



Murray Grey Newsbrief

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members

As another year draws to a close the farming sector has certainly been hammered by the press and politicians. Through all this farmers have held strong – prices for our produce have been positive. Bull sales have been particularly promising with both on farm and private sales very good.

In Canterbury grass growth has been particularly good and I hope this also is the case throughout the rest of the country. Next year is the 50th year of Murray Greys in New Zealand. The council is working hard towards organising an event around this so any ideas would be very welcome. Merry Xmas and happy Murray Greying New Year!

Cheers
George Climo

Council Ramblings

The council have co-opted Caitlin Brooks onto council – her area of expertise is Genetics and she is working with PBB in putting our SNP programme into place. This is almost ready for members to use and will match up with the Australian Murray Grey system.

Also a big thank you to Sue Clarke and the Southern North Island club for helping with the upgrade of our website. Well done it's looking great.

Co-opt Member to Council
Caitlin Brooks 027 768 9889

Christchurch Show

Champion Murray Grey Female	Waimak TWG Tass
Reserve Champion Murray Grey Female	Yorkvale Marigold
Champion Heifer Junior Yearling	Waimak SK Gabriella
Reserve Heifer Junior Yearling	Yorkvale Nigella
Champion Junior Murray Grey bull	Bluegum Buster
Grand Champion Junior Murray Grey bull	Bluegum Buster
Supreme Champion Murray Grey	Waimak TWG Tass



BEEF YOUTH SECTION

Intermediate Beef Judging	3rd	Hannah White
Senior Beef Judging	3rd	Catlin Brooks
	4th	Maxine Rawnsley
	5th	Emma Owen
Intermediate Beef Parader	3rd	Hannah White
Senior Beef Parader	1st	Catlin Brooks and Reserve Champion Beef Parader
	3rd	Emma Owen



BEEF HERDSPERSON COMPETITION

Intermediate	3rd	Hannah White
Senior	2nd	Catlin Brooks
	4th	Emma Owen
	6th	Maxine Rawnsley

Winner of NZ-Australia Murray Grey Exchange
Hannah Asworth



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Murray Grey SNP Testing



PBB have signed an agreement with Neogen. This agreement sees PBB becoming the Neogen distributor for New Zealand. PBB have put together a bundle for Murray Grey NZ aiming to offer discounts on the majority of SNP testing by bundling up a number of tests. PBB will be able to price individual tests on request.

Ordering DNA tests

- 1** Fill out the DNA ordering form once you have taken your DNA samples. Please note that Neogen prefer wet TSU samples and that they will charge slightly more for Hair samples. You can download the order form from the PBB website.
- 2** Email your order form to dna@pbbnz.com
- 3** Mail your TSU or Hair Samples to the PBB offices, 75 South Street, Feilding.
- 4** The team will double check all the submitted info before we will start shipping the samples to Australia (PBB has an export permit in place for all breeds). Some charges may apply if we need to make changes to the submitted information.
- 5** Once we ship the samples to Australia, you will get a notification from us. From this point we expect the turn around to be around 5 weeks.
- 6** Once the tests are completed, PBB will be in contact with you. PBB will have complete oversight of the order status so you will be able to ring PBB at any time to get a status update.

Test Requirements and Bundle price

The following bundle has been put together that covers all of the Murray Grey testing needs.

**Contractural
Arachnodactyly (CA)
Alpha-mannosidosis
(MAN)**

\$82.70+GST

Parentage
SNP Profile to be
stored in ABRI module

Add a
\$5
BVD test

Individual Test Pricing

- SeekSire parentage only - \$33.00 +GST
- Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA) – \$27.60 +GST
- Alpha-mannosidosis (MAN) - \$29.00 +GST
- BVD - \$21.00 +GST
- SNP Profile only - \$49.00
- SNP Profile + Parentage - \$54.00

Prices quoted if Neogen genotype application form is completed by breeder and hair sample sent in on Neogen hair cards- otherwise PBBnz may charge a handling fee per sample and a \$15 additional cost for other sample types (TSUs excluded).

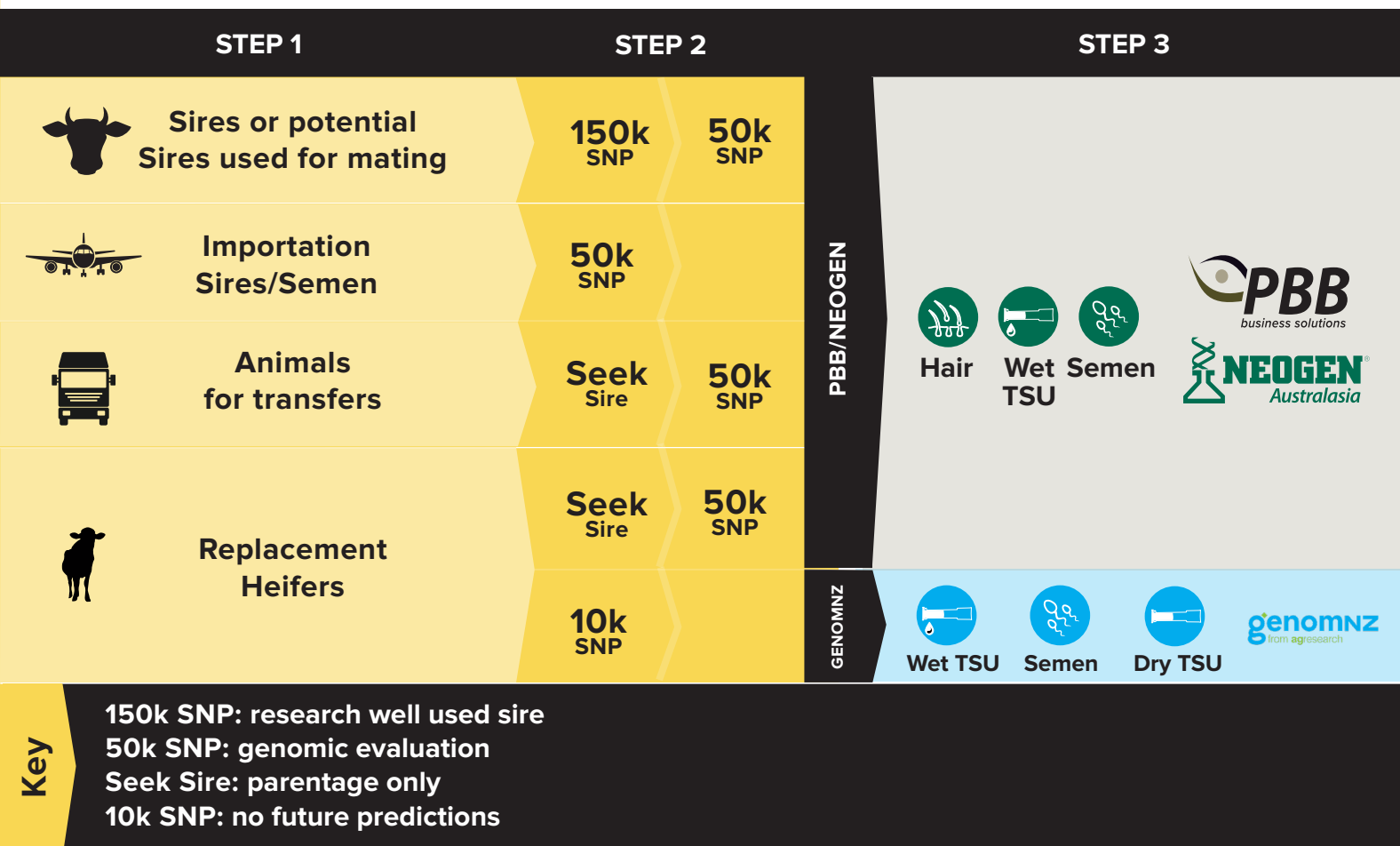
Please note Neogen cannot guarantee that all add-ons will be available for all samples, and due to highly discounted pricing there should be no expectation of free retesting. This also applies to resubmissions of failed samples.

If you require hair from Massey to test an older sire, there will be an \$8 fee per sample, to cover Massey's fee for splitting/handling and courier costs.

Where do I start?

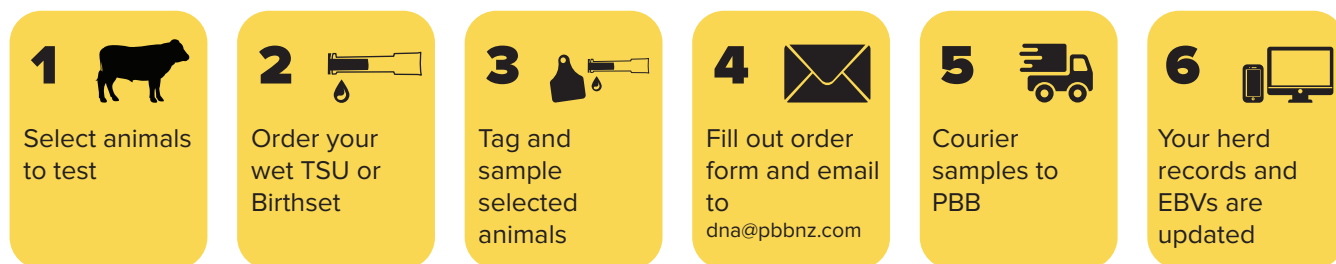
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What test to select?



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The Process



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Results

- Parent verification records are checked by PBB staff and are loaded into the recording system (ILR2) once confirmed with breeder. PBB staff will email you a Parent Verification report.
- PBB will check the genetic conditions and email you a report that identifies each animal that was tested and their genetic conditions. PBB will also load these results into the recording system (ILR2).
- The genomic profiles are sent to ABRI and will now be used together with your performance data to calculate your EBVs. Results will need to be in before the 1st of each month and the EBV results are expected to update on the 20th of that same month. Once your EBV's are calculated, you can login to Internet Solutions where you can find more EBV reports for analysis.



Winners from the Christchurch Youth Section including three Murray Grey Leaders - Maxine Rawnsley, Emma Owen and Caitlin Brooks

Celebrations in 2020

Next year the Murray Grey Society will celebrate 50 years of Murray Greys in New Zealand. The first meeting was held on the 21st July, 1970. The Council would like members feedback on where to hold the AGM next year and what activities to hold to coincide with this. We would welcome your ideas. Also, next year is elections for Council members so please, we need your nominations.



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