

DENVER Notes

February 2015

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ow! If you were at Denver this past month for the National Western Stock

Show, then you know what I'm talking about. That was one heck of a quality show, and a seriously fun time as well!

From the camaraderie in The Yards...which included near perfect weather (temps in the 50's with some occasional bouts of wind thrown in), to the high quality group of cattle representing your Galloway breed, to a well-executed show with really nice awards, the 2015 NWSS Galloway show goes down in my book as the best yet of the five we have personally attended.

I think there's no good way to describe the solidarity among breeders as they go about their chores, washing and fitting their animals in the Yards...you just need to be there. Seriously...come experience it.

Scattered throughout this issue are a few photos taken randomly throughout the Galloway alley (a big 'Thanks' to Bill Decker!), as well as the Female and Bull Grand and Reserve Champions. Complete results are available at <http://results.nationalwestern.com/livestock/results.aspx>, select Yards Open Breeding.

Best of Luck as you begin your 2015 calving season, and keep an eye on those calves this summer for that special one that



"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings."

- Henry Ward Beecher

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**Grand Champion Female
Willow Valley Bonnie B2**

**Willow Valley Galloway
Chickasha, OK**

**(L to R) Will Wheeler,
Jon Brown, Dar Geiss
(judge), Colin Lowe**

**Grand Champion
Bull**

Suncrest Yuma

**Suncrest Farms
Listowel, ON (CAN)**

**(L to R) Crystal
Blake, Pattie Blake,
Lana Kraus, Clayton
Salter, Marie Blake,
Brittney Weber, Ka-
ren Moore, Garret
Woof, Vicki Blake**





**Reserve Champion Female
 Bar R Hope (27A)
 Bar R Galloways
 (L to R)
 Deb Riemer, Dar Geiss,
 Darrell Riemer**

**Reserve Champion Bull
 Superior Captain 310**

**Willow Valley Galloway
 (L to R) Jon Brown,
 Dar Geiss and
 Will Wheeler**





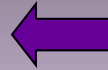
Grand Champion Percentage Female

Berry's Heifer 86A

Berry Ranch

Mora, MN

Eli Berry (L) and Rex Berry

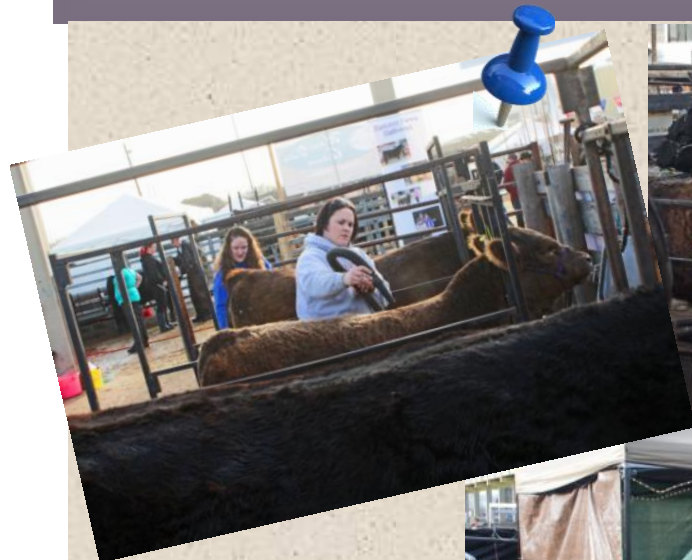


Reserve Champion Percentage Female

Berry's Heifer 11B

Berry Ranch - Mora, MN

Eli Berry (L) and Rex Berry



**FUN IN THE
YARDS!!**





*2015 NWSS Premier Breeder and
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**On Grass
 and
 In the
 Feed Yard**

NCBA Convention Trade Show Report

Submitted by Eli Berry

The American Galloway Breeders Association had a booth in the 2015 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Trade Show held in San Antonio, Texas, February 4-6.

This Trade Show is held in conjunction with NCBA's Annual Convention. The NCBA reported over 8,200 attendees were there this year.

The Trade Show covered 7.3 acres and had over 300 booths.

AGBA members staffing the AGBA booth: Jim & Joyce Jones (PA), Timothy Arceneaux (MS), Chuck Cole (MN), and Eli Berry (MN). We

had a steady flow of interested attendees stop by to ask questions and gather information.

We had quite a few from the South express concerns about how Galloways would handle the heat in the South, and Timothy Arceneaux from Magnolia, MS was able to share his experience with Galloways in MS. We also had a lot of interest in using Galloways to crossbreed with other breeds as well.

In our booth we had a tanned Galloway hide from Judy Decker that gathered a lot of attention. We

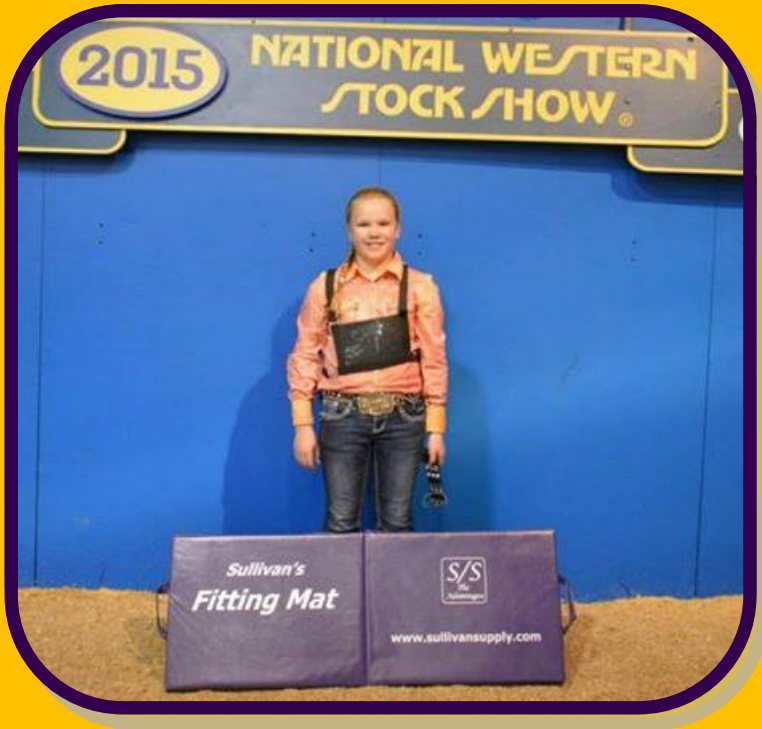


Jim and Joyce Jones, Chuck Cole,
Eli Berry, Tim Arceneaux

had promotional videos and slide shows running on computers for the attendees to view an assortment of Galloways from throughout the USA and Canada. We handed out Galloway bags with our 2015 annual directory, color brochure, and Galloway can koozies in them.

The AGBA is signed up to participate in the 2016 NCBA Trade Show held Jan 27-29 in San Diego, CA.

Youth at NWSS



Jonna McCullough - 2015 NWSS Junior Galloway Show Showmanship Champion

The 2015 NWSS Galloway show kicked off with a special Youth Show.

Participants included: Madison Schumacher-MT, Jonna McCullough - MT, Bently McCullough -MT, and James Monieth. Canadian Youth included Vicki Blake, Patti Blake, Lana Kraus, Liam O'Dell, Shelby McIlwraith, Brittney Weber

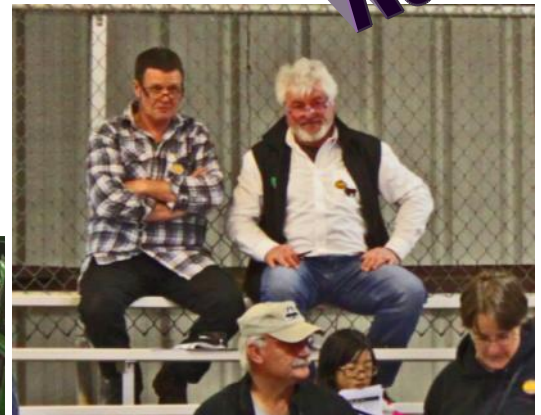
Youth Rock!

GALLOWAY



Left: New AGBA Banner on display at the Yards.

Below: Some of the Galloway Show SWAG



We were delighted to have German visitors to our Galloway show and socials. Ranier Mutzel and Horst Kraft made a special trip to the USA to catch the NWSS Galloway show.

2015 in the YARDS





Grand Champion Galloway Female
2015 National Western Stock Show
Willow Valley Bonnie B2



Reserve Grand Champion Galloway Bull
2015 National Western Stock Show
Superior Captain 310



Willow Valley Abe A4
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2015



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Grand
 Champion
 Percentage
 Female
 Berry's Heifer
 86A

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 Percentage
 Heifer Berry's
 Heifer 11B

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Galloway Historical Library Sells

Patricia Pruitt reports that she has successfully sold her extensive Galloway Cattle Historical Library through EBAY. The listing ran for ten days, and in the end the winning bid went to LeRoy Kindler, of Newell, SD.

We look forward to hearing from LeRoy about his new collection.

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Suncrest Farms of Listowel, ON (CAN) was voted the **Herdsmen Award** by their fellow exhibitors at this year's NWSS. Their display and attention to detail was truly inspiring. They received a certificate for a free half page ad in a future issue of The Galloway Dispatch.

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(Beef Checkoff, from pg 14)

information, foreign marketing, and producer communications.

With a pie this big, conflicts were sure to arise, and they have. Many smaller producers and niche producers do not feel they are given much representation by the activities of the Checkoff dollars, and furthermore, fear that much of the Checkoff funded activity works against their interests by pushing the same centralized, top-down structure that befell the pork and chicken industries.

Push is on for an increase to \$2

Inflation and declining cattle numbers over the past few years have led to a decrease in Beef Checkoff monies available for contracting out by the Cattlemen's Beef Board. Work has been underway for the past 2 years to revise the Checkoff program and increase the fee to \$2 per head. The draft of the proposal presently states that the second dollar could be refunded through written request by a producer.

Included in the latest draft of the proposed increase is the opportunity for



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producers to vote on the matter in a referendum.

Any action to change the Checkoff amount would first involve Congress acting to modify the original 1985 Beef Promotion and Research Act and Order. Any producer referendum would follow such a modification.

Do remember that when you sell animals private treaty as beef or breeding stock, you, as the seller, are required by law to remit the current \$1 per head to the Beef Check Off program. Contact your own state's Beef Council for the correct form and mailing address.

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ABOUT 2014 HEIFERS....WE MAY HAVE SOME AVAILABLE.**

Beef Checkoff Increase Pending



The Beef Check Off program is probably familiar to everyone reading this.

Created as an element of the 1985 Farm Bill's *Beef Promotion and Research Act*, the

Beef Checkoff Program became mandatory beginning in 1988, requiring \$1 per head to

be collected from the seller each time an animal is sold, which may be up to 3 times in its life. The total income to the program has been averaging \$80 million annually.

Each state in turn has its own Beef Council, which receives 50 cents of every checkoff dollar collected.

The stated purposes of the Checkoff program are: promotion, research, consumer information, industry

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Is your tattoo letter for 2015

Stay Informed

The AGBA has an email list that is available for members to use to notify others about upcoming events such as field days, sales, shows, etc.

If you have never received an email from ***gallowaybreeders@yahoo.com***, chances are you are not on the list. SO...kindly send an email to myself, and I will see to it that you are added :)

Use this address please:
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Thanks!

Judy

Did You Know...

You can easily share this newsletter with your inquiry list by simply going to **americangalloway.com**, click on **More About Galloways** tab, and then copy the link for **The Galloway Dispatch** into an email.

Meet Your Directors

Jon Brown, Chickasha, OK

GALLOWAY - "Oh, those hairy little cute cows?" - Not to me !!!

To introduce myself, my name is Jon Brown, a fifth generation cattleman in Grady County, Oklahoma. In 1904 my forefathers settled in this part of country known as Indian Territory. Since those days many things have changed in the cattle industry. But through the many cycles of change in type, price, and production methods, one thing has remained unchanged: a cattleman is selling forage. Cows are the factory, and it is our job as beef producers to utilize our resources as efficiently as possible to make a profit. As part of our operation, we have chosen Galloway cattle as an efficient means of utilizing our forage resources. To my mind, the Galloway is one of the few true foundation breeds remaining in the beef cattle industry.

Actively involved in the cattle business my entire life, we've owned and sold just about every breed of cattle in the USA. While we have been active in producing at every level of the industry, our main focus has been the production and marketing of herd replacement females – "the factory". Dealing with so many beef and dairy cattle over the years, a person learns many lessons and gains much experience.

In February of 2012, I was in attendance of the Fort Worth Stock Show in Texas. Observing the Junior Heifer show it became apparent that many of the cattle had a "look" familiar to me during my youth of the late 60's and 70's at our family-owned cattle auction barn. I had been to very few major cattle shows since late 1980's. That "look" was the distinctive head of the Galloway. And thus began my quest. It started with extensive internet research, then many phone calls, and ultimately many miles of driving to purchase Registered Black Galloway cattle.

We have a very specific breeding program which, like all true breeders of livestock, involves a vision of our ideal animal. We are particular about our product, and it is an enjoyable obsession. Our goal is to produce the best seed stock Galloway. "Best" is a relative

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THE GALLOWAY DISPATCH

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term. However, “best” to us are cattle which utilize our forage, time and other resources to the highest level for profit and personal fulfillment.

This Galloway quest has turned into a journey and a venture for my family, including my wife Shelli, son-in-law Will Wheeler and daughter Nicole. We have developed a real passion for these cattle. It has become truly personal for us, not only from the aspect of producing top quality cattle, but also the involvement with the really down to earth people associated with the breed. Galloway cattle represent an enthusiasm and commitment which has become a grand part of our life. There are many traits, characteristics, and merits of this historical breed. I encourage all to get on the internet and make your own discoveries. Do your research to see if Galloway will fit your operation, and perhaps create your own exciting quest.

