

# US BELTIE NEWS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### President Sheri Riley



Well, thank goodness it looks like Spring has finally arrived! At least down here in Texas, we are starting to see the wild flowers make their appearance. And, of course, spring means..... its calving season! What is more exciting than seeing that beautiful new calf appear

when Mother Nature works her magic? I always go into the season with an abundance of hope and a great deal of anticipation waiting for these beautiful, healthy babies to hit the ground. The fact that our breed typically does not have birthing problems is one of their great attributes!

Even though we are just coming into Spring, your BGS Officers and Council have already been hard at work making plans for NAILE in November. On March 2nd, Executive Director, Greg Hipple (IA) attended (via Zoom) NAILE's planning meeting where preparations are already in the works for a spectacular show. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of NAILE and they are going all out!

Last year they had a record number of entries across the board and are expecting more this year. The Belted Galloway Society will be matching their attitude and going all out as well. Everything is on track for the Juniors to once again participate in the Supreme Drive. We will also be hosting a banquet dinner, and most exciting is the Belted Galloway Premium Sale will return. Ethan Oatley (RI) and Ashton Caron (ME) will be co-chairing the sale

and already have grand ideas to make this a spectacular event. As always, we'll have Belted Galloway related events such as the silent auction and various Junior activities. Stay tuned!

To close with, a very wise man once told me – "ignore the white noise." What a great saying. Obviously, none of us can please everyone. All we can do is try our best. I want to reassure our members that your council is working on your behalf. Should you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to us.

Spring always seems to bring about new Beltie buyers who are excited about this breed and eager to learn about them. They frequently do their research before their first purchase and that often takes them to social media. Let's do our best not to taint our association with negative remarks that can escalate into untrue rumors. These buyers may only be interested in a few head and can be hesitant to become involved in a breed association after reading unkind remarks. The small farms are the backbone of our association and we value each one of you, just as much as the large breeders. We just need to "Ignore the white noise."

## DID YOU HEAR?

**The Belted Galloway Premium Sale is back! The Society will host a consignment sale at NAILE. More details to come!**

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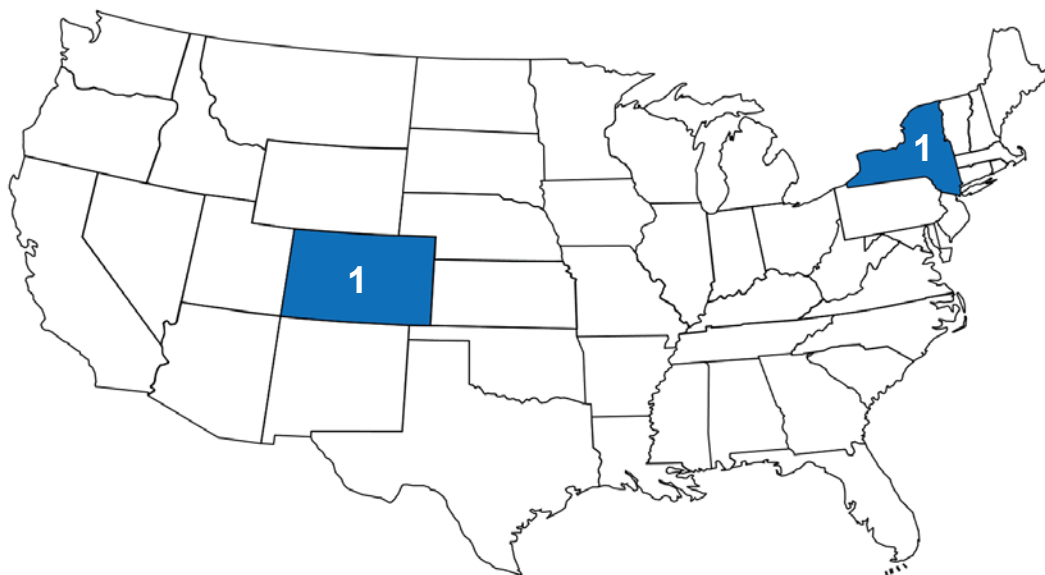
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### Welcome to the Belted Galloway Society!

The Society has many resources and educational materials to help you achieve your goals within the breed. Resources include Beltie Beef brochures, access to free and paid advertising opportunities, educational articles feature in the newsletter, journal, Belted Galloway Handbook and more!

## CALENDAR

### Fryeburg Youth Show & Northeast Regional Belted Galloway Show

April 20-23, 2023  
Fryeburg, ME

### National Belted Galloway Sale

April 22, 2023  
Fryeburg, ME

### Scholarship Applications Due

April 30, 2023  
Submit to the Executive Director

### Regional Round Up

June 8-11, 2023  
Columbia City, IN

### Midwest Classic

July 1, 2023  
Pecatonica, IL

### American Royal

October 6-8, 2023  
Kansas City, MO

### The Premium Belted Galloway Sale

November 2023  
Hosted in Conjunction with NAILE

A full list of upcoming events are listed on [www.beltie.org](http://www.beltie.org). The website is the most up-to-date listing of events.

Do you know of an event happening in your area? Share it with us!

Submit events to be added to the calendar on the website and in the newsletter by emailing details to [beltieoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:beltieoutreach@gmail.com)



# REMEMBERING DICK WILLIAMS



**Dick Williams**  
1943 - 2022

When you ask Belted Galloway Society members about Dick Williams of Marietta, SC, you hear about his kindness, humor, wisdom, integrity, and his knowledge of cattle.

Dick was a true southern gentleman that was always ready to shake hands, listen to people and support those around him.

Dubbed "The Governor" by Mike Crittenden of UT back in the early 2000's, Dick's regal appearance and impeccable manners made him someone you would never forget.

Dick served on many committees over the years and more recently was an elected member of the Belted Galloway Society Council. He was someone who you would find at events, sharing his knowledge of cattle and the breed with new breeders as well as asking questions and sharing stories with established breeders. He was always interested in your cattle and willing to discuss pedigrees or family when he would stop to talk. He would be the first person to congratulate you on your successes or \ encourage you to work through the difficult moments.

Dick made extensive use of embryo collection, Artificial Insemination, and IVF within his herd. One breeder spoke of how being able to work his cattle and see his flush groups, allowed them to observe phenotype and temperament of multiple sires and dams popular at the time. Doing so helped direct them to what genetics they liked and wanted to reproduce and those they felt did not work for them.

The impact of Dick's breeding program range far and wide and you will find Stonestrow cattle in pedigrees around the country. Many national Champions trace back to cattle he bought, bred and/or sold throughout the years. He was selective in what he bred and did not perpetuate or pass on to other breeders those matings that produced undesirable offspring. He was the height of class and integrity in how he managed his breeding program.

Dick partnered with many breeders over the years. Partnering with them on cattle that they flushed and then splitting up the resulting offspring or staying partners throughout the animal's lifespan. If you had the chance to partner with Dick, you knew he would communicate with you and follow through with any agreements. More importantly, these partnerships often lead to life-long close friendships.

If you were lucky enough to have visited with Dick and his wife, Lisa, you would have had the pleasure of seeing good cattle and enjoying wonderful hospitality. There was nothing more majestic than sitting on the front porch and viewing the mountains of western South Carolina. May there be good cattle and a porch for him in eternity.

## A.H. CHATFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Pat Hipple (IA), Scholarship Committee Chair

The 2023 A. H. Chatfield, Jr., Memorial Scholarship applications are available. Three \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually. Forms may be requested from Executive Director, Greg Hipple, email: [executivedirector.bgs@gmail.com](mailto:executivedirector.bgs@gmail.com) or may be accessed at [www.beltie.org](http://www.beltie.org).

### The recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a member of the Belted Galloway Junior Association, the Belted Galloway Society Inc., or be a child or grandchild of a BGS member;
2. Be either a graduating high school senior or a college student, or be enrolled in an advanced education program;

3. Submit the completed application form along with a written essay explaining why you are the best possible candidate for the scholarship.

Added consideration will be given to applicants enrolled in animal/agriculture-related courses, and those experienced with Belted Galloway cattle. Extracurricular and out-of-school activities will also be taken into consideration.

Completed applications must be submitted to Executive Director, Greg Hipple, 5425 Sutliff Rd NE, Solon, IA 52333-9153 and must be postmarked by April 30, 2023.

# 2022 STATS - THE YEAR IN REVIEW!

## A. 2022 Memberships

Membership Type	Number
Total Memberships	1045
Regular Members	798
Associate Members	1
Junior Members	72
Life Members	174
New Members	239

A. The Belted Galloway Society membership decreased slightly from 2021. The decrease in membership can partly be attributed to a generational wave of retirements, herd dispersals and passing away. The Council has mechanisms in place to increase overall membership in 2023, with special interests in expanding upon active and involved members in the Society as well as the Junior membership.

## B. 2022 Registrations

Registration Type	2021	2022
Purebred Registrations	1088	1147
Non-Purebred Registrations	56	56
Transfers	986	1104

B. Overall, registrations are up from 2021. Purebred registrations increased by 59 registrations. Non-Purebred registrations stayed the same. Transfers of animals grew by 118 head.

## C. Hypotrichosis Results

Year	Tested	Carriers	Percentage
2022	253	21	8.3%
2021	180	12	10.4%
2020	208	16	8%
2019	189	17	8.9%
2018	108	16	15%

C. Hypotrichosis is a genetic defect found in cattle. The BGS offers testing to determine Belted Galloway Animals who are carriers of this disease. In 2022, 21 animals were tested and 8.3% were determined carriers of Hypotrichosis. In 2021, only 12 animals were tested which resulted in a higher percentage determined carriers at 10.4%.

## WHAT IS HYPOTRICHOSIS?

Hypotrichosis is an (inherited) disease in certain breeds of cattle including Belties. It is usually observed at birth when the calf lacks patches of hair or has thin, fine, straight, light gray hair on its stomach and legs. As the calf grows, the coat may grow almost naturally or not at all, but the pink skin will always show through the underside of the belt.

A DNA test that can be run on hair samples has been developed for identifying Belties that carry the gene for hypotrichosis. Test kits for hypotrichosis can be secured by contacting the Executive Director of the Belted Galloway Society at [executivedirector.bgs@gmail.com](mailto:executivedirector.bgs@gmail.com). The Executive Director will fill out the test application based on the information provided. The kit, with sampling and mailing instructions, will be forwarded to the owner by the director after receiving it from the laboratory at UC Davis.

# WHAT IS BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE?



Millions of pounds of beef are recalled each year in the US – a stark reminder that concern over food wholesomeness and safety is a constant and important consumer issue. The top quality challenged identified by the most recent the National Beef Quality Audit was food safety, and consumers not only deserve, but demand a safe food supply. Anyone involved in the cattle industry, from the cow-calf rancher to the retailer, has a stake in beef quality assurance.

As you start planning for spring, keep in mind that every management practice that you or your veterinarian performs on your cattle may affect the wholesomeness and quality of the end product. The Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Program is a national program that raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry. Beef Quality Assurance guidelines are intended to provide consistency in good management practices, and include guidelines on feedstuffs, feed additives and medications, processing/treatment records, injectable animal health products, and care and husbandry practices.

The goal of the BQA program is to assure our consumers that all cattle shipped from a beef production facility are healthy, wholesome and safe. BQA is designed to enhance carcass quality by preventing residues, pathogen contamination and carcass defects such as injection site blemishes and bruises. Many of the BQA herd health guidelines have been discussed previously: proper use of vaccinations to prevent disease, proper care of biologicals, and developing good biosecurity protocols, to name a few. The program also asks everyone involved with beef production to follow the FDA/USDA/EPA guidelines for product use and to use common sense, reasonable management skills, and accepted scientific knowledge to avoid product defects at the consumer level.

The National BQA Program is a cooperative effort between beef producers, veterinarians, nutritionists, and professionals based on recommended national guidelines for product use and to use common sense, reasonable management skills, and accepted scientific knowledge

to avoid product defects at the consumer level. Every management practice that you perform on your farm may affect the wholesomeness and quality of the end product. research.

The BQA program consists of three production themes based on good management practices (GMP's) for livestock: targeted breeding, proper management and responsible culling. Targeted breeding in your herd equals customer satisfaction, concentrating on carcass products as the ultimate consumer endpoint. This includes setting production goals for your operation and using known genetics and a defined breeding plan to meet these goals. Proper management practices enhance beef quality and product value, and assist in preventing problems rather than fixing them. Adopting good management practices will help you improve on things that you are already doing, for example, by providing processing, medication and record-keeping guidelines. Responsible culling improves herd productivity and efficiency by ensuring that you do not keep your problem animals. This includes giving attention to quality control points such as body condition, reproductive management, and disease control.

Beef Quality Assurance producer certification can be accomplished by attending a local BQA meeting most often hosted by your local Cattlemen's Association or your State Beef Council or online through the National BQA Website. Certification costs may differ from state to state or may be free through an organization.

Remember, as cattle producers, we are responsible for delivering a safe and wholesome food supply. Seedstock, cow-calf and dairy producers, stocker operators, feeders, and veterinarians all must take responsibility for the production of a safe food product through proper animal care, handling, and management practices.

Visit [www.bqa.org](http://www.bqa.org) for more information and certification!



# BELTIE OUTREACH COORDINATOR REPORT



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Winter according to the calendar is coming to an end but we all know that Mother Nature has her own plans! I hope everyone was able to accomplish their winter goals, even if they were as simple as just making it through the season!

This is also the time of year where we renew our plans and goals for the year. Make sure you have renewed your membership for the Belted Galloway Society and your regional associations! Regional associations are great for getting info and resources that are area specific!

When's the last time you checked out our new website [www.beltie.org](http://www.beltie.org)? We are consistently adding and updating

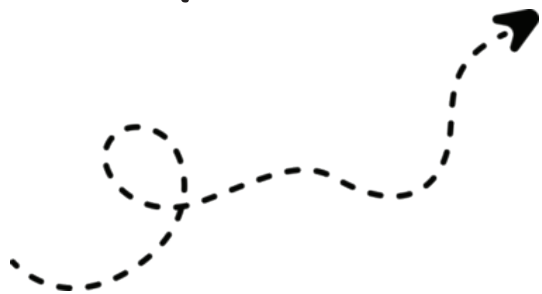
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You can also get great exposure by advertising on our website and in our newsletters! Let the power of the internet and print help spread the word about you and your farm! Reach out for more info!

As always, if you are interested in getting some of the Beltie Beef promotional cards (as seen here <https://beltie.org/pdf/about/Beltie-Beef.pdf>) to help aid your selling of Beltie Beef please reach out to me and we will get that taken care of!

As we head into spring I hope to be able to help our Beltie members anyway I can so please feel free to reach out to me when you need it!

*Request a print catalog!*



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# FOR SALE

**VA-** Herd Disbursal Due to life circumstances the Whippernock Manor herd is being offered for sale. Inventory listed on CLRC. Member 374040. Please contact Florence Harpole for more information: 804-712-6747 Located at Sutherland, VA 23885

**OK-** For Sale: 6 registered heifers for sale. Rainbow Valley Sandra Belle 47115-B is two years old and ready to breed. Rainbow Valley Dakota 48636-B, Shenowa 48637-B, and Tayen 48638-B are also 2021 heifers, ready to breed near June. Rainbow Valley Kiowa 48634-B and Koco 48635-B are 1 year olds. Pics and pedigrees available upon request. Contact Doug and Barbara Swindell Rainbow Valley Ranch Wellston, OK 405-659-8731 405-659-8731 [doug@eatonquade.com](mailto:doug@eatonquade.com)

**NY-** For Sale: Bred and open cows, heifers, cow/calf pairs, steers available. Contact Gail Parsons at 607-849-7810, Parsons Farm 5001 Rt 221, Cincinnatus NY 13040 607-849-7810

**IA-** For Sale: Wagner Farms is offering the following females for sale. All are of top quality and outstanding genetic lines. Many carry the red gene. Located in (East Central) Tipton, Iowa. 10 month old heifers: Wagner Farms Keeper 48161-B, Wagner Farms Khloe 47930-B, Wagner Farms Kerri 48163-B. Open breeding age heifers: Wagner Farms Josephine 47630-B. Exposed 1st time heifers: \*All are either AI'd to top bulls and covered by or bred to Wagner Farms Hickory 47433-B, a Ridgeview Mario son. Wagner Farms Jenna (AI) 47011-B (a Driftwood Melody granddaughter), Wagner Farms Jubilee 47013-B (a Driftwood Melody granddaughter), Wagner Farms Jitney 47012-B, M1, Wagner Belties Jellybean 47022-B

**Wagner Farms Continued..** Exposed Cow/calf pairs: \*Exposed to Wagner Farms Hickory 47433-B and have fall of '22 heifer calves sired by Wagner Farms Honor (AI) 47159-B, Wagner Farms Fedora 43964-B with heifer calf at side, Wagner Farms Fancy A43968-B, 7/8BGXX heifer calf at side is purebred. Bred cows are due to calve March 31-May: Wagner Farms Galaxy 45407-B bred to Wagner Farms Fort Knox 45144-B (a Driftwood Sonic son), Wagner Belties Bite Size A38448-B, 7/8BGXX (AI'd and covered by Wagner Farms Fort Knox - female offspring will be purebred) Please email any questions or request for pictures or prices to [wagnerbeltedgalways@gmail.com](mailto:wagnerbeltedgalways@gmail.com) or call 563-357-6990

**CT-** For Sale: Thistledown Spanky 1K Bull 48433-B born 1/15/22  
Sire: Thistledown Rascal 1E; a Zulu Warrior offspring  
Dam: Thistledown Robin; a Aldermere Lance offspring  
Photos available upon request. Jim Conway | Thistledown Farm - 119 Botsford Hill Rd. | Bridgewater, CT 06752 860-488-4039 [jimconway38@gmail.com](mailto:jimconway38@gmail.com)

**NC-** For Sale: Animal Name: Foxbriar Douglas Animal Registration Number: 43009-B Animal Age: 5 Foxbriar Douglas, #43009-B, is a very docile Herd Sire that we have used since June of 2018 and he has produced 5 bulls and 5 heifers during that time. He has produced low birth weight calves averaging 48 to 52 pounds. His nickname is "One Shot" because he gets the job done every time. We are selling our farm and need to move all our Belties. Green Meadow Farm - 186 N Mason Way | Hendersonville, NC 28792, 828-489-4948, [greenmeadowfarm.mason@gmail.com](mailto:greenmeadowfarm.mason@gmail.com)