



# Danish Hereford Association



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# History



- The first Herefords arrived in Denmark in 1951
- In 1969 the Danish Hereford Association was founded
- The first polled Herefords arrived in Denmark in 1970
- From the beginning the genetic material was imported from England, later on from the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

# Facts and figures about Hereford



- Totally just below 9,000 purebred Herefords, 3,995 COWS
- The number of inseminations has increased by 5 percent to a total of 2,600
- 69 percent of the inseminations are carried out on purebred Hereford females
- Last year we exported almost 320 Hereford breeding animals to the Netherlands, the Baltic States, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, Italy, England, Finland, Sweden, Germany and Russia – 38% of all exported beef cattles

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## Calving statistics:

- 1st calvings: 80 % calvings without assistance
- 2nd and later calvings: 94 % calvings without assistance
- 1st calvings: 6.7 % stillbirths
- 2nd and later calvings: 2.8 % stillbirths



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## Slaughter statistic

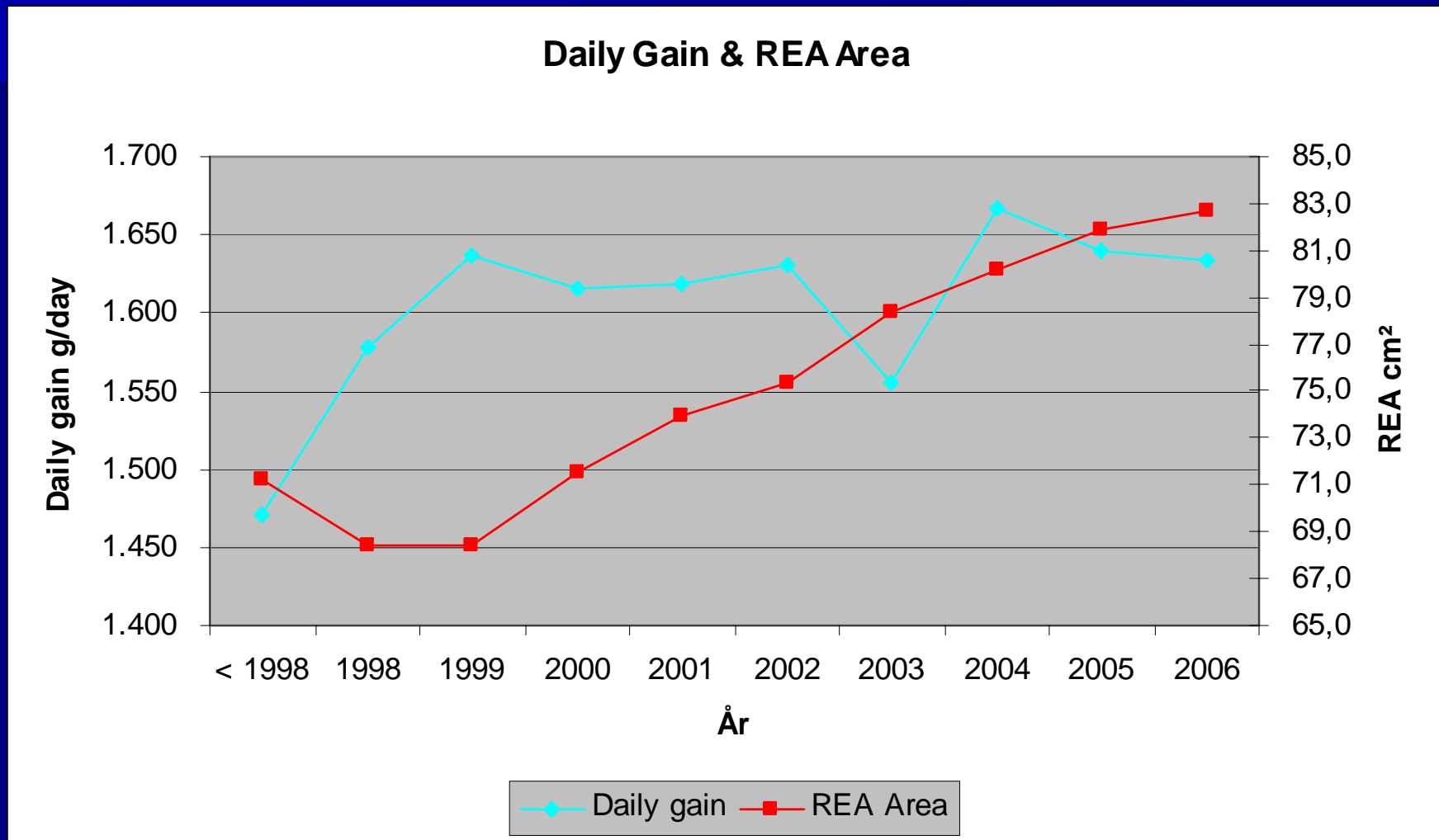
Age at slaughter, young bulls	10.9 mths	(max 12 mths)	14.7 mths	(12-18 mths)
Carcass weight, kg	253 kg	-	290 kg	-
Net Carcass gain, g/day	707g	-	612g	-



# The Performance Testing of Bulls

- The performance testing of beef cattle bulls is carried out at Aalestrup Performance Testing Station.
- The test begins when the bull is eight months old and ends when the bull is 13 months old.
- During the test period the bull's body gain, muscularity and feed conversion is recorded. Also eating behavior and possible cases of diseases are recorded.
- The Hereford breed aims at testing 15-20 bulls annually.

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# Hereford Shows



- The National Show (early July)
- The National Beef Cattle Show (end of November).
- 15 regional and local shows most of them taking place in May and June.

# Closing remarks



- 2007, another good year for Herefords in Denmark
- • Top Quality Herefords at shows
- • Our strategy is right; our breeding program works
- In Denmark Herefords are popular due to easy calvings and docility
- The BEAUTY of Herefords is second to none
- We'll remain THE great quality beef breed of Denmark
- We intend to defend that position