

ERISON OF HARVIESTOUN (imp)

"The Carcase Sire" - A Brief Summary

Purchased for 3,000 guineas from Lord Rosebery's famous Dalmeny Stud, *Erison of Harviestoun* was selected for his early fleshing and early maturity. Imported in 1947, *Erison* made a great impression in both the Show-ring and carcase competitions.

From 1950-55 *Trangie* won the hoof (twice) and hook (twice) championship at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. At his only appearance in a show ring in Australia, *Erison* was champion Bull and Supreme Exhibit at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 1948.

In 1954, his grandson *Trangie Anthony*, and in 1955 his son *Trangie Erison 46th* emulated this feat. This is not surprising, as his sire, *Janric of Dalmeny* sired the champion bull at Perth (Scotland) shows in successive years 1945-6-7.

The present Lowline herd contains between 18-24% of *Erison's* blood. Along with several other breeders, Broken Arrow is finding that by breeding back to *Erison of Harviestoun (imp)*, *Erica Macgregor 2nd (imp)* and *Glencarnock Eurotia 4th (imp)* very rapid progress is being made in the commercial (veal) qualities of the Lowline.

NB. Please note that this is only a preliminary report and will be updated in a future issue.

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Editors Note:

Since 1993, Broken Arrow *GENETICS* has been 'deconstructing' the Lowline herd, in order to unravel the breeding activities that resulted in the Lowline breed. This has involved tracing the ancestry of our stock back to those animals imported by *Trangie* and beyond.

Greg Rhodes, the principal of BAG, uses the knowledge obtained through this research to develop maternal line pedigrees. These 'pedigrees' enable you to obtain a clearer picture of the 'genetic' make-up of the Lowlines. By applying this information, in conjunction with expert visual appraisal, Greg is able to identify which traits appear to be coming through which cow lines and develops our breeding strategies accordingly.

Due to the extensive research he has undertaken, Greg is probably the most knowledgeable person about Lowlines and their breeding in the world today. Greg, who also writes the *GENETICS:ONLINE* page exclusively for *LOWLINE:ONLINE*, is always available to discuss Lowlines with other breeders and those interested in the breed.

Greg will be available throughout the Open Day, or can be contacted on 06 227 4457.