



American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc.

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BBI 10TH MEETING

The Belgian Blue International's 10th meeting will be held during the 2005 Libramont International Agricultural Fair, in Libramont, Belgium from July 27-August 3, 2005. Join the BBI in celebrating its 30th Anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of the Order of the BBB.

In response to popular demand, the first meeting of the new century will concentrate on farm visits.

For information on how to register or more details contact the ABBB or Pierre Mallieu at BBI (info@belgianblueinternational.com). Following is the proposed Programme.

For those who want to make use of their trip to Europe to see more Belgian Blue cattle an additional programme has been organised in conjunction with the British and French Belgian Blue Herd-Books. This supplementary programme runs from July 24-27. Visit the website for details.

Wednesday 27th of July

Arrival at Brussels-Zaventem or Brussels-Charleroi airport and transfer to the IBIS hotel of DINANT; estimated rate 70 euros/night/person.

Thursday 28th of July

Farms visits, BB Selection Station.

Friday 29th of July

Farms Visits

Saturday 30th of July

BBB Show in Libramont
Celebrations and Banquet

Sunday 31st of July

Libramont 13:30 PM
BBI Board Meeting

Monday 1st of August

10 Hr Visit of the AI Station of CINEY

Tourism: Province of Luxembourg:

- (a) Bastogne: battle of the bulge memorial.
- (b) Weris: From the Auroch to the BBB exhibition
- (c) Megaliths museum.
- (d) Saint-Hubert: Rural life museum.
- (e) Orval: Abbey and local products.

Tuesday 2nd of August

Tourism: Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:
Winery and Cruise on the Moselle.

Wednesday 3rd of August

Transfer to the airports or continuation of the journey.

Sponsored by AWEX - The Walloon Export Agency

More info and registration details

www.belgianblueinternational.com
www.foiredelibramont.com

3 NEW BREEDER AWARDS

As of this year the ABBB has 3 new Breeder Awards Programs: Overall Premier Breeder, National Champion Bull and National Champion Female.

The awards' Point System is detailed on the ABBB website : www.belgianblue.org and the inaugural winners will be announced at the National in Des Moines, Iowa. Don't miss it!

NATIONAL IN DES MOINES, IOWA FOR SECOND YEAR

We have the pleasure of once again extending an invitation to the National Belgian Blue Show, Annual Membership Meeting, and the Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction to be held in Des Moines, Iowa.



At the Annual Membership meeting we will be discussing and voting on the possible blending of the two Belgian Blue Associations. We would like everyone to be present. More information will be mailed to each member prior to the meeting.

On Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. the Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction will take place also at the Four Points Sheraton. The Sheraton is requiring reservations ahead of time for the dinner. Tickets are available for \$25.00 for adults and reduced price for kid's meal. If you would like to participate in the auction you are most welcome or just come for the fun. All proceeds from the dinner and auction go to the operation of the association and promotion of the cattle. If hotel reservations are needed, please call the Four Points Sheraton at 1-515-278-4755 a block of rooms have been available under the name of the association. Reservations must be made by July 27th, thereafter, reservations will be taken on a space available basis only. Des Moines hotel rooms can be hard to find during the fair so book your room early.

The Iowa Chapter has done a wonderful job planning the event. Come for a great time. A "don't miss" event for all Belgian Blue breeders!!

CATTLE REGISTRATIONS

A friendly reminder to register your cattle early for the 2005 show season. All registration information is available at the association site www.belgianblue.org.

BELGIAN BLUE JUNIORS

With show season in full swing don't forget to visit the ABBB site for all the information on the point system. Please use all the instructions on the site for the 2005 season. If you have any questions, please call the office.



A heartfelt THANKS to Hamm's Supply for sponsoring the prizes for the Showmanship classes at Houston. Hamm's have sponsored the juniors the last two years.

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SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy to Carolyn Parvin of Watonga, Ok. L. D. passed away from complications of a stroke. L.D. and Carolyn have been long time members and supporters of the Blues.

Our Sympathy to Dan Daughtery of Hedrick, Iowa. His wife Paula recently passed away.

DATES TO REMEMBER

National Show - Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa

Schedule: Entry deadline is July 1, 2005. Contact the Iowa State Fair if you do not receive a fair book at www.iowastatefair.com or all information will be on line. Any questions please contact the superintendent Julie Buss at bussblues@aol.com at 319.984.5125 or the ABBB office at 641.653.2332.

Cattle in place – August 18 by 10 a. m.
Show is 10 a.m. - August 19
Annual Membership Meeting - August 20 at 10 a.m. in the Hereford building on the fairgrounds.
Banquet and Benefit Auctions at 7 p.m. on August 20 at the Four Points Sheraton
Release August 21

Ozark Empire Fair Springfield, Missouri

The Ozark Empire Fair has lowered the maximum number of head to 35. We are on probation therefore any help would be greatly appreciated in order to keep the show.

August 4-7, 2005
Cattle in Place by 7 p.m. August 4th
Show is at 9 a.m. August 6th in Wells Arena
Release at 3 p.m. on August 7th
Judge will be Steve Kinser of Hugoton, Kansas
All information is online at www.ozarkempirefair.com Registrations are to be available online.

For more information call Connie Brooks at 417.759.7916
There are many hotels and motels in the area. Call early for reservations.

Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa, Ok

Show is September 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Judge: To be announced
Hotel reservations can be made on the Holiday Inn Select at 1-800-836-9635. A block of rooms is available at a lower rate.
Superintendent Julie Buss - 319.984.5125 or bussblues@aol.com.

Ozark Farmfest - Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Oct. 7-9, 2005
Springfield, Missouri

JOURNAL & NEWSLETTER SCHEDULES AND INFO

Please keep the new advertising schedule and prices. Help us maintain the schedule and prompt delivery of the publications.

Journal

Fall Issue – Advertising Deadline is Aug. 15, 2005 . Bring all your information to the Iowa State Fair!

The pricing for breeders to advertise will be as follows:

Inside Front Cover - \$125
Inside Back Cover - \$125
Color Back Cover - \$150
One Full Page - \$100
½ Page - \$65

Photographs and logos will be an additional \$10 for each. You will need to provide your information. If you have farm/ranch logos, they will need to be camera ready.



Any questions about the Journal can be directed to Glenda Sieren at the office.

Newsletter

Members are encouraged to use the classified ads in the Newsletter free of charge.

CLASSIFIEDS

Bulls available. Please check our website, www.mnpfarm.com, and click on Sale Cattlelog!

Contact: MNP Farm at (417) 759-7916 or email: info@mnpfarm.com

Several 1/2 blood Belgian Blue bulls and heifers for sale. Also, a 1/2 blood 2nd calf heifer with her 3/4 Sept. heifer calf. Also, 3 Simmental x Angus cross cows bred to fullblood Belgian Blue bull.

Contact: Elmcrest Genetics, Wilbur Kehrli, Manchester, IA Phone: (563) 920-8494

Fullblood Bull for sale. Born 06/02, black and white in color.

Contact: Lynn Kaufman
(620) 345-8415 or e-mail:
lynn@underhillfarms.com



Wanted: halfblood and up Belgian Blue feedlot cattle. Prefer 600-900 pounds, but will take larger or smaller ones too.

Contact: Armin Hesterberg (217) 369-5976

Fullblood Bulls Needed. Contact: Stanley Jones (936) 564-5581 or email: windhill@netdot.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership renewal date was Jan. 1 for the 2005 membership. Membership dues are still \$50.00. If you have any questions concerning

your membership, please contact the office. Thanks for inviting new breeders to join!

ABBB membership offers many benefits:

- Complete Registry
- Youth Program
- Scholarship Program
- Internationally Recognized
- State Affiliates
- Listing in the Membership Directory
- Internet Advertisement in Membership directory
- Link your site to ABBB
- Free Newsletter Classified Ads
- Breeder Referrals
- Parent Verification & DNA Testing
- Internet Updates

With your membership renewal or registration, please include a brief summary of your operation.

The details you provide help us refer potential customers to your farm or ranch.

INTERESTING LINKS

www.usda.gov
www.cattlepages.com
www.cattletoday.com
www.cattlenetwork.com
www.weather.gov

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