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The ABBB would like to wish everyone a "Very Happy Holidays and the Best in 2011!!"

Premier Breeders Awards for 2010 in Texas and Missouri

Premier Breeder is Jones Cattle Company – Stanley Jones of Nacogdoches, TX.

Premier Bull is Jones' Union Jack ET sired by Johnson's Riant II with the dam De L'Original Etonnante ET. The bull was bred and owned by Jones Cattle Co. Nacogdoches, TX.

Premier Female was MNP Blue High Brow Gal owned by MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO. sired by : Dafydd D'Ochain with the dam MNP Blue High Society ET. She was bred and owned by MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO.

NATIONAL BELGIAN BLUE SHOW AT ISF 2010

Iowa State Fair Des Moines, IA
The *2010 National Show* was held August 18-20 at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, IA. The show was judged by Jacques De Marneffe, Belgium.

The membership meeting and dinner were held in the sale facility. The meeting provided quality discussion of the breed, review of the progress of the association, and the election of board members. Elected to the board was Kyle Kehrlí of Manchester, IA. Re-elected to the board was Steve Dollarhide of Oklahoma and Harold Brubaker of North Carolina. Officers elected for the 2010-2011 year are: Connie Brooks, Missouri – President Harold Brubaker, North Carolina – Vice-President, and Steve Dollarhide of Oklahoma – Secretary. Ronnie Price decided to retire

from the board this year. We would like to express our appreciation for his help and support for many years. He is and has been a great asset to the ABBB. Thank you Ronnie!

All the show results with photos are currently available - on the website. Please check out the results for those folks who have invested their time and cattle to help promote the breed.

Grand Champion was Buss' Ultimate Handy Dandy bred and owned by the Buss Beef Barn and Erik Buss of Denver, Iowa.

Reserve Grand Champion bull Buss' William of Wales, bred and owned by Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA

Grand Champion Female – MNP Classy Choice bred and owned by MNP Farms of Fair Grove, Missouri.

Reserve Grand Champion Female – MNP High Brow Gal bred and owned by MNP Farms of Fair Grove, Missouri

SHOWMANSHIP

PeeWee

1. Samantha Horman
2. Keeley Kehrlí

Juniors

1. Bri Weber
2. Keegan Kehrlí
3. Zack Lamphere
4. Hope Lamphere

Seniors

1. Jenel Wenndt
2. Kendra Kehrlí
3. Erik Buss

Steers

Low Percentage Market Steers

1. GRLE Mr. Cow, Jenel Wenndt, Lowden, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: Limousin.

2. Spanky, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: BSF Opkapi's Scooby. Dam: Crossbred.

Champion Low Percentage Market Steer
GRLE Mr. Cow, Jenel Wenndt, Lowden, IA.
Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam:
Limousin.

Reserve Champion Low Percentage Market Steer
Spanky, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire:
BSF Opkapi's Scooby. Dam: Crossbred.

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED FEMALES

Fullblood/Purebred Junior Heifer Calf
1. Palmer's Afternoon Delight, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Loveland Regal Lady ET.
2. Palmer's Joy, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Palmer's Pride.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Heifer Calf
1. Jones' Wanda ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Yblack Et Van De Wildebeek. Dam: Jones' Squirt ET.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Heifer Calf
Jones' Wanda ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Yblack Et Van De Wildebeek. Dam: Jones' Squirt ET.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Heifer Calf
Palmer's Afternoon Delight, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Loveland Regal Lady ET.

Fullblood/Purebred Summer Yearling Heifer
1. MNP Blue Classy Choice, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: JRCL Pixie.
2. MNP Blue High Brow Gal, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: MNP Blue High Society ET.

3. Ginger LKM8W, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: Scooby's Blizzard LKM4S. Dam: Pepper Ann LKM15M.

Fullblood/Purebred Junior Yearling Heifer

1. Jones' Wonder Woman ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Chadwick. Dam: Against T Wind Galopeur Joy.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Yearling Heifer

1. Flight of Rosine, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: Greystone Foreman. Dam: Elsie Ann LKIM10S.
2. Buss' Ultra-Violet Lady, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Dandy Du Tilleul. Dam: Buss' Premier Lady.
3. EGKK Abby II, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Cripple Creek's Slappy.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer

MNP Blue Classy Choice, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: JRCL Pixie.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer

MNP Blue High Brow Gal, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: MNP Blue High Society ET.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Female

1. Palmer's Princess, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Loveland Jessie's Delight ET.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Senior Female

Palmer's Princess, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Loveland Jessie's Delight ET.

Fullblood/Purebred Cow/Calf

1. Palmer's Pride, Kyle Kehrli, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Cripple Creek's Slappy.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Cow/Calf

Palmer's Pride, Kyle Kehrli, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Cripple Creek's Slappy.

GRAND CHAMPION**FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED FEMALE**

MNP Blue Classy Choice, MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: JRCL Pixie.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED FEMALE**

MNP Blue High Brow Gal, MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: MNP Blue High Society ET.

Grand Champion Iowa Bred and Owned**Fullblood/Purebred Female**

Palmer's Princess, Kyle Kehrli, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Loveland Jessie's Delight ET.

Reserve Grand Champion Iowa Bred and Owned Fullblood/Purebred Female

Palmer's Pride, Kyle Kehrli, Winthrop, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Lucky Palmer. Dam: Cripple Creek's Slappy

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED BULLS**Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull Calf**

1. Buss' William of Wales, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Buss' Shale. Dam: Buss' Lady Kathryn.

2. Jones' Waylon ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: Jones' Peaches.

3. Sieren's Whiskey River, Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: DeShazo's Ravishing Ruby.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull Calf

Buss' William of Wales, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Buss' Shale. Dam: Buss' Lady Kathryn.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull Calf

Jones' Waylon ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: Jones' Peaches.

Fullblood/Purebred Summer Yearling Bull

1. Prince Cracker Alphonse LKM7W, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: Vangent Cracker Alphonse ET. Dam: Princess Jasmine LKM7R.

Fullblood/Purebred Junior Yearling Bull

1. Captain De Somme, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: BSF Opkapi's Scooby. Dam: Daniell LK 6IJ ET.

2. MNP Blue Call Me Mister, MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: Dimension's MNP Blue Geraldine.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Yearling Bull

1. Buss' Urijah, Buss' Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Buss' Stanley. Dam: Buss' Cristal Gypsum.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Bull

Captain De Somme, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: BSF Opkapi's Scooby. Dam: Daniell LKM6IJ ET.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Bull

Prince Cracker Alphonse LKM7W, Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA. Sire: Vangent Cracker Alphonse. Dam: Princess Jasmine LKM7R.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull

1. Buss' Ultimate Handy Dandy, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Dandy DuTilleul. Dam: Buss' Premier Lady.

2. Jones' Union Jack ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: De L'Orignal Etonnante ET.

3. Buss' Unitus, Buss Beef Barn, Denver,

IA. Sire: Buss' Icecube. Dam: Buss' De L'Original Kanada Kandy ET.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull

Buss' Ultimate Handy Dandy, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Dandy Du Tilleul. Dam: Buss' Premier Lady.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull

Jones' Union Jack ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson't Riant II. Dam: De L'Original Etonnante ET.

GRAND CHAMPION

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED BULL

Buss' Ultimate Handy Dandy, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Dandy Du Tilleul. Dam: Buss' Premier Lady.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED BULL

Buss' William of Wales, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Buss' Shale. Dam: Buss' Lady Kathryn.

Grand Champion Iowa Bred and Owned Fullblood/Purebred Bull

Buss' Ultimate Handy Dandy, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Dandy Du Tilleul. Dam: Buss' Premier Lady.

Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Fullblood/Purebred Bull

Buss' William of Wales, Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA. Sire: Buss' Shale. Dam: Buss' Lady Kathryn.

GET OF SIRE

1. Schlichte's Lucky Palmer, Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA.

BEST PAIR OF BULLS

1. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX.
2. Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA.
3. Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA.

BEST PAIR OF FEMALES

1. MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO.

2. Jones' Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX.
3. Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA.
4. Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA.

PRODUCE OF DAM

1. Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA.
2. Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA.

BEST FIVE HEAD

1. Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA.
2. Kyle Kehrl, Winthrop, IA.
3. Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA.

HERDSMAN AWARD

Kountry Blues, Ken & G. Lynne McManigle, Stanley, IA

Erik Buss Awarded Junior Scholarship

Erik Buss of Denver, Iowa was awarded the Ken Schlichte Memorial Scholarship at the National Membership Dinner. Erik is the son of Scott and Julie Buss. He is attending Hawkeye Community College and is a long time exhibitor and supporter of the Blues! Congratulations Erik!

Juniors – Scholarship applications need to be postmarked by July 1, 2011. Application and criteria available on the ABBB website.

Tulsa State Fair 2010 Blue Show

The Tulsa show was under the guidance of Steve Dollarhide with exhibitors from Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Iowa. Judge for the show was Cindy Berner-Schlichte of Merrill, IA. Cindy is a certified judge and a long time Blue breeder.

All photos and results are also available on the association site.

SHOWMANSHIP

Seniors

1. Rachel Dollarhide
2. Slade Dollarhide
3. Logan Beckham
4. Taylor Garcia

Halfblood Females

Halfblood heifer calf – February 1, 2010 & after

1. DeShazo's Ziggy, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: Angus.

Champion Halfblood Heifer Calf

DeShazo's Ziggy, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: Angus.

GRAND CHAMPION HALFBLOOD FEMALE

DeShazo's Ziggy, Lacy Deshazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: Angus.

High Percentage Females

High Percentage heifer calf – October 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010

1. SRD Black Nina, Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: W.R. Jack. Dam: SRD Edie.

Champion High Percentage heifer calf

SRD Black Nina, Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: W.R. Jack. Dam: SRD Edie.

GRAND CHAMPION HIGH PERCENTAGE FEMALE

SRD Black Nina, Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: W.R. Jack. Dam: SRD Edie.

Fullblood/Purebred Females

Fullblood/Purebred Heifer Calf – February 1, 2010 and after

1. SRD Black Cherry, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Dam: SRD Blue Moon.

2. 67 Sieren's Xtra Fancy Dawg, Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: 67 Mare Dawg.

Fullblood/Purebred Heifer Calf – October 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010

1. SRD Blue Classic, Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: W.R. Jack. Dam: Snowbunny LKM18N.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Heifer Calf

SRD Black Cherry, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Dam: SRD Blue Moon.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Heifer Calf

67 Sieren's Xtra Fancy Dawg, Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: 67 Mare Dawg.

Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer – June 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009

1. MNP Blue High Brow Gal, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: MNP Blue High Society ET.

2. Jones' Wanda ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Yblack ET Van De Wildebeek. Dam: Jones' Squirt ET.

3. SRD Blue Precious, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: TOF Stordeur Moulin Sparky. Dam: Nala LKM22N.

Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer – February 2, 2009 – May 31, 2009

1. MNP Blue Classy Choice, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: JRCL Pixie.

2. DeShazo's Fancy Like Cassy, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: DeShazo's Cassy.

Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer – October 1, 2009 – January 31, 2009

1. Jones' Wonder Woman ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Chadwick. Dam: Against T Wind Galopeur Joy ET.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer

MNP Blue High Brow Gal, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam:

MNP Blue High Society ET.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Heifer

MNP Blue Classy Choice, MNP Blue Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: MNP Blue High Society ET.

GRAND CHAMPION FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED FEMALE

MNP Blue High Brow Gal, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Dafydd D'Ochain. Dam: MNP Blue High Society ET.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED FEMALE

SRD Black Cherry, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Dam: SRD Blue Moon.

Halfblood Bulls

Halfblood bull calf – October 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010

1. CW Mini Max, Charles Weddell, Edmond, OK. Sire: JSH Max. Dam: Simmental/Angus.

Champion Halfblood bull calf

CW Mini Max, Charles Weddell, Edmond, OK. Sire: JSH Max. Dam: Simmental/Angus.

GRAND CHAMPION HALFBLOOD BULL

CW Mini Max, Charles Weddell, Edmond, OK. Sire: JSH Max. Dam: Simmental/Angus.

High Percentage Bulls

High Percentage Yearling Bull – February 1, 2009 – May 31, 2009

1. SRD Black Cord, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: Jennae SRD 490.

Champion High Percentage Yearling Bull

SRD Black Cord, Rachel Dollarhide,

Haworth, OK. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: Jennae SRD 490.

GRAND CHAMPION HIGH PERCENTAGE BULL

SRD Black Cord, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: Jennae SRD 490.

Fullblood/Purebred Bulls

Fullblood/Purebred Bull Calf – February 1, 2010 and after

1. Sieren's Xavier ET, Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA. Sire: Franchi De La Bonne Raie. Dam: Sieren's Heidi ET.

Fullblood/Purebred Bull Calf – October 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010

1. Jones' Willie Wonka, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Next In Line. Dam: Jones' Peaches.

2. Sieren's Whiskey River, Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: DeShazo's Ravishing Ruby.

3. SRD Black Hammer, Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Zeus' Mirage.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull Calf

Jones' Willie Wonka, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Next In Line. Dam: Jones' Peaches.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull Calf

Sieren's Xavier ET, Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA. Sire: Franchi De La Bonne Raie. Dam: Sieren's Heidi ET.

Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Bull – June 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

1. MNP Blue Stone's Granite, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Goodline Dixie Stone. Dam: MNP Blue Olivia.

2. Jones' Waylon ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: Jones' Peaches ET.

3. SRD Black Chrome, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Price's Abigail.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Bull

MNP Blue Stone's Granite, MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Goodline Dixie Stone. Dam: MNP Blue Olivia.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Yearling Bull

Jones' Waylon ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: Jones' Peaches ET.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull – October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

1. Jones' Union Jack ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: De L'Original Etonnante ET.

2. DeShazo's Tonka, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: DeShazo's Cassy.

Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull – September 30, 2007 and before

1. DeShazo's Ram, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: W.R. Lily ET.

Champion Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull

DeShazo's Ram, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: W.R. Lily ET.

Reserve Champion Fullblood/Purebred Senior Bull

Jones' Union Jack ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: De L'Original Etonnante ET.

GRAND CHAMPION

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED BULL

DeShazo's Ram, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: W.R. Lily ET.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

FULLBLOOD/PUREBRED BULL

Jones' Union Jack ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: De L'Original Etonnante ET.

Best Pair of Female

1. MNP Farms, Fair Grove, MO
2. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX
3. Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK
4. Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK

Best Pair of Bulls

1. Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK
2. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX
3. Sieren Cattle Co., Hedrick, IA
4. Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK

Get of Sire

1. Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK – SCH BB Opium Ottis

Produce of Dam

1. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX – Jones' Peaches ET
2. Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK – DeShazo's Cassy

Best 5 Head

1. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX
2. Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for 2011

This year there will be a Belgian Blue Display at the HLSR instead of a show. The association will be displaying live cattle as well as having the association booth during the international week of the show. This decision was made to keep our influence with the cattlemen that attend from across the country

as well as the international cattlemen. If anyone would like to attend or help please call the office.

The National Show 2011

The *2011 National Show and Annual Meeting* is being rotated to Tulsa, Oklahoma for 2011. The show will be judged by Philip Halhead of England. Rules and classes for the show are available online: www.tulsastatefair.com. Please watch the website for the 2011 dates.

NATIONAL BELGIAN BLUE SALE PROSPECTS FOR SPRING OF 2011

In order to have a successful sale we would like to know if you have cattle you are interested in consigning.

We are looking into facilities in the Midwest to have the sale in a central location. We would like to know possible numbers for the sale. If you have cattle to consign or can give us an approximate number please call or email Steve Dollarhide or the office.

X is the tattoo for 2010
Y is the tattoo for 2011

JUNIORS

Points for Junior awards need to be mailed to the office by December 15, 2010. We want to congratulate you on your hard work so please don't forget!!!

BELGIAN BLUE INTERNET SALE FOR FALL OF 2011

We are looking into the possibility of having an *Internet Sale* in the fall of 2011 and are looking for new ideas from the membership. If you have any ideas for the sale and/or willing to consign please let us know approximate number if possible. Contact Steve Dollarhide at

stevedollarhide@yahoo.com or the office! We look forward to your ideas and interest.

Steven Names Wins in Arkansasa at the South East Division Fair – Pine Bluff, AR

Steven is the proud exhibitor of his bull "George" who won Grand Champion Overall Bull at the Grant Co. Arkansas Fair, Grand Champion Division at the SouthEast District Fair and 1st in class at the Arkansas State Fair. Steven is anxious to show his bull in 2011 and could not be prouder to be owning and showing a Belgian Blue bull!!



ABBB IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

ABBB is now listed on Facebook under Belgian Blue Breeders. We look forward to discussions from the general public on Belgian Blue Cattle. Anyone is welcome to participate in the social networking for the Blues. We look forward to FB being a positive way to get cattle producers interested in the breed.

Blue Well Wishes!

James Keessee who has been in surgery this pasted year and is back on a hard working schedule!

Jim Hunt who is recuperating from his injuries this summer!!!

Best Wishes to both gentlemen.

New Members Welcome!!

Connie Peters - Shady Point, OK
Eddie & Lawanna Edwards - McRae, AR
Dennis & Denise Wolgemuth -Lancaster, PA
Don Stevens - Coalgate, OK
Mark Patterson - Gilman, IA
Gaylon Ross - Spicewood, TX

2011 Memberships Due

2011 Memberships are due January 1, 2011.
Membership applications are enclosed.
Thank you for your membership!

Members Forum

This forum is up and running for any member of the ABBB, Canadian Belgian Blue Association and any other international member of an association. Currently we have breeders signed up from Belgium, Ireland, Canada, and the U.S. Looking for information or just want to talk Blues – sign up today.

Farm and Facility Security

By Dan Murphy

Could your farm, your equipment become a target of anti-agriculture activists? The default response is usually, “Oh, no—it wouldn’t happen here.”

But it could, and the Animal Agriculture Alliance is urging farmers, ranchers and livestock producers to proactively take the steps needed to protect their facilities, employees and equipment from both senseless vandalism and potentially damaging video surveillance.

“Unfortunately, everyone involved in food production needs to take precautions to protect their businesses,” Kay Johnson Smith, the Alliance’s Executive Vice President, told an audience at the North American Meat Processors association convention in Arizona last month. “Unfortunately, there are activists who are bent on destroying property or trying to expose alleged examples of abuse, and they

are determined and skillful at what they do.”

Established in 1987, the Animal Agriculture Alliance is comprised of individuals and organizations interested in helping the public understand animal agriculture via messaging based on truthful, science-based information. The Alliance serves as a resource for farmers, livestock producers, educators and policymakers on issues affecting production agriculture.

Here are some of the guidelines AAA provides to its members to help secure their farms, their facilities and their equipment and employees.

On-site security. The Alliance recommends a full assessment of potential vulnerabilities on farms, ranches, production sites and processing plants or distribution centers, including lighting and locks for gates, sheds and barns. Consider installing video cameras and motion detectors, if possible. Do not park trucks or other farm equipment behind buildings, as they become prime targets for vandalism or spray painting. Always back-up all computer files and install security systems in case of sabotage or physical destruction.

Employee screening. Screen all hires thoroughly, especially seasonal help. Ask for references and check them out. Use a temp service or agency with which you’re familiar. Pay special attention to employees who arrive late or unusually early or who don’t seem to “fit in.” The typical activist profile is young, Caucasian and often uses a college ID instead of a driver’s license for identification. Beware of part-time applicants if your operation is within an hour’s drive or so from a college or university. Most importantly, take the time to communicate and enforce your policies on safety, animal welfare and environmental protection.

Training. Have all employees who work with animals sign an agreement to abide by strict animal care policies, as well as standard non-

disclosure agreements. That helps prevent anyone with photos or videos obtained illegally from using those against you. Be sure to train all your people to be observant and report anything or anyone who appears to pose a threat of any sort. Occasionally, conduct your own “undercover” operation to make sure all policies and procedures are being followed.

Law enforcement. Reach out to local law enforcement and emergency personnel. Let them know of your security efforts and solicit their help/approval for whatever steps you take. Discuss the “worst case scenario” and how you would handle the apprehension of an activist caught in the act of sabotage or unauthorized surveillance. Remember: companies and operators who prosecute fully end up as less of target for future activist threats.

Media interaction. Be prepared for an “incident”—or worse. Have a designated, media-trained spokesperson (the recent debacle involving the recall of salmonella-tainted eggs at Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms in Iowa was markedly exacerbated by the company’s failure to have credible spokespeople and statements prepared ahead of time). Make sure that if potentially damaging video clips have been turned over to a media outlet that the video is uncut, unedited videotape with an audio track. Otherwise, decline to review any videotape that has been cut or excerpted.

The bottom line for all farmers and producers, Johnson Smith advises, is to be prepared ahead of time. That seems like a no-brainer, but preparation actually involves a lot of time and effort to complete the planning an ongoing monitoring necessary to secure your farm or other facility.

“There is only a small chance you’d ever be targeted,” she said, “but after years of addressing the tactics of animal rights and other activists, you need to expect the best,

but prepare for the worst.”
» For more information on farm security, log onto www.animalagalliance.org and www.dhs.gov/xp;revprot/programs/editorial_0827.shtm (the Department of Homeland Security’s National Infrastructure Protection Plan).

Dan Murphy is a veteran food-industry journalist and commentator

Please help us keep our records up to date. It is very important in order to refer potential breeders. Also, it is very important to keep the office informed of animals listed on the classified ads that have been sold. Thanks!

Registrations and Transfers

Please send in your registrations and transfers to the office as needed. To keep our herd book up to date, please make sure transfers are complete on animals sold. Transfers are especially helpful to new breeders. Thanks for your cooperation.

Classified Ads are also listed on the website. Check out what is wanted or for sale!

Awesome Roast Beef Recipe

3 lb. beef roast
1 pkg. dry onion soup
1 cup barbeque sauce
½ cup water
1 can jellied cranberry sauce

Mix soup, barbeque sauce, water and cranberry sauce. Pour over roast. Cook in crock pot 6 hours on low or bake in oven for 2-1/2 hours at 325 degrees. Delicious!!!

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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