

RCP Swede

Miniature Zebu come in many colors and patterns and we owe most of this to RCP Swede.



RCP Little Swede Z-1064

DOB 04/03/94, son of RCP Swede Z-0007

and RCP Little Red Z-0008.

IMZA is actively seeking photos of RCP Swede, the three cows he was imported with or any of the calves he sired. Can you help?

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He was imported from Sweden by Robert Purtscher in August 1990. Swede is credited for introducing the red and spotted genes in Zebu to the United States.

Four Little Zebus

This article was written in Dec 2005, I am in the process of updating the figures.

Many of us have discussed how small the Miniature Zebu gene pool really is and the impact that a good animal has on our little cattle. Every where I go I hear owners discussing their Zebu, and one name always pops up: Swede. I hear "he's a grandson of Swede" or "Swede is in his pedigree." So I decided to do some research on Swede.

Robert Purtscher of Edelstein, Illinois, was the registered owner of RCP Swede, IMZA registration number Z-0007. Swede, a red bull, along with a red cow named Little Red and two gray cows, Jane and Mary, came into the United States from a zoo in Sweden, They spent their first months in quarantine. While in quarantine, Bob was rewarded with his first Swede calf, a red heifer that he named Olga, who was born on April 6, 1991. The four original imports were registered with IMZA on August 1, 1991:

Z-0007 RCP Swede

Z-0008 RCP Little Red

Z-0011 RCP Jane

Z-0013 RCP Mary

Swede fathered a total of 51 calves that were registered with IMZA in the three (3) years he was alive in the United States: 20 bull calves and 31 heifer calves. Of the 20 bull calves, 16 have registered offspring. Of the 31 heifer calves, 16 have registered offspring. Records indicate that:

Swede (1st generation)

Children (2nd generation)

51 IMZA registered calves, 19 of these produced no registered offspring

Grand children (3rd generation)

325 IMZA registered calves, 144 of these produced no registered offspring

Great-grand children (4th generation)

386 IMZA registered calves

I reviewed the records back to the fourth generation, which is the number of generations that will appear on your Certificate of Registration. Doing the numbers, Swede appeared on 762 separate Registration Certificates for our little cattle. Our registry had 3,803 animals in it as of 31 December 2005, Swede was responsible for over 20% of them.

What kind of Impact would Swede have had on our breed, if he had not spent the first seven (7) years of his life in Sweden and then died at the age of ten (10)? How many calves did Swede sire while he was a guest of the zoo in Sweden? Swede had a whole other life of production that was unrecorded in Sweden prior to his coming to the United States. This means that another sire that has recorded offspring during his entire productive life can have an even greater impact on a breed in terms of numbers of offspring in his genealogy. Take, for instance, RCP Red Sam, one of Swede's sons. He was born October 10, 1994, and to date has 104 registered offspring and is still in his prime as a breeding bull. We are fortunate that Swede made such an impressive contribution to the breed and that he left such high quality offspring to carry on his heritage.

It is, therefore, very important that the IMZA members view the importance of sire selection with great care as we proceed in the preservation of this unique and rare breed of cattle that we have chosen to be a part of.

RCP Swede's 29 registered calves that produced registered offspring:

Name	Sex	DOB	Reg #	3 Rd Gen	4 th Gen
RCP Mary	F	05/01/89	Z-0013	2m/7f	8m/6f
Olga	F	04/06/91	Z-0016	2m/5f	3m/2f
RCP Janes Pride	F	08/09/91	Z-0161	0m/1f	2m/2f
Ole	M	08/10/91	T-0160	1m/0f	0m/1f
RCP Caroline	F	11/09/91	Z-0162	0m/5f	7m/10f
RVP Woody	M	12/01/91	Z-0159	1m/0f	0m/0f
Rockie	M	03/17/92	Z-0359	1m/0f	0m/0f
RCP Katy	F	03/24/92	Z-0323	2m/4f	8m/6f
Swedes Little Red	M	06/02/92	Z-0361	15m/29f	26m/43f
Irish Hill Cinnamon	F	06/23/92	Z-0639	0m/6f	0m/3f
Sebolds Katrina	F	06/30/92	Z-0392	2m/4f	4m/1f
DLP Emma Lou	F	07/22/92	Z-0478	3m/2f	5m/17f
Jack	M	08/16/92	T-0502	6m/7f	0m/0f

RCP Gretchen	F	09/21/92	Z-0504	0m/4f	5m/3f
Zeke	M	12/12/92	T-0539	0m/1f	0m/0f
DLP Sunset SW	F	01/22/93	Z-0452	0m/1f	0m/0f
PCP Christine	F	02/16/93	Z-0541	1m/2f	0m/0f
Harbaugh Duke	M	04/19/93	Z-0736	8m/3f	6m/16f
Lavenders Millie	F	07/13/93	Z-0714	3m/1f	5m/3f
Harbaugh Snowbank	M	07/20/93	T-0696	1m/0f	0m/1f
DLP Bonetta	F	07/24/93	Z-0737	1m/2f	1m/0f
DLP Chief Mark	M	07/30/93	Z-0738	3m/17/f	16m/19f
RCP Gus	M	08/02/93	Z-0997	0m/3f	0m/1f
DLP Rocky	M	08/05/93	Z-0740	2m/2f	0m/0f
RCP Melissa	F	09/25/93	Z-0998	3m/2f	0m/1f
RCP Hilda	F	01/12/94	Z-0996	1m/1f	0m/0f
DLP Rusty	M	02/08/94	T-1010	1m/0f	5m/17f
RCP Augie	M	02/24/94	Z-1036	0m/7f	0m/0f
RCP Sonya	F	03/03/94	Z-0994	1m/0f	0m/0f
RCP Little Swede	M	04/03/94	Z-1064	13m/19f	40m/60f
RCP Swede #2	M	08/20/94	Z-1226	3m/7f	3m/7f
RCP Red Sam	M	10/09/94	T-3267	50m/54f	18m/26f

The 2nd Generation produced 128 males, 197 females for a total of 325 calves.

The 3rd Generation produced 142 males, 244 females for a total of 386 calves.

The three (3) cows that were imported along with Swede produced the following calves:

RCP Little Red		
Olga	04/06/91	Z-0016
Irish Hill Cinnamon	06/23/92	Z-0639
Harbaugh Duke	04/19/93	Z-0736
RCP Little Swede	04/03/94	Z-1064
RCP Jane		
RCP Mary	05/01/89	Z-0013
RCP Janes Pride	08/09/91	Z-0161
RCP Melissa	09/25/93	Z-0998
RCP Swede #2	08/20/94	Z-1226
RCP Mary		
RCP Katy	03/24/92	Z-0323
RCP Sonya	03/03/94	Z-0994
RCP Sandi	07/12/95	Z-1468
RCP Shelly	05/25/96	T-1701
RCP Shelley	07/23/97	T-1999
RCP Little Red	05/10/00	Z-3412

DAB Clareese Lavenders Princess RCP Olga Irish Hill Momo Irish Hill Hope Irish Hill Princess Lazy Lees Pumpkin Pie BOP Pumpkin Patch BOP Patches C & D Little Pumpkin	05/01/01	T-2590
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