

GALLOWAY: MAKING CATTLE GREAT AGAIN!

NATIONAL WESTERN WRAP UP

The 2018 NWSS Galloway show took place on Monday, January 15. In a déjà vu sort of moment, exhibitors awoke that morning to freezing fog and drizzle, with the result being ice covered cattle. The freezing drizzle gave way to a light snow which continued through the show, but exhibitors were able to house their cattle inside the covered Stockyards Arena and keep them dry after a quick blowing before leaving their pens.

The show was judged by Britney Creamer of Montrose, CO. She was very plain spoken as to what her criteria were as she judged, and managed to be informative, comprehensible, and concise.

Results are posted throughout the issue.

Scottish Visitors! Four young Scotsmen joined us at the 2018 NWSS this year. Their energy and humor clicked nicely with the dynamics of our group. They are pictured on the next page in the photo with the Grand Champion Bull.

Congratulations to all winners, and a big shout out to everyone who put in the work, time and expense to bring cattle to the 2018 National Western Stock Show. The entire breed and AGBA membership benefits from your efforts!



**February
2018**

**"A man who
wants to lead
the orchestra
must turn his
back on the
crowd."**

~ Max Lucado

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GRAND CHAMPION BULL



Above: Grand Champion Bull Willow Valley Denver. Pictured (L to R) Tyeson Gravenhauf, Jon Brown, Shelli Brown, Harley Blegen, Britney Creamer (judge). The Four Scotsmen finish out the back row: Andrew Hunter Blair, Callum Park, Jim White, Alex Davidson. Michelle Blegen at halter, Hank Blegen with the banner.

Right: Reserve Champion Bull Berry's Empire 128E. Pictured (L to R): Britney Creamer, Eli Berry, Samantha Stone





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Above: Grand Champion Female HB Brenda. Pictured (L to R) Harley Blegen, Tyeson Gravenhauf, Britney Creamer, Michelle Blegen, Hank Blegen.



Left: Reserve Champion Female Willow Valley Sophia. Pictured (L to R): Tanner Ward, Mike Ward, Paul Tarap, Ailene Tarap

Shout Outs

The NWSS Galloway Show doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of help from people who aren't showing animals. A big Thank You to the following for making themselves available to fill in the gaps:

Chuck Cole: Class Line-up

Scott Schoultz: Ring man

Bob Airth: Announcer

Sue Schoultz: Awards Table

Jon Brown: Ultrasound Assistant

Thank You!!



A special word of Thanks to Michelle Blegen who assumed Superintendent duties on short notice. Job Well Done!



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Renaissance Farms LTD - Grand Champion Percentage females, Pair-of-Bulls

The Galloway Dispatch - Herdsman Award (Ad)

Stewart Ranch - Reserve Champion Percentage Female

BRASS RING GALLOWAYS



The coffee pot is always on!

2017 heifers like these for sale. It's been fun having this pretty group to look at all winter, but there are just too many. Also, we have coming yearling bulls.

Watch for more pictures on Facebook!

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CARCASS SIZE: MODERATION MATTERS



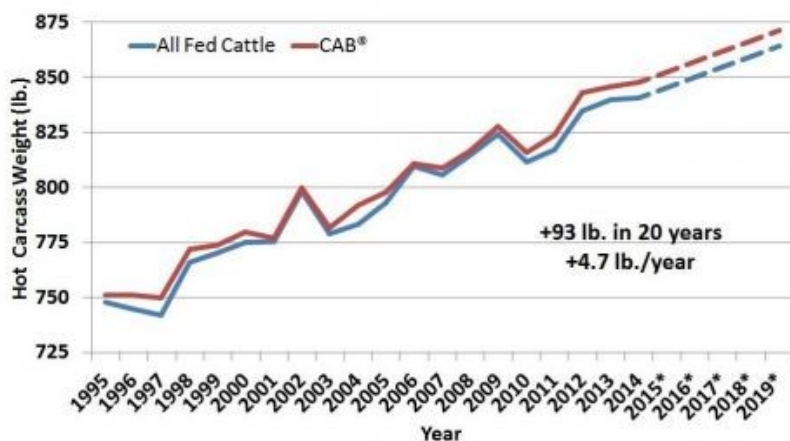
There has been a lot of chatter lately in beef publications about carcass size. Whatever the actual drivers are of carcass size, the facts are not pretty. Average slaughter weights have increased more than 330 pounds over the last 40 years (some of which was no doubt needed.) But current data indicates it might be time for the pendulum to begin swinging the other way: December 2017 average carcass weights were 902 pounds. (In fact, 39% of the 2016 carcasses weighed in excess of 900 pounds.) This has

real world implications for the end consumer, namely huge (and expensive) ribeye steaks, which require thinner slicing in order to yield a sensible serving size. A thinner cut of beef requires different cooking techniques than the standard thickness steaks many consumers and chefs are accustomed to. And as it turns out, a majority of consumers *prefer* a thicker steak. Retailers are being forced to reduce steak thickness to meet a target purchase price, yet most consumers prefer a thicker cut steak. The 2016 National Beef Quality Audit (NBQA) audit found 24% of carcasses yielded ribeyes in excess of 15 square inches.

Researchers at Oklahoma State University (OSU) looked at the effect of steak size on consumer purchasing decisions. Comparing large *surface area* (SA) steaks, thinly sliced to equal the weight of a lesser SA but thicker cut steak, consumers strongly favored the thicker cut, smaller surface area cut, necessitating price reductions to complete sales of the larger, thinner steaks. The researchers concluded that the net loss in 'consumer welfare' (how much decrease in price is needed to make the steak desirable PLUS loss of sales dollars when consumers opted completely out of the larger, thinner steaks) was in the neighborhood of \$8.6 billion.

If you are utilizing Galloway genetics in your beef program, you are well-positioned to offer your customers the quality product they desire. And as a Galloway breeder or cross-breeder, the breeding stock you produce make ideal complements to the commercial producer's quest to balance production efficiency with meeting consumer preferences for beef cuts. Moderation has real world implications. But you already knew that.

Carcass Weight Trend Since 1995, Fed Cattle



Information derived from:

<http://oklahomafarmreport.com/wire/news>

<http://www.beefmagazine.com/ranching/what-are-big-carcasses-doing-future-beef-industry>

NWSS RESULTS

MAJOR GROUPINGS FEMALES AND BULLS

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Female

Grand Champion:

HB Brenda 2194

Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Roundup, MT

Reserve Grand Champion:

Willow Valley Sophia

Stewart Ranch of Napa, CA

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Grand Champion:

Willow Valley Denver D20

Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Roundup, MT

Reserve Grand Champion:

Berry's Empire 128E

Eli Berry - Berry Ranch of Mora, MN

Class#CRC101-105 - Champion and Reserve Champion

Junior Heifer

Champion:

Willow Valley Sophia

Stewart Ranch of Napa, CA

Reserve Champion:

RFLTD Distraction D1

Judy Decker - Renaissance Farms Ltd of Emporia, KS

Class#CRC201-205—Champion and Reserve Champion

Junior Bull

Champion:

Willow Valley Denver D20

Michelle Blegen - Blegen Galloways of Roundup, MT

Reserve Champion:

Berry's Empire 128E

Eli Berry - Berry Ranch of Mora, MN

BEGIN CLASS RESULTS

Heifers Calved April-June 2017

1st Willow Valley Sophia Stewart Ranch, Napa, CA

2nd Berry's Erika 13E Berry Ranch, Mora, MN

Heifers Calved January-March 2017, CLASS ONE

1st RS Enchantment 61E CK Galloways, Fort Benton, MT

2nd PR Extreme 51E Madison Schumacher, Fort Benton, MT

3rd RFLTD Edelweiss E6 Renaissance Farms LTD, Emporia, KS

Heifers Calved January-March 2017, CLASS TWO

1st RFLTD Enigma E5 Renaissance Farms LTD

2nd Bar R Fern 24E Bar R Galloways, Alden, MN

3rd CK Enterprise 34E CK Galloways

4th CK Ethyl 44E CK Galloways

Grand Champion Heifer Calf

Willow Valley Sophia Stuart Ranch, Napa, CA

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

RFLTD Enigma E5 Renaissance Farms LTD

Heifers calved January-June 2016

1st RFLTD Distraction D1 Renaissance Farms LTD

2nd Berry's Dream 74D Berry Ranch

3rd Suncrest Darling Suncrest Farms, Listowel, ON, CAN

Grand Champion Yearling Heifer

RFLTD Distraction D1 Renaissance Farms LTD

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Berry's Dream 74D Berry Ranch

Grand Champion Bred Female

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#2 Feb. 2017 Galloway Bull

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Junior Galloway Program

Junior Show Champion Heifer

Willow Valley Sophia, shown by Tanner Ward, Napa, CA.

Junior Show Reserve Champion Heifer

PR Extreme 51E, shown by Madison Schumacher, Fort Benton, MT

Senior Showmanship:

Champion: Madison Schumacher

Reserve Champion: Tanner Ward



Junior member Hank Blegen's steer won Grand Champion at the 2018 NWSS Galloway Open show.



Madison Schumacher



Tanner Ward, Pictured at left



"Just a note about one of your junior members: Our daughter, Pookie McGlothern, is currently a freshmen at Oregon State Veterinary College on the large animal (Bovine) track. Attending and showing cattle guided her career choice and the AGBA played a part. Her Denver win back in 2013 was one of her highlights."

~ Ailene Tarap

**Before You Enter
the Arena, Whisper:**

*"We are going to be
Amazing!"*

NWSS RESULTS

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Cow/Calf Pairs—Cow of any age/calf born after 1/1/17

1st Berry's Zelen 61Z

Production Senior Cow

1st HB Brenda 2194 Blegen Galloways,
Roundup, MT

Grand Champion Senior Female

HB Brenda2194 Blegen Galloways

Reserve Champion Senior Female

Berry's Zelen 61Z Berry Ranch

Pair of Females

Grand Champion POF

Berry Ranch

Reserve Champion POF

Suncrest Farms

Grand Champion Progeny of Dam

Diamond B Adelaide 128Z Berry Ranch

Pair of Bulls

Champion POB

Eli Berry

Reserve Champion POB

Blegen Galloways

Get of Sire

Grand Champion

Berry Ranch

NWSS BULL CLASSES

Bulls Calved after July 1, 2017

1st Berry's Everest 61E Berry Ranch

Bulls Calved April-June 2017

1st Berry's Empire 128E Berry Ranch

2nd Suncrest Ezra Suncrest Farms

3rd Bar R Exact Bar R Galloways

Bulls Calved January-March 2017

1st HB Elite 3407 Blegen Galloways

2nd RFLTD E=MC2 Renaissance Farms
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Grand Champion Bull Calf

Berry's Empire 128E Berry Ranch

Reserve Champion Bull Calf

Berry's Everest 61E Berry Ranch

Bulls Calved July-December 2016

1st Berry's Dynamic 61D Berry Ranch

Bulls Calved January-June 2016

1st Willow Valley Denver D20 Blegen Galloways

2nd Bar R Dream Maker Bar R Galloways

Grand Champion Yearling Bull

Willow Valley Denver D20 Blegen Galloways

Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

Berry's Dynamic 61E Berry Ranch



CARCASS CONTEST

Grand Champion Carcass:

~ Willow Valley Sophia, Stewart Ranch, Napa, CA

DOB 4/6/17

Hip Height 42.75

Weight 609

REA 9.48

REA/CWT1.56

%IMF 5.02

Backfat 0.26

Reserve Champion Carcass:

HB Brenda (HB 2194X in results)

GALLOWAY PERCENTAGE SHOW

Grand Champion Percentage Female

CK Ebony 47E

CK Galloways

Reserve Champion Percentage Female

Bar R 140

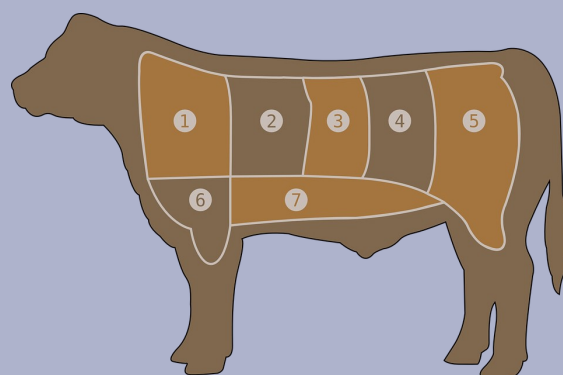
Bar R Galloways

Percentage Steers

Grand Champion Percentage Steer

Hank's Steer 347

Blegen Galloways



2018 NWSS - Galloway Carcass Contest (01/14/18)

Exhibitor	VID	DOB	Hip Ht	Weight	REA	REA/CWT	%IMF	RIB FAT	
Bar-R Galloways	BARR24E	2/1/17	44.5	735	8.98	1.22	3.90	0.27	
Bar-R Galloways	BARR DREAM MAKER	4/7/16	53.25	1430	18.20	1.27	3.62	0.18	
Bar-R Galloways	BARR EXACT	4/16/17	44.5	676	8.94	1.32	2.55	0.19	
Bar-R Galloways	BAR R 140	4/27/17	40.5	530	8.94	1.69	4.30	0.10	
Blegen Galloways	HB 2194X	3/17/14	51.5	1506	14.72	0.98	5.67	0.36	RES CHAMPION
Blegen Galloways	HB 2427	2/4/17	45.5	893	11.73	1.31	3.48	0.26	
Blegen Galloways	HB 3407	1/6/17	49.5	1045	11.62	1.11	3.97	0.20	
Blegen Galloways	HB D20	4/2/16	51.75	1650	18.48	1.12	3.54	0.44	
Blegen Galloways	BLEGEN 15	2/25/17	45	729	9.68	1.33	4.20	0.14	
Berry Ranch	BERRY 13E	4/25/17	43	541	8.35	1.54	3.70	0.19	
Berry Ranch	BERRY 74D	4/22/16	49.75	1096	12.44	1.13	4.07	0.28	
Berry Ranch	BERRY 128E	4/25/17	44	618	8.31	1.35	2.83	0.14	
Berry Ranch	BERRY 61D	10/22/16	49.25	1021	10.44	1.02	2.54	0.25	
CK Galloways	CK 51E	3/13/17	43	570	7.64	1.34	3.76	0.17	
CK Galloways	CK 61E	3/13/17	42.5	564	9.67	1.72	3.73	0.10	
CK Galloways	CK44E	3/4/17	43.25	601	9.07	1.51	3.29	0.10	
CK Galloways	CK 34E	3/2/17	43.5	579	8.30	1.43	3.71	0.09	
CK Galloways	CK 47E	3/5/17	45.25	715	9.50	1.33	3.59	0.14	
Renaissance	RFLTD E6	3/4/17	40	530	8.53	1.61	4.10	0.22	
Renaissance	RFLTD E5	3/4/17	43	646	8.07	1.25	3.55	0.21	
Renaissance	RFLTD 1	3/8/16	48	1065	11.43	1.07	5.95	0.33	
Renaissance	RFLTD MC2	3/25/17	42	591	7.34	1.24	3.60	0.16	
Stewart Ranch	WV SOPHIA	4/6/17	42.75	609	9.48	1.56	5.02	0.26	CHAMPION

Remember your 2018 Dues

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THE SCOOP ON POOP

With much of winter in the rearview mirror, you may find you've worked your way to the lesser quality hay in your hay yard.

With a little cow-pie sleuthing, you can get a handle on how your cows are doing nutritionally, before any deficiencies show up as a degree of weight loss beyond what is acceptable to you. There is a manure scoring system that helps producers determine when more protein may be needed, or if protein is being overfed (or overconsumed if available free choice).

According to an article on the Noble Research Institute website, written by Robert Wells, manure is ranked on a 1-5 scale. A pile with a score of one is essentially a splat, and is extremely watery and shapeless, or as the author puts it, of 'cream soup consistency.' Such manure tells the producer that the cow is consuming too much protein and/or carbohydrates, or possibly mineral. (It could also indicate illness.) Addition of dry

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matter is warranted.

A cow pie that scores a 2 will not stack up, but may be up to an inch in thickness. Think cake batter. Again, protein and/or carbohydrates are excessive, and fiber is too low. A score of 2 indicates CP is in excess of 20%, and TDN > 68%.

The '3' is the holy grail of cow pies (in case you were wondering), and indicates CP of 12-15%, and TDN in the 62-70% range. This pie will have some shape, but won't pile up into a domed shape. It is similar in consistency to pumpkin pie.

Manure that rates a score of 4 begins to increase in depth, but lacks distinct rings. Protein supplementation is likely needed.

Finally, manure with a score of 5 is going to be in distinct balls with rings visible. CP has fallen below 6% and TDN < 55%, so both protein and energy are sub-optimal.

It goes without saying that this method is just one tool in the producer's toolbox that can be used to gauge his or her feeding program. But it could help save precious dollars by avoiding a wasteful level of protein supplementation, or conversely, by preventing an excessive degree of weight loss in the herd.

Happy sleuthing!

