

## **Mount Difficult Poll Hereford Stud**

The stud is situated in Ledcourt Road, Ledcourt at the foot of the Northern Grampians just south of the Western Highway and about thirty-two kilometres to the west of Stawell. The property "Colefield" comprises 1300 effective acres of what is usually regarded as merino sheep country rather than cattle country, in a 550 ml rainfall area.

Commercial cattle have been run since 1973 and the stud was formed in 1985. Stud cattle are now the only enterprise. Each year we join about 220 cows, half of which are artificially inseminated, and up to 100 yearling heifers. After empty females have been culled and others sold we calve down up to 250 females. Joining takes place from the 1st of June for seven weeks.

The herd was first recorded with the National Beef Recording Scheme in 1980 and we are Foundation Members of Group Breedplan. We are dedicated to performance testing which places emphasis upon fertility, calving ease, ability to raise a live calf and structural soundness as well as objective measurements of all traits including birth weight, weight gain, milking ability and carcass traits. We believe that our figures will stand comparison with any Hereford or Poll Hereford stud in Australia.

Bulls are sold by private treaty all the year round either as two year olds or as yearlings. At different times of the year we also have for sale rising two year old heifers pregnancy tested in calf and young cows with calves at foot that have been rejoined and pregnancy tested in calf.

The herd has Johne's status MN3 and we are Cattle Care accredited.

Further information about the stud may be obtained on our website  
[www.mountdifficultpollherefords.com](http://www.mountdifficultpollherefords.com)

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