

The Galloway Dispatch



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Autumn 2008

AGBA Annual Meeting

In spite of the conspiracy of multiple factors to hamper the 2008 annual meeting, it was called to order at 7 PM on October 13 by Vice President Sarah Bowman in the Yellowstone Room, Metra Complex, Billings, MT. In a strange turn of events, the Galloway show was cancelled (more on that elsewhere), and several directors were unable to attend this year's meeting. But thanks to the perseverance of several directors from as far away as Pennsylvania and Michigan, the meeting went on to be a productive session from all accounts.



New officers were elected. They are: President, Sarah Bowman, WY. Vice-President, LeRoy Kindler, SD. Joyce Jones is Secretary/Treas.

Advertising was again on this year's agenda, and a committee has been organized to pursue utilizing some prominent online livestock

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"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."

~Jim Ryun

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About The NILE

For the first time in perhaps 22 years, the Galloway breed did not put on a show at the Northern Invitational Livestock Exposition, NILE, in Billings, MT. Because the Galloway show got moved to the day prior to the official opening of the NILE, many breeders understandably felt they could not justify the expense of getting themselves and their cattle to Montana for what would amount to very little public exposure.

Jim Grant, show superintendent, has enjoyed a grand working relationship with the directors of the NILE for many years, and has promised to work with the NILE staff to make certain that future Galloway shows will be slotted for much improved visibility and exposure.

So, see ya' next year in Billings!



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Are Your Cattle COOL ?

With the passage of the Farm Bill earlier this year, among the new features is the Country of Origin Labeling provision, or COOL.

COOL was originally proposed to address concerns of consumers who desire to know where their foods were produced, and also as an aid to producers to allow themselves to stand out in the marketplace.



In a nutshell, COOL requires the producer to supply affidavits that will travel with their live-stock as they are routed through the various stages of beef production. So the cow/calf producer will need to have some means of permanent, visible or electronic identification that can be used to associate an animal with the affidavit stating that the identified animals were born and raised in the U.S.A.

According to the Iowa Beef Center website, as a producer you will need to keep your record keeping skills honed, since producers could be audited by USDA to resolve uncertainties about an animal's origins. Keep your notes and documentation organized by year or by quarter. Records such as: Calf Birth recordbook, health papers, vaccination records or other health treatment records, shipping records, scale tickets, purchase and sales receipts. See the table below for additional suggestions for Minimum requirements and the Supporting materials each requires.

It will be up to every producer to devise an efficient system by which to identify calves and retain the identification documentation.

Minimum requirements	Supporting materials
Beginning and ending inventory by class, e.g., cows, bulls, bred heifers, virgin heifers, calves on cows, weaned calves, etc	Production records, balance sheet, vaccination and health records or bills, feed records or bills, Beef Quality Assurance certification
Individual breeding stock identification	Eartag, brand, tattoo
Number of calves born	Calving book, eartag calves
Number and description of incoming cattle by	Purchase receipts, scale tickets, identification
Number of sales or removals	Sales receipts, scale tickets, income statement
Record of deaths or missing cattle	Note in production records
Pen and pasture information	Site map with capacities



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Fun at the Fair

The Hipsher family of Cornucopia, WI, had a great showing at the Bayfield County Fair in August. Jody Hipsher's sister, Madeline, and the Hipsher's son Kyle, made a good showing in the ring with their Galloway steers, purchased from Blegen Galloways.

And once the competition entered the Carcass phase, those steers really excelled, with Kyle's steer garnering 2nd blue and Madeline's receiving 3rd blue.

Congratulations Madeline and Kyle, and one question: Have you picked out your steers for next year yet?



Madeline Rantala waits with her Galloway market steer at the county fair

Galloway!

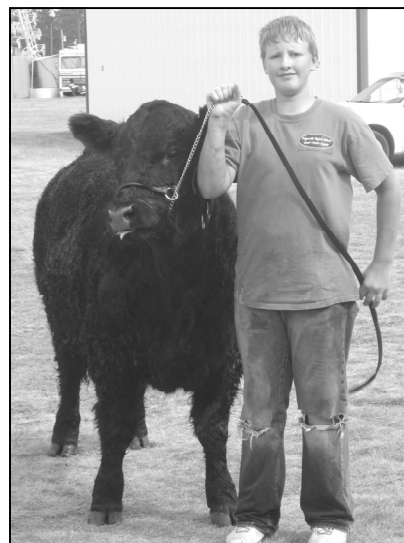


Forms, Forms, Forms,

<http://www.bovigen.com> Download the forms you need for DNA profiling. Also available on the AGBA website. Contact Bovigen Customer Service at 1-877-233-3362 if you have questions. Plan on about 4 weeks for DNA fingerprinting results of bulls. Other tests turn around in about 1 week.

<http://www.americangalloway.com> Download the forms you need to become a member or renew your membership.

<http://www.clrc.ca/index.shtml> Visit the CLRC website for .pdf forms and to do pedigree searches online



Kyle Hipsher with his Galloway market steer



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The National Western Stock Show

Galloway Entry Deadline is November 20, 2008

LeRoy Kindler is again Superintendent of this year's Galloway Show at the NWSS in Denver, CO. The Galloway breed is scheduled to begin arrival to the Denver facilities as early as Saturday, January 17, 7 AM. They must be in place by 7 PM the evening of January 17th. The **Galloway show will take place Monday, January 19th, 2 PM**. Cattle will begin release Tuesday, January 20 at 7 PM, with all cattle removed from the grounds no later than Wednesday the 21st at noon.

There are several classes available to accommodate several different calving windows; these classes were outlined in the Summer 2008 Dispatch, or you can view them at the NWSS website.

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Is this your **last issue** of *The Dispatch*? If your AGBA membership has lapsed, so will your subscription! Not sure if you are paid up? Visit the AGBA website Breeders' Directory. Only current members are listed. Paid up but not listed? Contact your regional Director.

AGBA 2008-09 Calendar

November 20
Entries due to NWSS

January 18, 2009
Party in the Pen at
Denver Stock Show

January 19, 2009
2pm Galloway Show at
NWSS

President's Box

Greetings Fellow Galloway Breeders,

My name is Sarah Bowman and once again I am the President of your Association, The American Galloway Breeders' Association. I have been President or Vice President of the Association for so many years now that I have lost count, but suffice it to say that this is my 15th year raising Galloways. I will open my first letter as this year's President with just some rambling thoughts about the AGBA and the Galloway breed.

First what is a breed association for? In my view the primary purpose is to preserve the genetic integrity of the Galloway breed by using available methods and safeguards that protect the gene pool and the buyer of Galloway genetics. Records of this should be kept in a herdbook that is readily available to all breeders. Secondary reasons: a vehicle to supply information about the breed and an organization for buyers to locate breeders from which to buy Galloway breeding stock. All of this needs to be sourced in a smooth running office. Every Association is run by a Board of Directors to help facilitate the above, and the AGBA is no different.

When I first started to raise Galloways the office was in Missoula, MT. My understanding is that the records had been collected from various sources by a group of Board Members, and that a large breeder, Bob Mullendore, had offered to take on the task of computerizing the herdbook and managing the office. As I started with my herd I found a smooth running, efficient office. They published a breeders list, so I could get in touch with other Galloway breeders. They sent out information to producers who made inquiries about the breed. And they had an extended pedigree option so that I could research genetics for a fee. Basically it was a functioning breed association.

I think I will take this opportunity to tell you what has happened in the Association in the last 8 years, as many members don't realize all that has been going on behind the scenes.

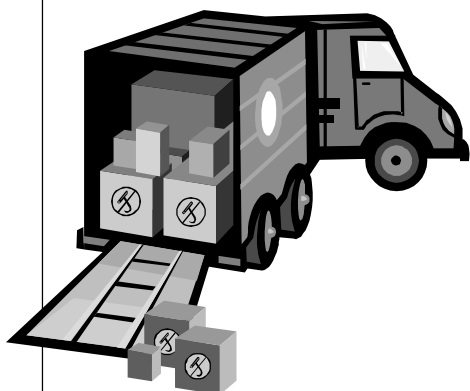
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The biggest change in the Association in the last eight years has been the relocation of the office. The AGBA has experienced the need to change office locations on several occasions. Always some member has either volunteered or has been under contract to run the office. This is a situation that is fraught with complications. Changing office location and personnel often leads to an office that is not as well run as we might like. The risk of records being misplaced or lost altogether is high in such a scenario. And constant retraining of personnel and members as to how the new office is being run creates unnecessary obstacles for members. None of this is good for the health and well being of any Association. By 2004 it became a goal for the Board of Directors to end this recurring scenario once and for all. The long search for a company that manages breed associations was launched with many proposals being obtained and considered. The fact that we are a very small Association with limited financial assets weighed heavily on the ability to pick a service that supplied what we needed. It was a chance encounter with a Canadian Galloway breeder and a Board of Director member of the CLRC that led to the investigation of how the CLRC could fill the AGBA's needs. It was a long drawn out process that took many hours of labor from the President of the AGBA. But the end product has certainly been worth it. For the first time in AGBA history we have a stable office that supplies all of our needs and will continue to do so for many decades to come.

We have had two important rule changes to the herdbook due to my strong desire to use modern technology to further safeguard the accuracy of the herdbook. As technology advances, Associations should use its products in a thoughtful manner to make their herdbook as accurate as possible. In 2000 the Board approved a change that requires all bulls born after December 31, 2000 to have their DNA fingerprint on file before any of its progeny can be registered. The Canadian Galloway Association, with whom we have a close working relationship, passed a similar change shortly afterward. This year the Board has taken this requirement one step further by requiring that all male progeny of bulls requiring DNA fingerprint to be on file be sire traced positively to the sire of record on the registration application. This was an easy change as there is no additional cost to the breeder other than the original cost of the required DNA fingerprint. This is a good idea and would have been thought of in due time, but was hastened along by Canada, who does spot DNA tests, finding a bull that could not pass his DNA test for parentage. This whole process consumed a lot of time from the Board Members. And the new rule will take care of this situation ever happening again.

In 2003 the AGBA developed a web site, which is a vital tool of any Association for the promotion of their breed. It greatly increases exposure of the breed and the ease in which interested parties can learn about our breed and how it can work for them. The web site was also devel-

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oped with group email capabilities, providing a vehicle for members to communicate with all breeders at once.

Breed promotional activities: Brochures and pamphlets have been now been reproduced to allow the Association to continue to send out information to interested parties and make available at shows and exhibitions. This was an arduous task since much of the previous work on the information had been lost in an office move and had to be tracked down at the original graphic design firm. Steps have been taken to limit this sort of thing happening again. The Breeders Directory that had lapsed has been brought back to life and is included in this issue of The Dispatch. It will be included in the fall issue every year so make sure to get your dues in on time. A new member insert will be included in other issues as needed.

In addition to regular advertising in The Stockman Grass Farmer, the AGBA has lent its financial support for the efforts of breeders promoting the breed at large venues such as shows, conferences and field days. Examples include: the 2004 International Galloway Show, The

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World Beef Expo, the NAILE Show, NILE Show, Bull Pen and Galloway show at the NWSS, the Grass Genetics Showcase and Conference in Nebraska, Field Days at Fulton Farms, semen donation to North Dakota University, financial support for the publication of newsletters, and financial support for the book published on the history of our breed in the U.S. This is not an exhaustive list, but you get the point!

As far as internal housekeeping matters, the Board of Directors has cleaned up the BY-LAWS which were quite fractured owing to many revisions approved over the years without consolidation into one polished document. This made for a confusing mess, but one that has been addressed and rectified, so all is well here now.

And that is, in a very brief synopsis, where the Association has been. But where is it headed?

The AGBA has been definitely been honed and refined, so now what?

The Association's website is something of great importance. As we all know it has aged and has been in need of some attention. I will take this opportunity to tell you that indeed the AGBA

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will be launching a new site very soon. I know that you will all be impressed. It is going to be easy to operate and easy to modify. There will be a page for members to place classified ads for a minimal fee. Additionally there will be the opportunity to place larger display ads if a breeder is so inclined. Revenues from ads will cover website expenses, which once the design and launch phase are complete, will be fairly minimal. We expect the ad revenues to eventually cover the design costs, and then begin to add to the AGBA's operating budget.

While a strong Web presence is critical, and does provide tremendous exposure, additional advertising venues are needed. These may include ads run in printed and web publications, organizing or participating in field days or having booths set up at major cattle producer forums. Every Land Grant university with an animal science department usually has some sort of special program annually for cattle producers, with a trade show being a major component. Galloway producers who wish to staff a booth for the AGBA would be welcomed and offered assistance.

An association such as ours runs on the volunteer efforts of its members, and we need to get more breeders involved. Increasing



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'e-zines'.

As an editorial note on the advertising matter, if you do not yet have a website for your farm, please give it serious consideration! Your exposure will be multiplied exponentially, as will the Galloway breed's.

President Sarah Bowman has a lengthy address in this issue, and many of the agenda items discussed at the meeting are addressed in her missive.

Russ and Susan Waples



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member involvement will lead to the generation of new ideas and a ramping up of the association's momentum. The AGBA needs to support members financially on projects they want to pursue to promote Galloways as a breed.

To propel all of this we need to have a Board of Directors that is more active and more effective. This last point is the key reason why I asked to be President for this year. (The only time since I have been on the Board of Directors that someone has actually requested the job!).

For far too long the Board of Directors has consisted of mainly the same members, the ones that make the time and financial commitment to go to the annual meeting in October. It is my firm belief that there are many breeders out there that are willing to be a part of building the Association, but just don't have the time or resources to leave their farms and go to meetings.

It is also my belief that the Board could be more effective by having more frequent meetings. My plan is to facilitate Director participation by employing conference calls as a means of holding additional meetings to address issues and new ideas as they arise. To accomplish this we will have to have a strong set agenda so we can limit the length of the conference call meeting. Everyone will notify the President in advance as to what they want on the agenda well before the meeting. This will be published so the other Directors can think of the items and be ready to respond. We will be having the first conference call of the Directors in December. The main topics of this call will be the approaching Denver Stock show, the new web site and an advertising update from the committee. I plan on having these conference call Directors meetings three times a year, with one following the general annual meeting and two more to check up on the projects the Board has decided to tackle for the year, and also projects that have been brought up during the year. I hope to get more members running for positions on the Board if they no longer need to leave the comfort of their own home. Surly there are some of you out there that will help the AGBA grow and prosper. And I will be requiring more from each member of the Board of Directors.



Now let me drift away from my topic of the Association. How about our wonderful breed? There are circumstances colliding at this time which Galloway breeders can capitalize upon. Baby boomers are beginning to retire and many are returning to a rural life. Interested in their health and their food supply, they are supporting the small farmer in greater numbers by purchasing directly from them. And many of these retirees are becoming small farmers themselves, and looking for low-maintenance cattle for their homestead.

For the past few years the increasing interest in Galloways has been from the rapidly growing Grass-fed industry. As the fastest growing segment of the cattle industry, it has seen double

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It's STEW Time!

2# Galloway Stew meat

1 medium onion, chopped

6 carrots, sliced diagonally

1 cup tomato juice

6 stalks celery, sliced diagonally

1/4 cup sugar

3 TBSP tapioca

Combine everything in a Dutch oven or similar pot with tight fitting lid. Cover and place in 250 degree oven for 5 hours...no peeking! Serve this thick hearty stew on a bed of mashed potatoes for a complete meal that will tame any winter's evening.

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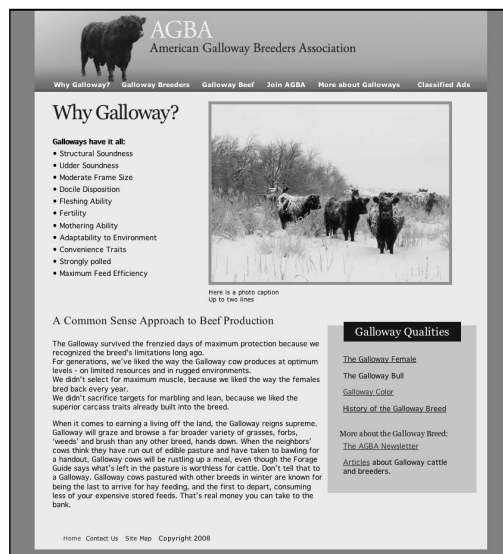
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New Website Nearing Completion

The new AGBA website is in full production now, and is really looking sharp. It promises to sport a fresh look, possess easy navigation features and be user friendly for all browser platforms.

Harley Blegen, Sarah Bowman and Judy Decker have been serving on a small committee to liaison with the designer. We will be able to keep current breeders' lists available on the site for easy download, as well as back issues of *The Galloway Dispatch*, and registration forms. The site is intended to answer basic questions that visitors have about Galloway cattle. It includes several links to articles of interest, and these will be updated as is relevant. There is also a page for links or stories about Galloway breeders or Galloway cattle that have been in the news, so notify your Director of stories that can be linked to by the AGBA website.

This greyscale snapshot of one of the preliminary pages hardly does the site justice, but should serve to whet your appetite!





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At the 2009 Denver Stock Show, DD Ranch Galloways will again be hosting their popular "Party in the Pen", where cattle producers, Galloway and otherwise (!) can meet and greet one another, grab some hearty snacks and catch up on some of the latest news in the cattle industry.



The event is well-received each and every year, and often the DD Ranch does some advance advertising to promote the event. In past years there has been a loudspeaker announcement to notify NWSS attendees that The Party in the Pen is about to begin!

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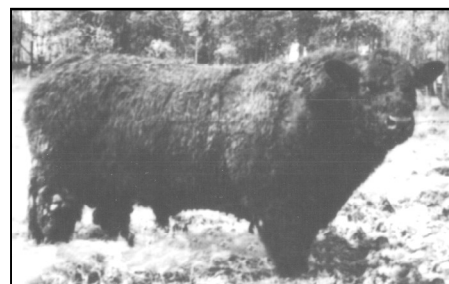


Snapshot of Trapper

Snapshot of Trapper was herd bull at Brass Ring Galloways for many years where he sired many calves that excelled at the NILE in Billings. This November we will be offering two 3/4 brothers to Snapshot of Trapper, as well as five bulls that are 1/2 brothers to Geordawn Axel.

This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to secure such powerful genetics for your herd in a single bull. Each of these ET bulls will sire excellent feeder calves for the commercial producer, as well as top notch replacements and foundation animals.

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digit gains annually for the last several years. Sales of Galloway females in the Midwest have been very brisk into this industry, with demand our pacing supply.

For far too long, the cattle industry has been supported by cheap grain, cheap fuel and cheap fertilizer. Producers were sucked into the production methods supporting the end product of big calves with huge weaning weights that produced an ever increasing paycheck at sale time (but not necessarily profit!). This model was sourced to the big cow that had to be supplemented by the cheap grain to be able to produce this big calf. Since the advent of an ethanol policy by the government, corn prices have exploded. Added to this is the sharp increase in the price of oil which in turn has led to huge costs increases for anything derived from it i.e. gas, diesel, fertilizer etc. Suddenly the calls I receive are from producers keenly interested in lowering their cost of production, both in the form of overhead and labor. Many of them are old enough that they had Galloway blood in their herd many years ago before turning to large exotics. Or they remember that their grandfather had them and how much less work they were. Anyway they are calling and that is the important point.

There is NO BREED that is better able to supply these two segments of the industry with the product they need. Galloways are leaders in low cost wintering (the single greatest cost in cattle production). Research has shown that animals with a longer winter coat require less feed. Research has also shown that the Galloway will eat a vastly wider array of plants that other cattle will not touch. They are one of only a few breeds classified as browsers. DNA markers for feed efficiency show that Galloways also excel in this trait. Research in Canada shows Galloways to have one of the best cost of gains of any breed.

The Galloway is the oldest and purest breed, as pointed out in Beef Magazine. As such there is no other breed that supplies as much hybrid vigor in a cross breeding program. The producer can literally reduce the size and maintenance requirements of the cow he is supporting by having a Galloway X cow and rely on hybrid vigor to keep his calf crop tipping the scale at cost effective, profit-making weights.

Galloways marble first before putting on back fat, yielding premium carcasses for the mainstream beef industry, and it is these same marbling characteristic that can contribute to the health and eating qualities that are so promoted in the grass-fed industry. And all of this is packaged in a very maternal breed that delivers easy calving to boot. Galloways are poised to become the breed of choice for both segments of the cattle industry. Fellow breeders, with your help and the resources of the American Galloway Breeders' Association, the time is right for the resurgence of the Galloway breed in America.

Sarah Bowman, President

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