

## Picture Taking 101

Some of you have tried to take some photos of your herd sires and/or dams to be included in the catalog. We really appreciate that and have been able to use several of them. However, some of them have been too poor quality to use. It's too late for this catalog, but we encourage you to be on the lookout for opportunities to take pictures of some of your favorites – especially during the summer months, when the cattle are looking their best. I've put together a list of helpful hints, as well as a page of sample pictures for you to see what a good picture looks like.

*Don't* try to take a picture on too bright of a day (especially when there is snow on the ground).

*Do* make sure the sun is always behind you when taking a picture. Mid-morning or late afternoon are often the best times (when the sun is not directly overhead or too low).

*Do* try to get light (and no shadows) on the scrotal/udder area.

*Do* try to get the animal positioned so that the scrotum/udder shows (the back leg is out of the way).

*Do* position yourself low to get the right perspective. Kit often ends up lying on the ground to take a picture.

*Do* be PATIENT! It often takes a while before the animal will settle down enough to let you get a good picture. We have been known to walk behind/beside a bull clear across the pasture and back waiting for the right photo op.

*Do* take lots of pictures. We often throw away 20-30 pictures for every one we keep.

*Don't* crop your pictures or change them to black and white. We prefer to do that here, so that all of the pictures are more uniform.



Photo by Clyde Mattson



Photo by Weston Walker



Photo by Kit Pharo

