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GALLOWAY: MAKING CATTLE GREAT AGAIN

2018 World Galloway Congress Report

**November
2018**

Eli Berry and his wife, Mary, represented the AGBA at the 2018 World Galloway Congress, held in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. They reported that it was a wonderful conference, and Eli has contributed a brief synopsis of their experiences.

"The 2018 World Galloway Conference was held September 29 - October 3. The WGC was headquartered at the Best Western Airport Motel and Conference Center in Atwood, near Melbourne. There were over 100 registrants from more than 10 countries.

The first full day was filled with the biannual meeting where all of the attending Galloway associations gave a report on their association activities. In the afternoon there was a report on the grading system that is available in AU for Cattlemen to use to grade their animals and carcasses.

On Sunday, October 30 we were VIP guests at the Royal Melbourne Exposition to watch the Belted Galloway and Galloway shows. Unfortunately due to the drought in AU the number of cattle that were exhibited was reduced.

The rest of the Conference was spent touring around Victoria. We stopped at a Chocolate Factory, wineries, brewery/ distillery, Wildlife Park, and numerous farms to view the Galloways they produce and learn the history of the area. "

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

— Thomas A. Edison

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Group Photo of the 2018 WGC Delegates

NWSS 2019

How to Enter:

It is time to enter your animals for the 2019 National Western Stock Show (NWSS). Entries can be made online by going to nationalwestern.com, select Livestock Exhibitors, and then select Online Entries. Alternatively, you can download, print, and fill out a paper copy of the registration form and mail it to the NWSS. Entries are due November 20th, 2018

Where to Stay:

We once again have a block of rooms reserved at the Drury Inn Denver-Stapleton. Tell them you are with the American Galloway Breeders Association 2019. Use confirmation number 2332390 when you call to reserve your room. Any rooms from our block that have not been reserved by December 15th will be released from the block. So....don't sit on the fence too long about reserving a room. The Drury Inn has a hearty appetizer buffet nightly, substantial and varied enough to call it dinner. This is included with your reservation, as are the three complimentary adult beverages. Expect a couple of hours of socializing each night with your fellow breeders! I just can't emphasize enough just how fun this is.

Schedule

<u>Arrival in Yards</u>	<u>In Place</u>	<u>Begin Release</u>	<u>All Out</u>
7:00 AM 1/19	7:00 PM 1/19	7:00 AM 1/22	12 NOON 1/23



Showtime:

January 21, 1 PM in the Stockyards Arena

Questions? Contact Michelle Blegen, Superintendent. 701-219-4815
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Health Requirements

1. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI) - AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE INCLUDING OFFICIAL ID
2. IMPORTANT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION UPDATE: As of March 2013, all cattle moving interstate for exhibition or show events, such as the NWSS, are required to have official individual identification ear tags present in the ear. To avoid potential problems, all U.S. cattle entering the NWSS grounds will be expected to have a USDA Official ID ear tag present in the ear. The following tags are considered official: Orange Metal Official Calfhood Vaccinate (OCV/Bang's) tag, Silver Metal USDA tag, 840 RFID tag, visual/panel 840 ear tag, or an ear tag with the U.S. seal and "Unlawful to Remove" plus a unique animal number. Cattle without proper identification will have one placed at the discretion of the Colorado State Veterinarian's office and the owner's expense.
3. BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA (BVD) – Must be tested negative for BVD persistently infected (PI) status PRIOR to arrival at NWSS. Those without a documented negative test will not be allowed on the grounds.

If you will be showing your Galloway for the first time at NWSS, please be sure and carefully study the health requirements found on the NWSS website! Allow enough time to have the BVD-PI testing completed prior to your departure for Denver. No BVD test results, no entry! And don't forget to get a USDA Official ID tag while the animal is at the veterinarian's for health papers.



AGBA Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2018 annual meeting of the American Galloway Breeders' Association was held in Roundup, MT, on October 20th. Harley and Michelle Blegen graciously hosted the meeting at their ranch.

At a Glance:

President: Eli Berry
Vice President: Harley Blegen

Changes to
Officers and
Directors

Incoming Directors:
Christa Grywusiewicz, WY. Director at Large.
Judy Decker, KS. Director at Large

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Above: Grand Champion Bull at the Royal Melbourne Exposition

Below: Eli Berry (L) of Berry Ranch Galloways, MN, and Brad Card, of Cranberry Hill Galloways, ON, CA, take in the Galloway Show.



Above: A Minnesota Cowboy on an Australian Beach

2018 WGC



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(Annual Meeting, con't. from pg 3)

NWSS: Sponsors are needed. Whether you choose to show cattle or not, sponsorships are needed to provide awards for the various divisions. Contact Michelle Blegen (see pg 2) to request to sponsor a specific award, or to let her know you will be making a contribution to the sponsorship fund.

World Galloway Congress (WGC): The WGC will be held in the USA in 2020. The activities will be in the Eastern part of the country, including the NAILE Belted Galloway show. However, a display of solid Galloway will be on site. If you wish to take cattle to have on display, contact Eli Berry 612-390-2249, eberryranch@gmail.com.

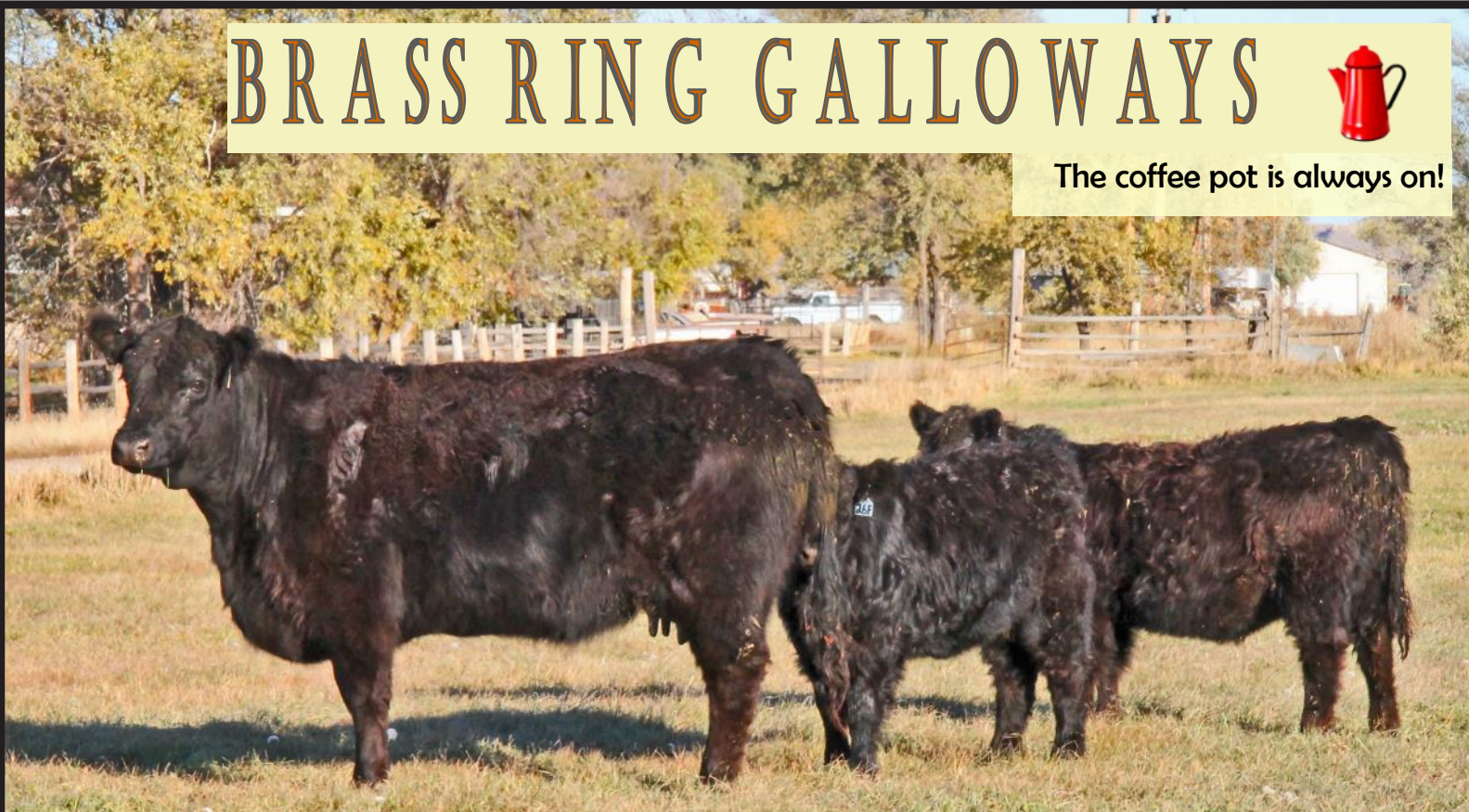
By-laws changes: Directors voted to allow the annual meeting to be held in any month of the year. Notice to members of the annual meeting date and location must still be sent out 30 days or more prior to that date. An associated bylaw change permits notice of annual meeting date, location and time can be sent by email. Therefore, if you do NOT have an email account, please contact the Secretary, Richard Serr, to request written notice of the annual meeting. And remember to notify Richard, the AGBA, and the CLRC anytime you change your email address. Richard can be reached at 509-258-6776, or raserr@aol.com.

A proposed change to the Bylaws which would require DNA testing on all AI and ET calves was not acted upon, but further action is expected by the Directors in the near future.

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Tariff Talk, from pg 13

the value of these exports has also increased. "USMEF said August beef exports totaled 119,850 metric tons (mt), up 7 percent from a year ago, and were valued at \$751.7 million — up 11 percent year-over-year and easily exceeding the previous record of \$722.1 million reached in May 2018. For January through August, beef exports totaled 899,300 mt, up 9 percent from a year ago, while value climbed 18 percent to \$5.51 billion."

Halstrom said USMEF is excited about the recent trade agreements the U.S. have reached with Mexico, Canada and South Korea and trade talks getting underway with Japan. He said a trade agreement with Japan would "bring opportunities for even greater expansion as U.S. beef becomes more affordable for Japanese consumers and is back on a level playing field with Australian beef."

So there appears to be a lot of optimism on the part of analysts that a strong export market for U.S. Beef will remain in place, and possibly even increase in the coming years. What really transpires is anybody's guess!



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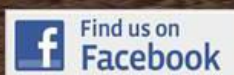
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Calf Birthweights and Environmental Factors

Nobody wants calving issues, and in a perfect world, there would be none. However, here in the real world, 'stuff happens', but the good news is there are things we can do to limit the likelihood of calving problems that are due to the size and shape of the calf.



One of the genetic factors that affect size can be gestation length. As a rule of thumb, the shorter the gestation period, the lighter the calf at birth. Bull calves tend to have slightly longer gestations than heifer calves, which contributes to their larger size.

According to an article in the Tri-State Livestock News (April 26, 2018), the cow makes more of a contribution to calf size than the sire. A calf will generally be 7-8% of the dam's weight, so as cows get larger, birthweights tend to trend upward. Pelvic measuring is a cost-effective means of projecting whether a heifer should be retained as a breeder. A large female with inadequate pelvic dimensions is a recipe for trouble. Females who were inordinately large at birth should not be kept as breeders.

It isn't just the size of the calf, but also its shape. Big heads, shoulders and/or rumps all act as obstructions to a smooth-flowing delivery, making the cow work harder and putting her at risk for internal damage.

Aside from the genetic components, environmental factors make a real impact on calf size. An article in the April 1, 2001 issue of BEEF Magazine lists interactions in maternal/placenta interface, maternal diet and the environmental climate conditions during gestation as known influences on calf

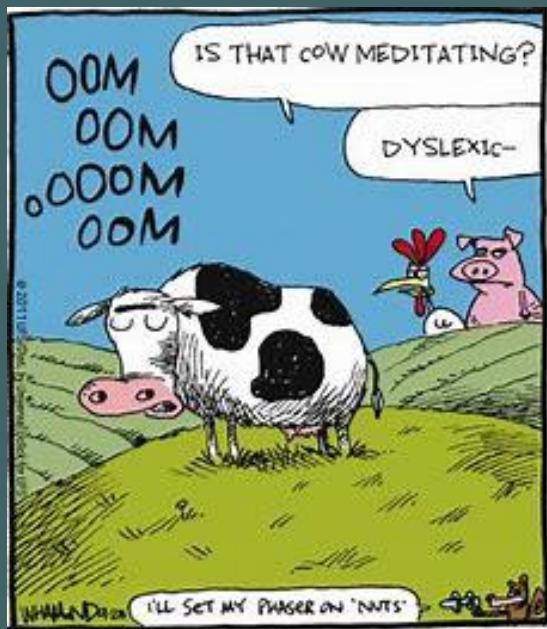
size. Studies have shown that exceptionally cold, long winters lead to heavier birthweights in calves, as the cow's body shunts blood to her core, including the placenta, to conserve heat. Conversely, cows gestating in extreme heat, such as fall calving cows who calve in August and early September in the southern half of the country tend to have lighter birthweights, owing to the same mechanism in reverse: Blood is being shunted away from the core to the extremities - skin, ears, feet, to help cool the cow, so blood supply to the placenta is reduced.

Heterosis is usually considered a good thing, and indeed it is. But too much of a good thing can lead to heavy calves at birth. Tremendous performance often starts in the womb....so just know what you're getting into when you select a sire to cross your calves with, if you are running a commercial herd.

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Calf birth weight	Dam breed
Cow pelvic area	Calf shape
Cow age	Cow nutrition
Calf sex	Season/temperature
Gestation length	Cow body condition
Cow weight	Calf presentation
Sire breed	Heterosis

Comedy Corner



Three cowboys of the world are sitting around camp talking about how tough they were and the tales kept getting bigger and bigger.

The cowboy from Australia says, "I wrestled a 200 pound crocodile and may it cry like a baby."

The Cowboy from Brazil shakes his head and says, "I killed a 400 pound steer with my bare hands."



The Cowboy from Texas just smiled and kept stirring the campfire with his leg.

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Long time Galloway former breeder Susan Moyer, of Houston, MO, died October 6, 2018. Her son-in-law Don McDowell provided the following summary of the Moyer's well-known breeding program, TBone Galloways.

"TBone Galloways - Bob and Sue Moyer - started in the mid 1960's at Carr, Colorado. They then moved to Snider, Colorado and then to Carpenter, WY, in 1969.

After arriving in Carpenter, they started developing blood lines off of Todd's Chieftain and Yucca Prince. Tbone's Chief 9 was probably the most successful, although Prince blood lines were quite successful. They worked very hard to promote the Galloway cattle, participating in fed cattle tests at Burlington, and Akron Co. Along with supplying cattle to the Beef cattle test at Clay Center Nebraska.

They exhibited cattle at the National Western both on the Hill and in the Yards, and in the carcass contest, along with shows at the Missouri State Fair, AKSARBEN at the Nebraska State fair, and the American Royal in Kansas City. Also at a the NILE in Billings, MT, and at the Black Hills Stock Show in Rapid City.

They also sold breeding stock and semen to the governments in Nova Scotia, and Rhodesia.

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Susan Moyer, continued

Inside the USA they sold breeding stock to almost every state in the lower 48. In 1978, they made the decision to move the operation from Carpenter, Wy, to Houston, Missouri. During the years that followed interest in Galloway cattle declined nationwide, and the TBone operation spread to crossbreeding programs with various breeds intended primarily to the club calf market, but right up to the end they held on to a small batch of select Galloway cattle. Even up to just a short few weeks before Sue's passing she was talking about trying to find some Galloway females that would still carry a good percentage of the Chief and Squaw bloodlines. She never gave up on her love of the Galloway. "

Calendar Update



The deadline for photo submissions for the 2019 AGBA calendar has been extended to November 10th. Get out your camera, or rummage through your photo files on your computer, and select some high quality photos to submit. If your photo is selected, you will be able to sponsor a month of the calendar for \$150. The calendars will be produced and distributed in lieu of an annual Directory. Photo files should be submitted to Michelle Blegen. The promotional committee will review photos for quality. Due to the large format of the calendars, the photo files must be 300 DPI minimum.


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Benefits of Showing Cattle

The benefits to young people of being involved in showing cattle are numerous. The daily routine of caring for and feeding the animal help to develop a work ethic, responsibility, and time management. Morning and evening feedings, daily combing, and halter breaking and leading the calf all require dedication and determination. Keeping one's eye on the show or shows that may yet be months in the future teach the value of delayed gratification, and sticking to a training plan. Keeping tabs of the feed bills develop recordkeeping skills and money management.

Family participation is a given....and a bonus! Today more than ever before, families need joint ventures to rally around, to participate in together. The family is the young showman's best encourager and cheer squad. And if the judging goes your way, the celebration becomes a family affair.

Will 2019 be the year of your first Show Calf Adventure?

Tariff Talk

When President Trump began announcing a series of tariffs on some key commodities and products with our global trading partners, the internet exploded with news articles predicting dire consequences for the US economy. The beef industry was no exception. Articles abounded about the disastrous effects the Trump Tariffs would have on beef producers in the USA.

For now, these news articles, (which really weren't 'news' at all, but rather prognostications,) have disappeared. After the June/ July window, articles about the tariffs dwindle precipitously, and not just articles related to the Beef sector. To be sure, some industries are hurting from the tariffs, and how it all plays out remains to be seen. But so far, the Beef sector of the Agriculture industry is holding its own. The chart at right compares total U.S. beef exports for the same two time periods in 2017 and 2018.

Additionally, the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) states that

(See Tariffs pg 6)

U.S. Beef Exports By Country				
U.S. Beef Exports		1,835,609,865	2,095,706,525	14.17%
Rank	Country	Jan. - Aug. 2017	Jan. - Aug. 2018	Change
1	Japan	561,955,441	602,982,520	7.30%
2	South Korea	297,243,864	432,268,399	45.43%
3	Mexico	271,685,458	296,261,595	9.05%
4	Canada	204,668,101	202,772,274	-0.93%
5	Hong Kong	185,832,406	186,879,777	0.56%
6	Taiwan	87,783,218	120,456,669	37.22%
7	Philippines	19,863,138	25,480,018	28.28%
8	Chile	22,500,723	20,741,536	-7.82%
9	Netherlands	25,470,463	18,962,814	-25.55%
10	Vietnam	19,730,170	18,416,019	-6.66%
11	China	1,495,392	13,750,108	819.50%
12	Indonesia	11,244,974	12,761,846	13.49%
13	Dom. Republic	12,360,867	11,754,625	-4.90%
14	UAE	10,111,146	11,139,295	10.17%
15	Guatemala	8,977,046	10,831,920	20.66%
16	Italy	10,730,956	8,146,687	-24.08%
17	Bahamas	6,419,431	6,783,805	5.68%
18	Colombia	4,398,291	6,679,108	51.86%
19	Germany	5,253,852	6,324,331	20.38%
20	Kuwait	5,257,458	5,900,955	12.24%

Source: ERS/USDA (pounds)

Youth Participation at Upcoming 2019 NWSS



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LEFT:

Brady Strand exhibited a percentage Galloway Heifer at the Minnesota State Fair in August 2018.

Brady Strand and Nolan McGaw from Mora, Minnesota are planning to exhibit their percentage Galloway Heifer calves at the 2019 NWSS.

If you are planning on attending the NWSS Junior Galloway Show, please be sure and let Shawn Schumacher know. Shawn and Joe's number is listed on page 14, 2019 Director's listing.

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