

REPORT: AUSTRIA

Best regards to the chairwomen WGC 2025 Angela Mc NAUGHTON. As well as all participating nations here in the beautiful south of New Zealand. I am happy that I am the only one who can represent my home country AUSTRIA here. Unfortunately, our breeders association has been dissolved by the departure of Fred Zehetner. I have been trying for some time to set up a new breeding club throughout Austria - unfortunately still in vain.

As a member of the German Federal Association of Galloway breeders and the Scottish Breeding Association, I am still on the road in my state of Lower-Austria with breeders in exchange of experience with breeders, in 2009 despite my age-related assignment in 2009 of my Galloway breeding (handover of 190 heads of Galloways all 4 color-strokes to my stepson Markus Dryje).

Unfortunately, I could not persuade any of my colleagues to take over my position in the World Congress and continue to lead it.

But as far as my health allows, I will continue to take over this output. It was for me the time since the foundation (the first years with Fred Zehetner-BOA Farm together) always a further enrichment of my Galloway knowledge that I try to pass on to my breeders.

Attached are some data about the Galloway breeding in Austria:

In 2024 there 42 Galloway-farms with 167 herd cows divided into 8 federal states were kept in the breeding association - Galloway currently the third place behind Scottish Highlands and Angus.

Lower Austria	10 breeders with 52 herd cows,
Upper Austria	12 breeders with 66 herd cows,
Styria	5 breeders with 11 herd cows,
Salzburg	3 breeders with 16 herd cows,
Carinthia	3 breeders with 7 herd cows,
Vorarlberg	1 breeder with 2 herd cows,
Burgenland	1 breeder with 1 herd cow,

The number of beef-cattle-companies with their cows was

2021	= 2816 farms with 27189 cows,
2022	= 2813 farms with 26848 cows,
2023	= 2905 farms with 27348 cows,
2024	= 2917 farms with 27600 cows.

The meat performance controls at Galloway were in 2024:

	birth weight	200 days weight	daily increase	365 days weight	daily inc
male	30,8 kg	210,9 kg	879 gramm	311,8 kg	760 gramm
female	28,1 kg	188,2 kg	774 gramm	283,1 kg	685 gramm

This would be the data on Galloway-breeding in Austria, with a slight positive increase to be seen.

So I wish the organizer a good end to this year's World Congress and thank you very much for the beautiful time with unique experiences and for the help and that come in - meet you see you again 2027.