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2010 BELGIAN BLUE SALE SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS APRIL 24, 2010

April 24th is the date to put on your calendar. The ABBB is having a live auction at 1 p.m. in Springdale, Arkansas at the Farmers Livestock Auction. We all look forward to a great sale and a great time with Belgian Blue friends. All information on nominations, guidelines and health requirements are enclosed. For more information contact Steve Dollarhide at www.stevedollarhide@yahoo.com, call 870-648-6546 or contact Glenda at the ABBB office. A block of rooms have been reserved for the night of April 23 at the Fairfield Inn, 1043 Rieff Street, Springdale, AR. Room rate is \$65 (includes continental breakfast). Rooms need to be reserved by April 9. Please call 479-725-1800 to make your reservation. Join us as we get together for dinner and fellowship on April 23 at the Western Sizzlin at 8 p.m. We will have a room reserved with everyone taking care of their own meal. Come visit and have a great evening.

BELGIAN BLUES ON TOUR

Thanks to Wilbur Kerhli and James Keesee the Blues have been the showcase for International cattle folks in Iowa from Switzerland and a Louisiana Farmers three state tour in Arkansas.



James enthusiasm for his cattle and farm showed in his conversations with this very interested group of Louisiana farmers.

The Keesee farm was visited by a bus load of cattle farmers from Louisiana. The three-state cattle's farming educational tour was led by Benny Dobson, who is the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Coordinator from Natchitoches, La. Dobson said "the tour was to learn about successful cattle operations along with land management and cattle farming equipment.



Meanwhile, Wilbur Kerhli and his family were hosts to a Tour Group of farmers from Switzerland. Wilbur mentioned all the questions and the interest in how the Blues would work in their operations. There were extensive discussions on the different percentage animal and the quality of meat they produce. Wilbur said the "best was meeting the people and discussing his Belgian Blue herd and it was the biggest bus we have ever had in our pasture"! Wilbur laughed "the bus driver was worried he would be stuck". A great experience meeting this international group and sharing the discussions on the Blues.

The ABBB appreciates these two families being ambassadors promoting the breed. Wilbur and James – a job well done!

Get Well Wishes!

James Keese of Prattsville, Arkansas recovering from surgery!! Best wishes James.

A Belgian Blue Engagement

Congrats to Hannah Sieren and Ryan Vogel of Hedrick, IA. They are engaged to be married Aug. 7, 2010. Best Wishes!

New Members Welcome!

Leonard Andrus --- Houston, TX
Vern and Kathy Ackerman --- Bonham, TX
Lane Hull --- Ardmore, OK
John Meschke --- Glendive, MT
Nathan Williams --- Linn Creek, MO
Joylie Gushee --- Union, ME
Gerald and Tonya Lazarus --- Pine Grove, LA
Jerry Smelts --- Augusta, GA
Sheri L. Henderson --- Homosassa, FL
Shiann L. Henderson --- Homosassa, FL
Dave and Emilie Kraft --- Collinsville, OK

2010 Journal Information

The process for publishing the journal will start earlier this year. The fees are:

Inside Front Cover	\$275
Back Cover	\$325
Inside Back Cover	\$275
Full page color	\$225
Full page Black and White	\$175
Half page	\$ 95

Final deadline for the ads are May 31.

All memberships need to be paid up by May 1, 2010 in order to be listed in the breed directory. We will be unable to send reminders so mark it on your calendars.

Show and Display Information

All show results are available on the ABBB website: www.belgianblue.org. Many folks are out there promoting for everyone. Thanks to everyone! If you know of a display or event please let us know.

2010 Tattoo letter is "X"

2009 letter was "W"

Please help us keep our records up to date. Let us know of any changes on the cattle. 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.

Transferring Pays

Transferring your animals pays! Your customer will realize that he or she has made a valuable purchase when they look at the registration certificate with their name on it. This document communicates the genetic quality of their purchase and provides the information they need to further their genetic decisions. When breeders are looking for seed stock they search for a good reputation. Those who transfer and register their cattle are dedicated enough to care about their reputation as a quality breeder and to carry their commitment through to the new owner of the animal. *Transferring pays!!!!*

Your association support is greatly appreciated and is what keeps the Blues rolling.

Feeder Cattle Classified Ads on the ABBB Website

Members are encouraged to use the classified ads in the Newsletter and on the ABBB website free of charge for both your market and registered cattle. Please call or email the office with your ads

Juniors – Scholarship applications need to be postmarked by July 1, 2010. The application and criteria are available on the ABBB website.

Classified Ads

For Sale. 3 breeding age bulls all halter broke, calving ease pedigrees semen checked, pictures available. bussblues@msn.com 319-984-5125

Semen For Sale. 2009 National Grand Champion - JSH DJ D'ochain and 2008 National Grand Champion - JSH Teddy Bear semen now available for shipping. Call Jim Hunt: 417-694-8207 (home) or 417-399-2906 (cell). Or email him at: jshblues@netscape.com

For Sale. Fullblood bull calf, calving ease bloodlines, roan and white, born April 2009, \$1000. Grice Pharms, Michigan, 231-861-5535 or email for pictures: fred.grice@hometownpharmacy.com

For Sale. 7/8 black/white bull, born 1/9/09 and 1/2 blood blue roan heifer, born 9/14/08. Contact Wilbur Kehrli, Elmcrest Genetics at: 563-920-8494

For Sale. Sugar LKM6U - Fullblood white horned cow. Reserve Grand Champion Female 2008. DOB 7-15-08. Sire: BSF Opkapi's Scooby, Dam: Pepper Ann LKM15M Price: \$3000.00. Phone: Ken or Lynne McManigle 319-634-3768

Bulls for sale. 95% to 100% black. Halfbloods to fullbloods. Heifers for sale. Mostly black. 3/4 bloods and fullbloods. Photos available. James and Sharon Hunt JSH Blues 417-694-8207 (home) 417-399-2906 (cell) Email: jshblues@netscape.com

For Sale - Halfblood bulls and heifers. Contact Thoman Ranch. Phone: 580-258-8091 or email: thomanranch@coalgate.net. Also, see feeder calf page.

For Sale - Fullblood and Elite Belgian Blue Semen Contact Don Douglas at: (h) 816-539-3668, (m) 405-207-4342 or email: dandhcattlecompany@yahoo.com

For Sale - Fullblood yearling heifer 3/4 white 2 yr. old bull 13/16 blue roan 2 yr. old bull. Phone Marvin Byers, 815-233-9100

For Sale - Purebred and high percentage Belgian Blue bulls. Contact Bill Parkey at 918-256-8532 www.blcattle.com

For Sale - Black purebred (99%) bull. Born 1/1/2006. 65 pound birthweight. Contact Wilbur Kehrli, Elmcrest Genetics at 563-920-8494.

For Sale - Fullblood and High-Percentage bulls and heifers. Call Steve Dollarhide, Southeast, OK @ (Home) 580-245-2370 or (Cell) 870-648-65 www.srbelgianbluecattle.com

For Sale - Fullblood and 1/2 Blood Bulls & Heifers. Sired by SCH Opium Ottis, Grand Champion Bull at 2007 National Belgian Blue Show and sire of multiple Grand Champions and National Champion Cow in 2006. Contact Michael or Shirley DeShazo @ 918-969-2608 after 3:30 Weekdays or 918-658-4389 & 918-658-4385 anytime.

Cattle For Sale Contact James Keese in Arkansas, (870) 699-4498 or visit our www.keeseefarms.com

For Sale - Fullblood and halfblood bulls. Call Lynn Kaufman, Underhill Farms, 187-21st Ave., Moundridge, Kansas 67107, (620) 345-8415 or visit our lynn@underhillfarms.com

For Sale - Purebred and percentage bulls and heifers available. Please check our www.mnppfarm.com and click on Sale Cattlelog! Semen, embryos, and custom embryos available. Visitors always welcome. Contact: Connie Brooks at (417) 759-7916 or 417-840-5464 email: info@mnppfarm.com

For Sale - T-shirts and sweatshirts with the new ABBB logo. Contact: Glenda Sieren, ABBB Office, Phone: (641) 661-2332 or info@belgianblue.org

Fullblood Bulls Needed Contact: Stanley Jones (936) 564-5581 or email: info@jonesent.us

Please send us your great photos of your Blues to use on the website. We would like to show off your fullbloods, purebreds, or percentage Blues!! Email to the office!!

National Show

August 17-20

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the National Show at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, IA. Dates are as follows:

Cattle may arrive: Tuesday, August 17 at noon
Annual membership meeting:

Wednesday, August 18 at 10 a.m. in the Gammon Barn (Hereford Building)

Show: Thursday, August 19 at 8 a.m. in the Livestock Pavillion

Annual dinner and benefit auction: Thursday, August 19 at 7 p.m. at the Penningroth Sale Arena in the front of the cattle barn

Release: Friday, August 20 at noon (must be out by 3 p.m.)

Entries are due by July 1, 2010. Please have your registrations into the office in time to have registration numbers for your entries!

We always have a great time at the National Show. If you haven't attended one make an effort to get there this year. You won't be sorry. There is no better way to learn about your breed than to get together with other breeders and discuss your Belgian Blues! It's also a great way to see the different crosses and examples of the various genetic lines.

A block of rooms has been held for American Belgian Blue Breeders at the Holiday Inn Northwest, 4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA for the 17th, 18th and 19th of August. Room rate is \$89 plus tax. You may reserve your room by calling 515-278-4755. Reservations must be received by July 27. After that they will be taken on a space available basis only.

Shirts and Hats

We will have a new selection of shirts and hats available at the sale in Springdale, AR. There will be a variety of T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and canvas bags. Be prepared to shop!

Tagging Calves

Ever have a problem knowing what bull or cow your calves are out of when you need to sort or wean calves? A great way to keep track is to tag each calf as they are born with their own calf



number. If you use the tattoo number on the calf tag it is much easier to keep things in order. No need to check the tattoo if the tag number is the same as the tattoo. If you use big enough tags you can write the cow number or name on the top of the tag and write the bull number or name

at the bottom. It makes life much easier when it comes time to know the calf's identity. Need to divide cows into different pastures but don't know which calves go with each cow? Read the calf tag and it will tell you. Need the information for registering your calves? Read the calf tag and it will tell you. A little work when the calves are born can save a lot of time later on.

DEADLINES

Sale Entries --- March 26, 2010

Membership --- May 1, 2010

Any renewals or new memberships received after May 1 will not be in the 2010 Journal

Journal Ads --- May 31, 2010

Ads must be in so that we can get the Journal put together and printed before the National Show!

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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