Using the Internet to Source Genetics

A new range of internet services have been launched by the Devon Cattle Breeders Society (DCBS) at the beginning of September. The services now offered include:

- **Member/Animal/EBV Enquiry**: a complete electronic herdbook has been made available online. This facility provides access to member, animal & EBV information as it is recorded with the DCBS. A powerful search engine has also been incorporated to allow users to undertake a wide range of functions that aid in quick & easy access to information.

- **Sale Catalogues**: online sale catalogues can now be made available for single-vendor auction, multi-vendor auction & private treaty sales. As with the member/animal/EBV enquiry facilities, a powerful search engine has also been incorporated that provides users with powerful search and enquiry capabilities both within a particular catalogue and across different catalogues.

- **Semen Catalogues**: online semen catalogues can also be made available providing a valuable service to the AI industry. This service has similar functionality to the sale catalogue facility.

The services have been developed by ABRI as part of their “Internet Solutions” package and provide both stud and commercial Devon cattleman alike with far greater access to information when trying to source genetics for use within their beef enterprise.

The internet services can be accessed through either the DCBS homepage (www.devoncattle.com) or the SBTS website (http://sbts.une.edu.au).

**Using the Internet Services**

As an example of how to use the internet services, let’s consider the animal enquiry facility. This facility enables Devon cattlemen to access information regarding either an individual animal or a range of animals that meet specific criteria.

When entering the animal enquiry facility, a screen similar to the following will be displayed.
By entering information in the different fields, animals can be identified that meet the criteria specified. By then simply clicking on the name of the animal, the user will be forwarded to the animal details page where they can access a wide range of pedigree, ownership & performance information for the animal.

For further information regarding any of the new internet services, please contact Andrew Byrne at Southern Beef Technology Services by phone (02) 6773 3357 or email andrew@sbts.une.edu.au. A detailed information brochure is also available from the SBTS website (http://sbts.une.edu.au) by clicking on “BREEDPLAN Technical Documents” then “Technical Documents” then “Using Internet Solutions”.

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