South Devon Online Database
For all your animal, member and sale enquiries

A relatively new addition to the South Devon website (http://southdevon.une.edu.au) is a facility that allows any person in the world with internet access to search the entire South Devon database for animal, member and sale details. This web database search facility was developed by the Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) and can be found on the South Devon Cattle Society of Australia home page under the Herdbook title. Details are automatically updated once a week from the internal South Devon pedigree and performance database.

This powerful and easy to use search facility allows information to be accessed under a number of titles including:

1) **Animal Search:** Any animal recorded on the South Devon database can be accessed under this search title. The search criteria includes animal name, stud book number, calving year, horned status, location etc. When the criteria have been entered all you need to do is click on the search button and the search for animals fitting the selected criteria will begin. The animal or animals fitting the search criteria will then be displayed.

You can then click on any one of the animals found in the search to bring up their individual details. The details shown include sex, tattoo, date of birth, registration status, horned status, sire, dam, breeder, current owner and latest EBVs (figure 1.). A full pedigree tree and recorded progeny (if any) can also be viewed for the animal selected. A picture may also be available for some animals.

**Example selection:** Name – Alpha%, Calving year – 2004, Select if – Male,
*Please note that the % is a wildcard ie will find any animal with Alpha in it name.*
(15 animals found).

2) **EBV Search:** This search is basically the same as the animal enquiry search facility but it includes the added benefit of allowing you to search for animals that fit within a range of EBVs that suits your production system and breeding program. Again, once the selection criteria have been entered and the search button clicked the animals fitting the criteria will be displayed.

**Example selection:** Name – Alpha%, Calving year – 2004, Select if – Male.
600 day weight EBV - +29 kg (min).
Eye Muscle Area EBV – +0.7 cm² (min).
(5 animals found)

3) **Member Search:** South Devon member details can be accessed through this facility. The search criteria includes surname, stud prefix, postcode etc. Members that fit the selected criteria will be displayed. The user can then click on any one of the members found in the search to bring up their individual details.

The details shown for the selected member includes stud prefix, stud name, address, telephone no., email etc. This search is particularly useful if needing the contact details for a specific South Devon member or if trying to find South Devon breeders in a specific zone.

**Example selection:** Member Located – Northern NSW, Select if – Member is in BREEDEPLAN, Select if – Full member.
(5 members found)
4) **Sale Catalogues**: The details of South Devon sales will be included under this title throughout the year. The sale details will be listed here long before they are available in a hard copy catalogue. This will allow you to view pedigree and performance (EBVs) information on sale animals well before the sale day.

The first screen displays sale descriptions, sale dates and number of lots. Both single vendor and multi vendor sales can be displayed. Any sale can then be selected to view the details of each lot. Individual lots may then be selected to view specific animal details such as vendor, sex, date of birth, registration status, vendor’s comments, pedigree tree and latest EBVs.

South Devon members who wish to include their sale details on the web database should contact the South Devon Cattle Society of Australia.

All stud and commercial producers are encouraged to use the South Devon Online database search facility to access animal, member and sale information.

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**Figure 1.** Animal details shown on the South Devon web database.

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