

## **The Belgian Blue wins the inter-breeds competition in the Czech Republic.**

### **Introduction**

The history of the Belgian Blue breed in the Czech Republic is quite recent as the first importation of animals from Belgium took place in 1994. These were service bulls intended for crossing on the breeds which were already present in this country.

Some years later, on the initiative of convinced breeders and thanks to the unfailing support of Kamil MALAT (director of the beef breeds association), we are proud to follow the development of the pure bred Belgian Blue herd in this country.

### **A first participation at the inter-breeds competition.**

Every two years the Belgian Blue breed is presented at the occasion of the BRNO fair, where the national BB competition takes place. This 3rd edition was judged by the Belgian breeder Pieter Gillis from the Belgian Herd-Book.

It is however the first time that the Blues were present at the inter-breeds competition. To take part to this category the breeders have to constitute a team with at least 3 animals, male and females which are born on the same farm. Several teams of the same breed may compete. At first, the judge selects the best team per breed and finally elects the champion breed.

### **Champion among 19 teams.**

This year 19 teams of the Angus, Limousine, Simmental, Charolaise, Partenaise, Aubrac, Salers and BBB breeds have been presented to the 2 judges... and it is among this strong competition that the Belgian Blue breed won. Not only the harmony of the team but also the specific qualities of each animal have motivated the judges to make this decision.