



See You at the NILE

August 2016

The Northern Invitational Livestock Exposition (NILE) will be here before you know it. This Billings, MT livestock expo attracts cattle breeders from all across the country. The AGBA has participated in this show for many, many years.

This year's Galloway show will be held at 8 AM on Monday, October 17th. Cattle will be in place as early as the 15th. The barns are a great place to catch up with other Galloway breeders, and get to know about their programs as well as share your own program with them. Networking at its finest.

ATTEND!

Another important element of the NILE meet-up is the annual AGBA meeting. This will *likely* take place either the night before the show, or the evening of the show. A notice will be placed on the AGBA website and Facebook page when that information is available. You will also receive an email through the AGBA group email. It is important that you be thinking about agenda items **now**. If you have ideas for the association, whether it be for promotion, data collection, or breed improvement, you need to share those ideas! This is an 'all hands on deck' association. We have a Board of Directors, but if you don't share your thoughts with them, your ideas and concerns cannot be addressed by them.

VOTE!

Election of Directors and Officers also takes place at the annual meeting. Maybe you have a burning desire to serve as a director, or know someone who would like to. Nominations are accepted in advance or from the floor. Officers are elected by the Directors in executive session following the Annual Meeting. On page 14 of this issue you will find a list of Directors and their phone numbers. Feel free to contact one of them with questions, ideas, nominations, etc.

And while we are on this topic, why not give serious consideration so **SHOWING** your own cattle at the NILE!

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Galloway: When it absolutely has to be the BEST beef.

Bull Alley

Each year at the Denver Stock Show, the AGBA rotates a few animals, usually bulls, through the display in the Yards known as Bull Alley. Its great exposure for the breed. In this issue we are offering a pictorial Bull Alley. Everyone on the AGBA breeders' email list was offered the chance to submit a photo of their 2016 herd bulls. These bulls were submitted by the deadline. Please note, animals are pictured at various ages and stages of growth and nutritional management. Some have been with cows for two months, others in their show clothes.



Boughbaron Sir Charles. Owned by Gnomes End Galloways. Submitted by Richard Serr.



HB MOTO MOTO. Owned by Blegen Galloways. Submitted by Michelle Blegen.



H5 Spotty. Owned by Hang 5 Galloways. Submitted by Sarah Bowman



H5 Golly Dun 37Y. Owned by Hang 5 Galloways. Submitted by Sarah Bowman

Bull Alley



(L) YY Curve 516C (CA). Co-owned by Blegen Galloways and Jim King (AB, Canada). Submitted by Michelle Blegen



Ben Lomond Mhorud, Scottish bull. Berry Ranch will be using him in their 2016 AI program. Submitted by Eli Berry



Bullet of Snapshot. Owned by Willow Valley. Submitted by Jon Brown



Braveheart, Scottish bull. Berry Ranch will be using him in their 2016 AI program.

Bull Alley



YY Contrail (CA). Owned by Brass Ring Galloways.
Submitted by Susan Waples.



Brass Ring Cadillac. Owned by Brass Ring
Galloways. Submitted by Susan Waples.



Brass Ring Apostle. Owned by Renaissance
Farms Ltd. Submitted by Judy Decker



R-WAY Bluegrass (CA). Owned by Renaissance
Farms Ltd. Submitted by Judy Decker

Bull Alley



Bar R Buster. Owned by Bar R Galloways.
Submitted by Darrell Riemer.



Willow Valley Challenger. Owned by Bar R Galloways.
Submitted by Darrell Riemer.



HB Bullet. Owned by Herrdale Acres.
Submitted by Larry Herr.



Bunker Hill Max. Owned by Herrdale Acres.
Submitted by Larry Herr.

Bull Alley

Like what you see? You can look up pedigrees for any of these bulls on the CLRC website, under American Galloway Cattle. Just search by animal name. And certainly contact these and other breeders for information about progeny they will have for sale this fall. Their contact information can be found at the CLRC website, and at americangalloway.com under the Breeders tab.



Brady Strand from Mora, Minnesota.

Brady exhibited a Galloway steer and a 3/4 Galloway heifer calf and its mother at the Kanabec county fair in Mora, Mn. The heifer calf earned him a blue ribbon and a trip to the Minnesota State Fair. His steer received a blue ribbon in the 4H show and then went on to receive 3rd place on the Open Class Beef Show. Brady's steer was purchased from Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT.



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THE AGBA PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE IS VERY RECEPTIVE TO HEARING YOUR IDEAS ON ADVERTISING VENUES FOR THE GAL-LOWAY BREED. IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PUBLICATION THAT IS AT LEAST REGIONAL IN CIRCULATION, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION TO SUSAN WAPLES, MICHELLE BLEGEN OR JUDY DECKER.

ALSO, IF YOU HAVE SOME CROSS BREEDING CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE BEEN USING YOUR GALLOWAY BULLS ON THEIR COMMERCIAL COWHERD, CONTACT THEM AND SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR AN ARTICLE IN THE DISPATCH ABOUT THEIR CROSSBREEDING EXPERIENCES.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE PROMOTION OF THIS AWESOME BREED.

GALLOWAY

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SHOW! You've got some darn nice cattle in your program, and showing them is one of the best ways there is to get them the exposure they deserve. As with any small business, the seedstock business requires promotion and advertisement. In this regard, that's exactly what cattle shows are...a big trade show.

So start thinking about a trip to Billings in October. It's a gorgeous time of year to be there...the Aspen trees are changing color, the sky is bright blue and the air crisp and clean.

And the company, well, the company can't be beat!

See You in Billings!

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and thus extended grazing? Its always best to plan for the worst case scenario and have hay left in inventory, as opposed to getting caught in a drought or blizzard where hay supplies are in high demand, pricey, and logistically difficult to secure.

So, for our hypothetical herd, we are planning to obtain enough hay to feed them from October 15 through April 15, hoping we don't need to start feeding hay that early. Six months, roughly 180 days at 1623 lbs per day gives us 292,140 lbs, or 146 tons of hay needed.

Hopefully these figures are all at the high end, and ensure some breathing room to cover storms, severe winter cold, and a protracted hay feeding period. And knowing how much hay you will need, and the quality (protein and TDN are good benchmarks), you can shop around and likely score a better deal since you will be buying in bulk.

However your hay feeding season runs... now is definitely the time to be planning and securing your hay supply.



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HAY!

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH?

Winter will be here before you know it, and hay is a winter requirement in most places to keep the cattle fed until spring green-up. But knowing how MUCH hay to put up and/or buy in requires a little leg work.

In order to do the calculations, you need some basic data about your herd.

What is the average cow size in pounds? How many cows are there?

What is the average yearling size in pounds? How many will you winter?

What is the total pounds of bull(s) you will be overwintering?

You will need to arrive at a figure for daily consumption that also accounts for waste, since we all know that a noticeable amount of hay can be 'wasted' by cattle, depending on method of feeding. Dry cows are said to require between 1.7% and 2.5% of their body weight (BW) in hay daily on a dry matter basis. If you are supplementing with corn, milo, distillers grains, beet pulp, etc, the amount of hay fed will go down. In our example, we are assuming a hay-only winter diet.

If the producer uses a figure of 3% of BW per head per day, this certainly gets us close for cows and yearlings, and includes enough padding for waste and spoilage. So, let's set up an imaginary herd of 30 cows and 12 yearlings and 2 bulls:



Cow average weight going into winter is 1200#. Yearling average weight is 850#. The two bulls combined weigh 3000#. This gives us a total weight of $30 \times 1200 = 36,000\#$ of Cows. $12 \times 850 = 10,200\#$ of Yearlings. And 3000 # of Bulls for a total herd weight in pounds of 49,200 lbs. Now multiply this by .03 and we see we need 1476# of hay per day. But...hay is only around 90% dry matter. So if we feed the herd exactly 1476# of hay daily, we are actually feeding them only 1328# daily on a dry matter basis. (Hay still has moisture in it!) So, our 1476# per day really needs to be 1623 # per day as fed. How many days will you feed hay? Of course there are several factors to consider. How long does winter last in your area? Is supplemental grazing available during winter, if so, for how many months? Has it been a dry year, or a year with good moisture



2016 American Royal Steak Competition Invitation

Welcome to the Fifth American Royal Annual Steak Competition. Beef producers from across the country are invited to submit 3 rib-eye steaks to compete in 2 categories, grass-finished and grain-finished, from which champions will be named.

All steaks are submitted to K-State Olathe for judging. Steaks are judged by a panel of invited experts in the fields of production, journalism, and culinary arts in a blind judging.

The purpose of the American Royal Steak Competition is to find the best tasting steaks in the country. Through this competition, cattle producers may be able to learn what breeds, feeding methods, and other factors consistently produce the best steak.

Entry Rules

- a. Each entrant must submit THREE (3) ribeyes for the competition (unseasoned, not brined or blade tenderized).
- b. The bone must be out.
- c. The thickness is to be one and one-half inches.
- d. Steak will be placed in one of two categories: Grass-Finished or Grain-Finished.
 - i. Grass Finished -- beef from cattle that are raised and finished on pasture. These cattle have never been fed any grain at any point from birth to slaughter.
 - ii. Grain Finished -- beef from cattle that have been fed grain at any point in their life.

All steaks being submitted for the competition must arrive at the K-State Olathe Campus between Monday, October 24 and Friday, October 28. Steaks arriving after noon on Friday, October 28 will not be included in the competition.

Mailing address:

K-State Olathe
Attention: Marianne Swaney-Stueve
22201 West Innovation Drive
Olathe, KS 66061



Shipping Rules

Steaks must be LABELED with the CONFIRMATION NUMBER that was assigned after registration.

Packaging must be labeled with the address that corresponds to the address listed on the application.

Steaks must be shipped FROZEN using DRY ICE.

Steaks can also be delivered in-person, but must arrive FROZEN.

Steaks will be recorded upon delivery and then immediately transferred to a freezer where they will be stored until one day prior to the judging. **Steaks arriving after noon on Friday, October 28 will not be included in the competition.**

Steak deliveries will be accepted between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm. For any questions or directions to the location, please contact: Tegan Jepsen at K-State Olathe, tmjepsen@ksu.edu (913) 307-7368.

Judging Guidelines

All samples will be stored, prepared, and served using an assigned code number. The code number will be provided to the applicant upon completion of their application to the American Royal. All steaks must be sent to Kansas State University in Olathe with the assigned number on the package.

All samples will be prepared using George Foreman grills. Judges will be served squares of meat from different locations on the steak. Judges will not evaluate the raw meat for appearance.

Judges will refer to the Judging Terms & Definitions sheet and use the American Royal Steak Competition Ballot for evaluating each sample. To familiarize the judges with the ballot and scoring procedure, judges will evaluate a warm-up steak sample that is not part of the competition. Scores will be discussed among the judges to ensure consistency across the panel and overall understanding.

Judges are not required to swallow the steak samples. All samples can be expectorated at the time that they would normally swallow the sample.

Water and crackers will be used to cleanse judges' palates between samples. Samples will be separated into "grass finished" and "grain finished". Judges will evaluate these groups of feed type separately.

Judges responses will be collected electronically. Overall scores will be tallied and computed as follows:

60% Flavor (Overall 30%, Sustained 15%, Finish 15%)

Note: If no flavor finish is detected, sample will automatically receive a finish rating '4'.

40% Texture (Juiciness 20% - 10% initial, 10% sustained, Tenderness 20%)

Scores for each individual response along with calculated overall score will be posted online by assigned code number. Highest and lowest scores for each sample will be removed prior to calculating the overall scores.

Grand Champion Award will be determined based on overall score. Separate Grand Champion Awards will be given for Grain Finished and Grass Finished.

Grass-finished cattle have never been fed grain, including distiller's by-products. Grain-finished cattle are all other cattle not defined as grass-finished.

For further questions over registration, please contact: Eric Pew, ericp@americanroyal.com (816) 703-8117

For further questions over shipping, please contact: Tegan Jepsen, tmjepsen@ksu.edu (913) 307-3768

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If you are a member and do not receive the Galloway Dispatch and view it online only, kindly send your information to the above email address as well, and include your mailing address.

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Is your tattoo letter for 2016

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SCOTLAND!



Team USA: AGBA Delegates to the World Galloway Congress. (L to R) Kasey and Bill Johnson (MT), Michelle and Harley Blegen (MT), Mary and Eli Berry (MN), Grandma Shirley xxxx (cap) and Shawn Schumacher and Madison Schumacher (Three generations! MT) Shelli and Jon Brown (OK). (Photo courtesy of Jon Brown)

What a View!

Eli Berry sent this photo after a farm tour in the Scottish countryside during the World Galloway Congress. We look forward to hearing from the delegates on their experiences and observations from the 2016 WGC. From all accounts, it was an outstanding experience.



Judy K Decker, editor

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