

Why Speckle Parks in Australia and New Zealand

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Speckle Park Cattle are:

- COLOUR** Speckle park cattle will generally have distinctive colour patterns both with pure breeding and cross breeding give you assurance that the progeny have bos Taurus heritage.
- DOCILE** The quietness of the cattle in the paddock is an important attribute.
- HARDY** Speckle Parks enjoy the harsh Canadian winters and the tough Australian summers equally.
- MATERNAL** The breed displays strong herd instincts & dams are very maternal and milky. Calves when born are small, robust and grow quickly.
- MEATY** Speckle Park cattle have superior Carcass and Marbling traits. The meat is highly sought after by butchers and restaurants alike, Commercial cattleman are buying Speckle Park Cattle to add Hybrid vigour to their herds. Speckle Parks docile nature also adds to tenderness.



*The decision is
Black and White*

Timeline of Achievements

for Speckle Park Cattle in Australia,
New Zealand and Canada

- 2006 Registered as a 'distinct breed' in Canada
- 2007 First embryos imported to Australia and New Zealand
- 2008 First calves born in Australia and New Zealand
- 2009 Speckle Park Cattle are first shown in Australia at the Moss Vale Show
- 2010 March: First Speckle Park sale is held in New Zealand by Lindsay Jones
- 2010 May: First sale is held in Australia by Speckle Park Cattle Co. & friends at Meadow Flat, NSW. This is the first release to Australian cattlemen who purchase bulls to add hybrid vigor to their herds
- 2010 May: A B-double truck load of Speckle Park cattle were shipped in NSW - a worlds first.
- 2010 July: Carcass Grand Champion at Calgary
- 2010 August: Grand Champion school steer at Brisbane Royal Show, the beast owned by C. Scifleet & exhibited by St Pauls College, Dubbo.
- 2011 The breed celebrates its 50th member.
- 2011 SPI is one of the faster growing associations in Australia and NZ.
- 2011 One of the largest gathering of speckle parks in the World occurred at Oberon in May.



History of the Speckle Park Cattle

From the late 1930s through to the 1950s, Mary Lindsay of Lloydminster had gathered together animals which displayed the breed characteristic colour pattern. These animals are descended from a white bull exhibiting park cattle patterns.

In 1958, Beef cattle breeders, Bill and Eileen Lamont, of Maidstone, SK who at that time were breeding Angus cattle and Appaloosa horses bought their first speckled cattle from Mary and began a breeding programme with their purebred cattle. Lamonts named the cattle Speckle Park – Speckle for the colour pattern and Park for the white with points pattern of the English cattle. The resulting offspring came in a variety of colour patterns, some white with black points, some leopard coloured (spotted on their sides) and some black sided with speckled hips, white top and underline and roan faces.

Other beef cattle breeders saw them come through the cattle markets and bringing a premium price. Their interest grew in these hardy, heavy milking and distinctly marked cattle to the stage they started purchasing bulls and females from the Lamont's to try them in their herds. Within a few short years a dedicated group of breeders were now breeding Speckle Park cattle mainly from the Nielburg area of northern Saskatchewan.

In 1985 with the help and support of nine of those other Saskatchewan cattlemen the Canadian Speckle Park Association was formed. Their aim from there on was to stabilize the breed and have them recognized as a pure breed.

On June 4, 1993, Agriculture Canada approved the incorporation of the Canadian Speckled Park Association and Speckle Parks were declared an EVOLVING breed of cattle.

Unlike most other countries, Canada's Minister of Agricultural and through the Animal Pedigree Act insist on anyone trying to start a new breed have to go through stringent protocol procedures to have the breed declared a "DISTINCT BREED". This comes after the period of time the breed is in the EVOLVING breed status, all of which is overseen by Government Authorities. Stabilizing Breed characteristics and keeping pedigrees are two major protocols that have to be upheld.

On July 6th 2006 the Minister for Agriculture announced the SPECKLE PARK BREED a DISTINCT PURE BEED the first and only breed to be developed in Saskatchewan CANADA.

2007: Speckle Parks were introduced into Australia by Speckle Park Cattle Co and into New Zealand by Lindsay Jones in partnership with Maunghahina Stud and Waio Stud. The association was established in 2008 and the first New Zealand member joined in 2010. Now there are thousands of Speckle Parks in both New Zealand and Australia.

