



**AYRSHIRES-  
INTERNATIONAL**

# World Ayrshire Federation (WAF)

**December 2011**



## News from Sweden

### National Show 2011 Elmia Agriculture Livestock & Technology 2011!

We had 60 cows at the national show in October.  
Seppo Niskanen from Finland was judging.

#### Grand champion



554 Milllan SRB 222751

Sire 1081 Orkko 90144 SRB 90144 M Grandsire 2097 Gungvala SRB 92097.  
Owner Robert Albertsson Tomten, Synnerby, Skara.



#### Nordic Red showmanship

At the national show in October we also had Nordic Red showmanship.  
This was the fourth time we had this completion. We had participators from  
Denmark, Finland and Sweden.

The winner was Kaarina Jyrkinen from Finland. Next Red showmanship will  
på hold in Finland.

#### Junior champion



1088 Lady SRB 223510

Sire 1377 Normandi AY 997 M Grandsire 1367 Mischief AY 986  
Owner Gunilla & Leif Larsson, Lunden, Brålanda

### International Youth Tour 2011

We had three participators at the international youth tour to New Zealand in February.  
They had very nice and interesting days and met new friends from different countries.  
Great thanks to Pam Allison and Ayrshire New Zealand who did a great work.

### Swedish Red youth club

The goal of the group is to provide engaged young people a forum to meet in and a  
channel to voice their opinions on the Swedish Red breed and its future. We will also be  
responsible for the SRB association's contact with the agricultural schools

The group will organize activities for young people, such as study tours and breeding  
meetings, where it can be given an opportunity to show the (young) farmers who do well  
with Swedish Red Breed.

Trait	Value
No. of cows	113 409
Milk	8 710 kg / 19 184 lbs
Fat	380 kg / 837 lbs
Fat %	4,36
Protein	310 kg / 682 lbs
Protein %	3,56
Fat + Protein	690 kg / 1 518 lbs
Still births % *	6,32
Difficult calvings % *	4,03
Calving-first ins	86 days
Calving interval	13,1 months
Ins/pregnancy	1,75
SCC	84 000

### Breeding Programme VikingGenetics:

- Since beginning of 2010 Swedish SRB, Finnish FAY, and Danish RDM have been same breeding population and under same breeding scheme. In all these three countries
- the same selection tool, NTM, is used and AI-bulls are bought across these three counties.
- Breeding goal of Viking red is healthy, well-producing problem free cows that give the owner the
- best economy. Implementation of genomic selection scheme has started. 4,400 interesting pregnancies to be screened 2,000 born bull calves are genomically tested, also most interesting females are tested and flushed 270 bull calves are bought 200 are accepted as test sires 30% of all insemination services
- The best test sires are accepted as GenVikPLUS and used as sire of sons (age over 20 months)

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
Lina Ragnarsson Swedish Red Association*