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SOUTHBOUND to the TAR HEEL and SUNSHINE



President Jon Bednarski

In search of warmer weather and growing pastures, Sylvia and I headed south in late March. Our first stop was just outside of Raleigh, North Carolina at the Ray Family Farms. North Carolina has 30 member farms and 531 registered Belties.



It was a beautiful, warm, spring day when Chad and Jodi Ray (at left) met us at their farm. Although both of their families have been involved in farming most of

their lives, it was not until three years ago that Chad and Jodi started their own farm and began selling directly to consumers. Chad and his family have also been in the custom building business for many years. Their first cattle were purchased after Chad, Jodi, and his parents, George and Betty, (who all could not agree upon a breed of cattle) put their favorite breed names into a hat. You guessed it, the Belted Galloway was picked (Betty's choice) and the herd has grown steadily to over 58 head. Their original animals, as is true for many southeast starterherds, came from VerLee Farm in North Carolina.

Ray Family Farms is perfectly set up for agritourism and



they host numerous groups. But what truly impressed me was their retail store. The store is in a rustic barn where the doors of the individual freezers (at left) have silhouettes of the three different species of

meats sold. When I opened the doors, the freezers were stocked with individual vacuum-sealed cuts, priced and perfectly displayed. To see their extensive list of products and more about this unique farm, visit their website at www.rayfamilyfarms.com.

Chad mentioned that even though they have an animal welfare approved certification, when customers visit their farm, the family strives to put a face to the farm and the food products sold.

During 2012, Chad and Jodi were honored to travel to Washington, DC to receive the President's Champions of Change Award for their commitment to sustainable farming and energy conservation practices.

What's next for Chad and Jodi Ray? "Growing the herd!" replies Chad. The demand for their Beltie Beef has outpaced the supply, a problem many of us would welcome.

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Tar Heel and Sunshine visits continued



As we headed from North Carolina to Florida, we had to wait until we reached South Carolina before we saw the leaves on any of the trees. Florida currently has 16 member farms and 180 registered Belties. We were traveling to visi-Great Escape Farm, located south of Gainesville and north of Ocala. Because I am from Kentucky, I knew the area would be home to many beautiful Thoroughbred race horse farms and my intuitions were true.

David and Linda Mozingo's 30-acre farm is perched on a hill with a beautiful view of surrounding landscape and live-



stock. David, a burn and trauma surgeon at the University of Florida, and Linda, a teacher, (pictured with me at left) spent several years and extensive visits looking for the per-

fect farm. When they purchased the farm, the previous owners actually offered David and Linda a few animals to help them begin their new venture.

Out of curiosity, and I asked them how they decided to name their farm Great Escape Farm. I could tell from the look on their faces it would be an interesting story. Their original 13 Belties were purchased from the Magnolia Hill Farm in Georgia. Several weeks later, three more animals were delivered. Because the prior owners had already fenced the farm, David and Linda sat back and watched as their new animals explored the boundaries of the farm. A few hours later, the Mozingo's new Belties were gone! Unknown to them, a downed tree took out part of the pasture fence. Three days later, and with the aid of a couple of cowboys, the cattle were back and the farm name was selected.

The Great Escape grassfed herd rotates through twentythree paddocks that David has laid out using a wagon wheel design. He placed the automatic watering system at the center point. Finishing their steers for maximum gain, David feeds high-protein square bales of peanut hay. Their grazing season begins in April and usually ends in early November. The drought and heat tolerant Bahia grass keeps their livestock growing.

One of David and Linda's goals is to create a self-sufficient and sustainable lifestyle. In addition to their 22 Belties, they have several



heritage hogs, goats, sheep, chickens and a tank of fresh water tilapia. The Florida growing season sustains a garden full of vegetables and fruits nearly year-round.

David and Linda's grown son and daughter live on the west coast. When visiting, they can hardly believe what their parents have accomplished on their Great Escape Farm.

Calendar Reminders

Southwest Belted Galloway Show and Sale

May 24-25, 2013. Henderson County Agricultural Center, Athens, TX. Contact Jerry Stephens (845) 594-9749 or uphillbeef@optonline.com.

Annual Northeast Livestock Expo

May 27-29, 2013. Windsor Fairgrounds, Windsor, ME. Contact Jess Strout, (207) 399-9268 jess.strout@gmail.com.

Belties Unlimited

June 15, 2013. Johnson County Fairgrounds, Iowa City, IA. Contact Greg/Pat Hipple (319) 624-2812 or sbelties@southslope.net.

Midwest Classic

July 6, 2013. Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Pecatonica, IL Contact: Julie Willis (815) 547.6912 or sbfarms@hotmail.com.

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

July 9 – 11, 2013. Breezy Hill Dairy, Dallas, WI. Contact: Terry Etheridge (715) 835.4043 or tekcattle@yahoo.com.

New England Galloway Group Field Day

July 27, 2013. Partridge Meadow Farm, Westmoreland, NH. Contact Scot Adams (207) 696-3812 or mnshadow@tdstelme.net.

Skowhegan State Fair

August 8 –17, 2013. Skowhegan, ME. Contact Scot Adams (207) 696-3812 or mnshadow@tdstelme.net.

Union Fair/Maine Wild Blueberry Festival

August 17-24, 2013. Union, ME. Contact (207) 785-2978 or guiniridge@gmail.com.

2013 Belted Galloway Journal

Jon Bednarski, Chairman of the Advertising & Promotion Committee

The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. has signed a contract with Connections Advertising and Marketing LLC to produce the *2013 Belted Galloway Journal*. Connections Advertising and Marketing, based in Lexington, Kentucky, was founded in 2009. The company has over 50 years of combined experience in advertising and marketing.

Our plan is to print 2,500 magazines with every member farm receiving a copy. In addition, a digital version will be posted on beltie.org for promotion. Our website receives hundreds of views per month, so your advertisement has the potential to reach thousands of folks interested in the Belted Galloway breed over the 12-month period.

Next month, the Connections representatives, Debby Nichols or Cathy Campbell, will be placing calls to the membership about advertising in the magazine. We are pleased to announce that some of the ad sizes will cost up to 50% less than previous years.

I hope that you will support the Society and our breed with your advertisement.

Online Survey

Scott Griffith, Chairman of the Information & Technology Committee

Thanks to everyone who responded to the Belted Galloway Society online survey during the month of April. The responses and comments were of primary consideration at the Spring Council Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Every person who participated in the survey, will be receiving a summary of the overall results in the near future. Also, look for a new survey opportunity in an upcoming email.

Please update the CLRC with your most recent contact information to ensure that you receive Society surveys. We need to hear from you! Your feedback is vital to our breed.

Calendar Contest

Jon Bednarski, Chairman of the Advertising & Promotion Committee

Photos for the 2014 calendar contest, Kids with their Cows, have begun to arrive. Please send your digital photos to beltiephoto@belite.org before July 1, 2013. With the pastures turning green, leaves popping out, and flowers blooming, it's a perfect time to take photos.

Contest rules:

- Digital cameras must be 3 megapixels for optimal imaging.
- No more than three color photographs per person.
- The contest is open to 2013 BGS members. (Life, Regular, Junior and Associate)
- All photos become the property of BGS.
- Photos must be horizontal to fit the calendar format.
- No iPhone or iPad images.
- Submit digital images to beltiephoto@beltie.org.
- All photos must be submitted by July 1, 2013.

The calendars will be printed and available in August. The calendars will include breeding dates as a herd management tool.

Hypotrichosis

Vic Eggleston, DVM, Executive Director



Many breeds of cattle are afflicted with a number of genetic conditions, but thanks to modern research and scientific developments, identifying the specific gene that causes each of these abnormalities has become a reality.

Belted Galloway breeders

have reported the occasional calf born exhibiting varying degrees of hairlessness or hypotrichosis. Manifestations of hypotrichosis are evident at birth or within 72 hours of birth and include hair loss at pressure (rub) points, such as inner legs at the joints, followed by additional hair loss on legs and belt. On rare occasions excessive hoof growth has been noted, elongated bodies, unusual head shapes, or below-average growth rates. Regrowth of hair and subsequent loss has been reported in some animals held past weaning age.

Identifying animals that carry the gene that can cause hypotrichosis a valuable, scientific means for breeders to

manage matings. It should be noted that both the sire and dam have to possess the gene in order for their offspring to show hypotrichosis.

We are grateful that we have industry scientists willing and able to identify the hypotrichosis gene in Belties and who have



developed a genetic diagnostic test to identify the specific mutation. Dr. Beever at the University of IL is in the final stage of establishing complete accuracy of the testing process. As of February 2013, 343 samples have been tested. Results: 301 negative, 41 carriers, 1 afflicted. We are asking Belted Galloway breeders to submit blood or semen samples from their herds to broaden Dr. Beever's research.

Dr. Beever has assured me that all test results will be completely confidential. The report of any animal(s) tested will be sent directly to the breeder submitting the sample. No individual names or results will be shared with the Society, other breeders, or scientists.

Dr. Beever's request for more samples had two major purposes. The added number of samples tested helps satisfy the scientific basis for the test, adds further documentation of its accuracy, and at the same time, provides our members an opportunity to screen their animals. If you choose to participate, Dr. Beever stated that at this time there will be no cost for testing your submitted samples of semen and blood.

Hypo continued ...

I urge breeders to submit their blood and semen samples while there are no fees associated with testing. In the near future, the genetic testing will no longer be free to Belted Galloway breeders.

I personally know breeders who have tested every animal in their herd. These breeders feel they are making manageable and valuable breeding decisions by not mating carriers of hypotrichosis. And from a marketing standpoint, they are confident in stating that their animal does not carry the genetic hypotrichosis mutation. Here are helpful guidelines for collecting and mailing samples:

Semen straws submitted for the hypotrichosis test do not have to be frozen. One way to protect the straws from damage is to put them inside an ink pen case after the ink cartridge has been removed. The case will provide protection and is easy to package for mailing.

Ask your veterinarian to use 10cc, purple top (EDTA) vaccutainer blood tubes for collecting the samples. If you are capable of collecting the samples yourself the purple top tubes and appropriate needles can be obtained from your veterinarian. Please identify the sample on the tube (Example: 1A) and keep a record for yourself of the sample code and the cow/bull from which it was collected.

It's recommended that the samples be mailed early in the week to make sure they arrive at the lab in the shortest time possible. It's also best to store blood samples in the refrigerator until they are mailed. For breeders that are willing to contribute to this project, samples can be sent to the following address: University of Illinois Department of Animal Sciences, 1201 W. Gregory Drive, Room 220 ERML, MC-051, Urbana, IL 61801. Breeders should include their contact information and a note on the outside of the container indicating that the samples are for hypotrichosis research in Belted Galloway cattle.

New Members

Junior Pearl Benjamin, ALDERMERE FARM, PO Box 801, Camden, ME 04843 (202) 321-4173.

CANAAN CATTLE & GRAIN LLC, c/o Kevin M. Steele, 796 E. Easton Rd., Creston, OH 44217 (330) 465-0962.

Sherrie G. Cook, DOUBLE R RANCH TRUST, 18755 Highway 62, Eagle Point, OR 97524 (541)944-8041.

Junior Nate Crawford, 173 HCR 3303W, Malone, TX 76660 (972)465-0339.

Junior Caitlin Graham, RAY FAMILY FARMS, 2933 NC 39 Hwy. N., Louisburg, NC 27549 (919)710-5336.

Shannon & Gary Marburger, MARBURGER FARM, 11277 Stallion Rd., Temple, TX 76501 (254) 983-2442.

James G. Montgomery, SINKING SPRINGS, PO Box 531, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (304) 638-6901.

Junior Zane Rushing, Z & W FARM, 1131 West Lincoln Dr. SW, Brookhaven, MS 39601 (601) 833-1907

Kimberly Smith & Michael Mitchell, K-BAR-M, 7903 Pittman Rd. 4, Adkins, TX 78101 (210) 842-7466.

Spring Council Meeting

The Spring Council meeting was called to order at 2:14 p.m. April 13, 2013, in Indianapolis, Indiana by President Jon Bednarski (KY). Present: Leanne Fogle (IL), Scott Griffith (TX), Treasurer Greg Hipple (IA), Past Ron Howard (ME), Brice Jackson (IN), Secretary Lisa Lovett (IL), Vice-President Michelle Ogle (NJ), and Kris von Dorhmann (NH). Also present was Executive Director Victor Eggleston (WI). Leanne Fogle also represented the newsletter office.

Secretary's Report. Lisa Lovett accepted the role of Secretary of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. in January 2013. She reported membership totals during 2012 were 743 Regular, 132 Junior, 17 Associate and 106 Life. 2012 registration/ transfer data included 271 Males, 830 Purebred Females, 119 Appendix Females and 946 Transfers. Total 2012 transactions were 2,179. Current membership through February 28, 2013: 523 Regular, 73 Junior, 12 Associate, 118 Life, for a total of 714 memberships. Transactions for the first two months of 2013 include: 33 Male, 198 Purebred Female, 21 Appendix, and 228 Transfers for a total of 480 transactions. The Executive Director's office received 69 inquiries during 2012.

Treasurer's Report. Greg Hipple accepted the role of Treasurer of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. in March 2013. He reported the Society has \$20,756.28 in checking, \$8,284.20 in savings, and \$100,336.03 in a certificate of deposit. Society assets total \$129,263.84. Council approved the recommendation that monthly banking statements should be forwarded from the Executive Director's office to the Treasurer's office for review and approval.

Annual General Meeting. President Bednarski announced the 2013 Annual General Meeting will return to Louisville, KY. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Belted Galloway Show and Premium Sale during the North American International Livestock Exposition. To increase socialization and networking of Belted Galloway breeders, Bednarski will be visiting hotels in the Louisville area to secure a hotel where the banquet can be held and lodging will be available.

Budget and Finance. Executive Director Vic Eggleston reported the Society budget was approved during March 2013. Council approved minor adjustments to the budget. Eggleston reported that four animals were purchased with a credit card during the National Premium Sale in Louisville. His office will plan to continue this service during the sale.

Beltie Youth Group. Chairman Brice Jackson assumed the role of the Chairman of the Beltie Youth Group in January 2013. Jackson requested establishing a new identity for the youth group. Committee objectives include: new educational programs, breed promotion, developing youth leadership roles, and launching a junior national Belted Galloway event.

Breed Performance. Executive Director Vic Eggleston gave a summary of the Belted Galloway hypotrichosis (hairlessness) testing that has been done by Dr. Jonathon Beever at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. As of February 2013, 343 samples have been tested. Results: 301 negative, 41 carriers, 1 afflicted. The lab is requesting more samples to continue the study. Although scurs are uncommon in the breed, Eggleston explained there have been concerns about scurs occurring in Belted Galloway cattle. The classical definition of scurs: incompletely developed horns which are generally loose and movable beneath the skin (not attached to the skull). Eggleston will write an article related to scurs in an upcoming newsletter. Eggleston discussed the benefits of gathering weights and measures during Louisville and how to tabulate the information in a working document that will be beneficial to Belted Galloway breeders.

Chatfield Scholarship. Chairman Kris von Dorhmann reported eight requests for scholarship applications have been made. Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. The deadline is April 30th to apply for the scholarship.

Information and Technology Committee. Chairman Scott Griffith explained the committee is continuing their work with CLRC to develop online animal registration and advertisement of animals for sale. Griffith reported the results of the online survey were interesting and will be beneficial to Council for future planning. The emailed survey was opened by 800 individuals and 207 responded. Member replies indicated a need for more materials about Belted Galloway cattle and raising Belted Galloway beef. Griffith stated future surveys are being developed.

Fundraising. Chairman Ron Howard introduced the concept of capital campaign. He stated objectives must be established and recommendations made to present to The Belted Galloway Foundation. Howard gave examples of the phases to attempt a fund-raising campaign. Council discussed the implementation of long-term goals, educational opportunities, and a vision statement for the Society.

Long Range Planning. Executive Director Vic Eggleston reported the committee does not plan to make a recommendation to Council to establish a designation for miniature Belted Galloway cattle in the registry.

Promotion and Advertising Committee. President Bednarski reported the timetable for production of the *Belted Galloway Journal*. A contract has been signed with Connections in Louisville, KY and the magazine distribution is planned during August. Advertising rates have been reduced for member ads and outside advertising will be solicited. The calendar contest will continue and the theme is "Kids with their Cows" with a photo submission deadline of July 1, 2013. Calendars will be available in August 2013. The calendar will continue to include breeding dates.

Sale Committee. Chairman Michelle Ogle reported that a show and sale will be held by the Southwest Belted Galloway Association on May 25, 2013. Ogle communicated the benefits of having credit card services available at the Belted Galloway Premium Sale. Sale lots offered as fundraising was discussed. The fundraising efforts on behalf of the Beltie

Youth Group were well received at 2012 Premium Sale.

Show Committee. Chairman Michelle Ogle made several recommendations to Council. Council approved July 1 as the lease agreement deadline for the youth leasing animals to show. Council approved adding Appendix classes to the show in Louisville. A minimum of five head must be entered in order for these classes to be held. Council approved that an official judges list be compiled for use when hiring a judge for the National Belted Galloway Show. The list can also be made available to organizers of other Belted Galloway shows. Council approved that the judge listing for the National Belt-ed Galloway Show be ranked by the committee for use by the person hiring the Judge. Council approved that the judge hired for the National Belted Galloway Show in Louisville be announced before the event.

New Business.

2014 Spring Council Meeting. The 2014 Spring Council Meeting will be held in Fryeburg, ME.

Funding Requests. Council approved funding requests to allot \$1,500 to the New England Galloway Group, \$1,500 to Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association, and \$1,500 to the Southwest Belted Galloway Association. Council approved advertising in the GLBGA directory.

Cattle with extra color: Council discussed animals who are black, dun, or red belted and have a spot of another color on the body. Examples were given of a black belted animal with a dun spot appearing on the body. Council determined the appearance of spot of another color is acceptable.

Other Business.

Executive Director Eggleston announced that the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. is the second largest breed association that CLRC represents.

President Bednarski reported because of time constraints he will not complete his planned farm tours of all 48 states by the end of 2013. During 2014, he continue the tours as part of the Advertising and Promotion Committee.

Leased Animals

- A lease agreement must be on file with the CLRC by July 1, 2013 for animal's to be shown under the lessee's name.
- Exhibitor Points will be awarded to the Lessee of the animal.
- If animal is shown under the lessee one day of a multiple day show, the animal must continue to be exhibited under the lessee for the duration of the entire show. The lease cannot be terminated half way through an event.
- Lease fees are waived for juniors members.

About advertising ... Classified ads are free to members. All classified ads are automatically placed on the Hotline on the Internet. Two-month limit on classified insertions. Please include contact information — name, farm, location, phone, fax and email, if any. For all emails — place Hotline in the subject line. Please Email to executivedirector@beltie.org, Fax 608-527-4811or phone (608) 220-1091. We encourage members to submit ads the last two weeks of the month. Advertising bulls ... it is required that registration numbers be included on bulls advertised for sale in the Hotline and newsletter.

For Sale

IOWA. Two heifers for sale, 14-month-old 34570-B and 12month-old 34569-B.Nice heifers, good belts and no mismarkings. Craig Cutting, Cutting Windy Acres, Decorah, IA. Email cuttingcraig@gmail.com or (563) 382-3894 or (563) 380-0505 in Decorah, Iowa.

NEW YORK: Exciting New AI Bull!! Blue Fire Omen 35106B (USD). Check out his lineage: Green Aprents, Anderson Hill and Boreland. Fertility, thickness, gentle disposition and longevity are the hallmarks of his line. Semen rating superior, 90% motility. Checkout our website, heritagemilk-nhoney.com for pictures, updates about him and his progeny and prices. Contact Jenny Stroh, Blue Fire Farm, heritagemilknhoney@gmail.com or (585) 689-0754 to order. Shipped from New Holland, PA.

VIRIGINIA . Registered bull, Little Turkey Hill Dallas USD 3567-B, calved 9/3/12. Sire Little Turkey Hill Cliff, Dam Sterling Farm Doris. Clift Houston, Little Turkey Hill Farm, Ashland, VA, (804) 798.1532 orhouston4@comcast.net.

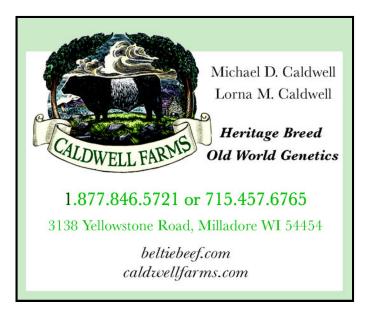
CALIFORNIA. Dun bull for sale #35425D. Ten months old. DOB 6/14/12. Sired by Ravenwoods Krackerjack (10899B) out of Ravenwoods Priscilla (32910D). Good disposition. For more information contact Ken Richardson, AWR Farm, Ferndale California, longview@suddenlink.net or (707)496-1441.

WISCONSIN. One registered black Belted Galloway heifer for sale. Calved in July 2012. Email for pictures. Contact Christine Nieman, Spring Creek Galloways in Rubicon, WI. Email springcreekgalloways@hotmail.com or phone (262) 623-0821.

NEW YORK. Black belted bred cows, heifers and a bull, Seefeld Moonbeam (9787-B). Also available are 1 to 2 year old heifers. Contact Gail Parsons at Parsons Farm, Cincinnatus, NY. (607) 849-7810 or Gail.Parsons@frontier.com.

NEW YORK. Bull for sale. Seefeld Blackberry [AI] USD35584-B. DOB 6/6/2012. Sire: Mochrum Huckleberry Red GBA 3557. Dam: Seefeld Bouttime USB19694B. This bull stands correct and is very stout with a good belt. Werner and/or Doris Moennich, Seefeld Farm, Morris, NY (607) 263-5522, email mbelties@frontiernet.net.

OHIO. Registered black Beltie bull for sale or trade, TEK Prince #10115B born 03/22/04. Tall in stature, perfectly



marked with wide belt. Sires great looking calves .Contact Tim Hochhausler at (740) 335-0561, Belties Trio, located in Leesburg, OH.

MISSOURI. Outstanding registered heifers sired by Driftwood Tundra. Bred and open cows. Top caliber herd bull prospect Driftwood Liberty 12X, Reg. # 34457B, sired by National Champion bull Sunnybrook Liberty. Contact Janet Moyer, Legacy Ranch, info@belties.net (471) 207-1234.

MICHIGAN. For Sale 2011-2012 Rolling Acres bulls or will trade for yearling heifers/young cows. Bulls from good bloodline, easy handling, healthy, (State/Federal certified TB free), grass fed and well-marked. They are Rolling Acres Arli, DOB 7/11/12, reg. #34883B, Rolling Acres Sir Logan, DOB 4/2/11, reg. # 34884B, Rolling Acres Tyler, DOB 3/8/11, reg. # 34886B and Rolling Acres Carmine, DOB 5/19/11, reg. # 34885B. Contact Vance Kincaid, 02200 CR 653, Gobles, MI 49055. Phone (269) 628-2903, fax (269) 628-2903.

NORTH CAROLINA. Three registered Belted Galloway heifers for sale. Mary Hammond, Hammond House Farm, Charlotte, NC. russ@russjhammond.com (704) 995-8117.

IOWA. For Sale: Wide belted Black steer for show. Calved 7/24/12. Picture available. Contact Audrey Wagner, Wagner Belties, Tipton, IA. Phone (563) 219-5990 or amwagner@iastate.edu.

KENTUCKY. Dun bull for sale. Turnberry Blanket. DOB 10/12/11. Reg. # (USD) 34044-D. Rick Bedhold, Turnberry Farm, Prospect, KY (502) 548-6185. Very gentle and well cared for.

MAINE. Cattle Wanted: Looking for all age steers, heifer calves and cull cows to add to our beef program. Paying above market value for all! Contact Heidi Baker, Aldermere Farm, (207) 975-4415 or heidibaker712@gmail.com.



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