

25th National Belted Galloway Sale

1st Annual Northeast Junior National Belted Galloway Show

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Scot Adams NEEG President

The New England Galloway Group is honored to hold the *silver edition* of the National Belted Galloway Sale on April 25, 2015. The sale is predicted to be legendary with a remarkable line-up of Belted Galloway genetics! The catalog is in production and it will be available for download on beltie.org in early April. The auction will be streamed live on the web by DVAuction to allow folks near and far an opportunity to bid during the auction. Please remember, in order to bid online during the sale, you must register in advance with DVAuction. Directions for registration will appear in the catalog.

We are also announcing the *inaugural* Northeast Regional Junior National for all Belted Galloway Junior Association youth. Mark your calendars and join us April 23-26, 2015 for our busy, four-day event. The Northeast Regional Junior National is open to *every* Belted Galloway junior across the United States. There are many activities for all youth which include a cook-off, marketing, photo contest, team events, showmanship, a steer show, and a heifer show. The Fryeburg Youth Show will have fitting clinics held by Stock Show University/Sullivan Supply. The most up-to-date information, entries, and schedule of events will be posted on fryeburgyouthshow.com. Contact Diane Gushee (207) 256-7798.

A Message from Vic and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation

Vic Eggleston, Executive Director

The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation has served as the registrar for the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. since 2010. One of the valued aspects of the service that they provide to the Society is their ability to track data specific to our organization. A few years ago, the Society began sharing the data with the membership on an annual basis. Council recently asked the CLRC to expand the 2015 tracking reports which will include types of mismarks (white, M1 through M4) and 15/16 females entering the Purebred Herdbook. The 2014 CLRC registrar information appears on page 4 of this newsletter.

The staff at CLRC are receiving an increasing number of applications that they have to reject. Some of the more common reasons are as follows:

- Requesting transfers without submitting the original registration papers. A new registration paper cannot be made until the old one has been returned to CLRC. A number of transfers have been delayed due to the original registration papers not being submitted.
- When submitting registration papers for animals conceived through artificial insemination or by a bull that is not owned by the registering member, semen certificates for AI or the bull's owner(s) signature is required to complete the

registration. If this information is missing from the registration application, the registration cannot be completed.

- Applications for registration have been received on animals that have not been tattooed or with incomplete information, such as missing birth dates, not completed diagrams, etc. These can't be processed until they are complete.
- Applications for registration of calves from cows that have not been transferred or are recorded previously to the correct owner have been received. These applications cannot be completed until the information provided is complete and accurate.
- Members not returning phone calls and/or emails have increased the processing time for the CLRC staff. Please provide current phone numbers and email addresses to CLRC to help expedite their ability to contact you if necessary.

It is to the benefit of everyone involved to submit complete paperwork. If there is any question about completing applications, don't hesitate to contact the ladies who work with our Society at the CLRC—Betty Foti, (877) 833-7110, ext. 310, betty.foti@clrc.ca; or Lisa Hutt, (877) 833-7110, ext. 312, lisa.hutt@clrc.ca. You can also contact me, Vic Eggleston, (608) 220-1091, executivedirector@beltie.org.



Rate your agreement with each of the following aspects of your membership.

	1 –Strongly disagree	2	3	4	5-Strongly agree
I am getting good value for the cost of my membership.	4%	9%	26%	37%	25%
I am getting useful information.	4%	9%	21%	41%	25%
Participating in events is worth my time.	4%	18%	31%	22%	22%

How valuable do you find each of the following attributes of your membership?

	1 –No value	2	3	4	5-Very valuable
Newsletter	3%	4%	9%	29%	<u>56%</u>
Promotional materials	4%	10%	27%	<u>35%</u>	24%
Website	3%	8%	14%	30%	<u>46%</u>
CLRC	4%	9%	24%	23%	<u>40%</u>
Annual Meeting	11%	23%	<u>32%</u>	22%	12%
Shows & Sales	8%	22%	21%	<u>26%</u>	22%
Belted Galloway Journal	4%	7%	14%	29%	<u>46%</u>
Belted Galloway Classifieds	4%	6%	9%	26%	<u>54%</u>
Regional Associations	8%	13%	26%	25%	<u>29%</u>
Overall Membership	2%	7%	19%	<u>42%</u>	31%

Rank how you would like to communicate with us.

1	Email
2	Newsletter
3	Website
4	Facebook
5	Phone
6	Text
7	Twitter

Which of the following best describes Belted Galloway cattle?

A hobby breed with potential to be a mainstream beef breed.	54.8%
A hobby or recreational breed.	22.8%
A mainstream beef breed.	17.2%
Other	5%

Describe your cattle operation by answering the following questions.

	1 –Doesn't describe my operation	2	3	4	5-Exactly describes my operation
My feeding program is a combination of grass/hay and grain.	28%	6%	9%	6%	<u>51%</u>
My cattle are exclusively grass fed.	<u>40%</u>	9%	6%	11%	34%
I've shown a Beltie at a local county, regional or national show.	<u>58%</u>	6%	2%	6%	29%
I don't show but I'm interested in doing so in the future.	<u>58%</u>	11%	10%	12%	11%
My steers are valuable as beef and bring top prices either on the hoof or by the cut.	20%	12%	19%	22%	<u>27%</u>
I have a great market for my heifers.	19%	17%	23%	21%	21%
I do some crossbreeding.	<u>66%</u>	6%	7%	10%	11%
I will be increasing the size of my registered herd in the future.	20%	10%	18%	16%	<u>35%</u>
I use artificial insemination in my breeding program.	<u>52%</u>	6%	8%	12%	22%
In addition to Belties, I also raise other cattle.	<u>60%</u>	4%	3%	5%	28%

Rank the following according to their importance.

1	83%	Further electronic conveniences such as internet registrations and transfers.
2	76%	Provide more educational materials.
3	68%	Develop a certified Belted Galloway.
4	65%	Develop new brochures.
5	62%	Advertise more in magazines and journals.
6	41%	Develop EPD's.
7	38%	Collect and report DNA test results.
8	32%	Require birth weights/weaning weights at registration.
9	30%	Collect and report show and awards by animal.

Strategic Planning Survey Results

Leanne Fogle, *US Beltie News*

A strategic planning survey was conducted via email by the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. during 2013. A total of seven questions were rated by 207 members who responded. The Council of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. studied the survey results, and in many instances, used the data to implement changes within the organization throughout 2014.

Membership

What value does the BGS membership place on the Society? Sixty-one percent of the respondents rated 4-agreed/5-strongly agreed that the cost associated with their Belted Galloway Society, Inc. membership was a good value. Sixty-six percent of respondents rated 4-agreed/5-strongly agreed that they were supplied useful information.

Attributes of Membership

The survey also asked the respondents to rate attributes (or components) of their Society membership. For clarification, regional associations are not part of Society membership and various shows/sales are outside the administration of the Belted Galloway Society. However, the Society often provides supplemental funding for regional associations to hold shows/sales/exhibitions. Seventy-three percent of the respondents rated their overall membership attributes 4-valuable/5-strongly valuable.

Events

The Society was interested in gaining perspectives regarding the type of events or functions the membership is interested in attending. The respondents indicated that they would very likely attend a regional field day that was in their area or join a regional group. However, fifty-one percent said that it is very unlikely that they would attend the Annual General Meeting, National Show and Sale in Louisville, KY and thirty-six percent said it was very unlikely that they would serve on a committee or volunteer at an event.

Communication

Do you email, text, Facebook or tweet? We asked the membership to rank their preferred mode of communication.

Their preference was by email and through the *US Beltie News*. Surprisingly, a common thread in survey comments was that our members don't communicate through social media. Council discussed the age of Society members who responded to the survey, which may have been the contributing factor in the communication rankings. In future surveys, knowing a respondent's age will be valuable in determining communication preferences. According to nielsen.com, 171.5 million people (71%) in the U.S. own smartphones. Young consumers are the largest segment of smartphone owners and smartphones/tablets have become the staple of everyday life to catch up on emails, tap their social networks and research their interests. Consequently, Council recently approved the redesign of beltie.org which will accommodate smartphones and tablets. In addition, a new logo is in design for the Belted Galloway Society. During 2014, Council also approved printing the newsletter in color to aid in promotion of the breed.

Cattle Operation

The Society asked the membership to describe their operation by answering ten questions. Fifty-one percent of the respondents said that their feeding program was exactly a combination of grass/hay and grain. Thirty-four percent said they were exclusively grass-fed program. Twenty-eight percent indicated that they raise other breeds. The promotional card *Beltie Beef – Simply Better Beef* was designed to complement and insert into the current breed brochure. The card lists nutritional information regarding Belted Galloway beef whether grass-fed or grain-finished.

What does the survey tell us?

The respondents felt that the value for the cost of the membership was good and several of the attributes/components of the membership were very valuable. Regional associations and field days in geographic locations were rated valuable as well.

Electronic conveniences such as registration and transfers were rated number one in importance. The Society is committed to building electronic services. The CLRC is developing electronic services for registration, and work on beltie.org is ongoing to facilitate digital devices. The Society is also committed to growing the membership. One-year complimentary memberships will be offered during 2015 to new breeders at the time a Belted Galloway is transferred into their name.

Survey results were also puzzling. For instance, fifty-four percent responded that the Belted Galloway breed is a hobby breed with the potential to be a mainstream beef breed. But how will the breed reach mainstream potential with fifty-eight percent of respondents replying that they are not interested in showing or exhibitions—traditional mainstream exposure?

In conclusion, it is likely that the BGS will conduct more electronic surveys in the future. EVERY member's input is key to direct Council with planning and funding. Please ensure that all your contact information, including a current email address, is up-to-date with the CLRC.

How likely are you to do the following?

	1 –Very unlikely	2	3	4– Very Likely
Attend the Annual Meeting	<u>51%</u>	17%	16%	16%
Attend a regional show/sale.	<u>29%</u>	18%	27%	27%
Show an animal in a county, regional or national show.	<u>50%</u>	13%	15%	23%
Agree to serve as a volunteer at a BGS event or committee	<u>36%</u>	26%	27%	12%
Attend a field day in your geographic area	15%	17%	<u>41%</u>	27%
Join a regional Belted Galloway association	14%	17%	28%	<u>41%</u>

2014 Purebred Registrations

Males	24.1%	295
Females	75.9%	930
Total		1225

2014 Appendix Recordations

Steers	7.2%	8
Females	92.8%	103
Total		111

2014 Transfers

Males	24.8%	283
Females	75.2%	860
Total		1143

2014 Total Registrations

Males	22.1%	295
Females	77.3%	1033
Steers	0.6%	8
Total		1336

2014 Appendix Recordation Steer

Steers	100% Pure	0
	87.5%	0
	75%	2
	50%	6
Total		8

2014 Appendix Recordation Female Data

Females		
Mismarks	100% Pure	42
7/8	87.5%	10
3/4	75%	18
1/2	50%	33
Total		111

2014 Natural Service Births

Males	255
Females	910
Total	1165

2014 Artificial Insemination Births

Males	39
Females	113
Total	152

2014 Embryo Transfer Births

Males	9
Females	10
Total	19

2014 Live Birth Mating Percentages

Natural	87.2%
Artificial	11.4%
Embryo Transfer	1.4%

2014 Active Registered Animals by State

State	Total
AL	168
AR	243
AZ	39
CA	364
CO	275
CT	385
DE	131
FL	232
GA	407
IA	799
ID	93
IL	1020
IN	574
KS	155
KY	394
LA	69
MA	386
MD	57
ME	1327
MI	629
MN	383
MO	500
MS	175
MT	16
NC	684
ND	7
NE	9
NH	326
NJ	151
NV	7
NY	1389
OH	300
OK	280
OR	242
PA	585
RI	57
SC	677
SD	62
TN	347
TX	1119
UT	131
VA	391
VT	1050
WA	212
WI	1463
WV	75
WY	5
Total	18390

New members

Jim Baughman, 12452 State Rt. 7 South, Gallipolis, OH 45631.

Ruth Cutrer, 1062 Turtle Dr., Osyka, MS 39657 (601) 542-3337.

Charles Gilbert, 189 Oak Grove Rd., Pine Grove, PA 17963.

Skip Hobbs, 181 Mariomi Rd., New Canaan, CT 16840 (203) 972-1130.

Mountain Falls Farms, G. Warfield Hobbs IV, 181 Mariomi Rd., CT 16840 (203) 972-1130.

Parrotte Cattle Company LLC, Jason & Chelsea Parrotte, 16010 S. 825 Rd., Stockton, MO 65785 (660) 953-0271.

Kansas — The Sunflower State

Past President Jon Bednarski

It was a long drive back from Arizona, through New Mexico, Texas and into Oklahoma. Fortunately, a 30-40 mph tailwind helped us with great mileage as we headed home. While reviewing our road map, I realized just how close we were to Kansas—one of the five remaining states on our list to visit. The State of Kansas has approximately 13 members and around 155 registered cattle.

I recalled that Westwoods Ranch in Arma, Kansas had entered photos in our last two calendar contests. I looked the ranch address up on the CLRC website and I found they were close to our Oklahoma location. A call to Randy and Rene Woods proved to be perfect timing and they were available the next morning. They said they would love to share their experiences.

As we pulled into Westwoods Ranch, Randy, Rene and daughter Randa quickly met us. I had a feeling they were excited about our visit. Randy owns an auto repair business off-the-farm. He has over 33 years experience in the automotive industry. I was also interested to learn that their three sons work in their business too. Randa, their 17-year-old daughter, who Randy and Rene affectionately call their "cowgirl," has been the driving force in their beef cattle endeavors.

In 2010, they began raising cattle with a few Charolais/Limousin crossbreeds on six acres. Their original intent was to



raise beef for the family and to sell meat to a few friends. On a trip to Joplin, Missouri, the Woods spotted Belties grazing. Rene began to do some investigative research on the breed. Along with the Belted Galloway's unique look, they particularly liked the breed's nutritional benefits. On Mother's Day in 2011, the family gave Rene a bred heifer.

The Woods purchased an additional 14 acres. Randy, with their sons, fenced the land. Randa has helped their herd grow to seven head. Surprisingly, the cattle all have names that begin with the letter T: Tallia, Tonya, Twinkie, Twila, Tux, Tofu, and Twayne. I'm interested to see how creative they will be before selecting a new letter.

The Woods family was quick to point out that raising cattle has been an exciting adventure but not without a number of challenges along the way. They said they are constantly learning and they had multiple questions about cattle handling, fencing and forages. Their hard work and determination really shows

through!

My hat goes off to Randa—she works with their Belties like she's been doing it her entire life. Her animal photography skills are evident in the photos that were selected for the last two Belted Galloway Society calendars. As Randa finishes her high school years and begins college, she certainly has the potential to have a great future in agriculture.



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April 23-26, 2015. Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Fryeburg, ME. Sale April 25. Contact Scot Adams (207) 696-3812 or mnshadowfarm@gmail.com.

Rock County Beef Preview Show

May 16, 2015. Rock County Fairgrounds, Janesville, WI. Contact: Julie Willis (815) 547-6912 or sbfarms@hotmail.com.

Spring Council Meeting

May 15-16, 2015, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Vic Eggleston (608) 220-1091 or executivedirector@beltie.org.

Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association Field Day —DATE CHANGE

May 30, 2015. Red Barn Farms, Bargersville, IN. Contact Doug Abney (317) 422-8137 or redbarnfarms.dsa@live.com.

Southwest Belted Galloway Show & Sale

June 6, 2015. East Texas State Fairgrounds, Tyler, TX. Contact Thomas Shaw (972) 670-3889 or email thomas.te@gmail.com.

Belties Unlimited Show

June 13, 2015. Cedar County Fairgrounds, Tipton, IA. Contact Greg or Pat Hipple (319) 430-6664 or sbelties@southslope.net.



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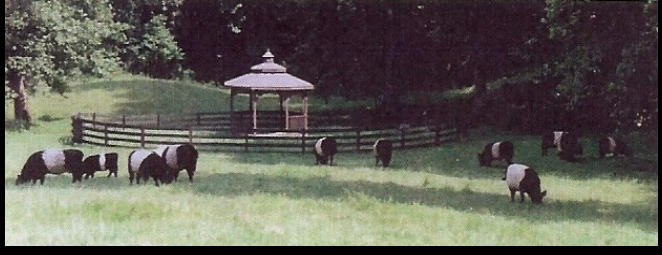
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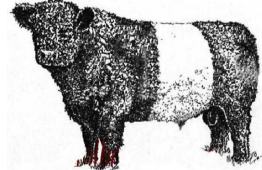


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MISSOURI. Here is an opportunity to purchase a herd bull loaded with an excellent pedigree and super clean lines. FSB Wiga's Zopman (AI)(ET), 35956-B, DOB 4/12/2012 will produce show heifers with goose-like necks, ample bone, length from their hooks to pins, and femininity. His first calf crop has been excellent with great growth and extremely docile dispositions. Birth weights have averaged 68 pounds with perfect belts. Zopman's sire, Anderson Hill Bop Man, may have been the most successful bull ever in the show ring. Zopman's dam, Aldermere Wiga, has become a foundation donor for us in our herd. Wiga offspring are located in Colorado, Wyoming, and North Carolina. We currently have over 50 embryos from her. FSB Wiga's Zopman semen is available for purchase. Greg Starr DVM, Four Starr Belties, (913) 634-3494 or dvmstarr@yahoo.com. The cattle are located in central Missouri.

MINNESOTA. Registered bull for sale. Stones Throw George Jr. 34595-B (AI) (ET). DOB 11/11/2010. George Jr. has an impressive platinum pedigree. He is a Bolebec Dun Concorde son out of the famed Holbrook Hill Lilly cow. George is thick and well muscled, and has an excellent disposition. He has produced winning show animals for us. His calves are growthy and easy fleshing. Finholdt Farms, Eric Finholdt, Medford, MN. (507) 456-0121 or email efinholdt@msn.com.

MISSOURI. Wanted: A bull to purchase for a small herd in southern Missouri – located 20 minutes west of Springfield, MO. Erin O'Rourke, Recharge Ranch, Kansas City, MO. erourke12@gmail.com or text (816) 718 1477.

TENNESSEE. Wanted: Full-size Belted Galloway or Beltie/English beef breed cross steers/bulls weighing 400 to 800 pounds and 7 to 24 months in age. No sale barn or jockeyed cattle. Call Mike Cherry (615) 812 2709 or email with pictures buyers1st@bellsouth.net. FOB, Lynnville, TN.

VIRGINIA. Registered bull for sale. Todd Hill Buckshot 34039-B. DOB: 06/21/10. Sire: Cookie Hill Bruno. Dam: Todd Hill Narrow Belt Oreo who is sired by Fearington Viper. Excellent temperament and proven breeder. Pictures available upon request. Alicia or Chris Lord, Norway Maple Farm, Gladstone, VA. (434)933-8541 or nmjersey@yahoo.com.

PENNSYLVANIA. Two registered cows for sale. Both are open, both have birthed excellent calves. FF Highland Urlene, DOB 4/26/08. FF Highland Ulice, DOB 4/24/08. Both females out of Timber Rock Romeo. Both females have excellent dispositions. For

more information or photos, contact Max Shaffer, Triangle Farm, Clearville, PA. at shaffmax@gmail.com or (814) 784-3389.

IDAHO. Four weanling calves for sale, all were born in April and May of 2014. For pictures and more information, please call Megan Konzek, Bauernhof Farm, Juliaetta, ID (208) 276-7010 or e-mail brow6703@alumni.uidaho.edu.

VIRGINIA. Two beautiful, registered dun Belted Galloway heifers for sale. Back Hill Bailey, DOB 7/3/14 and Back Hill Beacon DOB 7/28/14. Sired by Goose Creek Silver Bullet 10241-D, out of registered black Belted Galloway dams with excellent bloodlines. They both are a lovely gold color with excellent belts. They have gentle dispositions and will be weaned 2/15/15. They are up-to-date on all vaccines and will be ready to go by April 1, 2015. Our herd is grass fed, raised without antibiotics or growth hormones. Call or email for more information. Photos available upon request. Kathy Higgins, Back Hill Farm, Staunton, VA. (540) 414-1804 or kjbhiggins@me.com.


TEXAS. Bull for Sale: Diamond H Thor's Hammer 37291-B. DOB 04/02/2014. This good-looking, halter-broken and very gentle calf took second place in the spring bull calf class at the East Texas State Fair. Genetics include both dun coloring and British bloodlines. Delivery available. Current photos upon request. Contact Rob & Devon Harrison, Diamond H Ranch, Bon Weir, TX. (409) 423- 4404 or diamondhranchtx@yahoo.com.

VIRGINIA. Registered bull for sale: Little Turkey Hill JB 36944B. DOB 1/18/14. Sire: Hospitality Cliff 11587-B. Dam: Sterling Farm Deidre 27896-B. Also for lease or sale: Registered and proven breeder: Hospitality Cliff, 11587-B. Contact Clift Houston, Little Turkey Hill Farm, Ashland, Virginia (804) 387-8450. Email: houston4@comcast.net. Pictures available upon request.



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- ◆ **Please include contact information — name, farm, location, phone and email.** Email ads to executivedirector@beltie.org or by fax (608) 527-4811 or phone (608) 220-1091. We encourage members to submit ads the last two weeks of the month.

Chatfield Scholarship Reminder

The 2015 A. H. Chatfield, Jr., Memorial Scholarship applications are available. Three \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually. Forms may be requested from Executive Director, Victor Eggleston, Phone (608) 220-1091; email: executivedirector@beltie.org or may be accessed at www.beltie.org.

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