

Starting from Scratch

You can do it!

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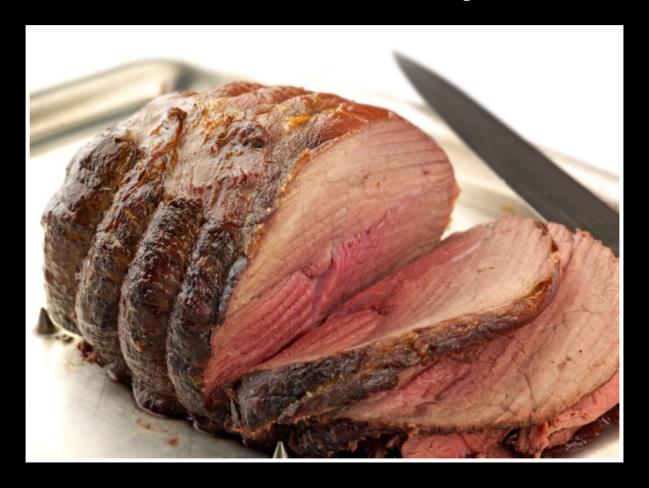


THOUSANDS OF YEARS

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# Our Objective



The best beef eating experience in the world and its the same next time!



## Background

- March 2006 took over first farm
- March 2009 took over second farm and left Genus
- Sept 2009 Launched British Angus.com
- Jan 2010 launched Sterling Sires
- Oct 2012 launched P&K Perfect Night In



# 2013 A YEAR WE WILL NEVER FORGET









Melview Fillet Steak wins a 2013 HEFF Diamond Award



· Prona & friends winning the 2013 Burke Trophy

#### A huge thanks

to everyone who helped & supported us in 2013, the Melview Crew is world class!











Please feel free to contact us at anytime. Visitors are always welcome.

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Melview Georgie J017 Female & Breed Champion 2013 Monmouth Show





# 2014 ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR MELVIEW ANGUS!

#### **Three First Prizes**

at the National Show including...



1st Prize Breeders Group of Three at 'The National Angus Show'

We were delighted to be involved with the National at Royal Three Counties, we hope all exhibitors and friends enjoyed the three days.

A big thank you to Megan, Piers, Andy, Jamie, Keith and Dad for all your help. The Melview Crew is world class!







#### WINNERS AT THE

NATIONAL

'Sister to Goliath & Granville'

Georgie

fat Cow in Calf : National Show 2014 fat Group of Three : National Show 2014 Famale Champton : Moreton-in-the Marsh 2014 Male Champion : Foy w out 2014

tot Intermediate Bull: National Show 2014 tot Group of Three: National Show 2014 Main Champion: Poyal Bath & Wast 2014

The Next Great Brood Cow?"



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#### Prons

Her daughters were 2nd 5 3nd : National Show 2014 1st Group of Three : National Show 2014 Reserve Grand Champion : Monmouth 2014







#### Independent Retailer Category

# PAUL & KIRSTY'S PERFECT NIGHT IN PAUL & KIRSTY'S SIRLOIN STEAK

Hugh Judd Foodsen/ce Project Manager



REWARDING EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN QUALITY BEEF AND LAMB





# PASSIONATE ABOUT STEAK



Gold Winners

Entered By	Country of origin	Breed of animal
Australian Agricultural Company	Australia	Wagyu Cross
Eleven Mill Iron Ranch	United States	Black Angus
Jan Zandbergen	Australia	Black Angus
Nice to Meat	Japan	Japanese Black Wagyu
Rangers Valley Cattle Station	Australia	Angus
Albers GMBH	Australia	Wagyu F2+ 75%
One Earth Farms/Heritage Angus	Canada	Angus
Scotbeef (M&S)	Scotland	Aberdeen Angus
Miller and Carter (Mitchells and Butlers)/Blade Farming, Somerset	England	Aberdeen Angus Cross



## My Message

Don't walk away from

negative people.....run!









ANGUS STEAK & WINE

PERFECT NIGHT IN







#### **Current Farm**

- Over 250 head of cattle
- Pedigree Herd of Aberdeen Angus
- Angus x Holstein Steers for Mitchels & Butler
- Holstein bulls for breeding
- Show calves, Dexter's and Horses!



#### Current Farm

- 170 Acres, very dry (22-25 inches rain)
- Farm cut in half by M50
- Clay/Sand very fertile
- 19 acres Maize
- 25 acres Red Clover/Italian
- 16 Acres of Lucerne
- Rest is 5 year grass leys with high% White Clover



# Maize





# Why grow protein?

- An extra 10,000 mouths to feed during this presentation
- Land, Water are not in endless supply
- Cows must get more efficient (Humans don't eat grass!)
- Growth economies change in protein use with \$
- Huge opportunity for British farmers
- However remember "the definition of insanity"



## Why grow protein?

- Grow Maize easily, Av 18 Tonnes/Acre for 8 years
- Need a forage to balance
- Concentrate will never be £100 a tonne again!
- Currently buying 15% Protein Blend at £189 a tonne
- Nitrogen around £300 a tonne and will go higher
- Carbon foot print per Kilo of beef is coming towards us!



#### Lucerne

- 10 Acres planted in 2009
- Another 10 in 2011 & 6 in 2013
- Soil Temp over 12c so early May drilling
- Under sown with Triticale for year one volume & cover
- No Nitrogen at all
- Soil test every autumn, 16 acres had 50kg/acre of 0/15/30

March 2015

May need Lime Nov 2015 (Currently 6)



#### Lucerne

- Analysis (5 Cuts in 2014)
- 32% DM
- 11.6 ME
- 20.3% Protein
- 2.6% Sugars
- 101.5 mg/kg Vitamin E
- Costs £28 Tonne Fresh or £84 Tonne Dry Matter.



# Come and have a look!





# Demand & Delivery





# Home Heritage Service Quality of food Latest at Angus Gallery Locations Recruitment Gift vouchers Contact us

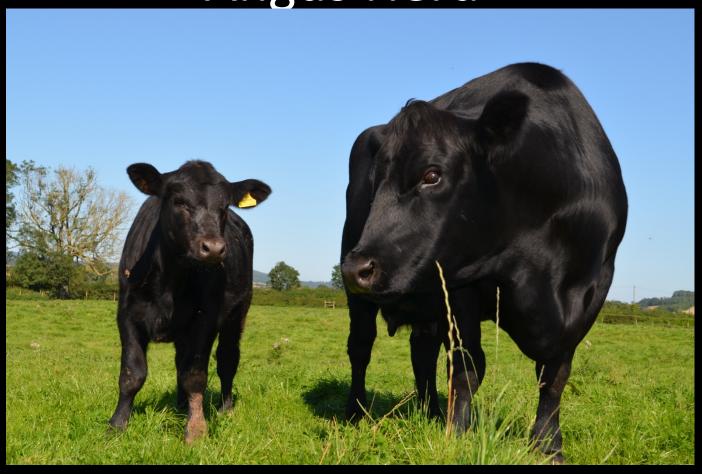








Angus Herd





# Finishing Cattle













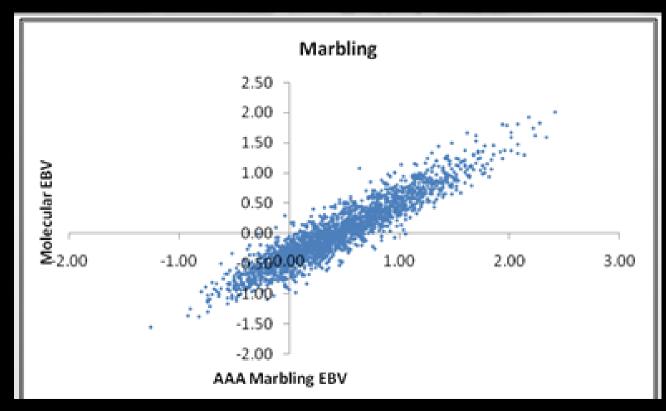








# Genomics Is it Accurate?



2256
Angus
Bulls in the
USA



### Carcass MVP£



- New measurement of carcass profit
- Uses EBVs and DNA analysis
- Gives a measure of net profit per carcass
   over an average bull
- Remember 50% of bulls are below average



### Carcass MVP£

Job number: US506059 Customer name: Melview Farming

Molecular Value Predictions (MVPs)

HD 50K / Angus / 01

Tattoo/ ID:

Reg #:

Barcode: 11332018

An ID/ Tag: UK311688 700053

Sex: M

Breed: Angus

Name:

MV

% Ran

	_		1				l		Carcass			_			
	CED	BW	ww	ADG	DMI	NFI	CEM	MA	CW	FAT	REA	MS	TND	\$MVP <sup>FL</sup>	
/P	6.4	0.3	31	0.39	0.12	-0.24	7.3	24	40	-0.04	0.78	0.92	-0.55	194	
ık	30	50	20	20	60	40	6	10	2	4	1	2	50	1	



#### Melview Gareth



- No 1 Genomic Angus in Europe
- Top 1% in the World for Net Carcass Profit
- Top 1% in the world for Rib Eye Area
- Top 2% in the World for Marble Score
- Selected and Sourced with Blade Farming
- Owned with O'Connor's Land & Farm



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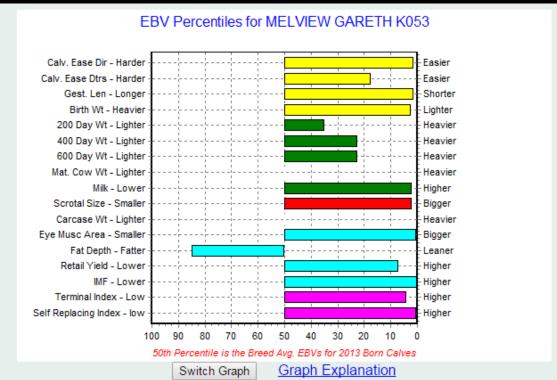


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- He has an MVP\$ of \$194 or £121
- Gareth's progeny will deliver £121 extra margin per carcass over an average sire.
- On a 260kg Carcass that's 46p a Kilo







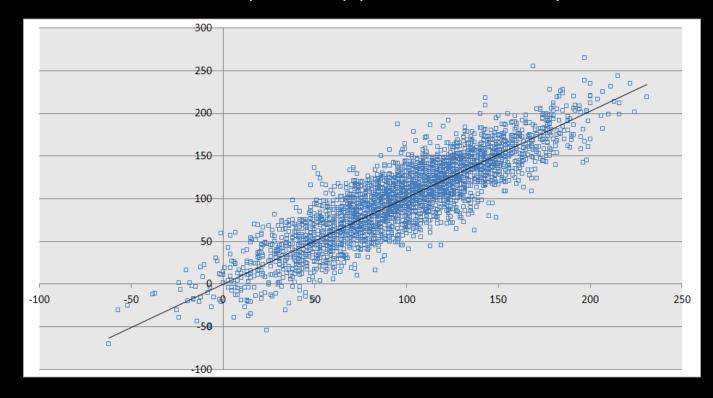


June 2015 Aberdeen-Angus BREEDPLAN															
	Calving						600					Eye		Retail	
	Ease		Gestation		Day	_					Carcase			Beef	
	DIR	DTRS	Length	Wt.	Wt	Wt	Wt		Milk		Wt		Depth		
	(%)	(%)	(days)	(kg)			(kg)		(kg)	(cm)	(kg)	(sq cm)	(mm)	(%)	(%)
EBV	+5.0	+2.3	-1.4	0.0	+37	+71	+91	-	+19	+1.9	-	+10.2	-0.2	+2.0	+1.2
Acc	36%	25%	51%	79%	68%	70%	65%	-	46%	54%	-	46%	53%	41%	43%
Breed Avg. EBVs for 2013 Born Calves Click for Percentiles															
EBV	-1.8	+0.4	+1.0	+3.0	+33	+59	+75	+74	+9	+0.6	+46	+3.2	-1.1	+0.9	+0.1



## Genomic -> Dtr proven (Apr-12 to Dec-13)

- Correlation = 0.88
- Average April 2012 = £100 PLI (rlb. 69%)
- Average Dec 2013 = £101 PLI (rlb. 81%) (+12% rlb increase)



#### Pauls World

- Board member of AHDB Beef & Lamb
- Chair of AHDB Beef & Lamb R&D committee
- Chair of new RB209 Group
- Member of NIAB recommended grass & clover group
- Chair of GFTA
- Member of livestock board at Royal Three Counties
- Chairman of Defra FAnGR beef & lamb groups



#### The Future

My Generation of beef farmers have the best opportunity for 50 years to develop and grow a great business!

Market, Science & Advice



#### However

I would not be stood here today without the County Council Farm system!

No Industry that does not have any succession planning ever lasts very long!





Thank you for your time

