

The Galloway Dispatch



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Winter 2006-07

In Memory of Duane Galloway

The American Galloway Breeders Association, and the Galloway breed, lost a fine man December 20th, 2006. G. Duane Galloway, who was serving his second term as a director, passed away unexpectedly at home.

For those of us who knew Duane even a little, there is little doubt as to his considerate and discerning nature. The AGBA certainly benefited from his diplomacy and professionalism, the same talents he used in his career in Environmental Law for the City (please see page 2)

Denver 2007

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Dedicated Breeders Take Galloway to Denver



"Everyone should be extremely pleased with the way the Galloway breed was represented at the Denver Stock Show," said Leroy Kindler, Show Superintendent for the 2007 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Galloway Show. Leroy reports that the cattle were all immaculately cleaned and clipped and were shown with a high degree of professionalism.

Out of the 34 head entered, 29 were exhibited at the 2007 National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO. The Galloway show occurred relatively early in the week, a fact that Leroy would like to see changed for next year's show. Owing to the back-to-back snowstorms that sandwiched this year's NWSS, Leroy felt that traffic through the show was down from last year.

There were a couple of planned social times for the Galloway breeders to sit back and cool their heels (or was that to warm their toes?) from the chores of keeping their show strings and stalls looking top notch. "Everyone had a really good time", says Leroy.

Ben Elliott, of La Salle, CO, judged the show. He was very complimentary of the classes of cattle and had plenty of good comments to make regarding the high quality of cattle that had been brought to the show. Bob Airth deftly handled the announcer's position, and Robert Ballantyne served as ringman. A big 'Thank You' to these two gentlemen for their help in these areas.

And what's on deck for next year's NWSS Galloway show? There is a plan afoot to increase premium monies from the AGBA, to officially add a Junior Showmanship Class, and to add both a Carcass Class and a Prospect Steer Class. This last addition has Leroy literally percolating with excitement. The steers in this class would undergo ultrasounding a day or two prior to the show, and would be judged solely on their carcass (continued page 10)

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Utilities of Springfield, MO. Duane is credited with proposing and bringing to fruition a citizen-based group to monitor and protect Springfield's water supply, given the area's karst geological makeup and a history of contamination by septic systems. Today citizens can visit a Watershed Center at Valley Watermill in north Springfield and learn about the unique challenges the terrain of cave country presents to water quality management. Funding for this center was obtained through Duane's conscientious work with the Public Utilities and the federal government, which eventually supplied grant monies for its establishment.

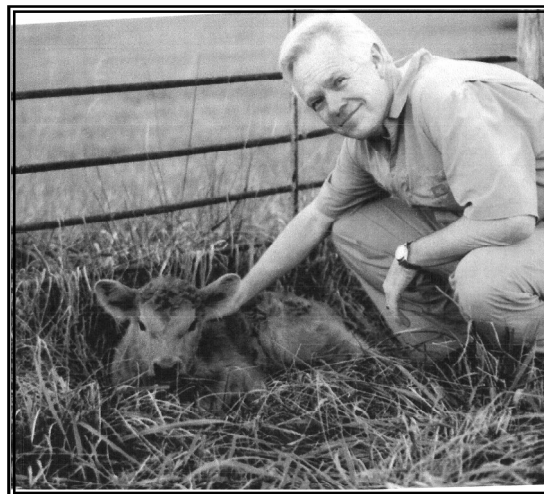
Duane was passionate about the Galloway breed. Wife Becky notes that he began raising Galloways not because of the name, but out of a life-long desire to do so. While in high school, Duane had read about the Galloway breed in a book, and never forgot them. Finally in 1999, after purchasing a farm east of Springfield, he set his hand to the wheel and began developing his own herd of Galloway cattle.

Duane went on to learn artificial insemination, and utilized semen from different bulls whose progeny showed great carcass merit. Females were retained to grow the herd, and indeed there are several TOGS prefixed cattle in the AGBA herdbook today.

TOGS Farm received its name, Becky tells me, because she knows that Duane was 'The One God Sent'. They were married in 1995, Duane's first wife having previously died of cancer.

Duane, you are missed greatly by all who knew you. But all who knew you know you have gone on to the greenest of all pastures, so until later...

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2007 Grand Champion Bull

Suncrest Railroad



2007 Grand Champion Heifer

K Topaz



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Galloway Breeders Garner Celebrity Status at 2006 Agribition

Ask Harley and Michelle Blegen about their experience showing Galloway cattle at the 2006 Canadian Western Agribition, and you're likely to hear something along the lines of 'completely unexpected!'

Blegen's bull Brass Ring HB Raider, Grand Champion at the 2006 NILE Galloway show, was purchased by Plato Land and Cattle Co, Three Hills, Alberta, and Big Deal Galloways, also of Alberta. Since Raider was on his way to Canada, Agribition seemed a logical stop along the way.

When the Blegens decided to take Raider and a Galloway heifer over the Canadian border to show at Agribition, they were told to expect some excitement on the part of the media, as these would be the first U.S. cattle to cross the border since it closed over 3 years ago due to concerns with BSE. But nothing could have prepared the Blegens for what awaited them.

Not only were Harley and Michelle greeted with open arms by officials at Agribition, but by multiple newspaper and radio and television news station reporters as well. They also attended the Premier Lorne Calvert's sponsorship banquet held in the rotunda of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building!

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Harley and Michelle Blegen with the Premier Lorne Calvert

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



Michelle Blegen and Brass Ring HB Raider at Agribition, 2006. Canada.



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Heifer Calves 4/06 - 6/06

- 1- K Loise
K Galloways, Superior, CO
- 2- Brass Ring Sunny
DD Ranch, Ft Lupton, CO
- 3- Bar R Gallant Ina (11S)
Bar R Galloways, Alden, MN

Heifer Calves 1/06 - 3/06

- 1- K Laney
K Galloways, Superior, CO
- 2- DD Ranch's Sonoma
DD Ranch, Ft Lupton,
- 3- SCR Surry
Sunny C Ranch, Oak Harbor,

More NWSS Results

2006 Bull Calves born after 7/1/06

- 1- DD Ranch's Lucky 7
DD Ranch, Ft Lupton, CO
- 2- SCR Alpa
Sunny C Ranch, Oak Harbor, WA

2006 Bull Calves 04/02-6/06

- 1- K Panda
K Galloway, Newell, SD
- 2- Brass Ring Socrates
DD Ranch, Ft Lupton, CO
- 3- Bar R Sexton
Bar R Galloways, Alden, MN

Champion Heifer Calf

Champion - K Laney,
K Galloways, Superior CO

Reserve Champion - DD Ranch's Sonoma
DD Ranch, Ft Lupton, CO

Heifers Calved October - December 2005

- 1- Suncrest Raven
Suncrest Farm, Macks Creek MO
- 2- Suncrest Rebel
Suncrest Farm, Macks Creek, MO
- 3- SCR Ruffles
Sunny C Ranch, Oak Harbor, WA

Heifers Calved July - September 2005

- 1- Suncrest Raindrop
Suncrest Farm, Macks Creek, MO

Heifers Calved January - March 2005

- 1 - K Topaz
K Galloway, Newell, SD
- 2- SCR Ruth
Andres Family Farm, Ashland, MT

"This morning it was -14 below zero with -35 wind chills. All the Galloway cows and heifers were out laying in the cold windy weather and my Angus were all hiding in the pole shed. "

Angus breeder who wishes to remain anonymous!

Complete NWSS Galloway Show Results are available online at the NWSS website,
<http://www.nationalwestern.com>. Click on EVENT RESULTS,
then select YARDS OPEN BREEDING, Galloway



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Brass Ring Galloways Featured in Regional Livestock Publication

Russ and Susan Waples and their Brass Ring Galloways recently made a successful showing in the *Winter 2007 Cattle Journal*, a publication of the *Tri-State Livestock News*.

The article contained several of the Waples comments regarding Galloway do-ability and carcassing traits. They confided to the reporter that when they bought their place in the 1980's, they knew they were buying some pretty poor ground, with plenty of salt grass and swamp grass and not so much of the premium grasses Montana is famous for. Intent on stocking their ranch with a breed of cattle that could make do in this setting, they researched breeds until they discovered the Galloway.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

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COWBOY HUMOR

The cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh Tucson theatre. When the usher came by and noticed this he whispered to the cowboy, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The cowboy groaned but didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager.

The cowboy just groaned.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police.

The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the cowboy moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice Sam replied "the balcony."

<http://sonoitaaz.com/community/humor.htm>

Are We Saying Goodbye?

This issue of *The Galloway Dispatch* will be your last if you are not current on your dues! Please check with Ron Black at (613) 731-7110 or email him at clrc@clrc.ca

If you have overlooked your Active Member or Associate Member dues, time is running out! **We hate goodbyes...**so why not take a moment right now to send your membership request to the AGBA, c/o Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, ON K1V 0M7 CANADA

A Membership forms is included on the back page of this newsletter! It is helpful to fill one of these out so that your most current contact information is recorded in the membership records. Active memberships are \$80, Associate is \$20. Juniors \$5. Each includes quarterly issues of *The Dispatch*. Registration fees are markedly increased for Associate and Non-members, so read over the application form carefully when determining your level of involvement. **Also, non-paid up members' names are about to be removed from the online directory and from the 'members email' group...**so don't wait too long to renew! Thank you.



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The Future of the Feed Factor

Ethanol.

You can hardly open a farm publication or hear a farm news radio station these days without hearing the magical word 'Ethanol' being touted as the answer to America's energy needs and savior of the American grain farmer. Ethanol plants are already under construction in multiple locations throughout the U.S., with investors pounding the pavement seeking venture capitalists for a staggering 116 prospective plants in the U.S. as of May 2006 (*Ethanol Producer Magazine*, May 2006 issue). Corn consumption by ethanol plants in 2008 is projected to be 2.4 billion bushels. But at least one analyst believes that the demand will likely be more than double the projected needs, or 5.5 billion bushels of corn, in 2008.

Lester Brown, founder of the Earth Policy Institute, crystallizes the issue in a single statement: "In a sense, your refrigerator is stuffed with corn that has been converted into livestock products in one way or another....What happens to corn prices... very much affect(s) the prices at the supermarket..."

But what isn't likely to be noticed by consumers is the higher production costs this corn boon causes for livestock producers. Poultry, pork and beef all rely heavily on corn as the main energy source for production. But of the three, only beef has the option of 'opting out' of a reliance on corn.

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Is That Load Insured?

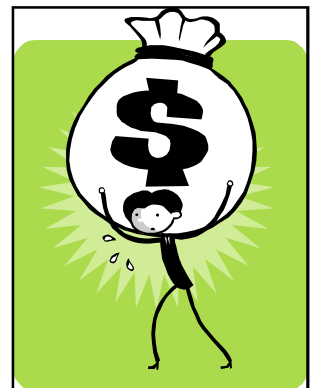
If you're reading this newsletter, chances are you have hauled, or will haul, cattle at some point in your life. The value of those animals can range from \$500 to \$25,000, and upwards, depending on what and how many you're hauling.

A common assumption among livestock owners is that since their trailer is insured, the cargo inside it is likewise insured. Such is not always the case!

A cattleman in Kansas learned this the hard way when his 20 -foot gooseneck trailer was broadsided at an intersection in town, crushing the back one-third of the unit, and killing four of the five 500-pound weaned calves riding in that compartment. Assuming the coverage on the trailer would cover the calves, he submitted the claim to his insurance agent. The claim was promptly denied. The reason? His insurance policy covering the trailer did not have a rider associated with it for trailer cargo.

If you presently have coverage on your trailer through your farm or automobile policy, please check it today for coverage limitations. If the policy does not specifically state 'cargo' in association with coverage of the trailer, and if you do not find a rider specifically stating that cargo is being added as an insured item associated with the trailer, contact your insurance agent soon and set your policy straight.

Its not just peace of mind; its good business sense!





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More NWSS Results

Bull Calves born 1/06 - 3/06

- 1- Wayside Valley Jack Frost
Andres Family Farm, Ashland, MT
- 2 - DD Ranch's Steamboat
DD Ranch, Ft Lupton, CO

Champion and Res. Champion Bull Calf

Champion - K Panda,
K Galloways, Newell, SD

RES. Champion - Brass Ring Socrates,
DD Ranch, Ft. Lupton, CO

Grand Champion Bull

Suncrest Railroad
Suncrest Farm

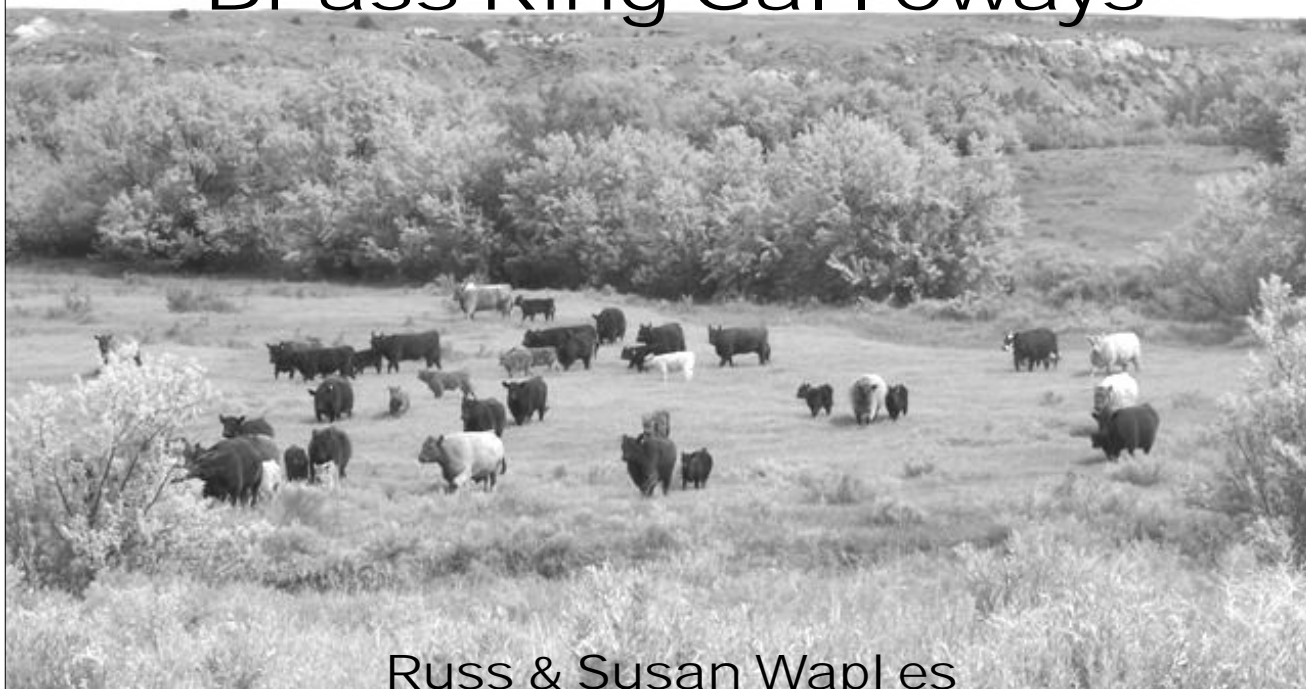
Reserve G.C. Bull

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Junior Memberships

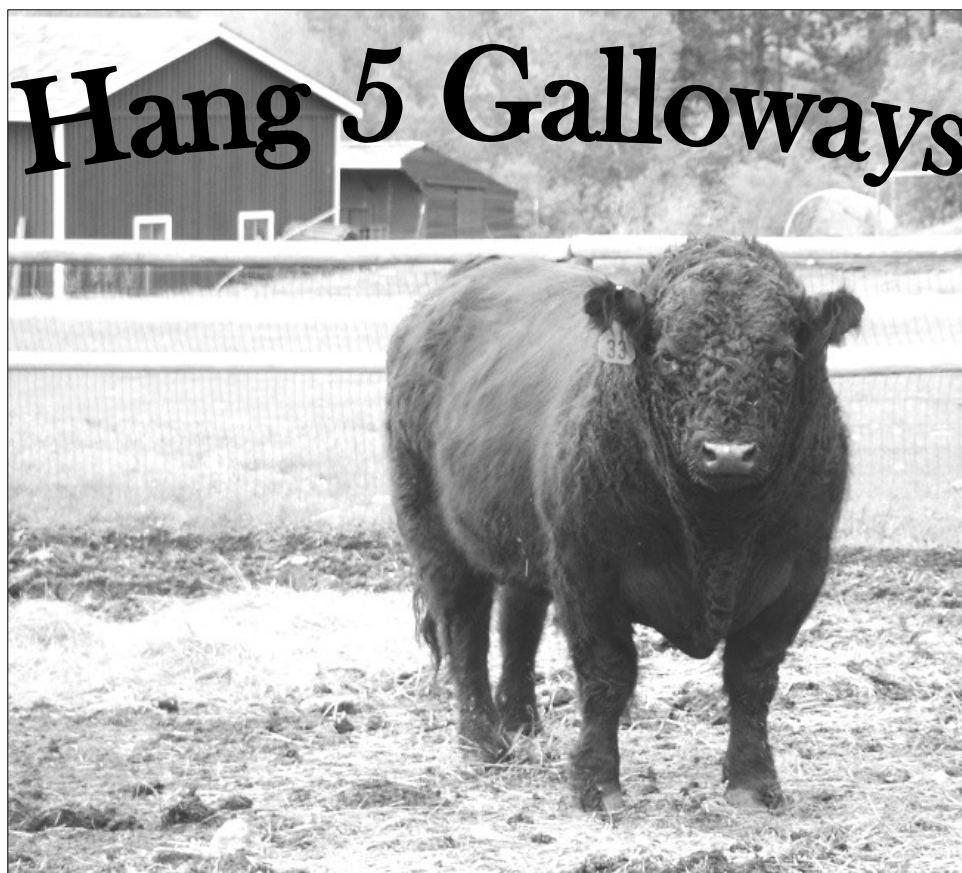
Board members Jerry Stephens and Leroy Kindler have taken on the matter of Junior Members in the AGBA, ready to breathe new life into the organization that will cultivate the next generation of Galloway breeders.

While the By-laws have always provided for Junior memberships, Jerry and Leroy are proceeding with plans to offer official Junior classes at the National Western Stock Show in Denver beginning in 2008. The Junior classes would be sanctioned by the AGBA and oversight would be by the Galloway Superintendent.

Junior memberships are priced at an affordable \$5 per year. If the Junior member does not reside in the home of a full or associate member of the AGBA, he or she will receive their own copy of The Galloway Dispatch. The Junior membership, like the Associate membership, does not confer voting rights, but they will be welcome to attend the annual meeting if they choose.

This year at Denver, Leroy, along with board member Gayle Cerullo, orchestrated a spontaneous Junior show to accommodate the enthusiastic youngsters that were on hand with their parents. Gayle reports that the kids had a great time, did a super job, and are each well on their way to becoming excellent ambassadors for the Galloway breed.

Visit the AGBA website to sign up your young Galloway enthusiasts as a Junior member with the AGBA today!



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\$5 Junior

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 2007
Calendar

**Have a Great
Calving Season!**

President's Box

Greetings fellow Galloway Producers,

Judy asked if I could write a few words for this issue of the Dispatch. I warned her if I found a "soapbox", she may have to double the issue.

For those of you that don't know me very well, I started my Galloway herd as a 4-H project when I was 12, this year makes it 25 years. So, I do get a little passionate about the cattle sometimes.

These are pretty exciting times for Galloway breed. With the projected cost of corn, and other feedstuffs, you have to ask yourself. "What better time to promote a breed with **proven** feed efficiency"? The industry should start to demand more feed efficient cattle. We should all try to put this in our own ads that we do individually. That way when the public sees the word Galloway, they think efficiency, and visa versa. I saw an ad the other day for the American Simmental Association. The ad was stressing the feed efficiency of the Simmental breed... excuse the pause, I have to stop laughing before I can continue. The "Range Holsteins" have come along way, but not that far.

The directors have been working on a few proposals; Junior memberships, addition of classes and premium monies to our existing shows, and a fairly complex addition of registration certificates for Galloway-influenced cattle. Now don't worry, this is not a "Breeding Up" program. These animals and their offspring will never become anything more than just that, Galloway influenced. We look at it as a way to promote the use of Galloway breeding stock in the commercial cattle industry. We are in the process of hammering out the details, and coming up with an acceptable name.

My hat is off to Steve, and all of those involved in the difficult transition with the new office. They have made tremendous strides in getting the AGBA into position to advance forward in the future.

I hope everyone's winter has gone well. I know some areas are getting more winter than they are used to, while others are having a mild one. At the time of writing this we have high temperatures in the 20-30 degrees on the plus side of zero. This is a luxury we are not used to. For those of you that are experiencing true winter, "Be thankful you have Galloways"

We are getting ready for calving to start any day now. I hope everyone has a successful calving season and profitable bull sales.

Promoting Galloways

Harley Blegen

Vice-President

American Galloway Breeders' Association



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And in an effort to keep their strength up, the Blegens attended another banquet during their visit, the International Banquet held at the Regina's Casino.

Gosh, hard to believe they had time to show cattle! But they did, and both Raider and the Blegen's heifer took Reserve Champion in their respective classes.

Congratulations Harley and Michelle!

Heard in the Renaissance Farms Ltd Mailroom:

Judy and Bill,

Wow! Last night I marinated your filets in teriyaki and ginger and then grilled them, along with using apple and hickory wood chips in the grill's smoker box. The filets melted in our mouths! My wife and I were beyond impressed with the rich flavor, color and texture of your beef. I'm so glad I found you.

**Shad Rockstad
Founder, AmericasBestBBQ.com
Kansas City**



"What's In YOUR Freezer?"

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merits. The day of the show, these steers would be lined up in order of their placing and awarded their ribbons. Steers for this class would need to be born during 2007. And remember, a prospect steer at the 2008 NWSS could then return the following year to compete in the 2009 carcass contest as long as the animal meets a proposed 12-23-month age requirement.

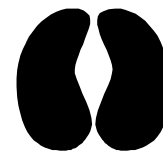
Steers in the proposed Carcass Class would be entered in the 2008 NWSS Carcass Contest. Leroy recommends having any such prospects ultrasounded prior to committing them to the feeding process as this is the common practice in today's world of high-tech show industry. You'll want to be sure the animal you select has the ribeye and marbling potential to be a competitor! Stay tuned for future announcements regarding these proposed classes.

Regarding ultrasound, the ultrasound technician who does the ultrasounding for various breeds' ultrasound carcass classes will ultrasound any animal for \$15 per head. This is an excellent opportunity to see what's 'under the hide' and evaluate your bulls and females accordingly.

A special event at this year's show was a Junior Showmanship Class that Leroy and Gayle Cerullo quickly put together to accommodate some gung-ho young Galloway enthusiasts. First place was Neela Andre, of Ashland, MT. Following her were Jon Andre, Spencer Rutledge, and Kyla Andre. The judge was extremely encouraging to the kids and praised them on their budding show skills.

A big **Thank You** to Clay and Kathy Salter, Suncrest Farm, for sponsoring a leather show halter for

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As ruminants, beef animals can be produced entirely on grasses and forbs. In fact, no big surprise here, that is exactly what they are designed to do!

The decades following WWII resulted in cheap fertilizers (produced from retro-fitted gunpowder plants) and affordable farm machinery that permitted corn to be produced in quantities that far exceeded the market's need. Cattle (and hogs) began to be employed as a means of converting cheap corn into a more valuable protein source, and cattle producers began to introduce large Continental breeds into the primarily English breeds that populated the U.S. at the time in an effort to produce more meat per animal (i.e. consume more cheap corn). As frame sizes and mature weights soared, and feedlots began to spring up across the Midwest, corn consumption by cattle rose significantly. At some point the balance shifted away from growing cattle to eat excess corn to growing corn to feed cattle, with hogs and poultry rounding out the menu.

Will we see
cattle producers
begin to shy
away from the
giants the
industry has
bred for the past
35 years?

Given the figures on proposed ethanol plants and their corn demand, higher grain prices are not likely to go away soon. And as corn prices rise, prices for feeder cattle trend downward, ultimately lowering the income from feeder steers whose input costs are higher than for the previous year's steers which, incidentally,

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More NWSS Results

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer

Grand Champion - K Topaz

K Galloway, Newell, SD

Reserve Gr. Champion - Suncrest Raindrop

Suncrest Farm, Macks Creek, MO



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2- K Galloway, Newell, SD



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the first place Junior Showman, and **Thank You** to Gayle Cerullo and the Sunny C Ranch for her generosity in sponsoring the prizes for the remaining Junior Show class participants.

Another note of interest was brought up by Gayle Cerullo, who tells us that this was the first time ever for the Belted Galloways to show at Denver. In all there were eight head, including bulls, heifer calves, bred heifers and a cow/calf pair.

Now is the time to start thinking about the 2008 NWSS in Denver. Start eyeing your upcoming calves and evaluate them for their show potential. Develop a plan for growing them into the prize winning show animals they can be.

Plan on attending the Galloway show next year. Even if you cannot bring animals, you will thoroughly enjoy meeting your fellow breeders and helping to promote the breed.

Finally, the AGBA owes a tremendous **Thank You to Leroy Kindler**, who generously donated the Champion and Reserve Champion Jackets and Vests for the deserving exhibitors. And also for his diligent work on our behalf with the management of the NWSS for many months to bring the Galloway show to fruition. Call Leroy at 605-456-2924. His enthusiasm is catching!



DD Ranch



2007 NWSS Champion Cow-Calf, sired by HZ Atomic

We Wish to Thank:

Russ and Susan Waples, Brass Ring Galloways,
for the fine black Bull Calf Brass Ring Socrates
and dun Heifer Brass Ring Sunny.

Russel Horvey, AB, and Kate Hallawell, Australia, for their
excellent help at Denver.

Suncrest Farm for allowing us to purchase Suncrest Raindrop, bred
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sold for better money in that previous year. So now the producer faces a decrease in net income, if not a loss, for the same steer.

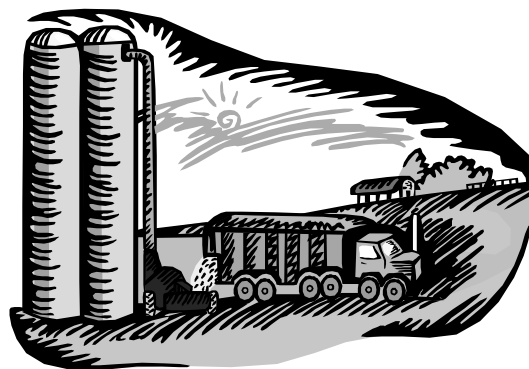
Now that cattle have some serious corn competition in the form of the ethanol plant, will we see cattle producers begin to shy away from the giants the industry has bred for the past 35 years? Might they return to the more moderate, efficient cow that can make it year round on pasture alone, and whose calf can finish on grass if need be?

Unrelated to the price of feed grains, the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) program announced last fall that it was capping carcass sizes at <1000 pounds, and will begin focusing on limiting backfat thickness.

Imagine what a good black Galloway bull could do for a herd of black Angus cows needing to moderate carcass weights and decrease backfat thickness in their calves without sacrificing marbling. (It's called a no-brainer.)

Oblivious to the grain markets, the Galloway breed continues to go about its usual business, grazing with quiet, unrivaled efficiency. Still largely true to its original type, the thrifty, modest sized, independent Galloway is willing and able to thrive in a 'grain-free' world of beef production. Afterall, its been at it for five centuries.

Galloway: Where the past leads the way to the future.



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- 2- Sunny C Ranch
- 3- Bar R Galloways



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The Waples did a an excellent job of listing the traits of the Galloway that make it such a superb beef animal, including the haircoat that undoubtedly contributes to the higher marbling to backfat ratio that the breed is well known for.

One of their home-raised bulls, Brass Ring El Nino, is still in the herd siring excellent calves at the age of 12 years, an excellent example of the breed's long reproductive life. And if you've ever heard those stories about Galloway being rather clannish and protective but wondered if they're true, the Waples recounted one such event in the article. Several winters ago their Galloway cows were settling in to eat a freshly unrolled bale of hay. In the group were two **non**-Galloway cows. When a coyote passed by upwind of the cows, the entire mob of Galloway cows smelled him and rushed off in his direction, presenting a formidable wall of shag and hooves. The coyote beat it on out of there, and the cows returned to their hay, where the two non-Galloway cows had contentedly remained the entire time, oblivious to the events going on around them.

Lastly, the article concludes with a summary of the Meat Animal Research Center taste panel results. "The superior carcass is what drives everything", Russ is quoted as saying. "It is superior in tenderness and flavor."

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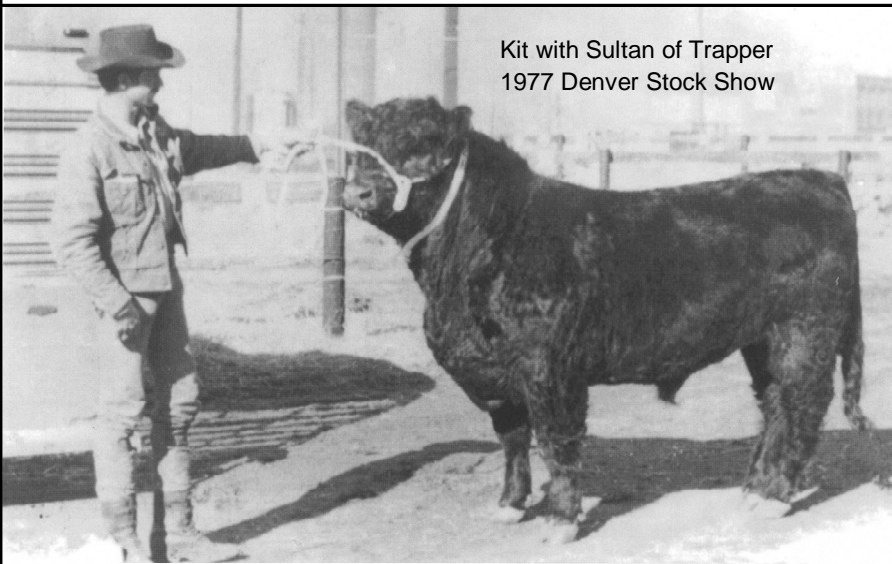
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