARF SDF SMF B2F B14F B6F B40F
B: Keller Guido, Stallikon
birth: 28.09.24 Kc: BB
P: 2-2-2/82 Bc: A2A2 aAa: 651423

STING-ET	Kiba Sinatra TU SG-ET
	Antonov OMAIENNE-ET Ø 3L 9785 kg 4.46 % 3.98 % LC FR 87-87-82-84 VG85 LP 40 086 kg 4.45 % 3.98 %
CALICIA LC 85-83-83/85-84/84 1.L Ø 1L 281 7120 kg 4.47 % 3.85 % 98 PP	SYR Aristo ARIF-ET
	Portmann BS Cliff CALIMERA Ø 4L 9912 kg 4.34 % 3.89 % 110 PP LC 86-84-84/85-83/85 1.L LP 43 763 kg 4.44 % 3.96 %

swissgenetics

BS26/GA 04.26			
TMI	1458	MI	135
FI	128	PBV	134
Performance			
BV Milk (84 %)			+738
F kg / %		+50	+0.27
E kg / %		+45	+0.26
Per			107
Functional Traits			
SCS			123
MS			99
DPR			118
PL			116
Linar Traits			
FS			106
FR			101
RU			103
F&L			104
UDC			112

DENVER P POS

CH 120.1861.0028.7 SPC WEF ARF SDF SMF B2F B14F B6F B39F B40F
B: Heusser Thomas, Buch b. Frauenfeld
birth: 11.02.25 Kc: BB
P: Bc: A1A2 aAa: 561423

swissgen Leon PP CAMILLO P-ET	Biser's Filomen LEON PP-ET
	Jolahofs Dreamer CALIDA-ET Ø 2L 12 025 kg 3.71 % 3.48 % 150 PP LC 88-82-89/88-83/87 2.L LP 40 269 kg 3.82 % 3.74 %
ZURILA P LC 87-87-82/80-86/83 2.L Ø 2L 9607 kg 4.77 % 4.08 % 116 PP	Viper VISOR P
	Blooming UTILLA *DL Ø 4L 10512 kg 3.71 % 3.62 % 117 PP LC 81-76-82/80-80/80 1.L LP 60 073 kg 3.83 % 3.72 %

swissgenetics

BS26/GA 04.26			
TMI	1330	MI	129
FI	114	PBV	126
Performance			
BV Milk (85 %)			+648
F kg / %		+39	+0.17
P kg / %		+38	+0.21
Per			104
Functional Traits			
SCS			110
MS			86
DPR			109
PL			108
Linar Traits			
FS			107
FR			109
RU			108
F&L			107
UDC			106

ORLIK

CH 120.1793.0941.3 WDC SPC WEF ARF SDF SMF B2F B14F B6F B39F B40F
B: Matthias Süess & Christian Schneider, Andwil SG
birth: 31.12.24 Kc: BB
P: 3-2-3/82 Bc: A1A2 aAa: 615243

Herrenhof BS Piero PALMER-ET	Bachmann's BS Anibal PIERO
	Herrenhof BS Blooming PETUNIA Ø 3L 10353 kg 4.93 % 4.04 % 117 PP LC 96-92-92/95-95/94 3.L LP 52 208 kg 5.07 % 4.21 %
CALINA-ET LC 90-88-88/88-82/88 2.L Ø 2L 9191 kg 3.80 % 3.66 % 113 PP	swissgen Capucino CECH SG-ET
	Furrer BS Calvin CALVANDA Ø 5L 9128 kg 4.02 % 3.49 % 102 PP LC 94-89-89/98-90/93 3.L LP 65 509 kg 4.14 % 3.62 %

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BS26/GA 04.26			
TMI	1227	MI	122
FI	107	PBV	111
Performance			
BV Milk (88 %)			+852
F kg / %		+27	−0.10
E kg / %		+23	−0.08
Per			106
Functional Traits			
SCS			104
MS			105
DPR			102
PL			111
Linar Traits			
FS			107
FR			99
RU			109
F&L			105
UDC			114

FABIO OB

CH 120.1710.0789.8 F2F O1F O4F O9F
B: Rhyner Walter, Ricken SG
birth: 15.05.23 Kc: BB
P: 4-4-4/89 Bc: A2A2 aAa: 561432

Bürgler's Orkan OMAR	Liver's OB Orelio ORKAN
	Bürgler's Lordan URMI *DL Ø 6L 8857 kg 4.32 % 3.59 % 107 PP LC 91-95-96/96-97/94 5.L LP 66 240 kg 4.31 % 3.59 %
ROMY F78*2DL LC 92-93-93/93-90/92 3.L Ø 11L 7311 kg 3.95 % 3.59 % 82 PP MS 10.1444 2.6	Vento VINZENZ
	Roman LORI F85*2DL Ø 8L 6792 kg 3.96 % 3.49 % 76 PP LC 92-90-92/91-92/92 3.L LP 60 753 kg 4.00 % 3.51 %

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OB26/GA 04.26		TMI	1256
MI	118	FI	105
PBV	123	IFV	119
Performance			
BW Milk (84 %)			+393
F kg / %		+13	–0.04
P kg / %		+22	+0.12
Per			93
Functional Traits			
SCS			115
MS			95
DPR			96
PL			103
Linar Traits			
FS			103
FR			92
RU			106
F&L			105
UDC			107

News

A five-generation family of cows at Markus Windlin's farm in St. Niklausen, OW

HUGO STUDHALTER, BRAUNVIEH SCHWEIZ

At Markus Windlin's organic farm, Oberendi, St. Niklausen OW will once again have a five-generation cow family after 2023. Photo: Markus with his foundation cow Einstein Esti (born 2012, 11 calvings, 80 367 kg of milk, 3.96 % fat and 3.49 % protein, 23 lactations), Milena with the cow Blaster Blondi (born 2017, 6 calves, 2x Economy Star, 50 591 kg milk, 4.36 % fat + 3.78 % protein, 41 lactations), Sarina with cow Janco Jenny (born 2021, 3 calvings, 16 397 kg milk, 4.04 % fat + 3.67 % protein, 26 lactations), dam Lisbeth with cow Juri Jessi (born 2023, 1 calving, EL 23.4 kg milk, 3.45 % fat + 3.81 % protein, 18 teats), sire Hans and co-owner Lina with calf Gustav Gloria (born December 2025, TMI 1278).
Congratulations on these fit and exceptionally healthy Brown Swiss cows.

Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

20 Years of Milk Testing: Claudia Steiger

SAMUEL WICK, VZV GOSSAU-ARNEGG

The VZV Gossau-Arnegg congratulates and thanks Claudia Steiger for her 20 years of service as a milk collector for the association.

Picture: VZV Gossau-Arnegg

Suisselab AG now offers a PCR test for Staphylococcus aureus genotype B

DANIEL GLAUSER, Suisselab AG

Staphylococcus aureus is one of the most common causes of mastitis in dairy cows. Staphylococcus aureus is a contagious bacterium associated with the udder and is primarily transmitted via the milking equipment or the milker's hands. It usually leads to chronic subclinical mastitis, which is primarily characterized by intermittent increases in cell counts. Clinical mastitis is less common, but it is sometimes associated with fever and recumbency.

Picture: Gabriela Brändle

Genotype B is particularly contagious

Not all genotypes of Staphylococcus aureus are equally contagious. The so-called genotype B (GTB) has proven to be the most contagious, often leading to herd problems as a result. Due to the risk of infection, extra caution is required, especially when your own animals come into contact with animals from other farms, such as when purchasing new stock, during summer grazing, or at exhibitions. To prevent the introduction or spread of Staphylococcus aureus, the animals should first be tested for the pathogen through a milk test.

In cases of chronic subclinical mastitis, Staphylococcus aureus is often excreted in only very small amounts or not at all. This makes it difficult to detect the pathogen in the laboratory. To demonstrate freedom from the disease, three samples must therefore test negative in a standard bacteriological examination conducted at intervals of 10–14 days. Detection by PCR is significantly more sensitive than bacteriological testing, especially when preceded by pathogen enrichment.

Easy testing of GTB and non-GTB Staphylococcus aureus

Since April 1, 2026, Suisselab AG has been offering a new PCR test for the simultaneous detection of GTB and non-GTB Staphylococcus aureus. This ensures that infections caused by non-GTB Staphylococcus aureus can also be detected and their spread prevented. The bacteria from the milk sample are enriched in liquid culture prior to PCR analysis, which makes the method highly sensitive. Due to its high sensitivity, the method is suitable for detection in individual animal samples, pooled samples, and tank milk.

Milk samples for GTB-PCR can be submitted using the MID sampling kits provided free of charge by Suisselab AG. The list price of the analysis is CHF 40.–. As with all MID analyses, members of Braunvieh Schweiz, Holstein Switzerland, and Swissherdbook receive a 5% discount; if they sign up for a health subscription, the discount is 10 %. Until the end of June, Suisselab AG is also offering an introductory discount of CHF 5.– regarding the examination. The MID test reports are sent via email. For members of the breeding association, this information is also stored in the online portals.

The new Staphylococcus aureus GTB test from Suisselab AG

- Highly sensitive due to accumulation
- Combined PCR detection of GTB and non-GTB Staphylococcus aureus
- Excellent value for money
- Introductory discount of CHF June 5–30, 2026
- Great discounts for breeding association members

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Young Breeders' Page

Ticino Young Breeders' Association

SIMONE TABACCHI, Ticino Young Breeders' Association

The Ticino Young Breeders' Association promotes interest among young people in cattle breeding – primarily in Brown Swiss cattle, but also in other dairy and dual-purpose breeds. It organizes participation in livestock shows throughout Switzerland, particularly those featuring cattle. In addition, there are field trips that provide insights into other companies and strengthen team spirit. Founded in the spring of 2000, the association now has 156 members, including 96 active members and 60 supporting members. A particular focus is on fostering communication among young breeders and sharing practical expertise.

In 2025, the board was renewed: two new members joined, and Melanie Vitali became president. The current board also includes Icaro Benzonelli as vice president, Eric Jelmini, Daigon Taddei, and Simone Tabacchi, as well as Cinzia Galli as secretary.

The Board of Directors of the Young Breeders' Association in Ticino. From left: Eric Jelmini, Icaro Benzonelli (Vice President), Simone Tabacchi, Daigon Taddei, Cinzia Galli (Secretary), and Melanie Vitali (President). Picture: JZV Ticino

Achievements and Events

Their greatest success to date was their participation in the 2015 Young Breeders' Alpine Festival in Cazis, Graubünden, where the Ticino Young Breeders' Group won the Cantonal Cup and the showmanship competition, and also excelled in the cattle competition by taking home the runner-up title and an honorable mention. In 2012 and 2017, the team also finished in second place in the Cantonal Cup, in addition to winning several category titles and achieving strong placings and results in the special competitions.

At this year's Alpin Festival, the Ticino Young Breeders' Group once again achieved excellent results, securing several top placements and two category wins.

In December 2019, a young breeders' day was organized, during which experts shared tips on preparing cattle, showmanship, judging, and styling – an event that is set to be held again in the future.

A key focus remains participation in the organizing committee of Giubiespo, the most important Brown Swiss cattle show in Ticino. Two members of the Young Breeders' Committee also serve on that committee. The Giubiespo 2026 took place on Sunday, March 15, and reaffirmed its significance. Despite difficult weather and road conditions, we were able to welcome numerous exhibitors and visitors. Of particular note is the intercantonal young breeders' competition in the morning.

The general meeting was held in January 2026, with 45 members in attendance.

In April 2025, about twenty young breeders went on a field trip to Schwyz and Uri. First, they visited Markus Kennel's farm, where he showed them two breeding families. Afterward, the group visited the anniversary show hosted by the Uri-Gotthard Breeders' Association.

Another excursion is planned for 2026: On April 18, the trip will take us to the cantons of Lucerne and Uri. The plan is to visit Daniel Küng's farm, followed by a visit to the VZG Entlebuch anniversary exhibition. In the evening, the group will attend the VZG Seedorf anniversary exhibition.

On September 28, 2025, the young breeders took part in the Giornata Agricola Leventinese. More than 30 members helped out in the festival tent, the kitchen, and the bar, and played a key role in the event's success.

The Ticino Young Breeders' Association aims to continue supporting the next generation and fostering a love of livestock breeding.

Further information
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Guy's daughter's group at the Tier & Technik 2026.
Left: Schärz BS Guy Panama 1st lactation projection: 7056 kg, 4.01 % fat, 4.08 % protein, LBE 82-81-85/84-84/83, sire/dam: Cédric Schärz, Renan BE
Right: Floriana, 1st lactation, projected: 8992 kg, 3.46 % fat, 3.16 % protein, Breeder: Martin Reichmuth, Rothenthurm, Owner: Hans-Jakob Telli, Trin Mulin
Picture: Guillaume Moy

Guy's daughters impress

ANDREAS KOCHER, Braunvieh Schweiz

There were high expectations for Scherma Noro Guy's progeny performance test results. He currently has eight sons in progeny testing. Guy has met expectations and is the highest-scoring domestic bull by TMI in the AI catalog.

The bloodline combination of Noro × Balzac × Simbaboy is well suited to our Swiss population. Guy, an outcross bull with strengths in performance, fitness, and conformation, was sent into his second breeding season. Once again, a bull with the Scherma prefix lives up to expectations.

First daughters make a strong impression

Currently, 55 cows are being milked at over 30 kg per day. Some of them even exceeded the 40-kilogram milk yield mark. There were already some wonderful Guy daughters on display in the show ring as well.

However, its main strengths lie in the inheritance of fitness traits. The high scores for fertility, cell count, resistance to mastitis, and longevity have a very positive impact on Guy's fitness score. For all measures, it scores at least one standard deviation above the population mean. This results in a fitness score of 125. With an increase of 852 kg in milk yield and 0.02 % in protein content, he also demonstrates solid performance traits.

His physical characteristics are influenced by his sire, Noro. The cows tend to be somewhat slender in build and have a straight hock angle. Despite the cows being on the slender side, his daughters calve easily. Because they have inherited slightly longer teats, which are ideal for teat placement, the cows can be milked easily. It is also worth noting the positive breeding value for temperament.

Guy as a genetic developer

Seven bulls at Swissgenetics and one bull at Select Star demonstrate that Guy was a highly regarded sire for genetic development. In fact, Harvey is a son of Guy and currently ranks number one in total net merit.

What is striking is the consistently good genetic makeup of his sons in terms of fitness and conformation. All of them have positive effects on fertility. The excellent

udder traits passed down by his sons are also noteworthy.
The maternal line of the young bulls also plays a role in milk yield. There, the young bulls pass on their traits in different ways. Since Guy carries the BH39 haplotype associated with rearing loss, this trait should be taken into account when selecting a mate.

A strong family of cows

In 2025, Balzac Griotte, Guy's mother, was the top-producing cow in terms of fat and protein yield (in kilograms). With an average yield of 12 609 kg, containing 5.58 % fat and 4.04 % protein, her performance is outstanding and 35 LP above the farm average.
Her mother, Simbaboy Gretchen, produced 13 209 kg of milk with 4.78 % fat and 3.83 % protein during her second lactation, which was 27 LP above the farm average.
However, Guy is not the first son from this cow family to have passed a progeny test. Along with Greg, a son of Eagle out of Jupiter Goyesca also returned to action. Goyesca is a name that has been in the family on my mother's side for seven generations.
With so much good news, we hope everyone enjoys their Brown Swiss and makes wise choices when selecting bulls.

Holestei's Guy HEDI, CH 120.1728.8613.3, 1st place (projected) 10 554 kg, 3.05 % fat, 3.90 % protein, LBE 81-83-86/84-83/83, Breeder/Owner: Martin Holenstein, Stein SG Picture: Mr. Lauper

News

New Sire Analyst at Swissgenetics

ANDREAS KOCHER, BRAUNVIEH SCHWEIZ

Philipp Dahinden, who serves as Head of Animal Evaluation at Braunvieh Schweiz and is responsible for planning the linear description, organizing the ZM events in Zug and Sargans, and the linear description of artificial insemination bull testing, will join Swissgenetics as a Sire Analyst on a part-time basis starting in June and on a full-time basis starting in October. We wish him all the best in his new role and hope he continues to enjoy working with Brown Swiss.

Schamaun BS Tango Taiga, a granddaughter of Som's daughter Pepita, accompanied by Florian and Silvia Schamaun and their grandchildren. On the left side of the photo are Andrea and Jeannine with their children.
Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

A pioneering breeding program from Graubünden

DARIO ZINSLI, Braunvieh Schweiz

Schamaun Brown Swiss is a well-known prefix worldwide. With the bull Glenn, the farm set new standards in Brown Swiss breeding. His influence is still clearly evident in many cow families today.

Florian Schamaun took over the farm from his father in 1990. Even as a young farmer, he had many ideas and a clear vision of how he wanted to develop the farm. This foresight was already evident in 1992, when he built one of the first free-stall barns with a milking parlor in the canton of Graubünden. At that time, the farm comprised just over 13 hectares of land, 16 cows, and six head each of heifers and calves.

Cutting-edge advancements

Together with his wife Silvia and their children Melanie, Andrea, and Corina, Florian quickly expanded the farm in a forward-thinking way. In 2016, a new house was built and the old house was renovated, ensuring that housing arrangements for the next generation were taken care of well in advance. In 2021, the family fulfilled another big dream by building a new, state-of-the-art free-range barn. The new barn is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including a milking robot and a manure and feeding robot.
The farm now covers 64 hectares, of which about 17 percent are farmed as ecological land. In addition, they offer various contract services such as livestock transport and everything related to manure management. In winter, snow removal is also part of the daily routine. Anyone who spends time on the farm will quickly notice how consistently the farm managers' clear vision is put into practice.

Focus on the dairy industry

The fact that the farm is now clearly focused on milk production is also thanks to the next generation. She made a conscious decision to pursue dairy farming, and the farm is set to be handed over in the coming years. Their son Andrea and Jeannine, as well as their daughter Corina and Andreas, will continue to run the business together in the future. While Andrea and Jeannine also run the Tijuana Bar in Davos, both couples are actively involved in the business's ongoing development.

Glenn – The Ancestor of Many Cattle Families

Thanks to Glenn, the Schamaun farm became known worldwide. At first,

however, it didn't look as though this bull would go on to become such a success. Florian, however, had high hopes for him and put him to work as a natural breeding bull. When the first cattle began to show a very strong conformation, Swissgenetics took notice of the bull.
After several cows had already calved, Swissgenetics added the bull to its lineup. The demand was so high that Glenn wasn't available for long.

Pepita as a dairy cow

In addition to Glenn, several very well-known cows have also come from the Schamaun barn. Certainly one of the best known was Som's daughter Pepita. Florian bought Pepita at the 2008 IGBS sale as a bargain lot. She went on to win Agrischa 2012 and achieved many more successes at both the cantonal and national levels. Today, about 75 percent of the animals at Schamaun BS come from this family, thanks in part to the extensive use of embryo transfer.
It is particularly noteworthy that this line produces very high-performing animals with excellent udders. As a result, Pepita's offspring can often be seen in the show ring. Two top breeding lines – scoring 88 and 89 points – from Pepita and her Glenn daughter Gina have already been evaluated.

Moving the animals to the mountain pastures

The Schamauns spend a lot of time in the alpine pastures during the summer. Each year, 20 to 25 cows are brought to the private alp in Dischma to be milked there. The milk is then taken to the farm and sold to mooh from there. Andreas and Annamargreth Ambühl take their dairy cows and all their young cattle to summer pasture. Cows that calved late and are producing a lot of milk remain on the home farm. Alpine grazing is a top priority on the farm.

Health records from the veterinarian

As a Bruna Data-affiliated practice, Schamauns maintains its cow health records entirely digitally. This makes it much easier to keep track of the animals' health. Since last fall, the workload at Schamauns has been significantly reduced once again. The reason for this is the automatic exchange of health data. The health data entered by the veterinarian in the Diana Cloud veterinary practice management software is automatically transferred to BrunaNet. This ensures that everything is fully documented and clearly presented during inspections. This makes it easy to quickly check a cow's health history at any time.

The Schamauns team celebrates Alasko Alana's victory as Miss Agrischa 2024. Picture: Tina Gerber

Further information
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Company Profile

Florian & Silvia Schamaun, Landwasserstrasse 5A, 7270 Davos Platz

Elevation	1550 m above sea level M.
Area	64 ha, of which approximately 17 percent is organic farmland; private alp
Livestock	45 cows, 75 young animals, including 10–12 young stock from Heini Stricker
Breeding bulls	Brice, Defender, Kickoff, Lockdown, Magnum, Sarrazin, Cam, Kiro, Clint, Royce, Jay P, Elvis
Milk yield	2025 average: 8877 kg milk, 3.73 % fat, 3.53 % protein, ZZ 98, Pers. 92
Feeding	Vektor-TMR, consisting of grass/corn silage, hay/straw, alfalfa, sugar beets, corn meal, and protein
Milk buyer	Mooh, 420 000 kg
Staff	Farm managers Florian and Silvia (full-time), Andrea (full-time in the summer), with assistance from Jeannine Andreas Walker 100 %, with the help of his partner Corina Andreas Ambühl, part-time, mainly in the summer

Ursula Renner has been working as a milk inspector for the VZV Unterägeri for 35 years. Beat Iten is the president and liaison officer of this VZV.

Pictures: Braunvieh Schweiz

"You don't have to come from a farm to become a milk recorder"

ANNA-LOUISE SCHATT, Braunvieh Schweiz

When Ursula Renner pulls up in her car, the large picture of two brown cows on the hood immediately catches your eye. And when you talk to her, one thing becomes clear very quickly: Ursi loves cows! She works as a milk recorder for the Unterägeri Livestock Breeders' Association (VZV). Beat Iten is the president and liaison officer (LO) of the cooperative.

Even as a little girl, Ursi loved sitting next to the kids who came from the farm at school. The smell of the stable and the topics of conversation were a real draw for them. Beat grew up on the farm in Unterägeri. Even as a young boy, he dreamed of serving on the board of the livestock breeders' association.

Started as a milk recorder

Ursi didn't grow up on a farm, but she's always been fascinated by cows. And so it happened that she began helping out at a local dairy farm in her spare time. In 1990, the then-farm manager learned that the livestock cooperative was looking for a milk recorder. That's what he told Ursi, and she was immediately hooked.

At first, the farmers were skeptical that the slender, petite Ursi would even be able to lift the heavy milk cans and weigh the milk. However, as soon as they realized how resilient Ursi is, their skepticism began to fade.

Structural change is evident

A lot has changed in milk recording over the past 35 years. The barns were converted from tie-stall systems to free-stall systems, the number of cows per farm increased, and the cows are producing more milk.

Unlike in the past, many farms now use the AT4 method for weighing. So just once instead of twice, and no longer using a bucket, but more convenient milk measuring devices. There are also more and more robots.

"Plus, the barns are getting more and more spacious," Ursi says with a laugh. "More comfort for the cows, a little less for the milk recorder." However, if it's for the animal's well-being, Ursi is more than happy to put on an extra jacket.

Now in its second generation of farm managers

Ursi oversees seven farms. In almost all of these farms, the second generation is now serving as the manager. So she's known the farm managers since they were children. The atmosphere is friendly, and the breeders are happy to answer questions about current topics.

Working with the "most beautiful animal in the world" means a great deal to Ursi. It improves her quality of life, and she needs it. She enjoys working with the other milk recorders at the cooperative, and they help one another.

Goal: Wake up every breeder once

Ursis' goal is to catch every breeder sleeping at least once and have to wake them up. This has worked for almost everyone at some point. This happened regularly in the summer at a farm that practiced alpine farming. But Ursi knew what was going on and had already gotten everything ready in the barn. The breeder had faith in her. One morning, however, the bull was loose in the barn, so Ursi decided to wait for the breeder after all.

What qualifications must a milk recorder have?

According to Ursi, to be a milk recorder, you have to enjoy working with livestock and not be afraid of getting dirty. Plus, you have to get up early. This work can be done by both men and women. And as Ursi's example shows, you don't need a background in agriculture. If you're interested, she recommends accompanying an experienced milk recorder on a visit. That way, you'll quickly realize whether you enjoy your work.

Beat Iten: President and Liaison Officer of the VZV Unterägeri

Beat Iten has been a member of the VZV Unterägeri board for several years. In 2020, he took on the role of liaison officer, and since 2021, he has also served as president. Now that he has taken on the role of liaison officer, he is responsible for the three milk inspectors at VZG. Beat is fortunate that they work together very well and handle many matters among themselves.

It's quiet at the VZV. Almost all breeders attended the general meeting, and everyone also participated in the anniversary show. The milk recorders have written to the farmers. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Sharing the joy of Brown Swiss

Beat is eager to share his love for the brown cow with his colleagues. At this year's annual general meeting, he organized a presentation by Braunvieh Schweiz. In addition, the VZV organizes an outing every winter. If he has any questions, Beat can count on Braunvieh Schweizfor help. He also has a lot of information available on BrunaNet.

Beat runs the Oberfuren farm in Unterägeri together with his wife Nadine. They milk 30 purebred Brown Swiss cows and keep a few bulls for breeding. The farm also has a few laying hens, horses, and Bernese Mountain Dogs. Beat and Nadine sell many of their products directly through the farm stand.

Cow Collection

Ursi and Beat have known each other ever since Beat was a little boy. He, too, is part of the second generation that Ursi visits for milk testing. When he was a little boy, Beat used a jigsaw to cut out a wooden cow for Ursi and gave it to her; they both remember it well. This cow was a perfect fit for Ursi's collection. Her entire apartment is decorated with cows. She owns several hundred figurines.

Responsibilities of a liaison officer

An overview of the main tasks:
- Organization of milk yield testing
- Supervision of milk inspectors
- On-site visits to members, if necessary
- Report changes of address and changes in management
- Member support
- Organizing events at the VZG/VZV
- Sale of services
- Recruiting new members
- Contact person for the VZG/VZV
- Breed Promotion

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100 000 kg milk award

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Jost Gisler's Vigor CAFINA
CH 120.0896.4936.4 birth: 22.12.10 **2DL
13L 101 160 kg LP 3.93 % 3.43 % 18.1 kg M/day of life
LC 86-91-91/92-92/90 8.L
O: Gisler Jost, Erstfeld UR
B: Gisler Jost sen., Erstfeld UR

Easy ARONIA
CH 120.0610.2886.6 birth: 24.09.13 *
8L 102 037 kg LP 3.76 % 3.06 % 22.7 kg M/day of life
LC 80-81-81/86-86/83 1.L
O: Beerli Adrian, Ottoberg TG
B: Beerli Werner, Ottoberg TG

ETTERLIN'S BS Brookings VALERIE-ET
CH 120.1097.3080.5 birth: 11.06.14 *2DL
9L 102 204 kg LP 4.01 % 3.46 % 23.8 kg M/day of life
LC 89-93-86/86-91/88 3.L
O: Etterlin René, Obfelden ZH
B: Etterlin Alfred + René, Obfelden ZH

SEPVORUSWIL Tango TARZA
CH 120.1027.3536.4 birth: 13.04.12 *2DL
10L 100163 kg LP 4.19 % 3.55 % 19.7 kg M/day of life
LC 77-80-82/82-78/80 1.L
O: Müller Alois, Walchwil ZG
B: Vogel-Hermann Sepp, Ruswil LU

William BV WILMA
CH 120.1047.1187.8 birth: 07.09.12 F73 *2DL
11L 102 134 kg LP 4.16 % 3.5 % 20.6 kg M/day of life
LC 81-84-80/80-79/81 1.L
O: Wildhaber Romeo, Schocherswil TG
B: Bleisch Roland, Flumserberg Bergheim SG

Kai ZEDER **OB**
CH 120.1023.9490.5 birth: 09.07.12 **3DL
12L 100265 kg LP 3.67 % 3.33 % 20.0 kg M/day of life
LC 84-82-76/82-85/81 1.L
E and B: Schärer Erich-Anton, Oetwil am See ZH

Alibaba AMANDA
CH 120.0844.0810.2 birth: 28.10.10 F77 *3DL
11L 100958 kg LP 4.05 % 3.57 % 17.9 kg M/day of life
LC 89-80-94/94-90/91 5.L
O: Zellweger Reto + Ernst, Urnäsch AR
B: Zellweger Ernst, Urnäsch AR

Eichahof Zeus Us EICHE
CH 120.0896.4142.9 birth: 15.12.10 *2DL
10L 100330 kg LP 3.98 % 3.39 % 18.3 kg M/day of life
LC 78-80-83/83-83/81 1.L
O: Mösli Thomas, Grub AR
B: Freuler Walter, Maienfeld GR

William BV DORIS
CH 120.0640.2952.5 birth: 01.04.13 *2DL
9L 101 131 kg LP 4.21 % 3.53 % 21.2 kg M/day of life
LC 87-83-85/86-94/86 4.L
E and B: Müller Fredi, Stein AR

Blooming MIRA
CH 120.1048.6356.0 birth: 25.08.12 *2DL
10L 100900 kg LP 4.24 % 3.61 % 20.3 kg M/day of life
E and B: Roduner Hansueli, Speicher AR

Muff Sw. Power Vigor VALENCIA
CH 120.1133.5540.7 birth: 14.04.14 F79 *2DL
9L 100313 kg LP 3.91 % 3.48 % 23.0 kg M/day of life
LC 86-88-93/92-88/90 7.L
E and B: Muff Guido & Sylvia, Grosswangen LU

Grossmatt OB Hohenstein HALMA **OB**
CH 120.0827.0385.8 birth: 09.07.10 **2DL
12L 100464 kg LP 4.08 % 3.46 % 17.5 kg M/day of life
LC 95-94-94/88-94/92 3.L
E and B: Bühlmann-Widmer Franz, Rothenburg LU

Häcki BS Present ZINIA
CH 120.1129.1361.5 birth: 01.11.14 *2DL
7L 114 085 kg LP 3.59 % 3.53 % 27.3 kg M/day of life
O: Räss Andreas, Andwil SG
B: Häcki Josef, Pfäffikon SZ

Ackermann's BS Payssli PILZLI
CH 120.1060.4019.8 birth: 26.10.13 *2DL
7L 101701 kg LP 3.89 % 3.52 % 22.4 kg M/day of life
LC 79-79-80/82-83/81 1.L
E and B: Ackermann Hansruedi, Wittenbach SG

Booster SELINA
CH 120.0841.0854.5 birth: 06.10.09 **2DL
14L 100 680 kg LP 3.91 % 3.41 % 16.7 kg M/day of life
O: GG Strassmann Urs + Patrick, Mosnang SG
B: Strassmann Urs, Mosnang SG

Knaus Luaster LEANA
CH 120.1102.3157.5 birth: 08.12.13 *2DL
9L 103 457 kg LP 3.69 % 3.57 % 23.0 kg M/day of life
LC 83-86-83/84-84/84 1.L
E and B: Knaus Hansruedi, Wattwil SG

Eric SEREINA
CH 120.1051.5784.2 birth: 17.12.12 *2DL
8L 100 201 kg LP 4.34 % 3.39 % 20.6 kg M/day of life
LC 79-79-79/79-85/80 1.L
E and B: Hähni Markus, Langrickenbach TG

Bollhalder's Ippo NOEL
CH 120.1119.3393.5 birth: 21.12.13 *3DL
9L 102 558 kg LP 3.91 % 3.26 % 22.8 kg M/day of life
LC 84-77-77/81-84/81 1.L
E and B: Bollhalder Hanspeter, Unterwasser SG

More Than Milk Queen

HUGO STUDHALTER, Braunvieh Schweiz

At Braunvieh Schweiz, all cows with a yield of 10 000 kg fat and protein are honored separately. They bear the title "More Than Milk Queen".

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Alive

Alibaba BEA 2
Martin Bernhard, Hettlingen ZH

Date of birth	27.11.2010
kg fat/protein	**10 043 kg**
Ø fat %	3.94 %
Ø protein %	3.78 %
Lifetime production	130 186 kg Milk
Milk per day of life	23.6 kg
Ø lactation performance	12 282 kg Milk
Highest lactation performance	13 962 kg Milk 4. Lact.
Number of calvings	5
LC	79-80-79/85-83/81 G+ 1. Lact.
Pedigree	Alibaba x Parko x Ernesto
Breeder	Giatgen Jegher, Mulegns GR

Alive

Sunehof Jensam URANIA * F78
Franz Abächerli, Hausen a.A. ZH

Date of birth	25.06.2012
kg fat/protein	**10 311 kg**
Ø fat %	3.49 %
Ø protein %	3.23 %
Lifetime production	153 398 kg Milk
Milk per day of life	30.4 kg
Ø lactation performance	13 507 kg Milk
Highest lactation performance	15 321 kg Milk 6. Lact.
Number of calvings	9
LC	82-81-82/81-86/82 G+ 1. Lact.
Pedigree	Jensam x Huray x Trekboy
Breeder	Franz Abächerli, Hausen am Albis ZH

Departed 24.03.2026

Alonso AROSA 3DL*
Reto Niederberger, Küssnacht a.R. SZ

Date of birth	20.12.2009
kg fat/protein	**10 054 kg**
Ø fat %	4.33 %
Ø protein %	3.70 %
Lifetime production	125 231 kg Milk
Milk per day of life	21.1 kg
Ø lactation performance	9 475 kg Milk
Highest lactation performance	10 907 kg Milk 3. Lact.
Number of calvings	11
LC	95-95-89/90-96/92 EX 3. Lact.
Pedigree	Alonso x Eagle x Collection
Breeder	Werner Niederberger, Küssnacht am Rigi SZ

First woman on the board of Braunvieh Schweiz

JÖRG HÄHNI, Braunvieh Schweiz

The Delegates' Assembly of Braunvieh Schweiz was once again held in Baar. That somewhat "magical" date (April 1) marked the first time in history that a woman joined the board of Braunvieh Schweiz. All agenda items were approved unanimously.

Franziska Duss, the first woman to represent the canton of Lucerne, and Alfred Andergg (a breeder of OB cattle and a bull owner) representing the canton of Bern, are welcomed to the board of Braunvieh Schweiz by President Adrian Arnold and Director Martin Rust. Pictures: Braunvieh Schweiz

A total of 429 delegates and 85 guests attended the General Assembly. In his opening remarks, Braunvieh President Adrian Arnold described the following situation: "In Switzerland, the attacks on agriculture show no sign of stopping." During the spring session, lawmakers succeeded in passing the Federal Council's proposed austerity package, totaling 259 million to largely avert the burden on farming families in Parliament. "That amounts to over 5000 francs per farm over many years, because the financing of AP2030 will be based on this figure." He strongly emphasized the importance of strong representation in the next Parliament from 2027–31: "It will be crucial for the shaping of AP2030+ and thus directly for the future of our farms, milk production, and cattle farming in Switzerland."

Finally, President Adrian Arnold thanked all Brown Swiss breeders, all stakeholders, and all employees for their dedication to the well-being of the Brown Swiss cow.

Projects in 2025/2026

All items on the agenda were approved unanimously. The annual financial statements closed with a slight profit. The association continues to stand on a very solid foundation. Director Martin Rust provided an update on current projects.

Animals and owners with a lifetime production of over 125,000–150,000 kg, as well as Fitness Star, to be honored at the General Assembly in Zug on April 1, 2026

Name	TVD-Nb.	Date of Birth	Lact.-Nb	LP Milk kg	Breed	Father	Owner	Location	LP or Fitness Star
ROWENA	CH 120.0591.7647.0	24.03.2008	12	155 468	BS	TAU	Süess Emanuel	Waldkirch	150 000
URANIA	CH 120.0629.4266.6	25.06.2012	9	152 430	BS	JENSAM	Abächerli Franz	Hausen am Albis	150 000
KERA	CH 120.0786.4253.6	31.01.2009	8	152 186	BS	AGIO-ET	Ackermann David	Tuttwil	150 000
PIERA-ET	CH 120.0933.7504.4	15.07.2011	8	150 206	BS	GLENN-ET	GG Bachmann	Seewen SO	150 000
ALINE	CH 120.1015.7524.4	19.02.2012	8	135 729	BS	ALIBABA	Comm. de la Palhud	Villars-Champvent	125 000
SANTANA	CH 120.1116.5928.6	07.04.2014	7	135 415	BS	JOE-ET	Beerli Urs	Bichelsee	125 000
WALDI	CH 120.0836.4869.1	05.04.2010	11	132 735	BS	PIRLO	Suter Markus	Ried (Muotathal)	125 000
DIANA	CH 120.0704.2101.6	26.08.2008	11	132 264	BS	DAITAN	Heeb-Muntwyler Michael	Rüthi (Rheintal)	125 000
GRAZIA-ET	CH 120.0760.9643.0	12.08.2009	12	132 253	BS	TAU	Florin Georg	Serneus	125 000
PINGA	CH 120.0914.0267.4	23.12.2010	12	131 263	BS	HURAY	Stadelmann Kurt	Rengg	125 000
PALME	CH 120.0900.2939.1	18.07.2010	12	131 053	BS	ERIC	Blöchlinger Erwin	Goldingen	125 000
PEPSI	CH 120.0914.4219.9	31.12.2010	9	130 969	BS	PETER-ET	Schild Simon	Ottoberg	125 000
BARBI	CH 120.0936.8826.7	01.07.2011	9	130 830	OB	HOLD	Looser Niklaus	Ulisbach	125 000
FLORA	CH 120.0927.9417.4	29.01.2011	10	130 702	BS	WURL-ET	Scherrer Hansueli + Andrea	Neukirch (Egnach)	125 000
RIVALTA	CH 120.0906.5656.6	31.08.2011	13	130 613	BS	JONGLEUR-ET	Bischof Franz	Fischingen	125 000
LORI	CH 120.1005.4390.9	10.12.2012	8	130 491	BS	WILLIAM BV	Schweizer Thomas	Egg (Flawil)	125 000
BERNINA	CH 120.1006.8958.4	29.08.2012	10	130 039	BS	VIGOR-ET	Plantahof	Landquart	125 000
RAGUSA	CH 120.0969.7056.7	21.01.2012	8	129 510	BS	TANGO-ET	Keller Rolf	Neukirch a.d. Thur	125 000
MALIN	CH 120.1009.6223.6	18.04.2012	9	129 324	BS	WILLIAM BV	Kamm Daniel	Vilters	125 000
MAIA	CH 120.0782.2774.0	04.01.2009	14	128 583	BS	DINO	Krüsi Stefan	Wolfhalden	125 000
REGINA	CH 120.0374.2135.6	30.12.2007	13	128 571	BS	TAU	Scherrer Hansueli + Andrea	Neukirch (Egnach)	125 000
ENZIAN	CH 120.0438.9133.4	20.10.2004	14	128 493	BS	RAMPAS	Hofer Samuel	Langnau i. E.	125 000
SENTA	CH 120.0775.3558.7	19.11.2009	11	127 570	BS	AGIO-ET	GG Elmer	Ricken SG	125 000
KAROLIN	CH 120.1099.6508.5	08.12.2013	9	127 349	BS	NIRVANA	Hähni Thomas	Langrickenbach	125 000
MONA	CH 120.0913.1207.2	13.03.2011	12	127 294	BS	VASIR	Zahner Thomas	Henau	125 000
CAFINA	CH 120.0963.0477.5	02.10.2011	10	127 157	BS	CAFINO	Hodel-Schuler Thomas	Schötz	125 000
PAMINA	CH 120.0739.6274.5	04.11.2008	8	127 072	BS	PIXTON	Pua-Wittmer Jon	Sent	125 000
PALME	CH 120.0305.8558.1	14.08.2008	13	126 891	BS	PICARD-ET	Zurfluh Thomas	Richenthal	125 000
MARA	CH 120.0689.0310.4	02.05.2008	14	126 886	BS	SEBASTIAN	Lütolf Peter	Bischofszell	125 000
PEPITA	CH 120.0674.9698.0	18.10.2008	13	126 738	BS	PAT-ET	Piechl Martin	Istighofen	125 000
ELAIA	CH 120.0884.3015.4	01.06.2010	13	126 096	BS	PETER-ET	Etter Markus	Langrickenbach	125 000
LENA	CH 120.0826.7883.5	06.09.2009	11	126 096	BS	VENDETTA-ET	Gsell Daniel	Egnach	125 000
CINDY	CH 120.0704.6221.7	23.02.2008	11	126 061	BS	CAPO	Riebli-Abächerli Toni	Giswil	125 000
BERGIT	CH 120.0925.9168.1	09.12.2010	12	125 920	BS	HURAY	Hürlimann Andreas	Berg SG	125 000
FANY	AT 217941218.7	08.10.2011	7	125 844	BS	ANGELO	Lanker Hansueli	Waldstatt	125 000
PAULINE	CH 120.0741.4261.0	08.11.2008	10	125 817	BS	PAUL-ET	Wildhaber Romeo	Schocherswil	125 000
JAMAICA	CH 120.0526.5492.0	04.02.2007	13	125 812	BS	JOLDEN-ET	BG Grob-Staub	Hausen am Albis	125 000
FINETTE	CH 120.0761.7372.8	15.08.2009	13	125 722	BS	IRONPUNCH	Röthlin Robert	Hauptwil	125 000
PINA	CH 120.0611.3033.0	16.02.2007	14	125 535	BS	BALLISTIC-ET	Müller Hanspeter	Muri AG	125 000
MADLEN	CH 120.0912.4239.3	07.10.2010	11	125 345	BS	ZASTER-ET	Ladhueb Brown Swiss	Lömmenschwil	125 000
ELFE	CH 120.0470.7932.5	26.12.2005	15	125 292	BS	ELEVATION	Odermatt-Murer Ueli	Ennetmoos	125 000
AROSA	CH 120.0847.6995.1	20.12.2009	11	125 231	BS	ALONSO	Reto Niederberger	Küssnacht am Rigi	125 000
GRACY	CH 120.0838.9051.9	15.05.2010	11	125 115	BS	PELUX-ET	Süess Emanuel	Waldkirch	125 000
VICOLA	CH 120.0660.7756.2	16.08.2008	13	125 114	BS	VIGOR-ET	Frauenthal BLG	Hagendorn	125 000
MUERIELLE	CH 120.1099.6499.6	21.10.2013	10	113 713	BS	PAYSSLI-ET	Hähni Thomas	Langrickenbach	Fitness Star Valley
DIVA	CH 120.1250.3171.9	19.05.2016	8	89 676	BS	GRIMM	Eugster Wendelin	Urnäsch	Fitness Star Mountain

In 2025 and 2026, the following major Brown Swiss projects were and are being implemented:

- Introduction of the single-step method in breeding value estimation
- Attended the BV World Congress in Colombia, where the Presidium was elected and the next World Congress was scheduled to be held, featuring the European Exhibition and BRUNA 2028
- LBE update with important changes to the Frame, Pelvis, Foundation, Udder, and Teats sections
- Controlling / Review of the 2030 Strategy
- 2026 European Congress plus a project on joint breeding value estimation for Brown Swiss in Europe

Naturally, some projects have been and continue to be developed and implemented in collaboration with our closest external partners – swissherdbook, Holstein Switzerland, and Mutterkuh Schweiz – as well as Swissgenetics, Suisselab, and Qualitas.

New Board Members

The canton of Lucerne is gaining a new representative on the board in the form of Franziska Duss from Escholzmatt – notably, the first woman in the 129-year history of Braunvieh Schweiz. She is replacing Josef Portmann, who, after nearly 12 years on the board – including 10 years on the executive committee – stepped down due to age after serving as a dedicated VS member in a key role. Sepp was a dedicated board member, an active Brown Swiss cattle breeder, and president of both the Lucerne Cantonal Association and the VZG. He has long served as an LBE expert for Braunvieh Schweiz and will resume this role in the fall.

Franziska Duss is a teacher and counselor at the LBBZ Schluechthof in Cham. Among

other things, she served as managing director of Braunvieh Luzern for 10 years and was a member of the IGBS board for many years. Today, she is best known as a dedicated BS breeder and the manager of her own farm in Escholzmatt. The agronomist (FH) runs a farm in Mountain Zone 1 with about 25 cows plus heifers.
Christian Zürcher of Trubschachen, a longstanding board member, is also stepping down. The Bernese BS breeder has been a strong advocate for promoting the breed in the canton of Bern, particularly through the annual sales event in Schüpbach. He was an active supplier of Brown Swiss cows there and is still regarded today within the canton of Bern as an active promoter of the Brown Swiss breed.
He is being replaced by Alfred Anderegg from Meiringen, another Original Brown breeder. The master farmer runs a 48-hectare farm with his wife Judith and their four children, including Alp. They currently have 46 dairy cows, plus calves and several bulls. In addition, they keep bees and goats, and the family is involved in forage production, crop farming, alpine farming, forestry, and direct sales

Outstanding achievements and various honors

Deputy Director Andreas Kocher honored the owners of cows with a lifetime milk yield of more than 125 000 kg, respectively 150 000 kg of milk. An impressive 44 cows (4 of which produced more than 150 000 kg) achieved this milk yield. In addition, one prize each was awarded for the "Fitness Star" in the mountain and valley categories.
As a final tribute, long-time employees Martin Romann (Senior Inspector, MLP) and Franziska Rechsteiner (Herd Book Clerk) were honored and bid farewell. At the conclusion of the meeting, Deputy Director Andreas Kocher gave a brief presentation on the new and current breeding goal for 2031.

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The honored owners of LL cows that produced over 125,000 and 150,000 kg of milk, as well as the two "Fitness Stars" Berg and Tal, each received an award for their cows' performance.

The two outgoing members of the Executive Committee, Josef Portmann and Christian Zürcher, were bid farewell by Adrian Arnold and Martin Rust.

Martin Romann (Senior Auditor at MLP) took his well-deserved retirement at the end of December 2025. Franziska Rechsteiner (herd book administrator) will retire at the end of July 2026. In the center is Luzia Bieri, the Brown Swiss Queen, who is stepping down this fall.

News

A five-generation family of cows in Haldi near Schattdorf

HUGO STUDHALTER, BRAUNVIEH SCHWEIZ

At the Brown Swiss farm Figstuhl in Haldi, high above Schattdorf, there is a family of cows spanning five generations.
Photo (from left): Alois and Brigitte Bissig-Stadler with their foundation cow Jongleur Ines F82 (born 2010, 13 calvings, 95 206 kg of milk, 3.79 % fat, 3.08 % protein, 130 cell count), daughter Andrea by Blooming Bella (born 2017, 7 calvings, 44 897 kg milk, 3.88 % fat, 3.32 % protein, 65 calvings), son of Tobias by Fact Palma (born 2019, 4 calvings, 24 767 kg milk, 4.11 % fat, 3.23 % protein, 34 lactations), son of Matthias and Pete Piora (born 2023, 1st lactation: 22.7 kg milk, 3.47 % fat, 2.81 % protein, 46 days dry) and her heifer calf Brice Paola (born (2025) with Tamara, Melanie, and Bettina, along with their two children, Mauro and Noe. Congratulations on these fit and healthy Brown Swiss cows.

Picture: Braunvieh Switzerland

News

Four cows that have produced 100 000 liters of milk each at the Lindenhof in Watt, Zurich

HUGO STUDHALTER, BRAUNVIEH SCHWEIZ

At the Lindenhof farm in Watt, near Zurich, the Frei family – Matthias and Claudia – have four cows in their barn, each with a lifetime milk yield of over 100 000 kg.
Photo (from left): Daughter Ladina and wife Claudia with Acevio Ariane (born 2009, 13 calvings, 106 780 kg of milk, 4.56 % fat, 3.71 % protein), Katja Maurer and her mother Hermine Frei with Alibaba Sina (born 2010, 13 calvings, 102 321 kg of milk, 4.23 % fat, 3.76 % protein), sire Hans Frei by Denzo Chenoa (born 2012, 10 calvings, 102 843 kg of milk, 3.94 % fat, 3.82 % protein) and farm manager Matthias Frei with his son Tim and William BV Pearl (born 2012, 9 calvings, 102 911 kg of milk, 4.06 % fat, 3.31 % protein).
Congratulations on these high-performing, high-yielding, and healthy Brown Swiss cows.

Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

Masters Champion Cadalbert's Pete Nozza, owned by Matthias and Melanie Vitali of Olivone. Pictures: Braunvieh Schweiz

Nozza shines in Cazis

MELANIE FANGER, Braunvieh Schweiz

On Saturday, March 28, 2026, the best of the Brown Swiss breeding community gathered at the well-attended Bündner Arena in Cazis for the fourth Brown Swiss Masters. Mäderhof's Phil Gerda and Cadalbert's Pete Nozza went home as the big winners.

The excitement for this year's Brown Swiss Masters was already palpable in the run-up to the event. The fourth edition of the well-known exhibition in Graubünden attracted more animals than ever before. In addition, the organizing committee led by President Matthias Süess held its first-ever sale featuring attractive deals.

Gerda Becomes Junior Champion

The quality of the first-calf heifers was extremely high. So Judge Markus Tischhauser didn't have an easy job in the ring. But one stood out above the rest: Gerda, the daughter of Phil, owned by Kevin and Maya Züger of Vorderthal, Schwyz. In the championship competition, she prevailed over Süess Top Dobry Byk Blanca, owned by Tres Durrer of Kerns, Obwalden, and Klettenhof Biniam Petronella, owned by Christian Schneider of Schwendi, St. Gallen. The Schöneuter Junior title went to Roffler's Phil Toscana, owned by Thomas Roffler-Flütsch of Grüsch, GR. The runner-up was the Junior Reserve champion Blanca, followed by Rocky Betty, owned by Ezio Pedrini of Airolo, TI, in third place.

Auction cows with distinguished pedigrees

Right after the heifers, things moved quickly with the first Masters Sale in Cazis. The first Sarazzin calf in Switzerland was sold under lot number 1: Shorley, owned by Sandro Huser from Necker. Also up for auction were female offspring of well-known cows such as Bays Vanessa, Virestar Nischa, Phil Pinia, and Phil Toscana, who had recently been crowned udder junior champion.

Bearing the number 6, M & M's Cyrus Baila – a daughter of the current European Show Champion Felder's BS Besco Beluah – entered the ring. The animal owned by Matthias and Fränzi Süess of Andwil, St. Gallen, sold for 15 600 francs. The final bid set the day's highest price, serving as the grand finale. Cabalzar's Swizzero Berna, the first daughter of the udder champion at the 2024 European Show in Imst, 2024 Swiss Classic champion, and 2025 IGBS champion, changed hands for 16 000 francs with Renzo's BS Brice Bernice. The average price of all animals sold was 6800 francs.

Nora prevails over her competitors for the udder title

Julius Nora, owned by Walter Rechsteiner of Bächli (Hemberg), SG, went one better after finishing second in the division last

year. As the fourth-place finisher in her division, she was eligible to compete in the udder competition in the medium-sized cow category, where she sensationally claimed victory. Second place went to Bays Vanessa, owned by Jan Beer and Oliver Lehmann from Olivone, Ticino; third place went to G-Wal Brice Lamba, owned by Ueli Tischhauser from Oberschan, St. Gallen.

In the udder class for older cows, the 2022 Swiss Classic champion, Phil Estell owned by Martin Wallimann of Alpnach Dorf, OW, prevailed over the runner-up, Pedrini Top TI Pete Baltika owned by Ueli Tischhauser of Oberschan, SG, and DOLF BS Silverstar Tracy owned by Kevin and Maya Züger of Vorderthal, SZ.

Junior Champion Mäderhof's Phil Gerda, owned by Kevin and Maya Züger of Vorderthal, Schwyz.

Ticino's Dominance in the Championship

Last year, two cows from Renzo Blumenthal's herd in Vella, Graubünden – the champion cow NZ's Saas BS Calvin Palmira and the honorable mention Cabalzar's Swizzero Berna – took the podium.

This year, the runner-up from last year's Masters and defending champion at this year's Giubiespo, Cadalbert's Pete Nozza, owned by Matthias and Melanie Vitali of Olivone, TI, took the top spot in the rankings. The beauty described as EX90 (EU 92) in her second lactation prevailed over Phil Estell, the beautiful udder winner among the older cows, and Bays Vanessa, the beautiful udder runner-up among the

Table 1: Division Winners of the 2026 Brown Swiss Masters

Diiv..	Name	Owner	Location
1	ETTERLIN'S BS Cavral LORIKA	René Etterlin	Obfelden ZH
2	Jeffrey LISA	Ueli Tischhauser	Oberschan SG
3	Calvin TINA	Marco Wildhaber	Flumserberg Bergheim SG
4	Biniam BLÜEMLI	Ezio Pedrini	Airolo TI
5	Klettenhof Biniam PETRONELLA	Christian Schneider	Schwendi SG
6	Süess Top Dobry Byk BLANCA	Tres Durrer	Kerns OW
7	Roffler's Phil TOSCANA	Thomas Roffler-Flütsch	Grüsch GR
8	Mäderhof's Phil GERDA	Kevin + Maya Züger	Vorderthal SZ
9	Owen OLIVIA	GG Plattenbach	Muotathal SZ
10	Häcki's Top Barca BINEILA	Karl Häcki	Hausen am Albis ZH
11	Taddei Top TI Owen GAIA	Danilo e figli Taddei	Leontica TI
12	Jörg Scherrer's Bormio HALISHA	Christian Schneider	Schwendi SG
13	Bays VANESSA	Jan Beer + Oliver Lehmann	Olivone TI
14	Cadalbert's Pete NOZZA	Matthias e Melanie Vitali	Olivone TI
15	Florin's Lennox LATHINIA	Georg Florin	Serneus GR
16	Schirmer's Lennox WONJA	Roman Schirmer	Goldingen SG
17	Phil ESTELL	Martin Wallimann	Alpnach Dorf OW
18	Salomon LUCI	Philipp Zweifel	Linthal GL

The breeders of Ticino are overjoyed by their successes.

Table 2: Highest milk yields (1st lactation) and More than Milk Awards (2nd lactation and beyond)

Div.	Name	Owner	Location	Highest milk weight
	Highest milk yields			
1	Rechsteiner's BS Juri NATASCHA	Walter Rechsteiner	Bächli (Hemberg) SG	37.2 kg
2	Abtop Huge Sg SINDARELLA	Josef Fässler-Wyss	Weissbad AI	33.7 kg
3	Lädi's Biniam BIENE	Josef Fässler-Wyss	Weissbad AI	32.5 kg
4	MERZENBERG Pete ANNABELL	Marco Wildhaber	Flumserberg Bergheim SG	32.5 kg
5	Fontana Top TI Pete MARLA	Giuseppe Fontana	Prato (Leventina)	38.5 kg
6	Schafflützel Dobry Byk ALBERTA	Jann Deflorin + Aline Tüfer	Zürich ZH	40.0 kg
7	Roffler's Phil TOSCANA	Thomas Roffler-Flütsch	Grüsch GR	34.5 kg
8	Biniam BABET	Andreas Schmid	Küblis GR	35.2 kg
9	Bormio DELEILA	Albert Peter	Lienz SG	49.3 kg
	More Than Milk Award			
10	G-Wal Brice LAMBA ETTERLIN'S BS Capuchino ULLA	Ueli Tischhauser René Etterlin	Oberschan SG Obfelden ZH	
12	Brice BLUEMOON	Hansueli Jakober-Gasser	Ramersberg OW	
13	Bays VANESSA Schirmer's Pete ALENKA	Jan Beer + Oliver Lehmann Roman Schirmer	Olivone TI Goldingen SG	
14	Rechsteiner's BS Julius NORA Brice BELLA-COCO	Walter Rechsteiner Damian Arnold-Arnold	Bächli (Hemberg) SG Schattdorf UR	
15	Gula BS Chech Sg ZIRDA	Andri Bosshard	Davos Dorf GR	
16	Gislerwaid Jongleur ATHENA	Ueli Tischhauser	Oberschan SG	
17	Cadalbert's Dynamite ORCA	Samuel Cadalbert	Lantsch/Lenz GR	
18	Jaguar SIENA	Martin Wallimann	Alpnach Dorf OW	

middle-aged cows, in the competition for the coveted champion title.

Few changes among the top exhibitors and breeders

As in the previous year, Samuel Cadalbert from Lantsch/Lenz, Graubünden, was named the best breeder. Rounding out the podium were two Ticino-based farms: Fontana-Jelmini from Prato (Leventina) and Taddei Danilo e figli from Leontica. The owners of the champion cow, Matthias and Melanie Vitali, were named best exhibitors, ahead of the two from St. Christian Schneider from Schwendi and Ueli Tischhauser from Oberschan.

Table 3: Winners of the Beauty and Champion Contests

Rank	Name	Owner	Location
Best udder Junior			
1	Roffler's Phil TOSCANA	Thomas Roffler-Flütsch	Grüsch GR
2	Süess Top Dobry Byk BLANCA	Tres Durrer	Kerns OW
3	Rocky BETTY	Ezio Pedrini	Airolo TI
Best udder Medium			
1	Rechsteiner's BS Julius NORA	Walter Rechsteiner	Bächli (Hemberg) SG
2	Bays VANESSA	Jan Beer + Oliver Lehmann	Olivone TI
3	G-Wal Brice LAMBA	Ueli Tischhauser	Oberschan SG
Best udder Old			
1	Phil ESTELL	Martin Wallimann	Alpnach Dorf OW
2	Pedrini Top TI Pete BALTIKA	Ueli Tischhauser	Oberschan SG
3	DOLF BS Silverstar TRACY	Kevin + Maya Züger	Voderthal SZ
Junior-Champion			
1	Mäderhof's Phil GERDA	Kevin + Maya Züger	Voderthal SZ
2	Süess Top Dobry Byk BLANCA	Tres Durrer	Kerns OW
3	Klettenhof Biniam PETRONELLA	Christian Schneider	Schwendi SG
Champion			
1	Cadalbert's Pete NOZZA	Matthias e Melanie Vitali	Olivone TI
2	Phil ESTELL	Martin Wallimann	Alpnach Dorf OW
3	Bays VANESSA	Jan Beer + Oliver Lehmann	Olivone TI

Renzo's Brice Bernice changed hands for 16 000 francs.

Top Breeders: 1st Place Samuel Cadalbert, 2nd Place Fontana-Jelmini, 3rd Place Taddei Danilo and Sons.

Germany: The Best of the Best

JOSEF BERCHTOLD, Brown Swiss Cattle Breeding

The winners at the German Brown Swiss Show (from left): Reserve Champion Fanfare Tjara, Grand Champion Pete Wald, and Honorable Mention Levi Fevi. Picture: Josef Berchtold

Under the motto "The Best of the Best," the German Brown Swiss Show took place at the Breeding and Marketing Center in Unterthingau. For first-calf cows, eligibility required a minimum milk yield of 28 kg and a total merit index of 112, which is roughly one standard deviation above the average.

Swiss judge Josef Portmann selected his winners from a total of 115 cows. The Schüpfheim breeder chose as Grand Champion a cow that has also been well-known in Switzerland for the past two years: Wald von Stockingen Dairy, a daughter of Pete, won the udder title for all first-calf cows at the 2024 European Show in Imst. The Reserve Champion is a powerful fifth-calf cow: Tjara, a daughter of Fanfare, owned by Martin and Ines Sichler from Blaichach. The Honorable Mention, also owned by Stockingen Dairy, is Fevi, a daughter of Levi, in her third lactation.

Owen Jamaica offers the complete package

Among the first-calf cows, an Owen daughter took the top spot: Fanta, owned by Stefan Achberger of Scheidegg, won the title ahead of Tina, a Nathan daughter owned by Fuchs GbR, and Jamaika, an Owen daughter owned by Christof Bentele of Grünkraut. With her strong conformation, 34.1 kg of milk yield, and a total merit index of 127, this cow offers a complete package.

The udder title for young cows went to Ilana, a daughter of Rocky, owned by Sauter GbR of Bad Wurzach. She is the half-sister of the breeding bull AG Disco. Among the multiparous cows, one cow stood out with an udder that would rank among the very best internationally: Wolke, a daughter of Bormio, owned by Richard Schindele of Unterthingau.

An average of over 15 000 kg

The national show was rounded out by a class of OB cows and a strong division featuring eight cows with a lifetime milk yield of over 100 000 kg. Right at the front here: Nixe, a daughter of Hebron, owned by Michael Schmaus from Rot an der Rot. This cow also impresses with an average milk yield of 15 143 kg, containing 4.33 % fat and 3.77 % protein. She was surpassed by a cow from the same farm, which also won the Genetics Award with a TMI of 136: Laela, a Dane daughter, has an average milk yield of 16 181 kg with 4.40 % fat and 3.72 % protein. In the young cow category, the Genetics Award went to a cow with outstanding first-lactation performance: Nanika, a daughter of New York from Lindenhof Meyer in Buchloe, has a TMI of 134 and finished her first lactation with 11,823 kg of milk, containing 3.92 % fat and 3.41 % protein.

Hans-Jakob Telli with his son Maurus and girlfriend Livia Meier on the occasion of their big win with Telli's Defender Omega at the 2024 European Show. Picture: KeLeKi

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"Braunvieh bi dä Lüüt" at Telli's Brown Swiss

ROMAN ZURFLUH, Braunvieh Schweiz

On Friday, May 8, 2026, "Braunvieh bi dä Lüüt" will make a stop at the Telli family's top-rated Brown Swiss breeding farm in Trin Mulin. The event features several highlights, including a farm tour showcasing top-class national cattle, a presentation of the Fantastic Caly breeding line, and a chance to socialize and exchange ideas about Brown Swiss cattle breeding.

The Telli family's Brown Swiss cattle farm in Trin Mulin, Graubünden, has been well known throughout Switzerland for many years. Many top-ranked national animals come from this farm. Ever since Telli's Defender Omega won the title of Reserve Champion at the 2024 European Show in Imst, "Telli's Brown Swiss" has enjoyed an excellent reputation internationally as well.

Successes from long-established dairy families

These various successes didn't happen by chance. For many years, breeders have consistently focused on producing Brown Swiss cows with excellent conformation that produce high yields when well-fed, yet are also able to thrive on alpine pastures. A large portion of the herd is descended from the foundation cow King Olivia. This line produced animals such as Defender Omega and Big Boy Paola. The successful breeding program centered on Fantastic Caly also stems from this cow family.

Presentation of the Telli's Fantastic Caly Breeding Line

The evening will feature the Braunvieh Schweiz breeding family shows, which will

Fantastic Caly's breeding family will be exhibited and judged live this evening. In the photo: Caly with one of her offspring, Telli's Huge Sg Caitlin. Picture: Moy

conclude this year with the presentation of the breeding family of Telli's Fantastic Caly. The breeding family will be evaluated and discussed by Philipp Dahinden of Braunvieh Schweiz at 7:30 p.m. This will be followed by a brief presentation on the Braunvieh Schweiz breeding family shows.

Caly promises a conformation line that is very interesting from a breeding perspective. Their offspring – Piero Canis, Huge SG Caitlin, and Lasco Celine – have already been shown at various dog shows. They are particularly impressive for their excellent udder quality. The breeding family is rounded out by the embryo-transferred young bull Huge SG Celeste.

Socializing and professional development

Interaction and exchange among breeders have traditionally been at the heart of "Braunvieh bi dä Lüüt." In addition, all attendees will have the opportunity to further their education through the expert presentation. The discussion that follows can help clarify any remaining questions.

Refreshments will be provided by a food stand run by the Telli family. Braunvieh Schweiz is hosting a cocktail reception. Braunvieh Schweiz and the Telli family look forward to your visit!

Further information

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"Braunvieh bi dä Lüüt" Program

Friday, May 8, 2026

6:30 p.m.	Open Barn Doors & Cocktails
7:30 p.m.	Presentation & Commentary on the Fantastic Caly Breeding Line
8:00 p.m.	Presentation on breeding family shows by Braunvieh Schweiz

Company Profile

Hans-Jakob and Maurus Telli, Prada 3, 7016 Trin Mulin

Family	Hans-Jakob and Iris with Maurus, Ursin, and Andri
Elevation	876 m above sea level M., Mountain Zone II
Farm size	40 ha of farmland usable area
Livestock	45 cows, 65 head Young cattle
Performance data	2025 average: 8,663 kg milk, 4.20 % fat, 3.56 % protein, average 88 lactations, 90 cows
Breeding goal	robust and fertile cows with good udder qualities
Bull Lineup	Kickoff, Grey, Conan, Royce, Vegaboy, Linkedin, Sarrazin, Stanley, Palmo, Cady, Carino, Ceo, Ragatz, Casimir
Feeding	TMR, consisting of hay, alfalfa, lucerne, corn, grass, sugar beets, protein feed, energy feed, and starter feed
Workforce	Hans-Jakob (100 %), Maurus (50 %), the whole family if needed

Picture: Braunvieh Schweiz

Glarus Breeders Celebrate Their 100th Anniversary

BARBARA BÄUERLE-RHYNER, Elm

On Holy Saturday, the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association of Glarus and the Surrounding Area hosted a special celebration. The association was founded a hundred years ago and continues to this day to showcase a wide variety of high-quality Brown Swiss cattle.

The Miss titles went from Netstal to Riedern and on to Glarus, and the audience was also able to contribute their votes.

As early as 7:30 in the morning, when the first families, decked out in their costumes and accompanied by their animals, began to parade down the street, crowds of spectators lined the streets. Farm families arrived from Netstal to Schwändi, captivating the surrounding area with the loud ringing of bells. "With just over 280 animals entered, the turnout is encouragingly high," said Erich Gwerder, president of the Livestock Breeders' Association, with satisfaction. All the animals were tied together on the same rail at each farm, which created a pleasant sense of calm in the exhibition rows.

Miss Brown Swiss Lennox Laura, owned by Hans Zehnder-Weber. Pictures: Barbara Bäuerle

Miss Original Brown Swiss Arcas Karla, owned by Samuel and Peter Horner.

Special competitions

Among the cows weighing 100 000 grams, the 19-year-old Topboy Edelweis, owned by Ruedi Tschudi-Zweifel from Ennenda, paraded around the ring, while the youngest of the six bulls was just 1½ years old.

The best genetics among the Original Brown cattle came from Arcas Karla, owned by Samuel and Peter Horner of Glarus. In the Brown Swiss category, Brice Joana, owned by Sepp Weber-Giger of Netstal, won the title. The star of the profitability competition was Vital Gina, also from Horners in Glarus.

With a podium entirely filled by cattle from his herd (1st: Amir Analinda, 2nd: Pete Polka, 3rd: Yule Yvonn), the Hans Zehnder-Weber family of Netstal dominated the younger cows' udder competition, while his Lennox Laura also claimed the title for the most beautiful udder in the older cows' category.

Among the original browns, Horner's Karla took the prize here as well, thanks to her beautiful udder.

Miss BS and the Mayor

As the sun came out in the course of the afternoon, the favorite animals also entered the ring. This was the cow that BriceT Baywatch, owned by Hans Stüssi of Riedern, entered as Miss Rind.

The highlight of the day came when expert Matthias Süess from Andwil crowned Arcas Karla – who had already won several special titles – as Miss OB. The expert praised Samuel and Peter Horner's Original Brown Swiss cow as a broad yet refined animal that had immediately caught his eye.

Heini Stricker from Mörschwil also served as a judge and selected Hans Zehnder-Weber's Lennox Laura – who had already won the title of "Most Beautiful Cow" among the older Brown Swiss animals – as the most beautiful Brown Swiss cow of the Glarus and Surrounding Areas Cattle Breeders' Association.

"All the farmers who presented animals here deserve a round of applause," said Stricker, expressing his gratitude for the way the diverse livestock had enlivened the show.

25th Top Show 2026 of the Thurgau-Bodensee Breeders' Group

ELIANE BERNER, Top Show Organizing Committee

Grand Champion Hohenzell's Lennox Glenna, Reserve Champion Hall BS O Malley Jill, Honorable Mention Holzhof's Bender Valencia. Picture: Mirjam Baumann

The 25th Top Show took place on Maundy Thursday in front of a packed house and amid a fantastic atmosphere. The Brown Swiss Cattle Show once again drew large crowds to Mattwil, where the event was held once again in the barn owned by Daniel and Heinz Haffa.

Philipp Dahinden from the canton of Lucerne served as judge. In total, two cattle herds, three herds of first-lactation cows, four herds of cows in their second through sixth lactation, and a herd of 50 000 head were presented.

Gristen's Corso Sg Fasching, presented by young breeder Nico Egger, won the Cattle Champion title this year. The cow comes from Rudolf Hausammann's farm in Neukirch (Egnach), Thurgau.

Among the first-calf heifers, Biniam Orsella, owned by Mike Indergand of Altnau, Thurgau, impressed the judges in two ways. She won both the Junior Champion title and the Udder Junior title. The Junior Vice Champion was Kaderli's Biniam Alessia, owned by Kaderli Brown-Swiss of Götighofen, Thurgau.

The Grand Champion of the 2026 Top Show once again hails from Hinter-thurgau. Hohenzell's Lennox Glenna, owned by Franz Bischof of Fischingen, TG, secured the title this year, ahead of Hall BS O Malley Jill, owned by Reto Müller of Waldkirch, SG, and Holzhof's Bender Valencia, owned by Christian Kern of Amlikon-Bissegg, TG. The runner-up, BS O Malley Jill, successfully defended her title as "Udder Champion" from 2025.

The Genetics Award went to Caviezel Cloe, owned by Franz Bischof of Fischingen, TG, and Wildhaber's Cadence Carla, owned by Romeo Wildhaber, was once again named the Top Performer.

The 2026 Top Show once again highlighted the high quality of Brown Swiss breeding in the region and will be fondly remembered as a successful anniversary event. The complete results are available in the CowExpo app.

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