Start with the breeding job.

Take these questions into your next cattle or genetics conversation. Use the sections relevant to your program.

01 / Define the outcome

- ☐ What am I producing: commercial F1 calves, Fullblood cattle or future breeding females?
- ☐ Who is the intended buyer, and what specifications have they confirmed?
- ☐ What do I want to preserve or improve in the cattle I already have?

02 / Ask for the records

- ☐ Registered animal identity and pedigree, matched to the animal or embryo package.
- ☐ Current WBVs and accuracies from the same AWA analysis; the index objective and important component traits.
- ☐ Available progeny evidence, with the number measured, dates and production conditions.
- ☐ Relevant health, reproductive and genetic-condition records; relatedness of the proposed mating.

03 / Confirm suitability

- ☐ For cattle: structure, temperament, age, condition and fitness for the intended breeding role.
- ☐ For bulls: reproductive examination and readiness for the proposed joining.
- ☐ For females: reproductive history and donor information where relevant.

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Plan the whole purchase.

A quoted animal or embryo price is one part of the commitment. Write down what is included and what happens next.

04 / For an embryo enquiry

- ☐ Confirm sire, donor, embryo identity, production method, stage, grade and documentation.
- ☐ Discuss storage, handling, transport, recipient readiness, transfer costs and written terms with the providers.
- ☐ Ask about expected pregnancy outcomes and the basis for any guarantee. Include unsuccessful transfers in the budget.

05 / Before committing

- ☐ Confirm availability, price, tax treatment, payment terms and registration transfer.
- ☐ Agree responsibilities for inspection, health requirements, insurance and delivery costs.
- ☐ Keep copies of the dated reports, quote and agreed terms.

Your conversation notes

My herd / cow numbers _____

Goal / traits / family _____

Budget / location / timing _____

Records still needed _____

Background: AWA Wagyu Breeding Values FAQs and Wagyu Breeding Guide. Current reports and individual suitability should guide the purchase.

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