



# THE *Galloway* DISPATCH

## 2017 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

February 2017

The 2017 NWSS Galloway show is in the books. The 'Yards' experience this year had some added curve balls thrown in, but curve balls are really opportunities to dig deeper and find a little more creativity to get the job done. When we first learned that the two alley's housing the Galloway were without water due to a water line break the week before, it was a bit of a downer. Washing and hauling water would be even more complicated than usual, but instead of difficulty came added camaraderie within our own group of breeders, and also cooperation with exhibitors of other breeds. And that's a good thing!

And when we woke up to heavy snowfall on show day, it seemed nearly comical. The previous day saw some light snowfall as exhibitor's attempted to blow and clip their animals, necessitating frequent "snow-blowings"! But in some small way a little pressure was alleviated, since there's only so much preparation one can do to snow-flocked cattle. In the end, the show was delayed an hour, the snow tapered off about an hour or two before show time, and it became very much a 'blow and go' show.

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Happy Show Day!




NWSS Greetings from your editor!

## DENVER RESULTS: TOP HONORS

**GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE:** BERRY'S ZELEN 61Z Eli Berry - Berry Ranch Mora, MN

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE:** CK DENALI 73D Shawn Schumacher -  
CK Galloways Fort Benton, MT

**GRAND CHAMPION BULL:** PR DULUTH 33D Madison Schumacher -  
Prairie Rapids Cattle Co. Fort Benton, MT

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL:** HB DENOMINATOR 546 Michelle Blegen -  
Blegen Galloways ROUNDUP, MT

**CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER:** BERRY'S CAROL 73C Eli Berry - Berry Ranch Mora, MN

**RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER:** RFLTD CALAMITY JANE C4 Renaissance Farms Ltd  
EMPORIA, KS

**CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL:** SUNCREST BUD LIGHT Suncrest Farms of Listowel, ON

**RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL:** HB BRAVO 4714 Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways  
ROUNDUP, MT

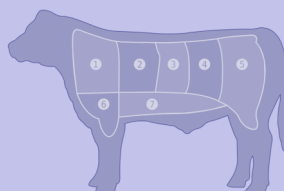
## CARCASS CHAMPION

### RFLTD Calamity Jane C4

Renaissance Farms Ltd, Emporia, KS. Judy and Bill Decker

By the Numbers:

Age: 22 Months REA: 13.43 REA/CWT: 1.25 IMF: 6.15% Fat: .28





**2017 NWSS  
Galloway Show  
Grand Champion  
Female  
Berry's Zelen 61Z.**

**Congratulations to Berry Ranch, Mora, MN.  
In addition to Grand Champion Female, they received the Premiere Breeder,  
Premiere Exhibitor, and Herdsman awards.**

**2017 NWSS Galloway  
Show**

**Grand Champion Bull**

**PR Duluth 33D**





## 2017 NWSS Awards Contributors

Exhibitors at cattle shows invest a lot of time, energy and moo-lah to get their cattle to a show. By exhibiting at shows, they are performing a huge PR function for your breed! Having nice awards to commemorate a good show is sure a wonderful thing. This year's awards were sponsored by the following ranches:

**Berry Ranch   Blegen Galloways   Brass Ring Galloways   Chickadee Farms   CK Galloways**

**Stuart Dykstra   Galair Galloways   Glenfiddich Galloways   Grant Galloways**

**Renaissance Farms LTD   Uphill Farms   Weil Family Farms LLC**

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## 2016 NILE - Billings, MT

Show held October 17

Judge: Jake Scott - Gordon, NE

**Grand Champion Female:**

**Brass Ring Cordelia 9C**

**Exhibited By: Brass Ring Galloways - Terry, MT**

**Sire: Brass Ring Ziegfield 36Z**

**Reserve Champion Female:**

**Brass Ring Dana 1D**

**Exhibited By: Brass Ring Galloways - Terry, MT**

**Sire: Brass Ring Ziegfield 36Z**

**Grand Champion Bull:**

**HB Moto Moto 3342**

**Exhibited By: Blegen Galloways - Roundup, MT**

**Sire: Glenfiddich Pericles**

**Reserve Champion Bull**

**Brass Ring Dante 3D**

**Exhibited By: Brass Ring Galloways - Terry, MT**

**Sire: Brass Ring Ziegfield 36Z**

Congrats to all exhibitors at the  
2016 NILE Galloway show.

Grand Champion Female



# GALLOWAY

Grand Champion Bull



## 2016 NILE

Congratulations to Champion Exhibitors Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT, and  
Blegen Galloways of Roundup, MT!

**“When we consider cow efficiency, a smaller cow will always have an advantage over a bigger cow. Smaller cows can do more for less. If your ranch can support 100 head of 1400-pound cows, it will support 120 head of 1100-pound cows – on the exact same inputs. That's 20 percent more cows producing 20 percent more calves – and I guarantee those 120 smaller cows will always produce more total pounds of beef than the 100 larger cows. On top of that, the calves out of the smaller cows (because they have smaller individual weights) will be worth more per pound.”**

**Kit Pharo**

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## NWSS Youth Results

Champion Bull Calf ~ PR Duluth 33D    Madison Schumacher  
Champion Female ~ RFLTD Biscotti    Maggie Hayes

Senior Showmanship Champion: Madison Schumacher  
Senior Showmanship Reserve Champion: Miranda Hayes  
Junior Showmanship Champion: Maggie Hayes  
Beginner Showmanship Champion: Simeon Hayes (And he's going to be one to keep an eye on in the future!!)

Complete NWSS show results can be found here:

[http://results.nationalwestern.com/livestock/results-display.aspx?  
year=2017&breed=GAL&show=YOB&section=GAL](http://results.nationalwestern.com/livestock/results-display.aspx?year=2017&breed=GAL&show=YOB&section=GAL).



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**Visitors always welcome at the ranch!**

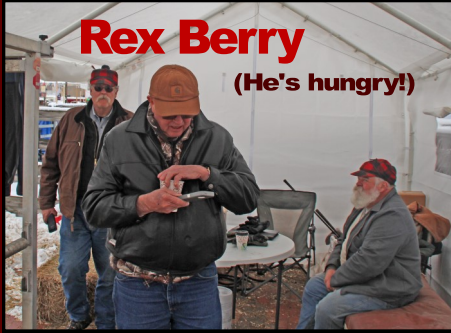
Don't forget, we also have Registered Blacks, Reds, and Duns as well as Galloway Influenced Breeding Stock for sale.

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A BIG Thank You to:

Michelle Blegen:  
Superintendent

Chuck Cole: Line Up Guy

Rex Berry: Announcer

Joe Schumacher: Ring Man  
(not pictured)



**Caution: Awesome  
Young People On  
Board!**



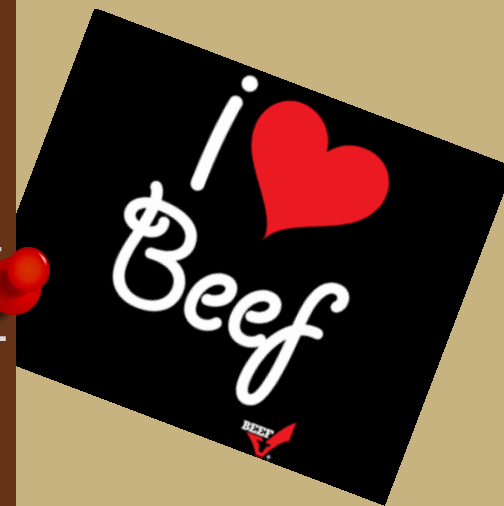


## AMERICAN GALLOWAY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION REPRESENTED IN NASHVILLE

The American Galloway Breeders Association participated in the NCBA Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show February 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Nashville, TN. Chuck and Cathy Cole, Kerry Kurt Phillips, also Mary and Eli Berry staffed a booth in the Trade Show. They handed out promotional items, member directories, and brochures. They also visited with many visitors about the great qualities of the Galloway breed.

The NCBA reported a record of over 9,300 registered participants. The Trade Show had over 350 exhibitors and covered over seven acres of floor space at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. AGBA members reported that this show had the most interested attendees of the four shows we have participated in.

Submitted by: Eli Berry



**Pictured above: Mary and Eli Berry, Cathy and Chuck Cole. All of Mora, MN.**

**Not pictured: Kerry Kurt Phillips**





# Youth

## **Galloway: A necessary item in the young showman's show box.**

Yes, you read that correctly! So Why does every 4Her in a beef program need a Galloway? All other great reasons aside (and there are several), one compelling attribute a Galloway offers the young showman is fitting practice. Learning to clip an animal is an ongoing process, and requires countless sessions with clippers in hand to develop and refine those skills. The majority of cattle in show barns today do not have the capacity for hair growth/regrowth that the Galloway breed does, particularly like we can see in animals under the age of two. While most show animals require time in the cooler to promote hair growth, the Galloway calf will happily oblige its owner with additional clipping practice every few weeks, helping a youngster develop a steady hand and keen eye. The gentle demeanor of the Galloway steer or heifer that gets selected for this duty will help insure greater success. Our experience has been that they thoroughly enjoy being clipped, especially by a familiar face.

Be selective when you shop for a prospective animal. Not all Galloway hair is created equal. Seek out hair that is straight and silky, it will 'pop' in a much more user friendly manner. Some Galloway hair can have a wiry tendency, which is more challenging to work with.

And if you're going to have a Galloway calf on hand, why

Example of the kind of quality hair coat ideally suited for assisting young (and older!) fitters-in-training

not enter it in your local shows? Practice is practice, after all! Stepping up to the plate in your local AOB



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## Director's Corner

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Is your tattoo letter for 2017

### Did You Know...

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



**Richard Serr**

### Richard Serr, Western Director and AGBA Secretary/Treasurer

My Galloway story starts in 2003. I had just started a job exploring for oil in Saudi Arabia and my wife, Bess, and I decided it was time to buy a farm. I had spent the summers of my youth on the farms of my relatives in Eastern Washington. Bess had grown up in the Air Force constantly moving from place to place. She wanted to own land and settle down. Since I was to be the WAY off the farm income, we asked my son, Ben, if he would run the place for us while we were gone. Much to my surprise, the city boy said, "Yes!" We found a 40 acre piece of heaven in NE Washington State and got to it. Ben started with pastured poultry and I began to research cattle breeds. I wanted a breed that was hardy, easy calving and required little to no care. I wanted a breed that would do well in both hot summers and cold winters. I wanted a beef breed that would produce excellent meat in a forage only environment. I got all that and more in the Galloway breed.

Our 6 foundation females and a bull came from Sarah Bowman and the wild mountains of Wyoming. I figured if they could handle those conditions then our place would be a piece of cake. They thrived on our sub irrigated pastures. I discovered that Galloways are a livestock guardian breed. No need to worry about the coyotes, cougars and bear that we have in the neighborhood. If there was a sign of trouble the whole herd would come thundering to the defense. In the past 12 years we have not lost a calf although I had one ripped up pretty good summer before last. In classic Galloway fashion, he was tough as nails and managed to survive that encounter the day after he was born. We are still waiting for the pack of wolves that lives over the hill to make a showing. Haven't seen them yet but it's only a matter of time.

Our Galloway herd became an important income stream for our farm. Specializing in grass fed genetics, we sell bred heifers, cow/calf pairs and 2 year old breeding bulls.

Judy K Decker, editor  
1800 E. 18th  
Emporia, KS 66801

Director's Corner, from pg 15

We direct market our culls as locker beef. Success has depended on keeping our costs down. The fact that Galloways eat a wider variety of forbs than any other breed and have a thick winter coat that can reduce winter feeding costs up to 25% is a big help. But more important than that is the quality of the beef. There is a reason the Galloway breed does so well in taste tests. They taste great! All my customers will agree with that, some saying that it's the best beef they have ever eaten. I think that's saying a lot for grass fed and finished beef. And it's heart healthy too!

I have to say that the decision to raise Galloways has been the best decision we ever made. They have impressed in so many ways: great moms, great meat, easy keeping and good tempered animals. They have proved to be everything we could have hoped for.

Sometimes you get lucky.

*Richard Serr*

Springdale, WA