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OUR MISSION

The object is to promote the Belted Galloway breed of cattle, to preserve the purity of the breed by maintaining pedigree records and data, to disseminate information relative to said breed of cattle and to carry on all legal and proper activities to effectuate the primary purpose of the corporation.

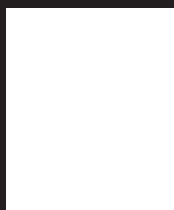
OUR VALUES

1. Provide resources for our membership to learn and develop necessary skills to thrive as a breed.
2. Promote the breed to both consumers as an excellent source of nutrition as well as other livestock producers as a profitable venture.
3. Increase the value of the breed by building the Belted Galloway brand awareness of their place in beef production.

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The BGS will help you reach your target audience with an e-blast sent to our membership.



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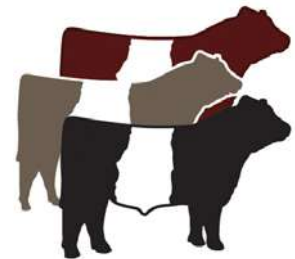
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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Corinna Caron - Corinna, Maine



As we turn the page toward fall, I find myself reflecting on what makes the Belted Galloway breed and the Belted Galloway Society so special. It is not simply the cattle we raise—it is the people, families, breeders, exhibitors, volunteers, and especially our juniors who continue to invest their time and energy into the future of this breed.

One of the highlights of our summer was the Belted Galloway Junior Nationals in Millersburg, Ohio. What a tremendous event it was! The success of Junior Nationals is a reflection of many people working behind the scenes, but most importantly, it is a reflection of the young people who show up, participate, learn, compete, help one another, and proudly represent the Belted Galloway breed. Our breed should be incredibly proud of these juniors. They are not simply the future of the Belted Galloway breed—they are already making a difference today. Seeing young people step forward to take leadership roles, serve on committees, help organize events, mentor one another, and become more involved in the Society is incredibly encouraging.

The Junior Council currently has openings for new members, and I encourage our juniors to consider getting involved.

Serving on the Junior Council is a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills, make connections with other Belted Galloway juniors from across the country, contribute ideas, and have a voice in the future of our junior programs. We need young people who are willing to step up, bring new ideas, and help carry this breed forward.

Protecting the Integrity of Our Herd Book

As we continue to grow as a breed organization, it is important to remember why our registration program and breed standards matter. The Belted Galloway Society has a responsibility to maintain an accurate, dependable herd book and to establish standards that protect the integrity and identity of the breed.

A few points are worth clarifying:

Registration and recordation are not the same thing. The BGS does not register cattle from non-Belted Galloway breedings as purebred Belted Galloways. Animals resulting from breedings that do not meet BGS registration requirements may be eligible for recordation, depending on the circumstances. Maintaining this distinction is an important part of protecting the integrity of our registry.

The BGS requires hypotrichosis testing on bulls in order to register them. Hypotrichosis testing is also required on any donor dams. The BGS is currently the only Belted Galloway association in North America requiring this testing as part of its registration process.

It is also important to understand that hypotrichosis testing is information—not a judgment on an animal. A positive result does not mean an animal has no value or should automatically be removed from a breeding program. Genetic testing gives breeders information that can be used to make thoughtful and responsible breeding decisions and to manage their herds appropriately.

Our pedigree and registration requirements are established by the Belted Galloway Society and may differ from the requirements of other organizations. Different registries can establish

different standards. Our responsibility is to uphold the standards of the BGS and maintain a herd book that our membership can trust.

These standards are not about making breeding decisions for our members. They are about providing breeders with accurate records, reliable information, and the tools necessary to make informed decisions for their own herds.

Looking Toward Fall

For many of us, the next season is already beginning as we prepare for fall calving. There is always a mixture of excitement and anticipation that comes with this time of year—watching cows, preparing pastures, checking facilities, and hoping for healthy cows and healthy calves.

As you head into another calving season, I wish each of you success, easy calvings, healthy calves, and healthy cows. May the work you have put into your breeding programs this year pay off in the pasture and in the barn.

Finally, thank you.

Thank you to those who register cattle, participate in shows, attend Society events, volunteer their time, serve on committees, support our juniors, advertise in The Focus, renew their memberships, answer questions from new breeders, and promote Belted Galloways in their communities. Every one of those efforts contributes to the strength of our breed.

The Belted Galloway Society belongs to its membership, and its future depends upon all of us being willing to contribute, participate, and support one another. I am grateful for the continued support you give to the Society and, more importantly, to the Belted Galloway breed we all care so deeply about.

Here's to a successful fall, healthy herds, new calves, and continued growth for the Belted Galloway breed.

BELTED GALLOWAY

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & MORE

BGS ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 BGS Annual meeting will take place in Louisville KY in conjunction with the National Show. Date, time and specific location will be announced on Facebook and email blast as soon as its available.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes to Council meetings can be found on the website under the News tab.

HYPOTRICHOSIS TESTING REQUIRED

Reminder! All males born after January 1, 2018 must be DNA and HYPO tested in order to be registered. ALL donor cows must be DNA and HYPO tested to have qualifying embryos for registration. All testing requests are done at the start of the registration process in Digital Beef. If you would like to request a DNA and or HYPO test for an already registered animal please contact Stephanie at bgs.registrar@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

If the lab has a hair sample on file from a DNA test you can request a HYPO test without having to send in a new sample* HYPO tests are \$30. *Pending sufficient sample size is on file.

REGISTERING ET CALVES

Questions about registering ET calves? Look at Rule #9 in the Breeder's Manual on page V-26

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

Please reach out to Corinna Caron to request educational materials for events in your areas.

2026 LETTER OF THE YEAR

The Tattoo letter for 2026 is P.. Remember, an inadequate or invalid tattoo will disqualify the animal from participating in Society sanctioned events.

PAST EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES

Please reach out to Corinna Caron to request educational materials for events in your areas.

CHECK YOUR SPAM

Be sure to check your spam/junk folders for emails from the Belted Galloway Society. New information, educational articles, flyers and more are sent out and posted on our Facebook page!

2026 NAILE

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FACT CHECK THE INFO

Not sure about something you saw online? Have questions about procedures or rules? Ask us directly! Reach out to the Registrar or the Executive Director via phone, email or Messenger!

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with NAILE in Louisville, KY. We are finalizing the event details and location. Please watch for more info in your emails and on social media.

BELTED GALLOWAY SOCIETY, INC.

PRESERVING AN OLD SCOTTISH BREED SINCE 1951



REGIONAL UPDATES

NEW ENGLAND GALLOWAY GROUP

PRESIDENT - TYLER JENNESS (NY)

Established in 1995, the New England Galloway Group (NEGG) provides education, support and fellowship for Belted Galloway and Galloway breeders throughout the Northeast and beyond. The organization brings together both established and up-and-coming breeders with a shared commitment to promoting the breed and preserving its quality for future generations. Throughout the year, NEGG hosts meetings, educational clinics, farm tours and other opportunities for members to learn from one another and build connections within the Belted Galloway community.

Youth involvement has long been at the heart of the organization. Through educational opportunities, show sponsorships and other programs, NEGG works to give junior members the experience and resources they need to become successful cattle producers and exhibitors. One of the group's signature initiatives is its Heifer Project, which has been connecting young people with Belted Galloway cattle for more than 25 years. Each year, at least one deserving junior receives a registered Belted Galloway heifer, providing hands-on experience in cattle management, breeding and showmanship. The recipient later returns the heifer's first female calf to the program or contributes toward its continuation, allowing the opportunity to be passed on to another young cattle enthusiast.

NEGG is also well known for its involvement with the National Belted Galloway Sale, one of the longest-running purebred cattle sales in the United States. In addition to supporting the sale, the organization sponsors youth events and shows and continues to create educational opportunities that strengthen both its membership and the breed. Through its focus on education, promotion and youth development, the New England Galloway Group continues to help build a strong future for Belted Galloway cattle throughout the Northeast.

SOUTHWEST BELTED GALLOWAY ASSN.

PRESIDENT - TBD

Founded originally in 2010 as the Texas Belted Galloway Association, and reorganized and renamed to better serve the southwest geographical area in May of 2013, the Southwest Belted Galloway Association represents the largest number of Belted Galloway Cattle and owners in the United States. Comprising the surrounding states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Missouri and Iowa, states west of the Mississippi, the SBGA is a family and fellowship-oriented group of Belted Galloway Cattle owners and breeders that enthusiastically promote and preserve this majestic breed of cattle. Membership on the SBGA is open to all who have an interest in the Belted Galloway Breed of cattle.

Our Mission: The Southwest Belted Galloway Association, has as its primary objectives, the advocacy development and promotion of the Belted Galloway beef cattle. Recognizing the existence of the national organization, the Belted Galloway Society, Inc., the primary function of this corporation will be to provide education about and promote interest in the breed from a regional standpoint. The association will maintain high breeding standards of the Belted Galloway breed with emphasis placed on production and performance and other qualities characteristic of the Belted Galloway breed.

Please follow us on social media for updates throughout the year on upcoming events and other happenings within the Southwest Belted Galloway Association.

REGIONAL UPDATES

GREAT LAKES BELTED GALLOWAY ASSN.

PRESIDENT - TERRY WILLIS (IL)

The Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association (GLBGA) put Belted Galloway cattle in front of thousands of agricultural enthusiasts during Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, held July 14–16, 2026, in Stratford, Wisconsin. The three-day event welcomed an estimated 30,000-plus visitors and more than 500 exhibitors.

The GLBGA was represented in the popular Beef Tent by Terry and Karlyn Etheridge of TEK Cattle, who displayed a Belted Galloway cow-calf pair. The cattle attracted a steady stream of visitors, while an inviting GLBGA booth provided an opportunity to answer questions and distribute GLBGA and Belted Galloway Society literature.

The live cattle display proved to be an especially effective way to introduce attendees to Belted Galloways. Visitors could see the breed firsthand while talking directly with experienced breeders about the characteristics and qualities that make Belties unique.

Karlyn noted an encouraging change in the conversations surrounding the breed. Years ago, many visitors simply wanted to know what Belted Galloways were, where they originated and whether they were a dairy or beef breed. Today, more producers are already familiar with Belties and want to know how the breed could fit into their own operations.

That shift in conversation reflects growing interest in the breed and creates new opportunities for GLBGA members to connect with prospective breeders. Events like Farm Technology Days allow those conversations to happen face-to-face and give attendees a knowledgeable resource as they learn more about Belted Galloways.

The Beef Tent also featured university specialists, cattle-handling and beef cooking demonstrations, youth activities and displays representing several beef breeds. Together, the exhibits gave visitors a broader look at Wisconsin's beef industry from pasture to plate.

Despite temperatures reaching into the 90s and heat indices climbing into the triple digits, attendees continued to make their way through the Beef Tent throughout the three-day event. The steady traffic provided plenty of opportunities for the Etheridges to visit with producers, families and other agricultural enthusiasts.

For the GLBGA, Wisconsin Farm Technology Days provided a valuable opportunity to increase awareness of Belted Galloways and put the breed in front of a large agricultural audience. Thanks to Terry and Karlyn Etheridge for representing the association and sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for Belties with Farm Technology Days visitors.

WESTERN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSN.

PRESIDENT - JOANNA HARRISON (NV)

The Western Belted Galloway Association (WBGA) is a regional organization representing Belted Galloway breeders and enthusiasts throughout the western United States. Formed in 1995, the association works to connect producers across a large geographic area while promoting the Belted Galloway breed and supporting its continued growth in the West. The WBGA provides opportunities for members to network, share knowledge and stay connected with the broader Belted Galloway community. Through regional events, agricultural shows and exhibits, educational outreach and breed promotion, members help introduce cattle producers and consumers to the Belted Galloway's hardiness, efficiency and high-quality beef. The association also holds an annual meeting and serves as an important regional voice for its members within the Belted Galloway community.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTIONS

ERIN SEAL (VA)



Erin Seal lives in Elkton, Virginia, with her husband and their two boys, where agriculture is both a way of life and their livelihood. Erin and her family farm full-time, raising approximately 30 Belted Galloways alongside a large commercial beef herd, poultry houses, and row crops. She is actively involved in the agricultural community and has a deep appreciation for the Belted Galloway breed. Erin is passionate about seeing the breed continue to grow and thrive through promotion, education, and introducing more people to Belted Galloway cattle. She hopes to support fellow breeders, encourage participation, and help build a strong future for the breed while recognizing that every farm has different goals and needs.

DR. KARLA DENTON (OK)



Karla Denton is the owner of The Band of Gypsies Ranch in Norman, Oklahoma, where she raises and shows Belted Galloways. A small-animal veterinarian and practice owner, Karla brings a unique perspective on animal health, husbandry, and responsible breeding, along with a tremendous passion for the Belted Galloway breed. Karla hopes to see the breed continue to grow through stronger marketing, increased accessibility, and greater recognition beyond the cattle industry. She is also passionate about expanding youth involvement and show opportunities to develop the next generation of Belted Galloway breeders and advocates. Karla would be honored to continue serving on the Belted Galloway Society Council.

ANGELA OLSON (OR)



Angela Olson's love for Belted Galloways began six years ago when she was searching for a docile, naturally polled breed for her eastern Oregon homestead. She quickly came to appreciate the breed's hardiness, easy calving, strong mothering instincts, quality grass-fed beef, and gentle temperament. Today, Angela winters 11 mother cows and has worked to improve her herd through artificial insemination and careful selection. She also leases out her bulls and enjoys seeing more Belted Galloway genetics throughout her area. After raising several breeds, Angela believes Belted Galloways are especially well suited for small operations and is dedicated to promoting and preserving the breed.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTIONS

MELINDA BUELL (CT)



Melinda Buell, of Northeastern Connecticut, has been involved with Belted Galloway cattle for more than 20 years, beginning with her family's first registered heifer and later showing through 4-H. Her passion for livestock led her to SUNY Cobleskill, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Livestock Production and Management. In 2020, Melinda established her own herd, Romeva Livestock, while continuing to assist with her family's cattle. For the past six years, she has also provided artificial insemination services and genetics to herds throughout New England. Melinda looks forward to continuing to work with fellow breeders and supporting the growth of the Belted Galloway breed throughout the region.

MEMBERS CAN VOTE IN 2026 COUNCIL ELECTIONS BY MAIL, ONLINE SURVEY OR IN-PERSON AT THE 2026 BGS ANNUAL MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, KY. ONLY ONE VOTE PER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

Vote for FOUR (4) candidates for terms on the Belted Galloway Society's Council. Additional names may be written in if you wish. The ballot must be faxed/mailed to the office postmarked **NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026**. Return to BGS Office, 151 Nokomis Rd, Corinna, Maine 04928.

☐ Erin Seal (Second Term)

☐ Melinda Buell (First Term)

☐ Karla Denton (Second Term)

☐ Angela Olson (First Term)

☐ _____

Ballot submitted by:

Member # _____ Member Signature: _____

Printed Member Name: _____ Date: _____

BELTED GALLOWAY

HAIR COLOR & GENETICS

Every calving season brings excitement, anticipation, and a little bit of wonder, especially if you have more than one color of cattle in your herd! Black, Red, Dun, what color will my calves come out this time? Maybe you only have black Belted Galloways and you're wondering, "How on earth did I end up with a red calf?" or perhaps, "I used a dun bull, why didn't I get any dun calves?" Color genetics can be interesting, and understandably confusing if you are not familiar with it! With any hope, you will have somewhat of a better understanding of color inheritance by the end!

We can start with the basics and a trip back to Biology class for a quick refresher! Genes come in pairs and have different versions of genes that determine how they are expressed visually. A calf gets one copy of each gene from each parent to create the pair of genes that make up the traits they possess. If both genes for a certain trait are the same, the animal is Homozygous for that trait; they can be Homozygous for a dominant trait or for a recessive trait. For example, Red requires two recessive red genes to be shown in the haircoat, a red haired animal will be homozygous for the red gene and will only ever pass on red to their offspring.

If an animal has two different versions of the trait, one dominant and one recessive, they are considered heterozygous for that trait. A good example for this is Black (dominant) cattle that carry the Red (recessive) gene. Animals with these two different genes will pass on each of those 50% of the time, giving roughly half of their offspring the gene for black hair coat, and half their offspring the gene for a red haircoat; depending on the other parent will determine what color calf you end up with!

While we consider 'Belties' to come in three main colors for registration purposes, Black, Red, and Dun, it is a little bit of a misnaming. Black and Red are our base colors, all cattle will have two different copies of a 'base color' gene. They can have color genes for either two black ED/ED, a black and a red, ED/e, or two red, e/e. This will determine your hair color as either black, ED/ED or ED/e, or red e/e.

On top of those base colors of black or red, we can find the dun dilution gene that modifies the base hair color to a varied shade of brown with a single copy, Dh/N, or a very light cream with two copies, Dh/Dh. The dilute gene is independent of the base colors and is inherited separately from the color genes of black and red. Dun is actually a dilution gene that is inherited independent of the base hair color of red or black. The Dun color dilution filters the visual expression of the base color, and when it is present, it will show in the hair coat. Dun acts by turning black hair into a brown color, what we refer to as Dun, and red hair into an orange red. Red based dun can be

difficult to identify and testing for the dun gene is an easy way to identify the presence when visual expression is hard to determine!

Dun is a dosage-dependant inheritance, two copies of the Dun dilution produce a Silver dun on a black or Black/red carrying base, and on a red base the double dun dilution creates a very light almost pink haircoat. 100% of their offspring will be Dun as they will always pass on one of their dilute genes. While there are breeds with a recessive Dun gene that is inherited in a manner similar to recessive red, this is not the version of the gene that is found in Galloways. The Dun gene in Galloways is not recessive and cannot be present without being seen in the haircoat.

In practice, it means that for the most part, black haired cattle are going to be less complicated to produce. A black bull with black cows will almost always produce a black calf. If you have a pairing of two black cattle that produces a red calf, congratulations! You have identified both of those animals as red gene carriers. If red is something you are looking to produce, you now know some new animals that you can use to introduce that color to the herd. Any offspring from these new found red gene carriers can easily be tested to confirm, and the black calves from that same pairing will have a 50% chance of having the red gene and not showing it in their hair coat.

A red bull paired with red cows will always produce a red calf, there are only recessive color genes on each side to pass on. A red bull paired with black cows will produce mostly black offspring that will all carry the red gene. If the black cows are red gene carriers, then when paired to a red bull, half of the offspring will be red, half will be black carrying the red gene.

If you use a dun bull, in this case a single dilution gene animal as these are most common in the population, regardless of what color cows he is paired with each calf he produces will have a 50% chance of getting the dun gene. Base coat color inheritance is the same and will happen independently of the dun dilution inheritance.

Dun paired with dun will produce the widest variety of color. If the calf gets a dun dilution gene from each parent, it will be silver dun over a base color of either red or black. These are produced approximately 25% of the time in dun to dun pairings. If the calf gets a dun gene from one parent but no dun from the other, it will be either a black base dun or a red based dun, depending on what base color genes are inherited, these are produced in approximately 50% of pairings with two dun parents. And lastly, if the resulting calf does not get a dun gene from either parent, then it shows the

base color of either red or black depending on what it inherited from each parent. These non dun animals result in approximately 25% of dun to dun pairings.

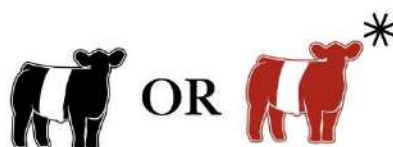
If you are interested in identifying the color genetics in your herd, there are tests available through UC Davis for the MC1R (extension), as well as the Color dilution for Dun.

PROGENY COLORING POSSIBILITIES



PARENTS

PROGENY
POSSIBILITIES

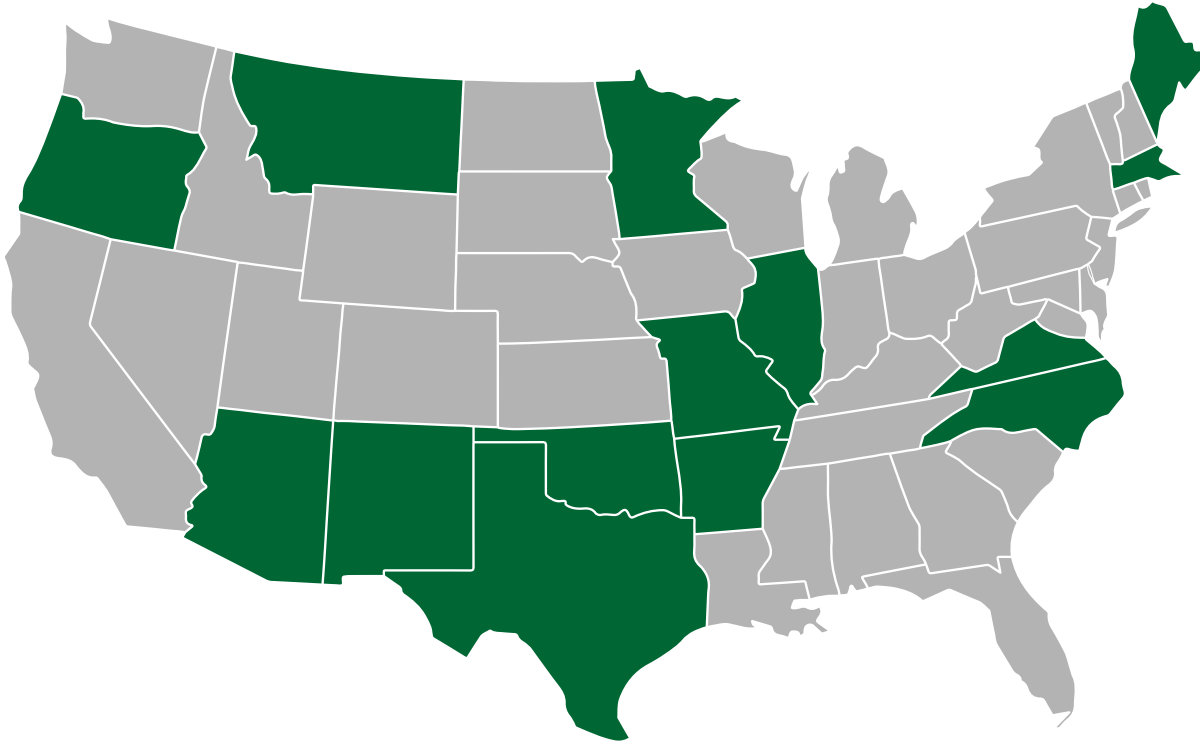


COAT COLOR INHERITANCE IN BELTED GALLOWAYS IS DETERMINED BY A COMBINATION OF DOMINANT AND RECESSIVE GENES AS WELL AS DILUTIONS OF GENE COLORS. WITH BLACK BEING DOMINANT TO RED, AND THE DUN DILUTION COVERING BOTH WHEN PRESENT.

* BELTIES MUST CARRY THE RECESSIVE RED GENE NEEDED TO PRODUCE RED CALVES, NOT ALL BELTIES CAN PRODUCE RED CALVES.

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PAUL BUNYAN CLASSIC OPEN BELTED GALLOWAY SHOW

JULY 25, 2026 - JUDGED BY JARED GIVENS (TN)

19 EXHIBITORS - 53 HEAD



Grand Champion Heifer
Casa Cattle Happily Ever After 51351-B
Owned by Abby Caron (ME)
Bred by Abby Caron (ME)



Reserve Champion Heifer
Harmony Meadows Acadia 51489-D
Owned by Ashlyn Romani (RI)
Bred by Ashlyn Romani (RI)



Grand Champion Bull
Moonshadow Way Too Cool 52172-B
Owned by Scot & Chris Adams (ME)
Bred by Scot & Chris Adams (ME)



Grand Champion Steer
Aldermere Nigell II 51597-B
Owned by Emma Hayden (ME)
Bred by Maine Coast Heritage Trust (ME)



Reserve Champion Steer
Aldermere Nash 51596-B
Owned by Micah St Onge (ME)
Bred by Maine Coast Heritage Trust (ME)



Grand Champion Cow Calf
A&M Miss Diva 48808-B
Owned by Tyler Jenness (ME)
Bred by Amber Smith (ME)



Grand Champion % Heifer
Rahe Family Farms Ivory 51269-D-W1/2BGXX
Owned by Elowyn McCarthy (MA)
Bred by Arnie Rahe (IL)



Reserve Champion % Heifer
Spring Hill Black Obsession 52092-B1/2BGSM
Owned by Lucy Lippert (ME)
Bred by Mark Snyder (PA)



Grand Champion Mismark
Barrett Homestead Mary 50695-B-M, 1
Owned by Molly Quinn (MA)
Bred by Chris & Linda Pearce (ME)

SCAM ALERT

A NEAR MISS SELLING A BELTED GALLOWAY BULL

Submitted by Council Member, Dr. Karla Denton (OK)

As cattle breeders, we often conduct business with buyers we've never met. Most transactions go smoothly, but occasionally someone attempts to take advantage of the trust that our industry depends upon. I want to share a recent experience in hopes that it may prevent another breeder from becoming a victim.

On May 19, 2026, I was contacted by an individual who identified himself as "Mark Green" using the email address markgreenx889@gmail.com. He stated that he saw my advertisement in the National Sale and he wanted to purchase a bull for his farm in Maryland. After several conversations, exchanging numerous photographs, and negotiating the price, we agreed on a sale. Although he offered less than my asking price, he wanted to arrange a quick pickup, which seemed reasonable.

The first red flag appeared when Mark asked if I would be willing to pay his livestock transporter directly using funds from the check that he would be sending me. He explained that the transporter, "George" (864-804-3927), was new to him but George had previously hauled cattle for his uncle. A check arrived promptly at my ranch in Oklahoma via FedEx and it appeared to be legitimate. It was drawn on what appeared to be a business account. I researched the company and discovered it was an LLC that had owned a now-closed Hardee's restaurant in North Carolina. While that initially seemed unusual, I have found that many livestock buyers purchase cattle through businesses for tax purposes, so it did not immediately raise alarm. I deposited the check into my bank account, and the funds appeared to clear at first. He then requested that I confirm to him that the funds had cleared, which I confirmed.

Meanwhile, I continued discussing transportation details with George. During our conversation, I asked about obtaining a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and his transportation plans. He explained that he was planning to pick up three heifers before coming to get my bull, he needed the shipping payment before arriving, and he planned to bed the cattle in sawdust inside his stock trailer. At that point, my concerns shifted from the financial transaction to the welfare of the animal.

The schedule he proposed simply did not make sense. Picking up cattle in Oklahoma on a Saturday afternoon and delivering them to Maryland by Monday morning without first obtaining a CVI was unrealistic. Anyone involved in livestock knows how difficult it is to find a large animal veterinarian willing to issue a CVI for a non-client over a weekend. In addition, transporting cattle on sawdust bedding for a trip of that length raises serious concerns about respiratory disease and shipping fever. I raised these concerns with Mark the buyer.

At the same time, I contacted my bank so I could better understand my exposure should something go wrong. Because the check was drawn on Wells Fargo, I learned that in Oklahoma a stop payment could potentially be issued for up to 6 months after the check was deposited. It is my understanding that every state has different laws regarding checks, so you should check with your bank to see what stop payment policies would be applicable to your situation.

However, another important issue became apparent. Had I paid the transporter myself, the transportation contract would have been between me and the shipper. That could have

left me legally responsible for any problems which might have occurred during transport, and this potentially would have made me responsible for the bull all the way until delivery in Maryland. If, however, the buyer pays the transporter directly, the transportation agreement exists between the buyer and the shipper, and my responsibility generally ends when the bull leaves my property. This distinction is extremely important. Sellers should think carefully before agreeing to pay for transportation on behalf of a buyer.

Several days later, my bank contacted me to inform me that the deposited check had been identified as fraudulent, and the funds had been immediately removed from my account.

Even after the fraudulent check was discovered, both Mark and George continued contacting me, urging me to send the shipping payment through Cash App or Zelle so the bull could be picked up. Fortunately, I had learned of the fraudulent check in time and I refused to send the shipping payment. I attempted to arrange for the "shipper" to come to my property without advanced payment so that law enforcement could apprehend them for the fraudulent check washing scam. Unsurprisingly, no one ever arrived.

Looking back, several warning signs became obvious:

The buyer insisted on overcomplicating what should have been a straightforward transaction.

Instead of paying the shipper directly himself, the buyer wanted me to pay the transporter.

The transportation arrangements were unrealistic and inconsistent with accepted livestock practices.

Pressure was placed on me to send money electronically before the pickup date.

The fraudulent check initially appeared to clear, which created a false sense of security.

The good news is that no cattle were lost and no money was sent. Had I transferred the shipping funds, I have no doubt that I would have lost that money permanently. I share this experience because these scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated. The scammers communicate frequently, ask reasonable questions, exchange photographs, and appear knowledgeable enough to gain your confidence. Had it not been for concerns over proper transportation and animal welfare, I might never have questioned the transaction as closely as I did.

My advice to fellow breeders is simple:

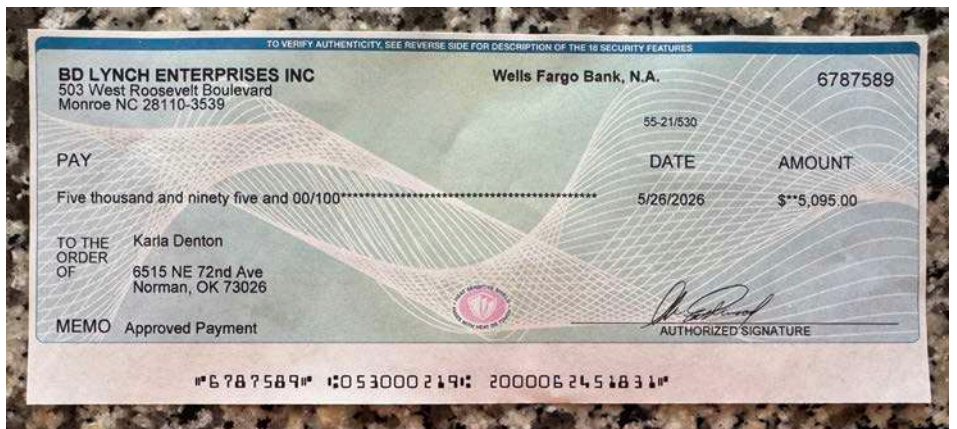
Never agree to pay a transporter on behalf of a buyer.

Be very careful and selective from whom you will accept a check.

Do not assume a deposited check is truly "cleared" simply because the funds appear available in your account. Know your bank's policies and your state's laws regarding checks and stop payment rights.

Verify transportation plans, especially when interstate health requirements are involved. Trust your instincts when something doesn't seem right.

When in doubt, walk away from the sale. Hopefully, by sharing this experience, other Belted Galloway breeders can avoid becoming a victim to this scam.





Schedule of Events

Junior and Open Cattle Arrival

October 9th & 10th

Junior/Open Show

Sunday, October 11th

Show starts at 8:00AM - East Side Hale Arena

Show Contact:

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NORTH AMERICAN

INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Schedule of Events

Junior and Open Cattle Arrival

Thursday, November 12th at 12:00PM until
Friday, November 13th at 12:00PM

Junior Show

Saturday, November 14th

Show starts at 8:00AM Broadbent Arena

Show Order: Simmental, Shorthorn Plus, AOB/Zebu
Influence, Belted Galloway

Open Show

Tuesday, November 17th

Show starts at 1:00PM - Broadbent Arena

Exhibitors are released after all shows on show day.

Show Contact: Corinna Caron

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BELTED GALLOWAY

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP



*from Juniors
To Leaders*

Why Junior Membership Matters

The National Belted Galloway Junior Association is more than a program for young exhibitors — it is the foundation for the future of both the Belted Galloway breed and the Society itself. Junior participation keeps our shows thriving today while preparing tomorrow's leaders, breeders, and advocates.

Building Leaders

Juniors don't just show cattle — they gain experience in leadership, teamwork, and responsibility. Each contest entered, meeting attended, and project completed builds skills that prepare them to one day serve as board members, breeders, and mentors within the Society.

Preparing for Life Beyond the Ring

Junior membership also equips youth with lifelong skills. Public speaking, networking, and teamwork build confidence and professionalism that benefit them in college, careers, and personal life. The work ethic and dedication learned in the barn transfer to every future endeavor.

Preserving the Breed

The future of the Belted Galloway breed depends on the next generation. By participating as juniors and later transitioning into adult members, today's youth ensure that the breed continues to thrive with fresh ideas, strong leadership, and a respect for tradition.

A Lasting Community

Perhaps most importantly, the Junior Association creates friendships and networks that last a lifetime. These connections support not only the individual but also the larger community of the Society.

The National Belted Galloway Junior Association is raising more than exhibitors — it is raising leaders, professionals, and stewards of the breed. Every junior who participates is investing in both their personal future and the future of the Belted Galloway Society.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NAILE - OPEN & JUNIOR SHOWS
NOVEMBER 15-19

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT



MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide young Belted Galloway cattle enthusiasts a program for developing beef cattle management and leadership skills through our breed-sponsored educational programs at local, state, and national competitions.

The NBGJA cultivates leadership and fellowship through promotion of the Belted Galloway breed for members of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. who are ages 8-21 years.

The Belted Galloway Junior Association began in late 1996 as the Beltie Youth Group. During 2013, the organization was renamed the Belted Galloway Junior Association by the Council of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. Shows, education, and activities are sponsored annually by regional Belted Galloway organizations.

The Society recognizes the Kathi Jurkowski Belted Galloway Junior Show as the national show held at the annual North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky during November. A junior program of activities and contests are held during the NAILE.

Submitted by Kiersten Hendershot (OH)

Our Junior Nationals this year was certainly one to remember! The many different activities we had in place this year to get to interact with the juniors and share more about the unique opportunity that is the Belted Galloway Junior Council was certainly memorable.

Some of those activities included an ice cream social, candy carnival, and everyday interactions passing through the barns. Beyond those activities we had a highly competitive Junior show. The quality of our Junior show and Showmanship speaks volumes for the kids in our youth program and should give any experienced quality breeder hope for the direction of the breed. Both youth and adults were given the opportunity to sit and get some additional information regarding reproduction, specifically artificial insemination.

In addition, all youth had the option to participate in Sales Talk, Public Speaking, Cattleman's Quiz, Judging Contest, and Team Fitting. These additional activities that happen within our Junior National event are meant to be fun but also meant to teach and encourage the youth, extending past their knowledge and comfortability within the Belted Galloway breed. We had a pretty awesome celebration during our awards ceremony. Honoring the youth that competed all week and prepared all summer to put their best foot forward for our Junior Nationals.

We rounded out our Junior Nationals with a stellar Open Show. The quality from our Junior Show bled over into the Open Show. A huge thanks to Alexis Stitzlein, Will Price, Corinna Caron, and everyone that made donations to help fund our event. As we start preparing for 2027, we want to encourage every Junior member to consider submitting an application for the Junior Council. We look forward to seeing everyone in Louisville, Kentucky in a few short weeks.

*Thank you
Thank you
Thank you*



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Indiana



Iowa



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Ohio



Pennsylvania



Virginia



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2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

bred & owned heifers



GRAND CHAMPION BRED & OWNED HEIFER

SPRING HILL LULU'S DREAM GIRL 50995-B

BRED & OWNED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)



RESERVE CHAMPION BRED & OWNED HEIFER

CASA CATTLE HAPPILY EVER AFTER 51351-B

BRED & OWNED BY: ABBY CARON (ME)

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



3RD OVERALL BRED & OWNED HEIFER

CNC FARMS JOSIE 51782-B

BRED & OWNED BY: CORA BARNARD (IN)



4TH OVERALL BRED & OWNED HEIFER

SPRING HILL LACEY 52086-B

BRED & OWNED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)



5TH OVERALL BRED & OWNED HEIFER

YANKEY FARMS LACEY 52385-B

BRED & OWNED BY: ALICE YANKEY (VA)



BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

bred & owned bulls



GRAND CHAMPION BRED & OWNED BULL

SPRING HILL MIDNIGHT LOU 52091-B

BRED & OWNED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)



RESERVE CHAMPION BRED & OWNED BULL

CNC FARMS THUNDERSTRUCK 52212-D

BRED & OWNED BY: CORA BARNARD (IN)

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



3RD OVERALL BRED & OWNED BULL
SPRING HILL MOHICAN ALARIC 100N 51777-B
BRED & OWNED BY: AVERY STITZLEIN (OH)



4TH OVERALL BRED & OWNED BULL
HENDERSHOTS ZU MANCHU 52193-B
BRED & OWNED BY: KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH)



BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

owned heifers



GRAND CHAMPION OWNED HEIFER

CASA CATTLE HAPPILY EVER AFTER 51351-B

OWNED BY: ABBY CARON (ME) BRED BY: ABBY CARON (ME)



RESERVE CHAMPION OWNED HEIFER

SPRING HILL MAEVE 51522-B

OWNED BY: KIRBIE PENNELL (OH) BRED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



3RD OVERALL OWNED HEIFER
SPRING HILL LULU'S DREAM GIRL 50995-B
OWNED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)
BRED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)



4TH OVERALL OWNED HEIFER
SPRING HILL LACEY 52086-B
OWNED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)
BRED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)



5TH OVERALL OWNED HEIFER
YANKEY FARMS LACEY 52385-B
OWNED BY: ALICE YANKEY (VA)
BRED BY: ALICE YANKEY (VA)



BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

owned steers



GRAND CHAMPION OWNED STEER

SPRING HILL BANKROLL 7N 52083-B

OWNED BY: AVERY STITZLEIN (OH) BRED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)



RESERVE CHAMPION OWNED STEER

SPRING HILL CASH OUT 9N 52082-B

OWNED BY: SOPHIA STITZLEIN (OH) BRED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA)

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



3RD OVERALL OWNED STEER

ALDERMERE HOTSHOT 52249-B

OWNED BY: ELLA RIDLEY (ME)

BRED BY: MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST (ME)



4TH OVERALL OWNED STEER

OATLEY'S FARM ZOMBIE 4N 51423-B

OWNED BY: ELOWYN MCCARTHY (MA)

BRED BY: ETHAN OATLEY (RI)



BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

owned percentage heifers



GRAND CHAMPION OWNED PERCENTAGE HEIFER

SPRING HILL THEIA 51027-B1/2BGSM

OWNED BY: MARK SNYDER (PA) BRED BY: MARK SYNDER (PA)



RESERVE CHAMPION OWNED PERCENTAGE HEIFER

DTRF QUEEN 51779-B-M,11/2BGXX

OWNED BY: NASH WHITEHEAD (IN) BRED BY: JIM & KATHY RAMSEY (IN)

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



GRAND CHAMPION OWNED PERCENTAGE STEER

MOHICAN PAY DAY 80N 52075-B1/2BGSM

OWNED BY: AVERY STITZLEIN (OH) BRED BY: AVERY STITZLEIN (OH)



owned percentage Steer

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

owned cow calf pairs



GRAND CHAMPION OWNED COW CALF PAIR

SUNNYBROOK LANA 45698-B

OWNED BY: ALICE YANKEY (VA) BRED BY: SUNNYBROOK FARMS (IL)



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2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



GRAND CHAMPION OWNED MISMARKED HEIFER

YANKEY FARMS SWEET TART 51224-B, M, 1

OWNED BY: CARTER YANKEY (VA) BRED BY: ELIZABETH YANKEY (VA)

owned mismarked heifers

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW

showmanship



SENIOR DIVISION: 1ST - ABBY CARON (ME), 2ND - KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH), 3RD - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA), 4TH - HAYDEN CLARK (ME), 5TH - TAYLOR KUBEJA (PA)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: 1ST - KARA DUTTON (ME), 2ND - LUCY LIPPERT (ME), 3RD - JADE FITCH (ME), 4TH - ALICE YANKEY (VA), 5TH - ELOWYN MCCARTHY (MA)

BELTED GALLOWAY

2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL SHOW



JUNIOR DIVISION: 1ST - ELLIE KEETS (OH), 2ND - JAYDEN DUNKERLEY (PA), 3RD - KIRBIE PENNELL (OH), 4TH - EMERY SNOW (IN), 5TH - NASH WHITEHEAD (IN)



EXHIBITORS: MAINE, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, INDIANA, IOWA, MASSACHUSETTS, VIRGINIA

showmanship

CONTEST RESULTS

public speaking



SENIOR DIVISION: 1ST - TAYLOR KUBEJA (PA), 2ND - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA), 3RD - ABBY CARON (ME), 4TH - KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH), 5TH - MARK SNYDER (PA)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: 1ST - MOLLY QUINN (MA), 2ND - ELOWYN MCCARTHY (MA), 3RD - TRINLEY ROBSON (VA), 4TH - ALICE YANKEY (VA), 5TH - PIPER PENNELL (OH)



JUNIOR DIVISION: 1ST - BROWNING ROBSON (VA), 2ND - JAYDEN DUNKERLEY (PA), 3RD - HAZEL DUNKERLEY (PA), 4TH - ELLIE KEETS (OH), 5TH - AVERY STITZLEIN (OH)

sales talk



SENIOR DIVISION: 1ST - MARK SNYDER (PA), 2ND - ABBY CARON (ME), 3RD - TAYLOR KUBEJA (PA), 4TH - HAYDEN CLARK (ME), 5TH - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: 1ST - ELOWYN MCCARTHY (MA), 2ND - TRINLEY ROBSON (VA), 3RD - LUCY ELLEN LIPPERT (ME), 4TH - CORA BARNARD (IN), 5TH - ALICE YANKEY (VA)



JUNIOR DIVISION: 1ST - BROWNING ROBSON (VA), 2ND - EMERY SNOW (IN), 3RD - CARTER YANKEY (VA), 4TH - ELLIE KEETS (OH), 5TH - JAYDEN DUNKERLEY (PA)

CONTEST RESULTS

judging



SENIOR DIVISION: 1ST - KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH), 2ND - TAYLOR KUBEJA (PA), 3RD - ABBY CARON (ME), 4TH - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA), 5TH - HAYDEN CLARK (ME)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: 1ST - TRINLEY ROBSON (VA), 2ND - ALICE YANKEY (VA), 3RD - BETH YANKEY (VA), 4TH - ELOWYN MCCARTHY (MA), 5TH - ELLA RIDLEY (ME)



JUNIOR DIVISION: 1ST - ELLIE KEETS (OH), 2ND - AVERY STITZLEIN (OH), 3RD - HAZEL DUNKERLY (PA), 4TH - KIRBIE PENNELL (OH), 5TH - NASH WHITEHEAD (IN)

fitting



GRAND CHAMPION FITTING TEAM: AVERY STITZLEIN (OH), ALICE YANKEY (VA), ABBY CARON (ME)



RESERVE CHAMPION FITTING TEAM: LUCY LIPPERT (ME), PIPER PENNELL (OH), TRINLEY ROBSON (VA)



3RD OVERALL CHAMPION FITTING TEAM: ELLIE KEETS (OH), JADE FITCH (ME), JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA)

CONTEST RESULTS

cattlemen's quiz



SENIOR DIVISION: 1ST - ABBY CARON (ME), 2ND - KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH), 3RD - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA), 4TH - HAYDEN CLARK (ME), 5TH - TAYLOR KUBEJA (PA)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: 1ST - TRINLEY ROBSON (VA), 2ND - ALICE YANKEY (VA), 3RD - BETH YANKEY (VA), 4TH - MOLLY QUINN (MA), 5TH - CORA BARNARD (IN)



JUNIOR DIVISION: 1ST - ELLIE KEETS (OH), 2ND - KIRBIE PENNELL (OH), 3RD - BROWNING ROBSON (VA), 4TH - JAYDEN DUNKERLEY (PA), 5TH - CARTER YANKEY (VA)



SENIOR DIVISION: 1ST - PAYCENCE BOUDREAU (MA), 2ND - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA), 3RD - KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH), 4TH - ABBY CARON (ME), 5TH - MARK SNYDER (PA)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: 1ST - JADE FITCH (ME), 2ND - ALICE YANKEY (VA), 3RD - BETH YANKEY (VA), 4TH - ELLA RIDLEY (ME), 5TH - NATALIE BROWN (OH)



JUNIOR DIVISION: 1ST - LONDYN KAHL (IA), 2ND - ELLIE KEETS (OH), 3RD - AVERY STITZLEIN (OH), 4TH - EMERY SNOW (IN), 5TH - CARTER YANKEY (VA)

CONTEST RESULTS

overall



SENIOR DIVISION:

- 1ST - ABBY CARON (ME)
- 2ND - KIERSTEN HENDERSHOT (OH)
- 3RD - JENNIFER LOHMANN (IA)
- 4TH - TAYLOR KUBEJA (PA)
- 5TH - MARK SNYDER (PA)



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

- 1ST - ALICE YANKEY (VA)
- 2ND - TRINLEY ROBSON (VA)
- 3RD - ELOWYN MCCARTHY (MA)
- 4TH - BETH YANKEY (VA)
- 5TH - MOLLY QUINN (MA)



JUNIOR DIVISION:

- 1ST - ELLIE KEETS (OH)
- 2ND - BROWNING ROBSON (VA)
- 3RD - JAYDEN DUNKERLEY (PA)
- 4TH - AVERY STITZLEIN (OH)
- 5TH - CARTER YANKEY (VA)

BELTED GALLOWAY

BREEDER'S CUP RESULTS



Grand Champion Heifer
Spring Hill Lulu's Dream Girl 50995-B
Owned by Mark Snyder (PA)
Bred by Mark Snyder (PA)



Reserve Champion Heifer
Casa Cattle Happily Ever After 51351-B
Owned by Abby Caron (ME)
Bred by Abby Caron (ME)



Grand Champion Bull
Casa Cattle Livin' On Love 51350-B
Owned by Casa Cattle (ME)
Bred by Ashton Caron (ME)



Grand Champion Steer
Spring Hill Bank Roll 7N 52083-B
Owned by Avery Stitzlein (OH)
Bred by Mark Snyder (PA)



Reserve Champion Steer
Spring Hill Cash Out 9N 52082-B
Owned by Sophia Stitzlein (OH)
Bred by Mark Snyder (PA)



Grand Champion Cow Calf
Sunnybrook Lana 45698-B
Owned by Alice Yankey (VA)
Bred by Sunnybrook Farms (IL)



Grand Champion % Heifer
DTRF Queen 51779-B-M, 11/2BGXX
Owned by Nash Whitehead (TN)
Bred by Jim & Kathy Ramsey (IN)



Reserve Champion % Heifer
Spring Hill Theia 51027-B1/2BGSM
Owned by Mark Snyder (PA)
Bred by Mark Snyder (PA)



Grand Champion Mismark
Yankey Farms Sweet Tart 51224-B-M, 1
Owned by Carter Yankey (VA)
Bred by Elizabeth Yankey (VA)

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BREEDER'S CUP RESULTS



Reserve Champion Bull
Spring Hill Midnight Lou 52091-B
Owned by Mark Snyder (PA)
Bred by Mark Snyder (PA)



Grand Champion % Steer
Mohican Pay Day 80N 52075-B1/2BGAN
Owned by Avery Stitzlein (OH)
Bred by Avery Stitzlein (OH)

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22 EXHIBITORS, 41 HEAD OF CATTLE



BELTED GALLOWAY

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECORD KEEPING

Although most cattle producers agree that good record keeping is important, many operations are not currently collecting valuable information that can be used in management decisions and marketing efforts. Because each of us will only do what we enjoy doing (or are forced to do), record keeping should be approached to try to maximize enjoyment or minimize pain. From a record-keeping standpoint, the needs of cow-calf ranches differ from other livestock operations such as dairies, feedlots, and swine or poultry operations in that cow-calf ranches only collect usable information at a few specific times of the year such as at preg-check, weaning, pasture turn-out, or at other times that specific ranches handle their cattle.

This is in contrast to other livestock production systems that hand-deliver feed on a daily basis, and measure production on a daily (dairy) or at least on a weekly or monthly (swine or poultry) basis due to frequent marketing. Because of these differences, the relatively low amount and frequency of data collection in cow-calf herds allows ranchers to have very effective record keeping systems that are simpler than systems needed by other livestock production systems. In fact, a lot of important information can be captured on the ear tag or freeze brand such as year of birth, sire information, and calving order; and paper or relatively simple computer programs can be used to keep and organize ranch production and health records.

The first set of records that you should keep should answer a pressing question or solve an immediate need. Your primary need today may be to have the information gathered to make filling out tax forms easier next year. Or you may want to know which cows are becoming pregnant early in the breeding season, or which cows wean the fastest growing calves. By starting a record keeping effort with one or a limited number of objectives in mind, it is easy to see what information you need to gather and how that information will be used.

Once you have identified exactly what you want to know, how you will collect the information also becomes obvious. For example, if you want to determine which cows calved in the first 21 days of the calving season, you will need a way to identify each cow and you will need to know when each cow calves (to the day, week, or 21-day period depending on whether the herd is a registered or commercial herd, and the current level of data collection). Often, I find that once the first pressing question is answered, other questions become important. As more questions are asked, such as which bulls are weaning the heaviest calves, or which bull's daughters stay in the herd the longest, the more information needs to be collected, and the more sophisticated the record keeping systems needs to become.

For small herds or herds where the needed information is very simple, a notebook with hand-written notes will do the job. As herd numbers increase, or as the questions asked demand more pieces of information, a computer program makes record keeping much easier. Some producers make



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THE IMPORTANCE OF RECORD KEEPING

their own record system using a spreadsheet or database software program in order to customize their records to their specific needs. Many other cattlemen utilize commercially available cow-calf record programs. Every record system has its strengths and weaknesses, these strengths and weaknesses are based on the fact that the more one wants out of a program in the way of reports and calculations, the more complicated the data entry becomes. The secret to be happy with a computer record program is to find one that will answer all the questions you want it to be able to answer, but not a lot more.

Different veterinarians have preferences for different types of records and record-keeping systems, but all would agree that having accurate information about the herd has many valuable uses, including: to assist in the assessment of production efficiency, to help in the investigation of disease outbreaks, and as a component of Beef Quality Assurance (BQA). From a production standpoint, I am most interested in the percentage of the herd that becomes pregnant in the first 21 days of the breeding season, the percentage of exposed cows that wean a calf, and any differences in reproductive efficiency by cow age-group (heifer, first-calf heifer, cow), body condition score (BCS), genetic background, or breeding pasture.

Many farms and ranches record all open cows, abortions, illnesses, and deaths, and veterinarians can utilize this information to pinpoint problems to specific age groups, pastures, months of the year, or other factors that may be contributing to the losses. This type of record keeping is very helpful to veterinarians, but requires a dedicated

effort on the part of producers to collect information over many years and to have an information storage system that allows efficient search and retrieval.

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) involves several aspects of cattle management that directly affect the quality of the beef products sold to consumers as well as the health and welfare of the herd. Accurate documentation of all events that occur to an animal from the time of birth, through all of the production phases and on into the slaughter house is becoming the expected level of record-keeping. Whenever a vaccine, dewormer, fly control, antibiotic or other product is administered to cattle, you should record the exact name of the product, the serial number of the product you purchased, the dose that was administered, and how the cattle were treated (i.e., by mouth, in the muscle, under the skin, etc.).

If you decide that your current level of record keeping is holding you back from improved production efficiency, it is important to know what you want to gain from your records and to match the most appropriate record keeping method or computer program to your needs and then to diligently follow through with appropriate information collection.

Educational article from Feedlot Magazine. Source Bob Larson, DVM, Kansas State University. October 8, 2025.

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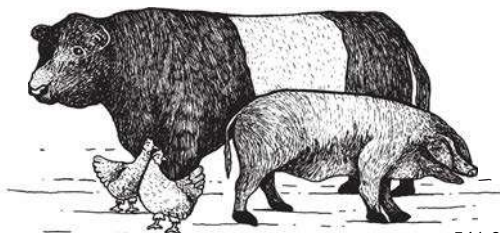
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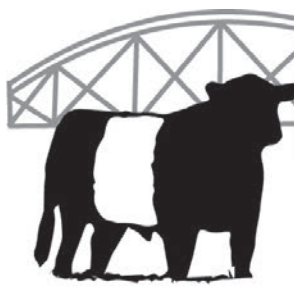


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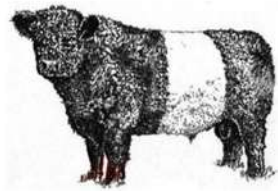
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