

Highlights since our last bulletin;

- Australian Carobs P/L has achieved 3rd party Non GMO certification for its range of carob products. Non GMO Certification is a pre-requisite by importers in China, USA, Hong Kong and the UK. The story of Michael and Jam Jolley's successful venture can be read on page 15.
- Clear Springs Pastoral Company Pty Ltd has also been successful in achieving Non-GMO certification for their 100% Grass Fed Black Angus beef cattle.(see article below)
- GMO ID Australia exhibited at the Naturally Good Exhibition in Sydney during May. We were fortunate to

- have Jerry Houseago, Business Development Director for CERT ID Europe visit and present at the Expo. A large number of enquiries were fielded during and after the Expo. It is encouraging to see the number of Australian manufacturers which are now looking into informing their Australian customers that their products are Australian produced and free of any genetically modified ingredients.
- Our Food Safety Auditors are also conducting CERT ID Non-GMO audits at the same time that HACCP audits are being conducted, providing for additional cost effectiveness through the certification process.
- Banana producers are also investigating the feasibility of certifying their crops and operations with pending likelihood of genetically modified bananas. This is to protect their market and to also protect their crops against the possibility of cross contamination should gm bananas be approved. ❄



Clear Springs Station has achieved an Australian first through the Non-GMO certification for its livestock operations. Its premium quality beef is nourished completely without GM feeds or supplements and the Non-GMO certification is expected to provide significant marketing advantages in sensitive domestic and export markets, such as the United States and Canada.

GMO ID Australia is proud to be associated with Clear Springs Pastoral Company Pty Limited.

Clear Springs Station is a family-owned, Australian company situated in the upper reaches of the Murray River in Southern New South Wales. The station has been a working farm since the 1860s with a strong focus on the environment and sustainability. It is capably managed by Chris Burton, the Station Manager of Clear Springs, who brings with him deep experience in the breeding and management of livestock.

Located at 35° south latitude, Clear Springs is in an ideal, agro-ecological zone with temperate to cool seasonal variations with reliable rainfall. The region is globally recognised as fertile grounds for cattle production. “Black Angus cattle thrive in these conditions,” says Burton. “Our property is 8,000 acres in size, so our livestock have plenty of

room to roam, graze and socialise. It is important to us that they have open and uninterrupted access to fresh pasture throughout their entire lives.”

“We breed and raise Black Angus cattle on natural and improved grasslands,” Burton continues, “It is a pure, grass diet, with a variety of grass types including clover, sub clover, phalaris and ryegrass.”

INDEPENDENT CERTIFICATION

Clear Springs stands by its all-natural philosophy and is committed to providing clients with absolute assurance over its claims. Each year, the company submits itself to rigorous, 3rd-party audits and on-farm inspections, performed by recognised accreditation bodies and National Industry Assurance Programmes.

“By going beyond self-declaring our all-natural qualities, we invest heavily in quality assurance programmes to secure independent certification and recognition,” says Burton. “We consider the effort and stringent processes worthwhile, as this gives our clients the comfort of knowing that Clear Springs Black Angus cattle are truly and certifiably 100% grassfed, free of hormones and antibiotics, and uniquely, non-GMO”.



Chris Burton, 'Clear Springs Pastoral' Station Manager being presented with the CERT-ID certificate by Jerry Houseago.

The 3rd party certification programmes which Burton references include CERT-ID by GMO ID Australia and the Pasturefed Cattle Assurance System (PCAS), with AusMeat as one of the auditors.

Clear Springs Black Angus beef is:

- **Certified 100% Grassfed, whole-of- life.**
- **Certified no grain, no additives, no feedlots, no confinement**
- **Certified antibiotic-free**
- **Certified hormone-free**
- **Certified Non GMO**
- **Low animal: land ratio**
- **Ethical husbandry and animal welfare practices**



The Australian Red Meat Industry has in place a world-class livestock traceability framework. The Australian National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) controls the identification and traceability of each animal from birth to processing. Clear Springs upholds and adheres to NLIS standards and lifetime traceability practices. “Our cattle are fitted with a small electronic identification ear tag, which enables the animals to be fully traceable”, says Burton. “A whole-of-life history is maintained for each individual Clear Springs steer and heifer.” The data is updated and stored in the central, national database, yielding full transparency. ❄

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