

Better Fertility from Swedish Reds

Mark Shadwick is milking Holsteins, Swedish Reds and crossbred cattle in his Skyhigh herd at Raughton Farm in Cumbria. Mark has visited Sweden many times and is a great enthusiast for the Swedish Red breed - he has imported more than 60 Swedish Red and Danish Red cattle in recent years.

“The Swedish Reds are easy to manage. They milk really well, with very high fat and protein percentages, and they are also easy to get in calf.” says Mark. The fertility analysis below shows the excellent results for the Swedish Reds.

Fertility figures for all heifers milking at Raughton farm in 2007/8

	Holstein	S.Red x Hol	Swedish Red
Number of heifers	9	7	23
Number that got in calf	6	7	23
Total number inseminations	17	9	29
Average days calving-conception	106	103	61
Inseminations per pregnancy	2.83	1.28	1.26



Strimmer, dam of Skyhigh Strolin, photographed after giving 97 tonnes of milk



Skyhigh Krona 235, by B Jurist



Skyhigh Orrega, by Peterslund

