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# Catalogue of Stud Bulls

## GALICIAN BLOND BREED

2015





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# INTRODUCTION

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We are pleased to present here the 2014-2015 edition of the Stud Bull Catalogue for the Galician Blond breed (Rubia Galega). This catalogue has been designed as an essential and easy-to-use tool for technicians and breeders when it comes time for them to select the right bull to be used in any given case.

We are also thankful for the collaboration from the various ranches that contribute to this breed's Genealogy Book, who have provided data that was used in order to produce this catalogue.

The large number of progeny that may be obtained from each stud bull, combined with the performance monitoring program carried out by the Association, generates a high volume of data that is essential for determining the genetic value of the bulls.

The genetic values derived from the 2013 performance monitoring data have been used to produce this catalogue. Specifically, these results were produced based upon 293,033 genealogies and 296,147 weights (at birth and at 210 days), and environmental factors were also taken into account. Our objective is to ensure maximum reliability for the genetic indexes through the use of the appropriate animal evaluation model (BLUP). The work was performed using a total of 234,301 animals (82,033 male and 152,268 female).

In relation to a ranch's profitability, it is very important for the appropriate bull to be selected for each cow or heifer, with consideration of both the conformation and the genetics.

The genetic lines of both the sire and dam must be taken into account in order to prevent problems related to inbreeding. The productive and morphological characteristics of the bulls must also be evaluated in order to determine which one is best adapted to each female, in order to ensure the best production.

In this catalogue we therefore display the most relevant information for the bulls, including their genetic value, or in other words, their ability to transmit the characteristics that will provide improvement in their progeny. This edition is presented using three categories:

- Proven bulls
- Bulls with individual evaluation (progeny testing in progress)
- Bulls with individual growth evaluation

The overall objective has been to provide ranchers with bulls that will be useful for achieving their desired performances, and taking improvement of their herds into account.

## Acknowledgements

- We would like to thank all of the ranchers who provide daily collaboration by supplying data on their herds for the Genealogy Book.
- We must also acknowledge the various government institutions that have trusted us (ACRUGA) to establish agreements used to pursue genetic improvement of the Galician Blond breed and to manage the breed's Genealogy Book and Improvement Programme.
- We would like to thank the Animal Selection and Reproduction Centre at Xenética Fontao SA, where the Galician Blond breeding bulls and semen bank are maintained and where genotyping and relationship testing is carried out.
- Finally, we wish to thank the University of Zaragoza's Research Results Transfer Office (OTRI in Spanish), where the genetic variability assessments are being carried out for the Galician Blond breed.

# GLOSSARY

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**Identification code:** The set of letters and numbers used to identify the animal in the breed's Genealogy Book.

**Record:** The Record from the Genealogy Book in which the animal is entered.

**Final Register (RD in Spanish):** Bulls from the Birth Register that are 14 months of age or older and with a morphological rating higher than 70 points.

**Merit Register (RM in Spanish):** Bulls from the Final Register with a morphology rating higher than 80 points and with at least 10 progeny entered in the Final Register.

**Ear Tag:** An animal's official individual identification number.

**AI Code:** A code number issued to each bull at the Animal Selection and Reproduction Centre for use with artificial insemination.

**Individual evaluation:**

**Birth Weight:** The bull's weight taken at the breeder's operation, during the first 24 hours of life.

**Weaning Weight:** The bull's weight taken at the breeder's operation, between 6 and 8 months of age and standardised to 210 days.

**Weight at 12 months:** The bull's weight at one year of life (at the Testing Centre)

**ADG<sub>IE</sub>:** Average Daily Gain during the individual evaluation. A ratio showing the difference between the weight at the beginning and end of the testing period (8 and 14 months of age, respectively), also considering the duration of this period (180 days).

**CI:** Conversion Index for feeds during the individual evaluation. Ratio between the concentrated feed consumed and the weight increase during this phase (8 and 14 months of age).

**MR:** Morphological rating for the bull at 14 months (according to the breed prototype scale).

**Progeny testing:** assessment of the stud bulls based upon performance monitoring of their progeny at the various affiliated operations (using multiple environmental effects); in other words, based upon the birth weight and weaning weight of the offspring.

**Birth Weight:** average weight of the bull's male and female progeny. Total average.

**Weaning Weight:** Weight of the bull's male and female progeny between 6 and 8 months of age (with reference 210 days). Total average.

**ADG<sub>210</sub>:** Average daily gain for the bull's male and female progeny at 210 days of life for the animal. Total average.

**Genetic Index:** Inter-herd genetic valuation (different ranches with various environmental effects) for the characteristics with the highest economic impact and related to the objective of improving the Galician Blond breed: birth weight and weaning weight. Determines the genetic merit of the breeding animals as transmittable to the offspring, for each of these characteristics.

**% Prec.:** percentage of precision or reliability for the prediction. Indicates the degree of invariability of the genetic value as new data is incorporated.

**CI (ICO in Spanish):** A compound selection index produced from the results of the genetic valuation for the birth weight and weaning weight, giving the same importance to both characteristics but with a positive weighting given to the weaning weight and a negative weighting to the birth weight. This index allows us to provide a genetic rating of the animals for the various characteristics recorded.

**Calving Ease:** The interest in this characteristic comes from its relationship with problematic births, which can lead to significant expenses for the operation and a high negative impact on the viability of the dam and calf. This is a complex characteristic with a heritability that tends to be low.

Calving ease is rated on a scale of 1-4:

- 1) Solo birth: the cow gives birth alone without any type of assistance from the caretaker.
- 2) Light assistance: the cow requires the presence of a caretaker to assist with the birth due to an inappropriate presentation, position, or posture of the foetus.
- 3) Strong traction: dystocia, complicated, or difficult births that require the presence of more than one caretaker and/or ropes or mechanical elements to extract the foetus.
- 4) Caesarean: surgical intervention is required to extract the foetus.

The improvement seen in recent years in relation to calving ease has been achieved thanks to two lines of action:

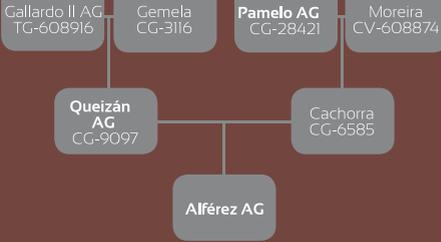
- Study and monitoring of the culard characteristic
- Selection for a low birth weight



# Proven stud bulls

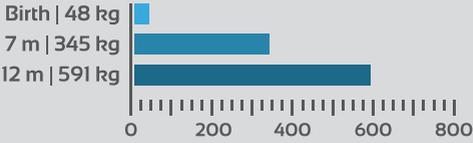


## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,494

Conversion Index

5,32

## Comments

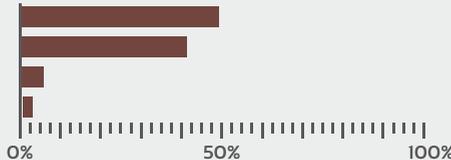
- A bull that provides offspring with good growth characteristics and excellent results in conformation for beef.
- Recommended for industrial cross-breeding.
- Recommended for cows with good calving aptitude.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 659 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	321	46	80	317	1,288			
Females	338	42	110	294	1,199			
<b>Total</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>95,04</b>	<b>109,69</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	333   49,41%
Light assistance	283   41,99%
Strong traction	39   5,79%
Caesarean	19   2,82%



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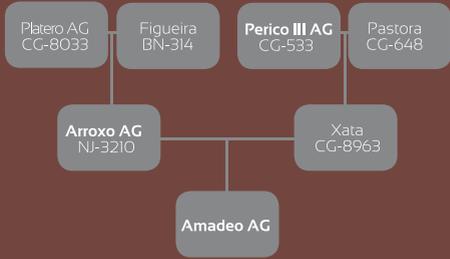
# Amadeo AG

Date of Birth: 14/11/2007 | Breeder: José Luis Fernández

Individual ID: CG-14834 | AI Code: 622115

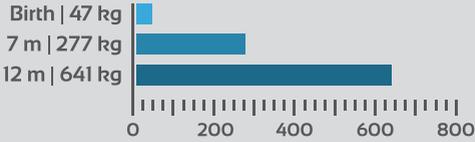
Ear Tag: ES021107369778

## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,287

Conversion Index

7,07

## Comments

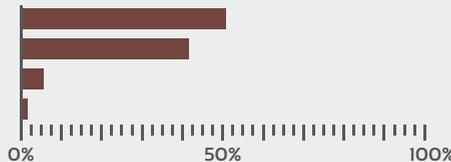
- Provides animals with excellent skeletal development, tall at the withers and long.
- Recommended for medium and large-sized cows, with good calving aptitude.
- Appropriate for industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 160 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	81	44	30	293	1,184			
Females	79	40	12	283	1,155			
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>103,29</b>	<b>96,21</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth 82 | 50,62%  
 Light assistance 68 | 41,98%  
 Strong traction 10 | 6,17%  
 Caesarean 2 | 1,23%



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Proven stud bulls



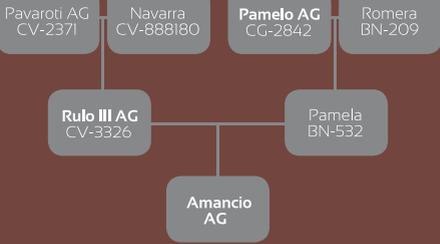
# Amancio AG

Date of Birth: 23/01/2007 | Breeder: Amador Álvarez

Individual ID: BN-1940 | AI Code: 622111

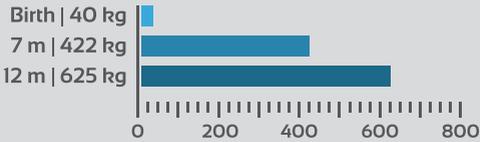
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

82,00

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,615

Conversion Index

5,64

## Comments

- A bull with offspring that show a good birth weight to weaning weight ratio and highly rated beef.

- Recommended for use with large cows with good calving aptitude. Not appropriate for heifers.

- Appropriate for re-breeding of heifers because of his good skeletal development.

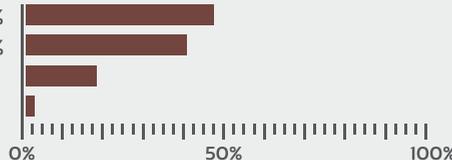
- Also recommended for crossing with zebu cattle.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 583 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	300	46	115	309	1,251			
Females	283	42	106	293	1,193		98,7	96,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>99,21</b>	<b>115,64</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	286   48,15%
Light assistance	241   40,57%
Strong traction	50   8,42%
Caesarean	17   2,86%



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Proven stud bulls



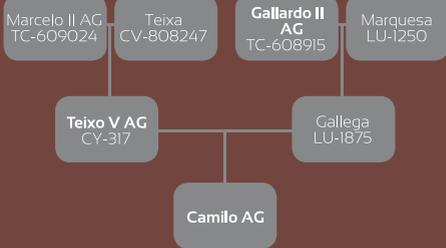
# Camilo AG

Date of Birth: 05/10/2007 | Breeder: José Luis Villanueva

Individual ID: LU-5273 | AI Code: 622114

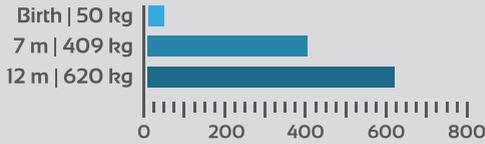
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,489

Conversion Index

6,68

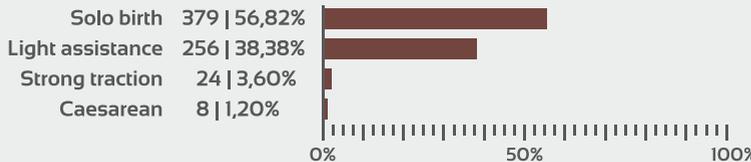
## Comments

- A bull with good results in terms of calving ease and a good birth weight to weaning weight ratio in his offspring.
- Recommended for obtaining progeny with excellent conformation and muscular development for beef.
- Also recommended for industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 653 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	329	44	90	302	1,230			
Females	324	41	92	292	1,196	97,9	93,2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>103,68</b>	<b>117,45</b>

### Calving Ease



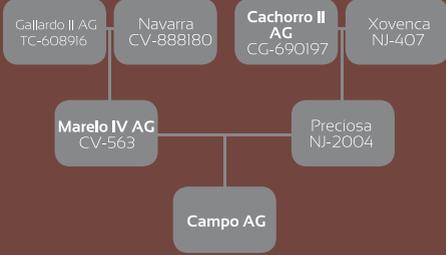
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Proven stud bulls

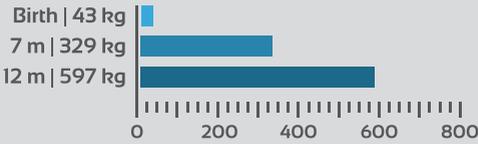


## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

83,25

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,536

Conversion Index

6,50

## Comments

- A bull that provides animals with excellent development at weaning and muscular development for beef.

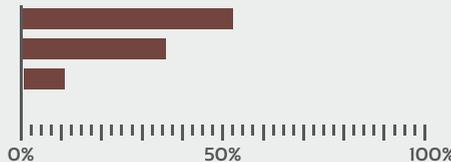
- Recommended for medium-sized cows.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 109 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	54	44	23	324	1,332			
Females	55	43	20	314	1,290			
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>100,59</b>	<b>124,99</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	58   52,73%
Light assistance	40   36,36%
Strong traction	12   10,91%
Caesarean	0   0,00%



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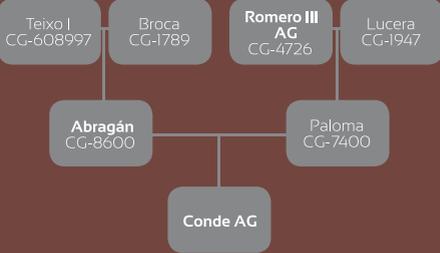
# Conde AG

Date of Birth: 16/09/2004 | Breeder: José Luis Fernández

Individual ID: CG-11420 | AI Code: 622100

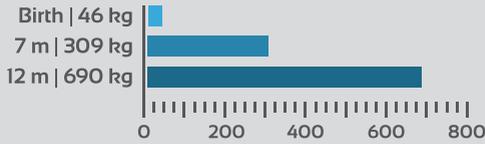
Ear Tag: ESO41105815102

## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

83,25

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,921

Conversion Index

4,38

## Comments

- Data from the reared daughters indicates tall and long animals, with excellent stance and good mammary systems.

- Recommended for use with adult cows, with good development and high calving aptitude.

- Recommended for use in industrial cross-breeding and with zebu cattle.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 1.936 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	897	46	200	297	1,198			
Females	1.039	42	250	280	1,133		99,5	97,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.936</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>98,05</b>	<b>104,48</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	1.104	55,81%
Light assistance	754	38,12%
Strong traction	93	4,70%
Caesarean	27	1,37%

0% 50% 100%

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Proven stud bulls



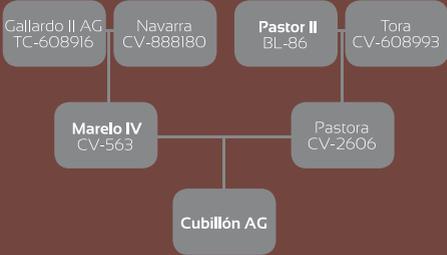
# Cubillón AG

Date of Birth: 26/06/2006 | Breeder: Camilo Boudón

Individual ID: CV-5420 | AI Code: 622108

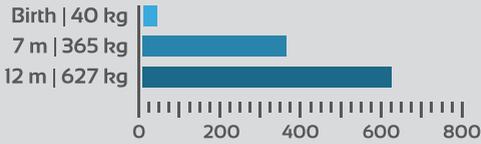
Ear Tag: ESO21106750306

## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

84,25

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,344

Conversion Index

6,54

## Comments

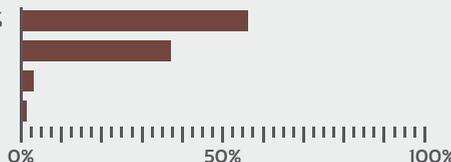
- A bull generating good calving ease in medium-sized cows.
- Not appropriate for heifers.
- An ideal bull for obtaining calves with good development at weaning and high conformation for beef.
- Also selected for use in industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 1.373 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	659	43	174	306	1,254			
Females	714	41	232	300	1,232		99,3	97,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.373</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>108,28</b>	<b>114,87</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	816   58,04%
Light assistance	531   37,77%
Strong traction	40   2,84%
Caesarean	19   1,35%



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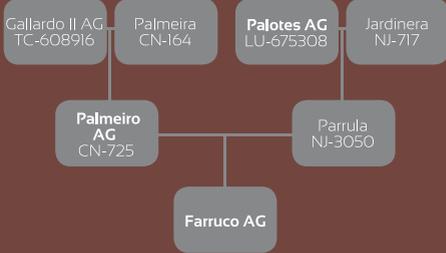
# Farruco AG

Date of Birth: 15/06/2008 | Breeder: Luis Pérez López

Individual ID: NJ-6433 | AI Code: 622117

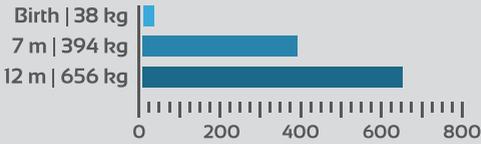
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,308

Conversion Index

5,91

## Comments

- A bull recommended for re-breeding of heifers. His offspring are characterised by excellent length and stance. Produces heifers with a good mammary system.

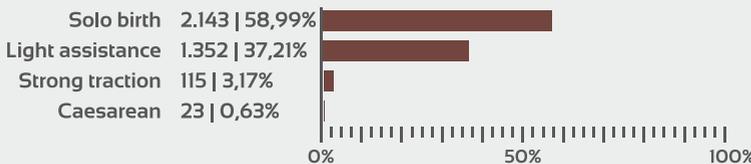
- A bull with good results in relation to calving ease.

- Recommended for heifers and small-sized cows.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 3.572 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	1.760	41	264	315	1,306			
Females	1.812	39	259	298	1,231		99,6	97,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.572</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>118,55</b>	<b>123,93</b>

### Calving Ease



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Proven stud bulls



# Galo AG

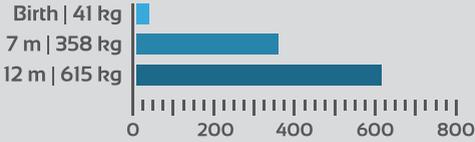
Date of Birth: 03/09/2008 | Breeder: Manuel Iglesias  
Individual ID: TC-4399 | AI Code: 622118  
Ear Tag: ESO11107761013

## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

83,00

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,522

Conversion Index

5,08

## Comments

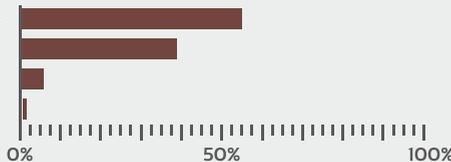
- A bull with excellent beef rating, ideal for production of calves with high beef yields.
- Recommended for adult cows of large size and with good calving aptitude.
- Not appropriate for heifers.
- Recommended for crossing with zebu cattle.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 727 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	362	44	122	308	1,258			
Females	365	41	127	297	1,218		98,7	95,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>105,40</b>	<b>116,45</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	410   55,03%
Light assistance	284   38,12%
Strong traction	43   5,77%
Caesarean	8   1,07%



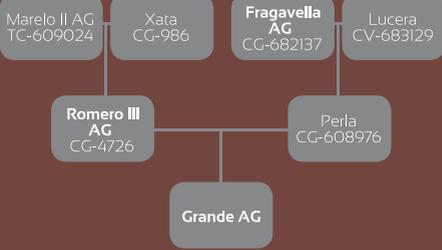
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Proven stud bulls

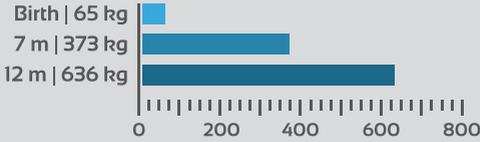


## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

86,75

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,801

Conversion Index

4,83

## Comments

-Recommended for use with large cows with good calving aptitude. Not appropriate for heifers.

- Indicated for re-breeding of heifers.

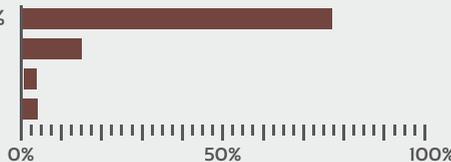
- Recommended for industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 303 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	102	49	49	303	1,211			
Females	201	45	89	273	1,085		98,1	96,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>84,37</b>	<b>107,96</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	232   77,08%
Light assistance	46   15,28%
Strong traction	11   3,65%
Caesarean	12   3,99%



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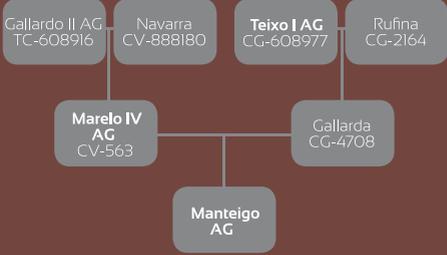
# Manteigo AG

Date of Birth: 01/12/2004 | Breeder: Vicente González

Individual ID: CG-11576 | AI Code: 622102

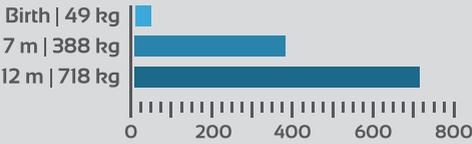
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

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ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,658

Conversion Index

5,47

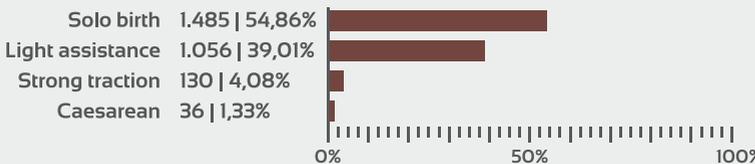
## Comments

- A bull indicated for re-breeding heifers. His offspring are notable for their excellent size and length. His daughters are characterised by their good mammary systems.
- Good birth weight to weaning weight ratio.
- Recommended for medium-sized cows.
- Recommended for industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 2.668 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	1.251	45	232	302	1,223			
Females	1.417	42	244	278	1,122			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.668</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>97,54</b>	<b>107,08</b>

### Calving Ease



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Proven stud bulls

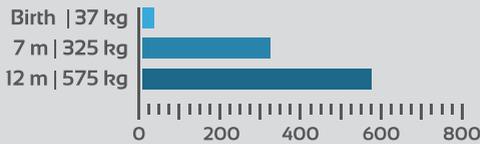


## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,557

Conversion Index

4,79

## Comments

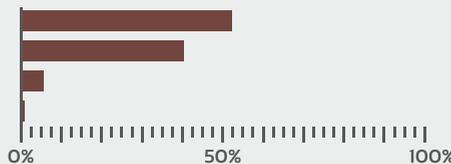
- Provides animals with good development at weaning and muscular development for beef.
- Indicated for re-breeding of heifers. A bull with excellent length, a characteristic that he transmits to his offspring.
- Recommended for medium-sized cows. A bull generating good calving ease, but not indicated for heifers.
- Also indicated for use in industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 126 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	64	44	33	315	1,289	Genetic Ind.	101,70	116,82
Females	62	41	26	263	1,059			
Total	126	43	59	292	1,188			

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	66   51,97%
Light assistance	52   40,94%
Strong traction	8   6,30%
Caesarean	1   0,79%



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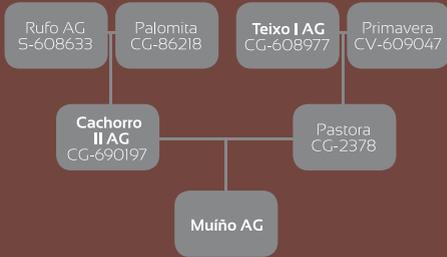
# Muño AG

Date of Birth: 11/07/2005 | Breeder: Nieves López

Individual ID: CG-12215 | AI Code: 622104

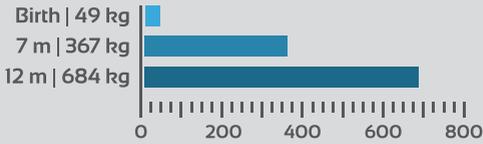
Ear Tag: ESO51106341159

## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

82,00

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,606

Conversion Index

4,71

## Comments

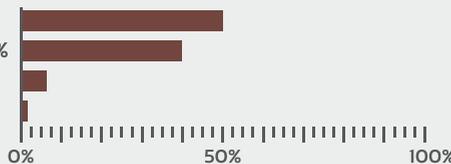
- A bull that provides long, tall animals.
- Indicated for re-breeding of heifers.
- Recommended for large-sized cows with good calving aptitude. Not appropriate for heifers.
- Also suitable for cross-breeding with zebu cattle.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 1.121 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	535	46	199	330	1,349			
Females	586	42	234	281	1,139			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.121</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>95,69</b>	<b>109,61</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	584   51,27%
Light assistance	459   40,30%
Strong traction	72   6,32%
Caesarean	24   2,11%



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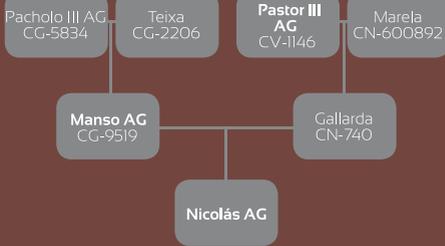
# Nicolás AG

Date of Birth: 25/10/2007 | Breeder: Manuel Alonso

Individual ID: CN-2257 | AI Code: 622116

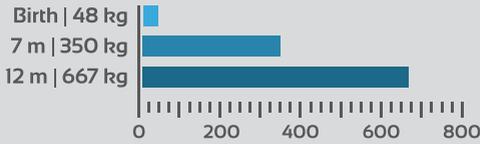
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

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ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,805

Conversion Index

5,59

## Comments

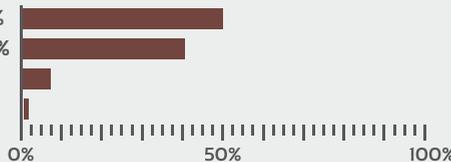
- His offspring have an excellent birth weight to weaning weight ratio and good conformation for beef.
- Recommended for use with large cows, with good calving aptitude, in order to obtain calves for slaughter.
- Also recommended for use in crossing with zebu cattle.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 690 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	344	45	111	323	1,325			
Females	346	42	104	317	1,308		98,6	95,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>96,72</b>	<b>119,76</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	354   50,36%
Light assistance	284   40,40%
Strong traction	53   7,54%
Caesarean	12   1,71%



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Proven stud bulls



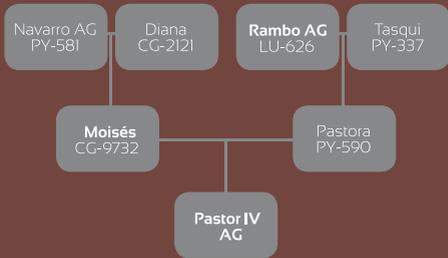
# Pastor IV AG

Date of Birth: 22/05/2010 | Breeder: Jesús Varela

Individual ID: PY-2748 | AI Code: BRG-123

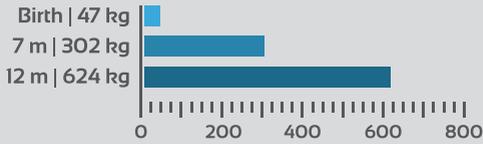
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,516

Conversion Index

6,00

## Comments

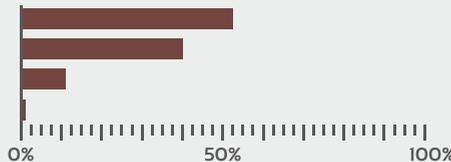
- His progeny show good development at weaning and conformation for beef.
- Provides animals with excellent length and size.
- Indicated for breeding females with good calving aptitude. Not appropriate for heifers.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 249 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	110	45	29	305	1,238			
Females	139	41	45	310	1,280		94,9	87,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>101,02</b>	<b>106,03</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	133   52,57%
Light assistance	103   40,71%
Strong traction	15   5,93%
Caesarean	2   0,79%



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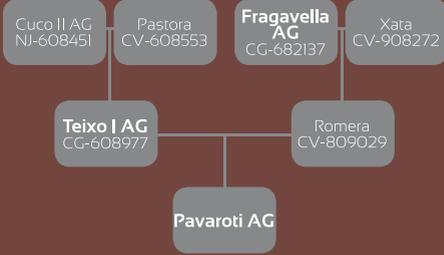
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# Pavaroti AG

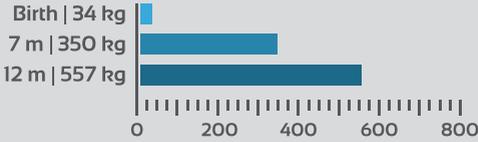
Date of Birth: 16/07/1998 | Breeder: Ramiro Marey  
Individual ID: CV-2371 | AI Code: 622067  
Ear Tag: ESO31102202779

## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,176

Conversion Index

5,74

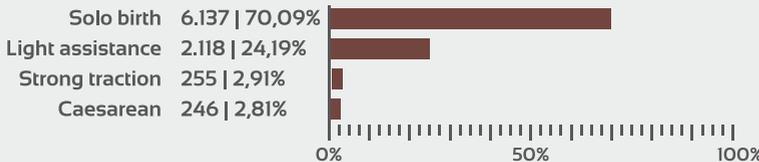
## Comments

- A bull that provides animals with low birth weight and high calving ease indexes.
- Recommended for use with heifers and small-sized animals.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 8.632 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	3.779	40	1.086	274	1,113			
Females	4.853	38	1.687	250	1,007			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.632</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2.773</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>123,23</b>	<b>80,23</b>

### Calving Ease



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Proven stud bulls



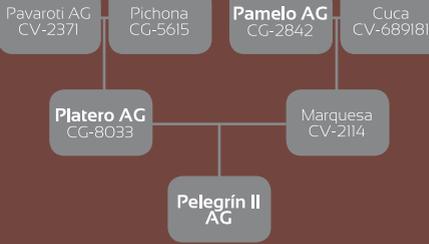
# Pelegrín II AG

Date of Birth: 26/05/2009 | Breeder: Ana Belén Díaz

Individual ID: CV-6821 | AI Code: 622120

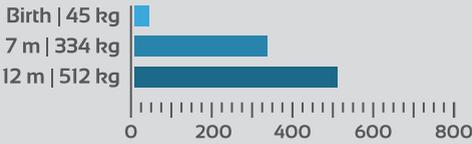
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80,00

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1,201

Conversion Index

7,00

## Comments

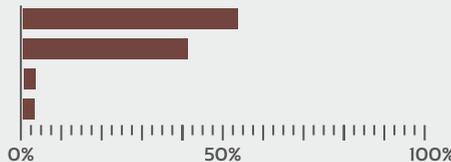
- Recommended for use with heifers.
- A bull appropriate for producing calves of low birth weight and with good calving ease.
- Provides animals with good development at weaning.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 393 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	191	41	60	298	1,221			
Females	202	38	61	285	1,177			
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>115,58</b>	<b>90,76</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	212   53,40%
Light assistance	163   41,06%
Strong traction	11   2,77%
Caesarean	11   2,77%



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# Quijano AG

Date of Birth: 20/02/2006 | Breeder: Juana Besteiro

Individual ID: CG-12939 | AI Code: 622107

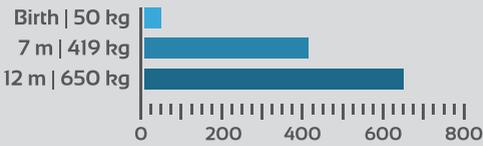
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

82,00

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,312

Conversion Index

5,76

## Comments

- This is a good choice for obtaining breeding with good maternal qualities.

- His progeny are very well formed animals with a good mammary system in his daughters.

- Indicated for large sized cows and with good calving ease. Not appropriate for heifers.

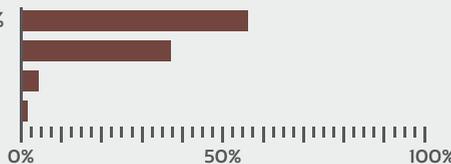
- Also recommended for industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 1.077 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Males	497	44	156	317	1,301			
Females	580	40	212	288	1,183		99,1	96,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.077</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>106,43</b>	<b>118,13</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	622   56,44%
Light assistance	414   37,57%
Strong traction	51   4,63%
Caesarean	15   1,36%



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Proven stud bulls



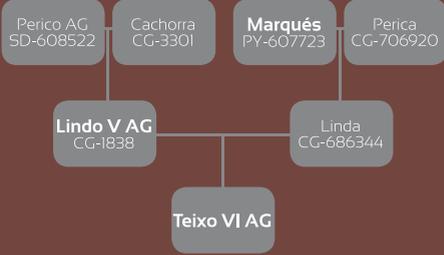
# Teixo VI AG

Date of Birth: 27/04/1996 | Breeder: Silvina Fernández

Individual ID: CG-3761 | AI Code: 622062

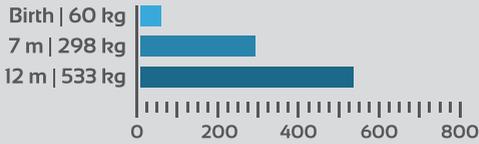
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

81,25

ADG<sub>IE</sub>

1,394

Conversion Index

5,98

## Comments

- This is a bull that provides large animals with good skeletal development, with good mammary systems in his daughters.

- Indicated for large sized cows and with good calving ease. Not appropriate for heifers.

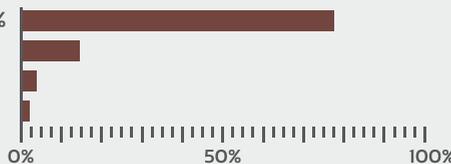
- Recommended for industrial cross-breeding.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 914 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Mâles	326	46	143	287	1,146			
Femelles	588	43	294	266	1,063		99,3	97,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>95,00</b>	<b>95,91</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	706   77,58%
Light assistance	148   16,26%
Strong traction	34   3,74%
Caesarean	22   2,42%

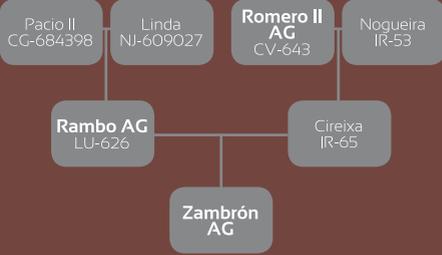


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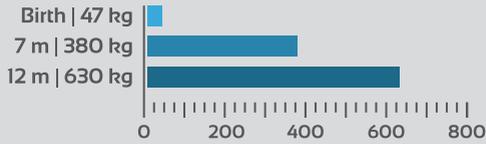


## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

78,50

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,483

Conversion Index

5,88

## Comments

- This is a bull with high semen fertility. Good quality.
- The data coming from his daughters demonstrates that they possess an excellent mammary system.
- Recommended for animals with good calving aptitude.

## Progeny testing | Evaluation performed using 1.520 offspring

	Birth		7 months		ADG	% Prec	Birth	7 months
	No.	Weight (kg)	No.	Weight (kg)				
Mâles	612	44	252	299	1,213			
Femelles	908	42	442	276	1,112		99,5	98,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.520</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>Genetic Ind.</b>	<b>104,84</b>	<b>107,16</b>

### Calving Ease

Solo birth	1.184   77,89%
Light assistance	261   17,17%
Strong traction	48   3,16%
Caesarean	27   1,78%

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# BREED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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*(Resolution of 22 November, published in Spain's Official State Gazette (BOE) on 6 December 2011)*

**OBJECTIVE:** to improve production efficiency for the breed

## Phases

### 1) Selection of candidate calves for the testing centre:

- Birth weight: This is determined by the rancher, using a scale or as an estimate, in the first 24 hours after birth.
- Weaning weight: This is determined by the field monitors, using a scale or a zoometric tape, at an age between 6 and 8 months (reference: 210 days).
- Calving ease: this is rated by the rancher on a scale of 1 (solo birth) to 4 (Caesarean required).
- Overall productivity of the breeding female: age at first birth, number of births and calves, interval between births, breeding ability, etc.

### 2) Individual evaluation at the Testing Centre: (Adai, O Corgo, Lugo):

- Average Daily Gain, post-weaning : difference between the weight at the beginning and end of the testing period (8 and 14 months of age) and considering the duration of this period (6 months).
- Conversion index: weight increase for the animal in relation to the concentrated feed consumed.
- Zoometric measurements: taken at 14 months of age:
  - eight at withers (greater than 128 cm)
  - scapula-ischia length
  - depth of chest
  - width of chest
  - length of hindquarters
  - width of hindquarters
  - thoracic perimeter (large and deep for selected animals, therefore with a higher thoracic capacity).
- Morphological rating at 14 months of age.

### 3) Progeny testing: monitoring of offspring at the ranching operation and abattoir:

3.1. Monitoring of progeny at the ranch: the offspring from AI and natural service bulls are subjected to performance monitoring at the ranch (phase 1)

3.2. Monitoring of progeny at the abattoir: the offspring from AI and natural service bulls are subjected to these yield controls at the abattoir:

- a) Age and weight at slaughter
- b) Weight of the cold carcass (determination of yield on the carcass)
- c) Conformation of the carcass, following the SEUROP system
- d) The fat distribution status of the carcass, on a scale of 1-5

## Candidate calves for the testing centre

- a) Offspring of a Mother of Future Stud (MFS in Spanish) and Father of Future Stud (PFS in Spanish)
- b) Pre-weaning ADG<sub>ie210</sub> (at 210 days > the breed average)
- c) Morphological rating at weaning of Good or Very Good, based on the animal's muscular and skeletal development
- d) Does not show any appreciable defects in morphology or stance and is within the standard for the breed
- e) Complies with the health regulations in force
- f) Has its relationships confirmed

## Classification of breeders:

### a) Breeding cow:

- Females from Auxiliary Register (RA in Spanish) or Final Register (RD in Spanish)
- Morphological rating  $\geq 65$  points

### b) Mother of Future Stud (MFS in Spanish):

- Females from RD or Merit Register (RM in Spanish)
- Daughter of an RD or RM father and mother
- CI  $\geq 100$
- Morphological rating  $\geq 70$  points (Good)
- $\geq 3$  monitored births and  $\geq 3$  calves with birth weight
- Interval between births < 500 days
- The following reproductive characteristics must also be taken into account: Precocity (age at first birth), interval between births, calving ease, capacity of offspring (average daily gain at 210 days)

### c) Natural Service Bull:

- Males from RD
- Morphological rating  $\geq 70$  points

### d) Father of Future Stud (PFS in Spanish):

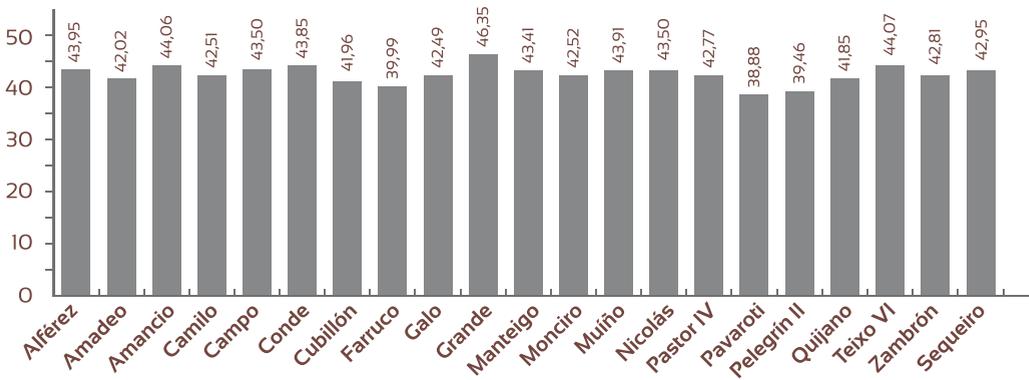
- Males from RD or RM
- Offspring of an RD or RM father and mother
- CI  $\geq 100$
- Morphological rating  $\geq 80$  points (Very Good)
- $\geq 20$  progeny with birth weight and weaning weight
- The molecular information provided to us must also be taken into account, showing genes related to productive characteristics or with the quality of the carcass and/or the beef, or related to undesirable characteristics (the culard characteristic) or diseases of genetic origin.

### e) Bull for Artificial Insemination:

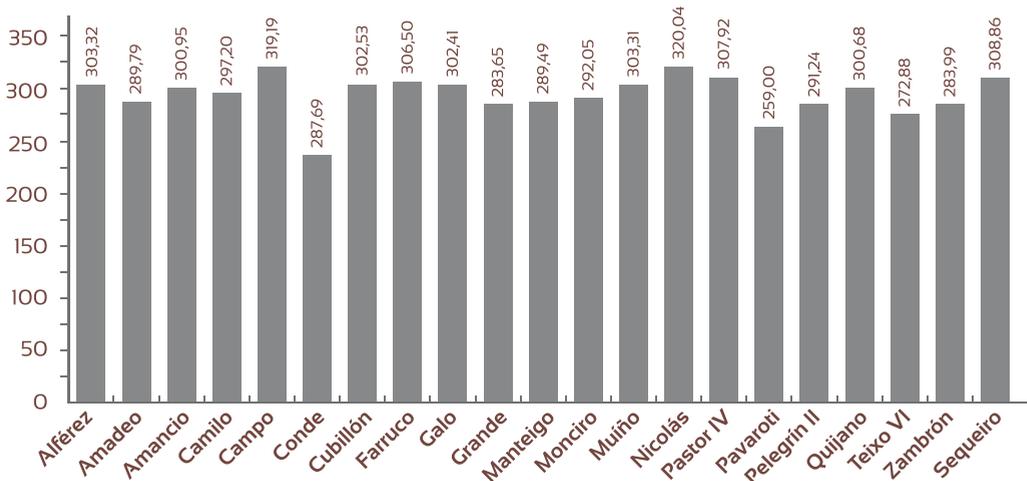
- Male offspring of MFS and PFS
- RD or RM
- Morphological rating  $\geq 80$  points
- Positive individual evaluation at the Testing Centre



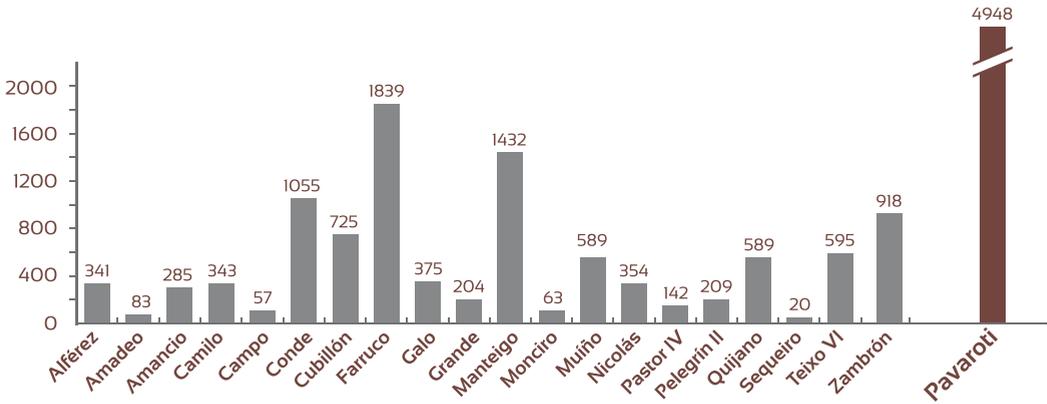
Average birth weight (kg)



Average weaning weight (kg)



## Re-breeding

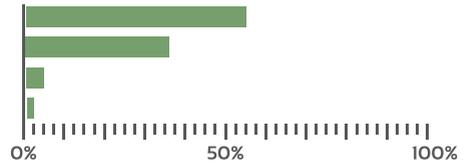


## Calving ease for heifers

### Farruco AG



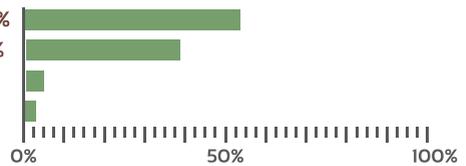
Solo birth	314   55,28 %
Light assistance	208   36,62 %
Strong traction	32   5,64 %
Caesarean	14   2,46 %



### Pavaroti AG



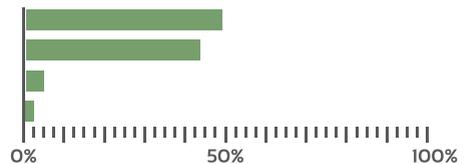
Solo birth	1.839   53,60 %
Light assistance	1.309   38,15 %
Strong traction	169   4,93 %
Caesarean	114   3,32 %



### Pelegrín II

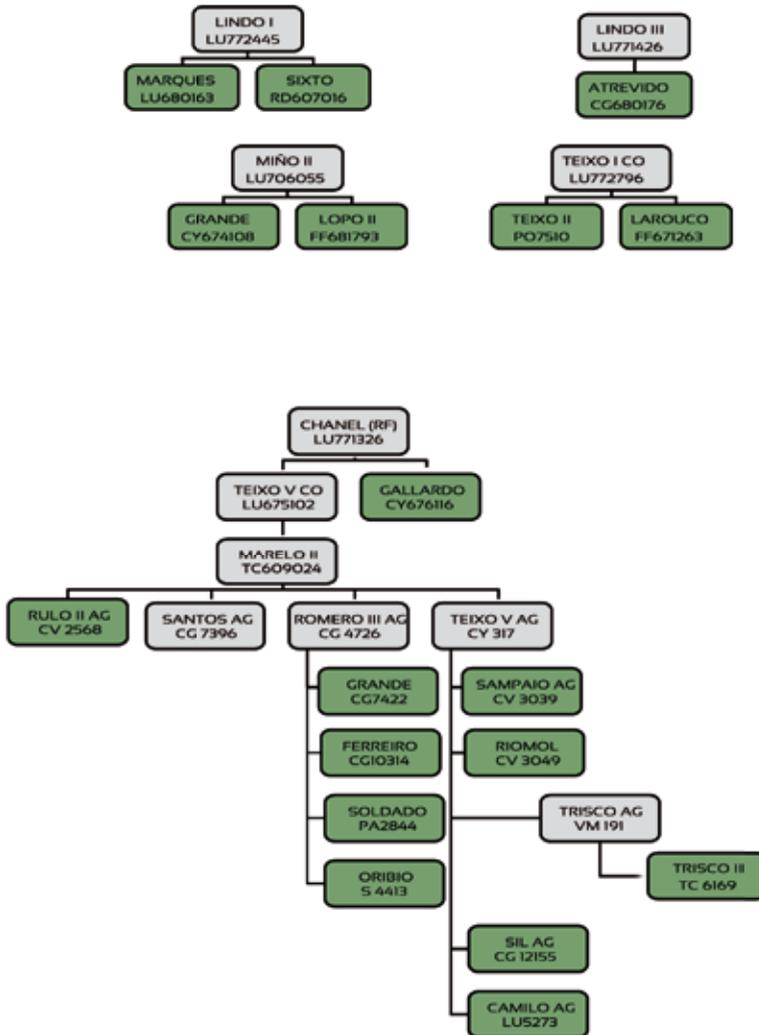


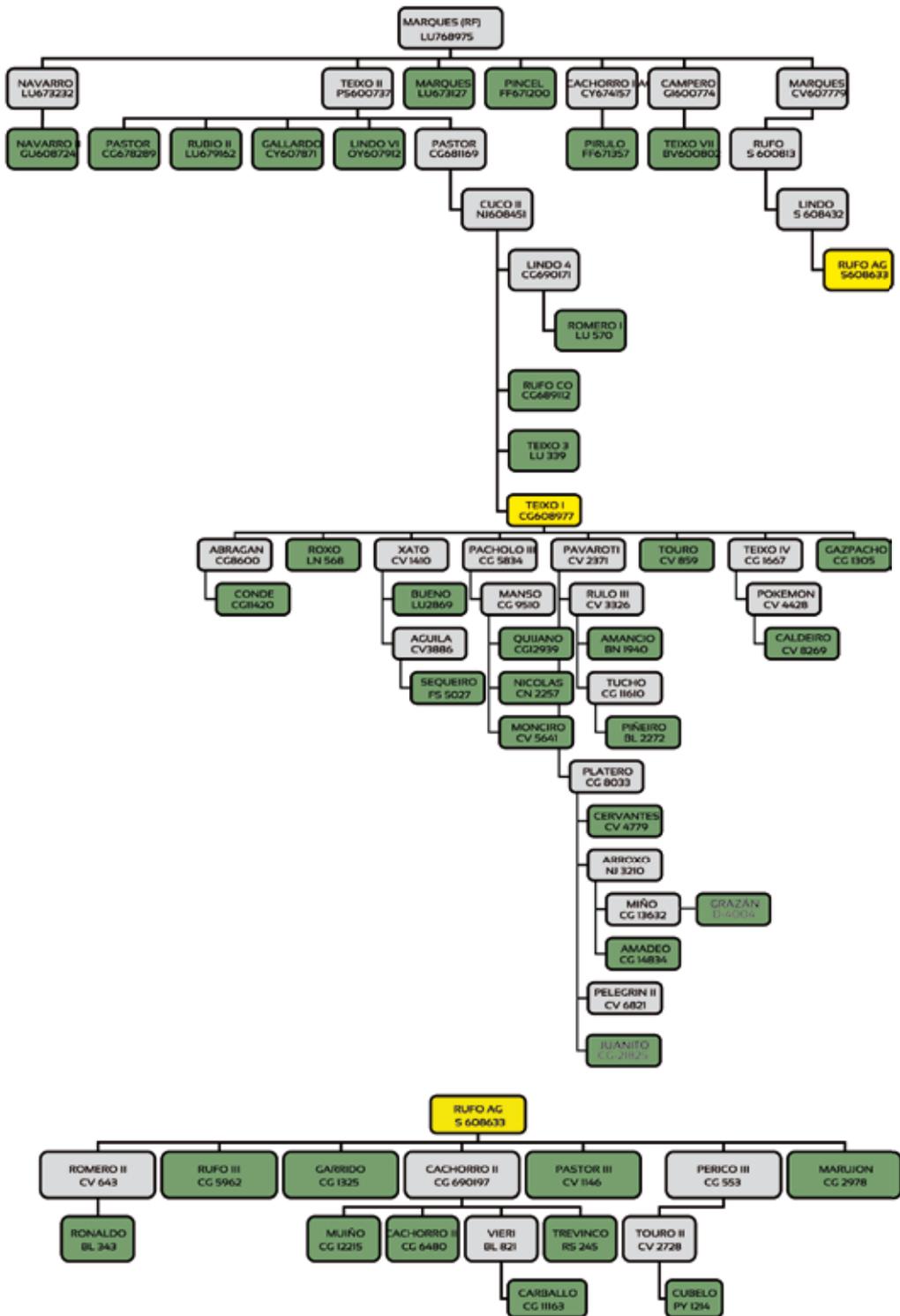
Solo birth	58   48,74 %
Light assistance	52   43,70 %
Strong traction	6   5,04 %
Caesarean	3   2,52 %

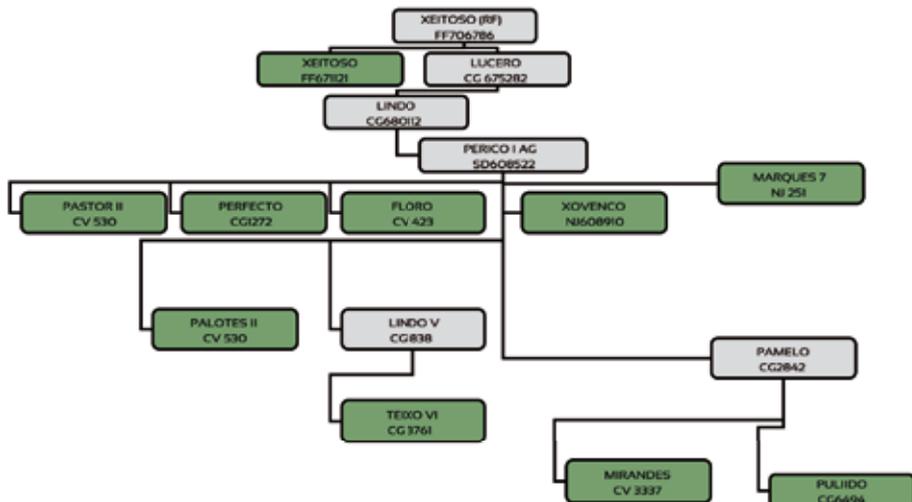
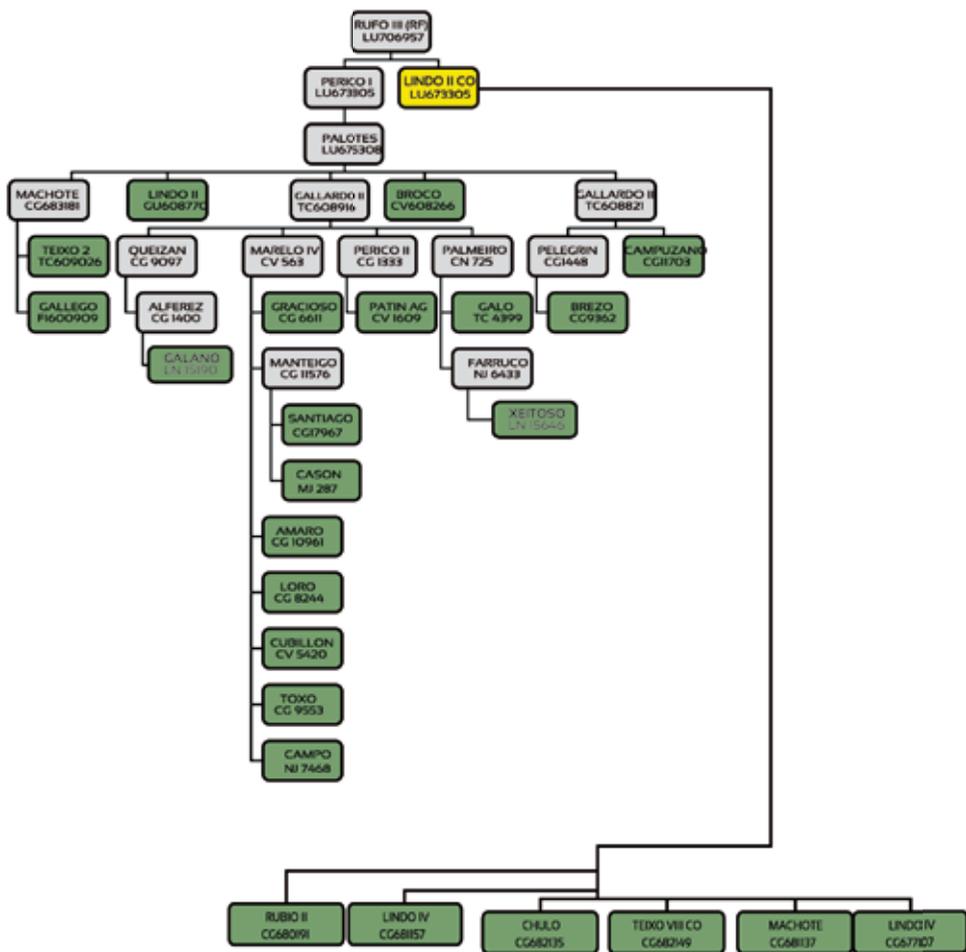


# Founding Register - Artificial Insemination bull Genealogies

## Founding Register-Artificial Inseminations bulls







# Stud bulls with individual growth evaluation

RD

# Caldeiro AG

Date of Birth: 22/03/2012 | Breeder: César González

Individual ID: CV-8269

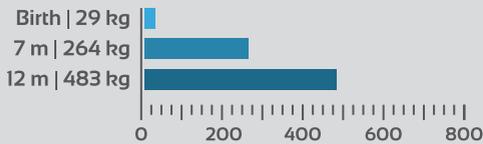
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

83

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,890

ICO

99

RD

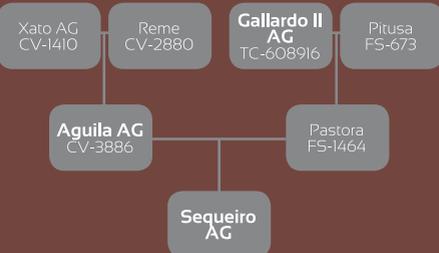
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Date of Birth: 22/11/2010 | Breeder: Antonio Prieto

Individual ID: FS-5027

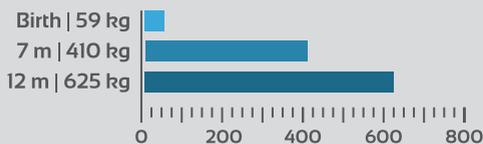
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

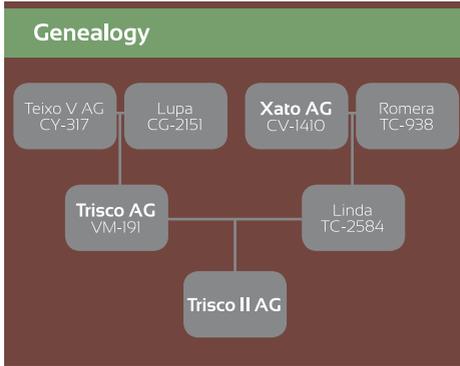
81,75

ADC<sub>IE</sub>

1,327

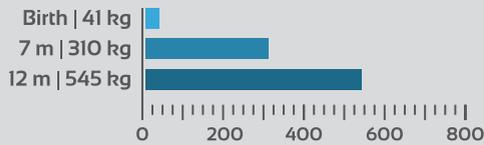
ICO

120



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating

80

ADG<sub>12</sub>

1,800

ICO

105

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"Gallega Suprema" category ribeye cut from Galician Blond beef



Stud bulls with individual growth evaluation



# Stud bulls with individual evaluation

(progeny testing in progress)

RD

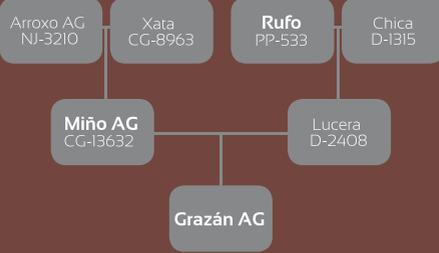
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Date of Birth: 20/06/2013 | Breeder: Alfredo Arias

Individual ID: D-4004

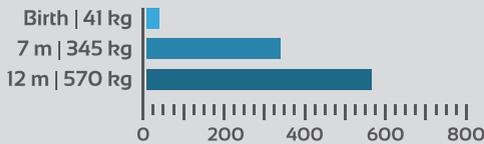
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



Morphological Rating	ADG <sub>IE</sub>	Conversion Index	ICO
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RD

# Juanito AG

Date of Birth: 31/08/2013 | Breeder: José Luis Fernández

Individual ID: CG-21825

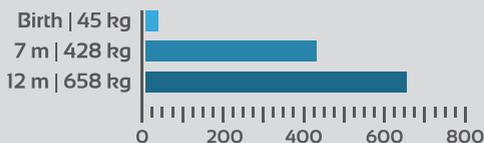
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## Genealogy



## Individual Evaluation

### Weights in testing cage



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Stud bulls with individual evaluation (progeny testing in prog.)

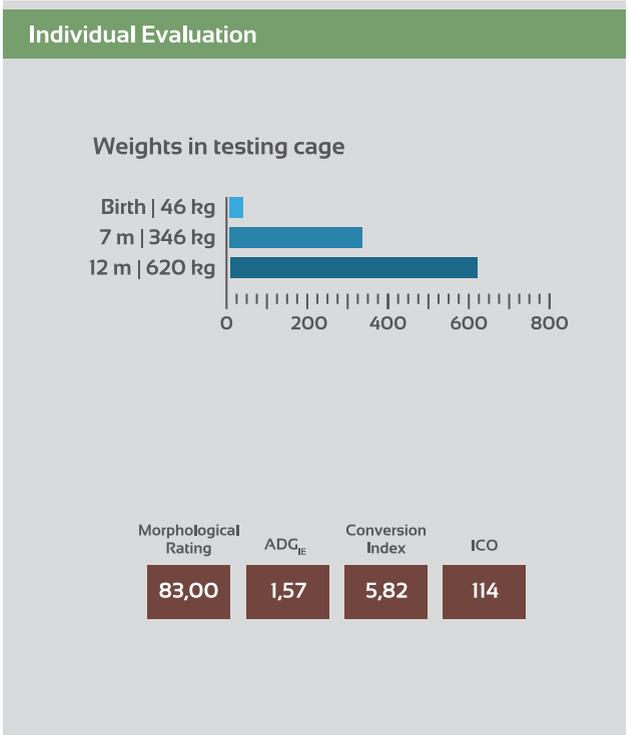
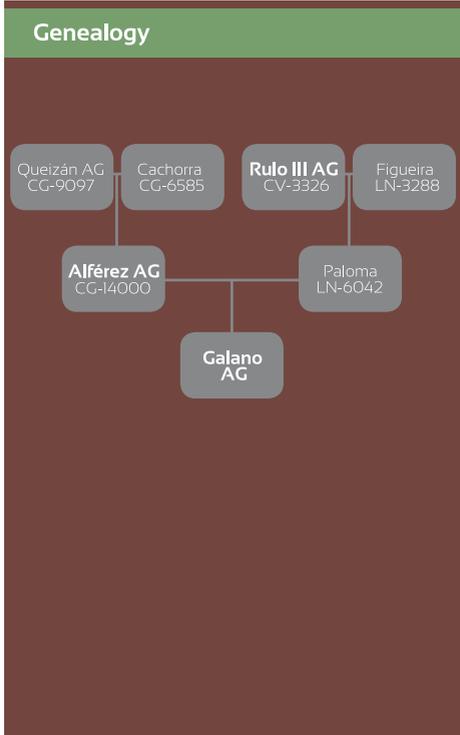


# Galano Ag

Date of Birth: 03/01/2013 | Breeder: Ramón Alonso Fernández

Individual ID: LN-15190

Ear Tag: ESO61109638365

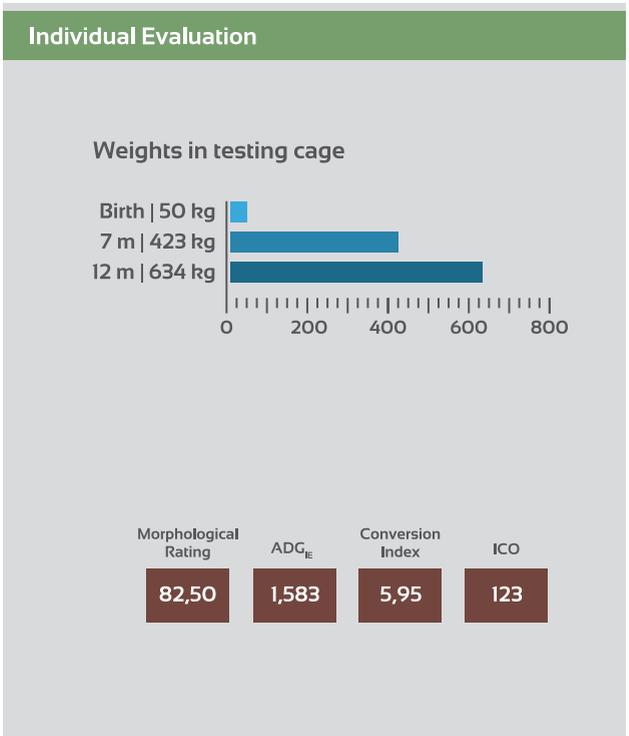
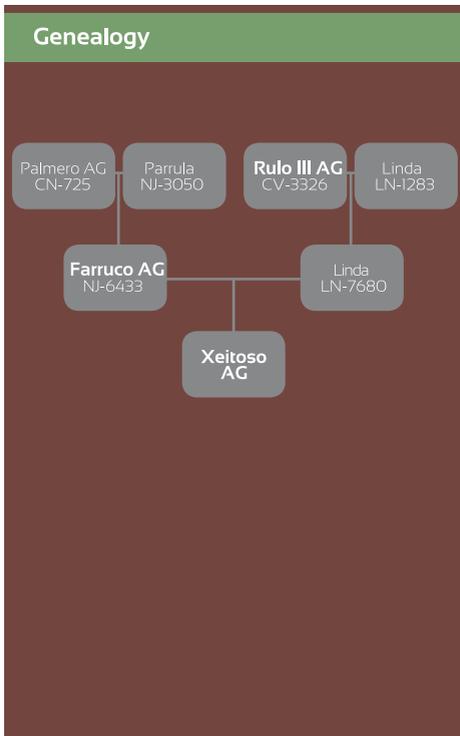


# Xeitoso AG

Date of Birth: 10/03/2013 | Breeder: Manuel Tallón

Individual ID: LN-15646

Ear Tag: ESO91109944014

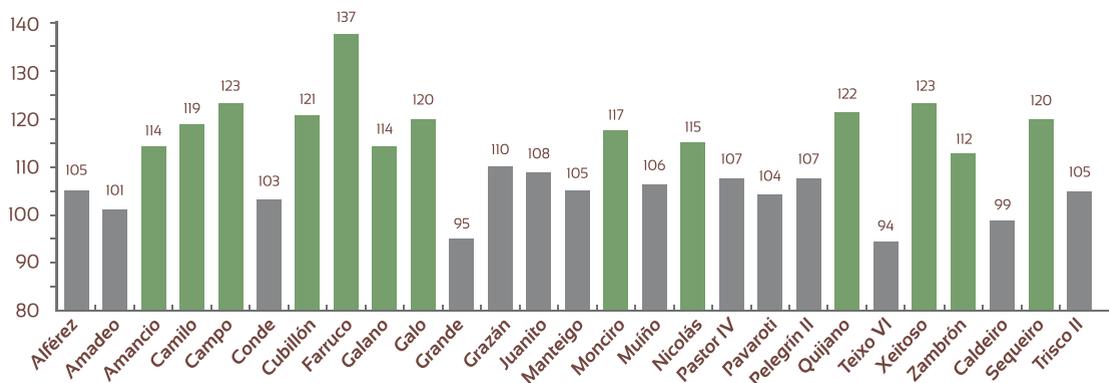


Stud bulls with individual evaluation (progeny testing in prog.)

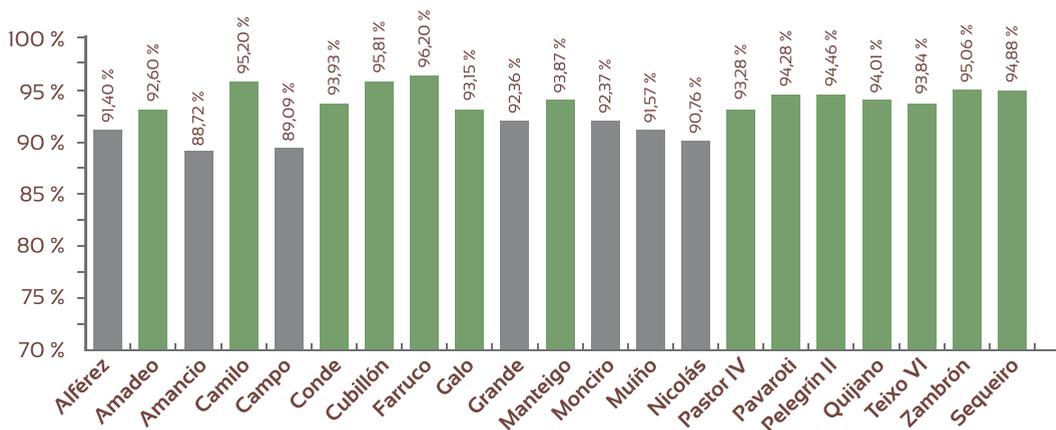
# COMPARISON OF BULLS WITH PROGENY TESTING IN PROGRESS

(Green bar: bulls most recommended for each characteristic)

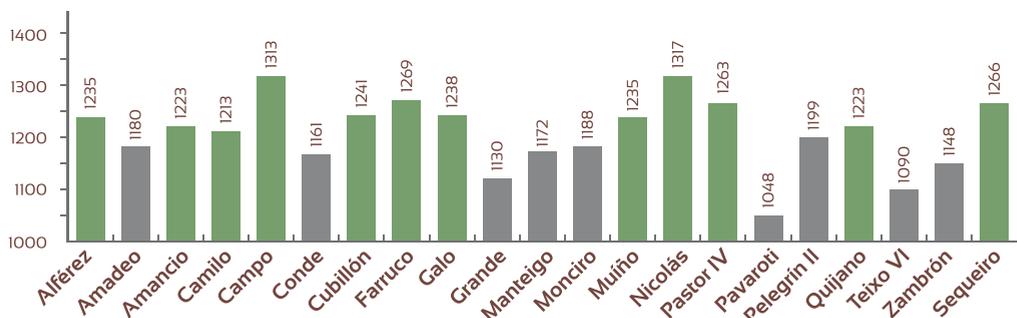
## CI



## Calving Ease



## Average Daily Gain (grams)



Aproximate  
Time

**3 h.**



Imágenes cedidas por la IGP TG

## ***Galician Blond Beef Foreshank with Chestnuts***

### **Ingredients (4 servings):**

- 1.000 g of Galician Blond beef foreshank
- 120 g of onions
- 100 g of leeks.
- 150 g of carrots
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 40 ml of white wine (Ribeiro D.O.)
- 20 ml of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 sprigs of parsley
- Salt
- Whole peppercorns
- Chestnuts, cooked and peeled

### **Preparation:**

Allow the meat to marinate overnight with all of the vegetables and spices. Brown the meat in the olive oil and add the marinade, then allow to cook very slowly for 3 hours.

When the Galician Blond meat is almost ready (tender), add the chestnuts and allow to cook all together for a couple of minutes longer.

### **Serving:**

Serve each portion of meat on a plate surrounded by chestnuts.





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