

PRESS RELEASE

Y-VIK[®] – a new product from VikingGenetics!

Sexed male semen for production of bull calves from beef breeds is a new alternative from VikingGenetics. We name our new product Y-Vik since the sexed semen primarily contains male Y sperm cells. In dairy herds, the Y-Vik bull semen from beef breed bulls can advantageously be combined with the use of sexed X-Vik female semen.

Use of the Y-Vik semen will in average give 85 bull calves out of 100 born calves. This is a bit lower than for X-Vik with a guarantee of 90 heifer calves out of 100 calves.

Combined use of Y-Vik bull semen from beef breeds in dairy herds for the poorest cows and X-Vik from dairy breeds for the best heifers and cows will give the possibility of increased production of both quality beef and milk. Therefore the financial situation in use of Y-Vik and X-Vik is positive when used correctly.

Y-Vik semen is of course also interesting in beef breed production since the contribution margin is higher for bull calves. Furthermore many beef herds have a surplus of heifers.

The condition of optimal results with use of sexed semen is good reproduction. The chance of pregnancy is approx. 10 percent lower when using sexed semen compared with conventional bull semen – primarily because it contains less sperm cells.

VikingGenetics has marketed sexed semen since spring 2007 and has produced almost 500,000 doses of X-Vik semen. The results have been very positive for all dairy breeds and we are happy to offer Y-Vik male semen from beef breeds. VikingGenetics sees great potential for the dairy herds wishing to combine the use of both X-Vik and Y-Vik in an effective and systematic breeding programme.



The first Y-Vik semen is available from the beef breed Limousine. In future we will offer semen from more beef breed bulls suitable for both beef herds and for crossbreeding in dairy herds. See our range of Y-Vik semen on our website www.vikinggenetics.com.

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