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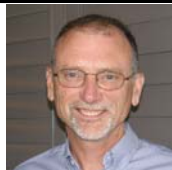


THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE BELTED GALLOWAY SOCIETY, INC.

Belted Galloway Instinct is a Strong Trait



First Calf. John Yardley shared his photo of the first Belted Galloway calf born on his ranch in Utah.



President Ron Howard

I recently had the great good fortune to visit a number of Belted Galloway farms in England, Wales and Scotland. There were the usual great cattle, amazing landscape and wonderful hosts.

My major take away from the trip though, included seeing a group of Belties that a breeder grazes in some “common land” made up for several hundred thousand acres ... and his cattle always find their way back to their birthing area, regardless of where they are released.

In fact, one Fall, over the course of a whole day, the cattle were driven back to the farm area and were exhausted. They drank from a pond and immediately laid down. Being late, the farm-owner decided they would just put them in their fenced pastures the next morning. You guessed it, over night, the cattle had walked all the way back to “their” land.

We do believe that because our cattle evolved in harsh climates (and compared to other breeds) that they are more disease resistant, have greater survival skills, possess stronger and longer lasting maternal instincts, and have the ability to adapt and survive in less favorable terrain.

This Beltie owner, who has seen many different breeds grazed out there, has never seen another group of cattle with the same instincts and traits.

As they all say there, Cheers!

2011 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Little Everglades Ranch, Dade City, FL October 21-23. Bob and Sharon Blanchard own the 2050 acre ranch and host many equestrian events on their farm. The Blanchard's operate a herd of purebred Belted Galloway cattle, as well as, a commercial herd of cattle.

Confirmed as our featured speaker for the meeting is Dr. Murray Brilliant, a genetics researcher at Marshfield Clinics, Marshfield, WI.

Look for our insert in the next newsletter with meeting and hotel information. We hope that you can join us in Florida!

Calendar Reminders

Skowhegan State Fair

August 11-20, 2011 Skowhegan, ME. Contact Scot Adams (207) 696-3812 or mnshadow@tdstelme.net.

Union Fair/Maine Wild Blueberry Festival

August 20-27 2011. Union, ME. Contact (207) 785-2978 or guiniridge@gmail.com.

Windsor Fair

August 28 to September 5, 2011, Windsor, ME. Contact Curtis Prime (207) 621-4167.

Sandwich Fair

September 7-11, 2011 Sandwich, IL. Contact: Julie Willis (815) 547-6912 or sbfarms@hotmail.com.

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition)

September 16-October 2, 2011, Springfield, MA. Contact Entry office at (413) 205-5011 or

aginfo@thebige.com.

Farmington Fair

September 18-24, 2011, Farmington, ME. Neal Yeaton (207) 778-6083.

World Beef Expo

September 23-26, 2011 Milwaukee, WI. Entries www.worldbeefexpo.com. Entry office (414) 266-7052.

Western Belted Galloway Association Annual Meeting

September 30-October 1, 2011 in Reno, Nevada. Contact Ken Bajema 360-837-3273 kbajema@pacifier.com.

Fryeburg Fair

October 2-9, 2011, Fryeburg, ME. Fair office opens May 1. Contact office at (207) 935-3268 or info@fryeburgfair.org.

Keystone International Livestock Exposition

Harrisburg, PA October 1-9, 2011. Contact Joyce Jones (724) 924-2938 or galloway@zoominternet.net.

North Carolina State Fair

October 13-23, 2011, Raleigh, NC. Contact entry office (919) 821-7400.

Annual General Meeting

October 21-23, 2011. Little Everglades Ranch, Dade City FL. Contact Vic Eggleston (608) 220 1091 or executivedirector@beltie.org.

North American Belted Galloway Show (NAILE) and Premium Sale

November 14-16, 2011. Louisville, KY. Contact Jerry Moore (270) 563-9113 or jjarmoore@insightbb.com.

Great Lakes Annual Meeting

Kathi Jurkowski, Public Relations GLBGA

Well, if you missed it, you missed a good one, folks. It was a perfect weekend with two wonderful hosts, Jon and Sylvia Bednarski at their Sherwood Acres farm in LaGrange, KY. We had perfect weather, beautiful barns, fat and healthy Belties, good food, and a fun time. I have almost forgotten what fun is; I think we all do, because we work so hard. It was my idea of a **great** weekend.

We were all welcomed into the Bednarski's beautiful home. We sat on their deck, watching Belties graze and they (the cows), in turn, were watching us graze over all of Sylvia's yummy, tasty treats, even Derby pie, *O my!*

The next morning out in the barn, we listened to Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, University of Kentucky Extension Beef Specialist, discuss animal nutrition, and then Kurt Mason, CPESC District Conservationist USDA/NRCS discuss Equip, CRP & Whip programs that are available to beef producers. During this part of the program, John gave us a walking tour of the farm, while Kurt explained some of the programs that Sherwood Acres has participated in.

In the afternoon, we got on the bus and toured the beautiful



country-side, learning a little bit about log cabins on the way. Then it was off to the buffalo farm - how beautiful that was over-looking the Ohio River. I don't think I would ever switch to buffalo, but the farm had a great handling facility, and we learned about their grazing methods as well.

We were lucky enough to go to the owner's house, personal barn, and oh...the gardens! Meticulously weeded, probably because Martha Stewart was just there for a Derby party, which may be why they had over 40 giant, hot bubble gum pink snails in their fields for yard art. The snails brought the bus

to a stop! Top that Martha.

For fun and to help forget about cows for awhile (which takes a lot), we attended a local vineyard that had a band playing while guests sipped and dined. Wine and dine, we did ... and we also held our fundraiser auction there, too. We raised almost \$500.00. *Thank you all very much.*

We all would like to thank Jon and Sylvia. It was so nice to have the time to get to know Sylvia and Jon, our in-coming president of the BGS, better, and to meet their children, see their beef production and learn how they process and sell their beef. Thank you both for letting us come into your home and barns. Everything was as warm and inviting as you both are. It was a truly wonderful weekend! What could be better than hanging out with Beltie friends and talking Beltie?

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Lisa may also be reached from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Wednesday and until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. She is not in the office on Friday, but Betty is still available to assist you that day.

Fundraising Cookbook Project

Our Foundation fundraising project needs your support! The Belted Galloway Cookbook Project is underway. We currently need 125 recipes to make the cookbook a success. Please send your submissions to Kristina M. Von Dohrmann, PO Box 130, Jefferson, NH 03583.

Culled/Deceased Animals

Please return all registration/recordation papers to the CLRC for deceased or culled animals. Your help will ensure the Society database is up-to-date and member herd inventories are accurate.

Upcoming Belted Galloway Sales

Jerry Moore, Chairman Show and Sale Committees

The Belted Galloway Society Premium Sale is returning to Louisville, KY in November 2011, to be held in conjunction with the National Belted Galloway Show. Event dates are November 14-16. Cattle consigned to the sale must be shown at the National Belted Galloway Show. The sale will be live on the Internet through EDJecast. We will accept nominations of purebred females, bulls, embryos and semen lots. Nominations are due by September 15 and nomination fees will be \$100 per animal. Please contact Jerry Moore (270) 563-9113 or jjarmore@insightbb.com to request nomination information and forms. Nomination forms will also be available on www.beltie.org.

Beef Basics Weekend at Aldermere

On July 30 and 31st Aldermere Farm, Rockport, ME will hold their annual Beef Basics weekend. Designed for all levels of cattle owners from novices to seasoned professionals, the weekend offers a variety of educational opportunities.

If learning artificial insemination is on your list of things to do this summer, there are two solid days of instructional opportunities, complete with practicing on live cattle. If you will be showing your cattle, you can sign up for two days to learn about selection, feed and care, grooming clipping and fitting your animal and finally the showmanship skills necessary for the show ring.

Are more general topics of knowledge what you want? You can get Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified and learn about the care, feed, record keeping and proper management of your herd. Mixed in are sessions on pasture management, land and farmland estate planning amongst others. For more information see their website at www.aldermere.org or call Amy Dorsky at (207)236-2739.

If you are a member of the New England Galloway Group or are just interested in attending their summer meeting which will be held on Sunday, July 31st at Aldermere and in conjunction with the Beef Basics weekend, just contact Scot or Chris Adams at (207)696-3812 or mnshadow@tdstelme.net.

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Terry Willis, Belted Galloway Sale Coordinator WBE

The Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association is pleased to announce Belted Galloway cattle will be a part of the World Beef Expo Sale line-up on Sept 24, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI. It will be held in conjunction with several other breeds of cattle. They will accept females, prospect steers, embryos, and semen lots. The sale cattle and catalog will be promoted through the online sale marketing company EJDGecast. The sale lots will be eligible for cash awards and can be brought back for a special show the following year. The entry deadline is August 1st for information contact Terry Willis at sbfarms@hotmail.com or call 815-547-6912.



Hannah and the kids. Scot & Chris Adams (ME) sent this fun shot of their heifer, Hannah, babysitting the kids. We wonder if Nanny and Billy were out for the night?

New members

Larry Alameda, SUN HAWK RANCH, PO Box 2350, Julian CA 92036 (760)765-2801.

Associate Dr. William F. Keish, 861 Neipsic Rd., Glastonbury CT 06033 (860)604-7711.

Lady Bugg Farm, c/o James L. Bugg III, 314 West Hollywood, San Antonio TX 78212 (210)849-1184.

Eric Marshall, HOMESTEAD HARVESTS, 14861 Enterprise Rd., Heyworth IL 61745 (309) 287-7933.

Junior Allie Jae Miller, 100 Danvers Rd., Congerville IL 61729 (309)963-4115.

Junior Michael Pampreen, 350 South Main St., Marlborough CT 06447 (860)295-0365.

Glenn Stillman, 1205 Barre Rd., New Braintree MA 01531 (508)867-7193.

Totten Family Farm, c/o Dr. James Cheron Totten, 40 Ferry St., Newark NJ 07105 (908)850-0555.



Hypotrichosis

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 hair loss 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, or elongated bodies, unusual head shapes, or below-average growth rates. Regrowth of hair and subsequent loss has been noted in some animals held past weaning age.

Identifying animals that carry the gene that can cause Hypotrichosis will prove to be a valuable, scientific means for breeders to *manage* the mating of their animals that carry the gene to prevent having calves afflicted with the condition. It should be noted that both the sire and dam have to possess the gene in order of the resultant offspring to exhibit the symptoms of Hypotrichosis. We are grateful that we have industry scientists willing and able to identify the Hypotrichosis gene in Belties and develop a test to identify carriers of it! Currently the researchers are in the final stages of establishing complete accuracy of the testing process and are asking our members to submit blood or semen samples from their animals.

Dr. Matt Spangler PHD

Assistant Professor and Extension Beef Genetics Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Hypotrichosis, or hairlessness, is believed to be a genetic recessively inherited trait in Belties. Currently, Dr. Beever from the University of Illinois is working on identifying the specific mutation that causes this affliction in Belties and the development of a genetic diagnostic test. He has been sent several DNA samples from confirmed afflicted animals as well as several more samples from normal animals that do not share close similarities in pedigree with the afflicted animals. Sue Drew, SC has been able to supply several of these due to the fact that they have collected pictures, documentation, and samples over the years from any animal that showed the signs of Hypotrichosis from various other Beltie herds. They have also routinely collected samples from their herd and thus have been able to provide additional samples on animals that have never produced an afflicted calf. Thank you to all breeders who have contributed to this pursuit by sending in samples from afflicted animals over the years.

Dr. Beever has agreed to pursue this topic, given his recent work in identifying the genetic mutation and developing a test for genetic recessive traits such as AM (Curly Calf), NH (Waterhead) and most recently FCS (Fawn Calf Syndrome) in Angus cattle.

Dr. Jonathan E. Beever PHD

Associate Professor of Molecular Genetics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I would like to invite Belted Galloway breeders to submit samples for our research project on the genetic inheritance of a condition referred to as Hypotrichosis (hairlessness). As you are aware, we have been working on determining the underlying genetic mutation that causes hairless calves to be produced when carrier parents are mated. It has been our hope that we can design a diagnostic test that will allow breeders to know the genotypes of their breeding animals so that they can manage the occurrence of this genetic abnormality should it exist in their herds.

Recently, we believe that we have identified the location of the gene causing Hypotrichosis (HY) and also found a putative mutation that may be responsible. To further test the hypothesis that this mutation is causative of the HY condition we need to screen a diverse sample of the genetics within the Belted Galloway breed as well as other breeds. Given our work in other breeds, we have many hundreds of non-Belted Galloway DNA samples, but only a limited number of Beltie samples that were used in the research. Thus, I invite any breeders to submit samples that they are interested in knowing the status of their cattle for their breeding programs. I would ask that we try to collect as diverse of a set of samples as possible, thus from several breeders. I would also ask that the samples be either semen or whole blood (EDTA) so that we can accomplish this quickly and as accurately as possi-

ble. Hair samples are often quite variable and are unsuitable at this stage in my opinion.

In regard to semen, this type of project is a wonderful opportunity to prescreen influential bulls from the breed as they can represent the genetics of the whole population because of their dissemination through AI. 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 indicating that the samples are for HY research in Belted Galloways.

Dr. Vic Eggleston, DVM
Executive Director

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.

It should be pointed out that the test currently is considered accurate. Dr. Beever's request for added samples had 2 major purposes. The added number of samples tested helps satisfy the scientific basis for the test and adds further documentation of its accuracy and at the same time provides our members with an opportunity to screen their animals. If you choose to participate in this study during this stage of development, Dr. Beever stated that at this time there will be no cost for testing your submitted samples of semen and blood. Here are some helpful guidelines for collecting and mailing samples:

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

Ask your veterinarian to use 10cc, purple top (EDTA) vacutainer 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.

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.

Tattoo reminder...

The Year Code on tattoos for animals born in year 2011 is

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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 as you wish it to appear — 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 608-527-4811 or phone (608) 220-1091. We encourage members to submit ads the last two weeks of the month. **Advertising bulls ...** Before advertising a young male as a breeder we must be sure he is well conformed, tracks properly, has good legs and feet, and exhibits good weight gains. We should have data available on his birth weight, 205-day weaning weight, and yearling weight. If he's reached breeding age (around 18 months), it's definitely a plus to have his semen checked for quantity and motility.

Any data available should appear in your advertisement along with his birth date and the names of his sire and dam. **Further, it is required that registration numbers be included on bulls advertised for sale in the Hotline and newsletter.**

For Sale


IOWA. For Sale: 4 Purebred Black Belted Heifers. All are open and ready for breeding. Inghram Acres Johna (32970-B) DOB 10/23/09; Inghram Acres Gena (32971-B) DOB 01/01/10; Inghram Acres Marie (32989-B) DOB 04/10/10; Inghram Acres Tori (32972-B) DOB 06/01/10. Please contact Chris Inghram at ingacres@mepotelco.net, or phone 319-759-0522 - Burlington, Iowa.

TEXAS. For Sale: Four bulls ranging in age from 20 months to 7 months: Southern Rose Ranch Winston 10/25/2009 (32920-B, C.F. Francine's Haggis/Cookie Creek Kellie), Southern Rose Ranch Wyatt 1/29/2010 (32917-B, C.F. Francine's Haggis/Quail Ridge Iscah), Southern Rose Ranch Frankie V 8/21/2010 (32918-B, C.F. Francine's Haggis/Cookie Creek Kellie) Southern Rose Ranch King 11/30/2010 (32919-B C.F. Francine's Haggis/Silver Sage Nanette). All four have wide belts and good disposition. Please call (979-251-7871) or email SouthernRoseRanch@mac.com We can send photos or you can visit the Ranch! www.SouthernRoseRanch.com located in Chappell Hill, TX.

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KENTUCKY. Four registered black belted heifers. DOB are: Ruby 9/09, Rosa 11/09, Paige 4/10, and Lea 1/10. Check out their sire and dam on the CLRC web site. Will sell individually, but would like to sell all four as a package deal. Great belts and easy to handle. Contact Jon Bednarski at Sherwood Acres 502-649-8706 or email me at info@sherwoodacresbeef.com



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ILLINOIS. For sale- Springer Farms Hitchhiker 2553B,PBXX d.o.b 6-16-05 bred to Sunnybrook Camelot to calve late 2011, Walnut Hill Yasmine 33211B d.o. b 1-25-11, Walnut Hill Yolanda 33209B D.O.B. 1-6-11 Walnut Hill Wendy 31838B d.ob. 12-16-09 open heifer. Two older cows bred to Sunnybrook Camelot for late 2011 calves. Will sell calves separately or together. Call 217-254-5770 or 217-644-3015 or e-mail at rrecas@yahoo.com Walnut Hill Farms Richard Stremming Strasburg, IL.

MICHIGAN. Michigan's Upper Peninsula For Sale: Black/White Belted Galloway Breeding Bull, DOB 06-14-2005, Registration No. 10061B, Pedigree and Photos available, Bluffview Farms, Paula Gribble, Ironwood, MI 49938, 906-932-0957, pgribble@chartermi.net.

MINNESOTA. For Sale: B. H. Grace Farm has for sale the following purebred belted Galloway females, all with good blood lines. Two mature females, both bred due Nov. and Dec. One mature female bred with steer calf at side, due to calve March 2012. Two, 2+ year old heifers bred and due in Nov. and Dec. One heifer, DOB 8-17-2010. Please call Tom at 507-828-1637, email tnomeland@centurytel.net. Located in Minneota, MN.

CALIFORNIA. Two 21 month open black belted heifers. Edward Oliveira, Oliverira Cattle Company 1889 McCollum St. San Luis Obispo, CA 805-541-8877.

MAINE. For Sale - Registered Belted Galloways. Bred and open Heifers, Cow-calf pairs. Also feeder cattle, both Heifers and Steers. Call Andy 207-865-9695 or email Andy@MitchellLedgeFarm.com.

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MAINE For sale: E&H Lara 26376B, five year old daughter of gold lifetime sire E&H Billy. Lara is bred to Driftwood Kingsize. Also for sale Meadowview Ginny 30854B, two year old heifer sired by Ridgeview Maynard-et. Ginny is bred to Highland Farm Otto. For more information or pictures Email; edfdchief@hotmail.com or call 207-860-8431: Randy Hall, East Dixfield, ME. 04227.

VIRGINIA. For sale: Young registered black belted bull, Red Gates Houdini, reg. #12239B, DOB 11/6/09, birth weight 71 lbs; current weight approx. 850 lbs. This bull is small framed and priced to sell as a good bull for breeding 1st time heifers or as a companion/pet. Grandsire is established gold lifetime award recipient Goose Creek Spock, sire is Georgia National Grand Champion Goose Creek Barnabas, with other excellent bloodlines of Stonecroft, Whispering Ridge and Windcrest. He has great markings, very gentle disposition and has been on halter. Dean/Judi Stenzel, Red Gates Farm, Lexington, VA (540) 261-3455 or email jastenzel@comcast.net for photos or additional information.

WISCONSIN. For Sale or trade: Two black belted Galloway heifers. One registered 8 month old and one 3 month old (registration in process). I have pictures and and copies of registration/bloodlines for the older heifer. I need new bloodlines in my herd and would be interested in a trade. I am located at Spring Creek Galloways in southeastern Wisconsin. You can contact me Christine Nieman at springcreekgalloways@hotmail.com or W1493 Grant Rd.,

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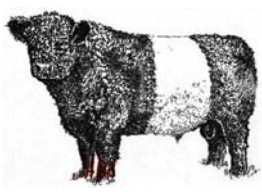
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