

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009



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NOTICE TO BUYERS AND SELLERS OF BREEDING CATTLE

Sellers of purebred and registered animals of recognized breeds in Canada, are bound by the ***Animal Pedigree Act***. A list of recognized breeds and authorized breed associations is available from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada website (<http://www.agr.gc.ca/redmeat/apamain.htm>).

The ***Animal Pedigree Act*** makes it a federal offence to sell an animal of a recognized breed as, **purebred, registered, or eligible to be registered** if it is not. An exception may exist where a foreign registered animal is clearly represented as such to the buyer.

The term “**purebred**” is a confirmation of genetic background and adherence to breed characteristics, in accordance with requirements of the Act and the bylaws of the authorized breed association. The term “**registered**” is confirmation that all the rules of eligibility of the authorized breed association in Canada have been met. If an animal of a recognized breed is sold as **purebred, registered or eligible to be registered**, the seller is obligated to provide a duly transferred certificate of registration to the buyer not later than six (6) months after the sale.

AVIS AUX ACHETEURS ET AUX EXPLOITANTS DE BOVINS DE REPRODUCTION

Les vendeurs d'animaux de race pure et à pedigree de races reconnues au Canada sont liés par la ***Loi sur la généalogie des animaux***. Une liste des races reconnues et des associations de race autorisées est disponible sur le site web d'Agriculture et Agro-alimentaire Canada (http://www.agr.gc.ca/redmeat/apamain_f.htm).

Selon la ***Loi sur la généalogie des animaux***, la vente d'un animal d'une race reconnue comme étant de race pure: enregistré; admissible à être enregistré constitue une infraction à la loi fédérale si la race n'est pas ce que l'on prétend. Une exception peut exister lorsqu'un animal enregistré a l'étranger est clairement présenté comme tel à l'acheteur.

Le terme “**race pure**” confirme l'origine génétique et l'adhésion aux caractéristiques de la race, selon les exigences de la loi et les règlements administratifs de l'association de race autorisée. Le terme “**enregistré**” confirme que toutes les règles d'admissibilité de l'association de race autorisée au Canada ont été respectées. Si un animal d'une race reconnue est vendu comme étant de **race pure, enregistré ou admissible à être enregistré**, le vendeur est obligé de fournir à l'acheteur un certificat de transfert d'enregistrement en bonne et due forme dans les six (6) mois suivant la vente.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has been very slow in coming to all parts of the country. Cattle moving to pastures has been delayed by weather conditions and currently in Western Canada they have to be "short grass" animals who enjoy constant foraging.

Cattle prices this spring have been fairly positive despite the continued pressure placed on the market by BSE and the introduction of COOL in the United States.

Bull sales have been a little slower than usual but maybe that is a good harbinger for next year. If the buyers did not buy a bull this year perhaps they will buy one next year. It is a next year country!

Commercial pairs this spring in Western Canada are going for \$1300 - \$1700 depending on quality.

Arrangements are ongoing for the Annual General Meeting to be held October 9, 2009 in Victoriaville, Quebec. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter. Your Canadian board has made arrangements for Translation Services - French to English and English to French - so there should be no language problems at the meeting.

Enjoy the summer! We hope you plan to attend the Meeting and Show in Victoriaville. ■

Myrna Flesch

Promote Your Product – Brand It!

By registering your purebred animals you are both promoting and branding your product. Each animal bearing your operation's name and tattoo identifies and advertises your breeding program. In addition, registrations and transfers are the lifeline of your Association. Your support is essential.

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association is not responsible for any claims made in an advertisement appearing in this newsletter.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the 35th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association will be at Victoriaville, Quebec on Friday, October 9, 2009.

Registration at 9:00 a.m. Call to Order @ 9:45 a.m.

- For the purpose of receiving: Reports of the Officers and the Financial Statements of the Association for 2007 and 2008.
- For the appointment of Auditors
- For the election of Directors
- For the transaction of such other business as may come before the Meeting

Annual Meeting 2009

**Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association
Victoriaville, Quebec - October 9, 2009**

**For information, contact:
Marcel Lachance (705) 639-2183**

Resolutions

Anyone who wishes to propose any changes to the Bylaws must do so before August 7, 2009. Before any proposed change can be considered, it must be sent out by the Association with the official call for the Annual Meeting at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Please submit proposals for enactment, amendments or repeal of bylaws to the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, c/o Box 334, Stavely, Alberta, T0L 1Z0 with the signatures of two members before August 7, 2009. The membership will consider proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. Any additions or changes need a 2/3 majority to pass. If you have any questions or need help in wording, please call: Ron MacArthur at (506) 382-6630.

Nominations

At the Annual Meeting this year there will be three (3) director's positions up for nomination. The terms of Ian Krus, Dave McNevan and John Vink are up. You may nominate someone before August 7, 2009 by calling Ron MacArthur at (506) 382-6630. If you are nominating someone, it is wise to talk to that person to confirm that he/she is a paid-up member of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and if that person should be willing to allow his/her name to stand.

AVIS DE CONVOCATION - Veuillez prendre note que la 35ième Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine aura lieu à Victoriaville, Québec le vendredi, 9 octobre 2009. Inscription @ 9h00 Convocation @ 9h45

- Pour but de recevoir les rapports des administrateurs et les états financiers de la Société pour 2007 et 2008
- Pour but de nommer des vérificateurs
- Pour but de nommer des administrateurs
- Pour la transaction de toutes autres affaires concernant la Société

Assemblée générale annuelle 2009

**Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine
Victoriaville, Québec - 9 octobre 2009**

**Pour de plus amples renseignements,
communiqué avec:
Marcel Lachance (705) 639-2183**

Résolutions

Toute personne voulant proposer des changements à la Constitution doit soumettre leur(s) résolution(s) avant le 7 août 2009. Avant de pouvoir considérer tout changement, la proposition doit être envoyée aux membres en règle de la Société au moins 30 jours avant l'AGA. Veuillez s'il vous plaît soumettre toute proposition à la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine, a/s Box 334, Stavely, Alberta, T0L 1Z0. Toute proposition doit comprendre la signature de deux (2) membres en règle et doit être reçue avant le 7 août 2009. Toute proposition sera discutée lors de l'AGA. Une majorité de 2/3 est nécessaire pour porter une addition ou un changement à toute proposition. Si vous avez des questions ou avez besoin de l'aide à rédiger votre proposition, communiquer avec Ron MacArthur au (506) 382-6630.

Nominations

Lors de l'AGA 2009, les postes de trios (3) administrateurs doivent être comblés. Les mandats de Ian Krus, Dave McNevan et John Vink prennent fin. Vous pouvez nommer quelqu'un avant le 7 août 2009 en communiquant avec Ron MacArthur au (506) 382-6630. Si vous nommez quelqu'un, il est avisé de confirmer que cette personne est membre en règle de la Société et que cette personne veut se présenter.

AGM

Host Hotel - Hotel Le Victorin

Our AGM Host Hotel is the the Hotel Le Victorin.
19 boul. Arthabaska Ext, Victoriaville, Quebec G6T 0S4

Rooms are available for: \$100.00 + Taxes (single or double occupancy)

Reservations to take advantage of this room rate must be made by: September 7, 2009.

Telephone: 819-758-0553 ... Fax: 819-758-9914 ... Reservations: 1-877-845-5344, must pay by credit card
When making your reservation please state you are with the Quebec Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.

Réservation de chambres pour la Convention annuelle de l'Association Canadienne

Les chambres sont disponibles à 100,00 \$ + taxes (occupation simple ou double)

Vous devez réserver au 1-877-845-5344 avant le 7 septembre 2009 pour profiter du taux réduit.

Téléphone: 819 758-0553 ... Télécopieur: 819-758-9914

Païement par carte de credit seulement et mentionner que vous faite partie du groupe de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec.



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As Host of the Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association,
we invite you to participate in the events that will take place
during the Expo Bœuf 2009 exposition in
Victoriaville (Quebec) from October 8th thru October 11th, 2009.



The Quebec Association is pleased to be hosting the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association Annual General Meeting this year. The activities, during this important event for the Blonde d'Aquitaine breeders, will take place in Victoriaville (Québec), from October 8th thru October 11th, 2009.

- October 9th, 2009 at 9h00:** The Annual General Meeting of the Association. During the meeting there will be a silent auction of different objects that the participants are asked to donate. The profits of this auction will go to the Association hosting the event to cover part of the expenses. There will be a translator for English and French and all the members are invited to participate.
- October 9th, 2009 at 16h00:** Souper Expo Bœuf 2009, for those who wish to purchase tickets for the Expo Bœuf 2009 banquet, please contact l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec, 1395 route 122, Bon-Conseil (Québec) J0C 1A0, telephone 819-336-3966, fax 819-336-2883 or by email: blondaquitaineqc@hotmail.com. The price is 15,00 \$ per person.
- October 10th, 2009:** The Blonde d'Aquitaine Show/Judgement, for those who wish to participate in the show/judgement must register (between 8h00 and 12h00) before September 11th, 2009 at: le Comité Conjoint des Races de Boucherie du Québec, 12 rue Aréna (Parc de l'Ex- position) Victoriaville (Quebec) G6P 4K1, telephone: 819-758-9999, Fax: 819-752-4299 or by email: sadbf@hotmail.com. Madame Boisvert will forward to you, by mail, the registration forms and rules of the judgement. Madame Boisvert only speaks French we suggest that you email or fax your request. Please note that only fullblood animals are eligible for the judgement.
- October 10th, 2009:** Possibility of an animal auction after the show, (a minimum of thirty (30) animals is required to have an auction). We would need to know the names of the breeders who are interested in the auction before August 24th, 2009.
- October 8th thru 11th, 2009:** During the whole event, you are invited to the Blonde d'Aquitaine booth to visit the breeders at the Desjardins Coliseum (Parc de l'Exposition) 12 Arena street, Victoriaville (Quebec) G6P 4K1.

The association has reserved a block of rooms at the Hôtel Le Victorin, 19 blvd Arthabaska East, Victoriaville (Quebec) G6T 0S4, for those who are interested in renting a room must call 1-877-845-5344 before September 7th, 2009 to take advantage of the special rate of 100,00 \$ + taxes, single or double occupancy. Payment by credit card only and please mention that you are part of the Quebec Blonde d'Aquitaine Association group.

For more information you can visit the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association website at : <http://www.canadianblondeassociation.ca/> or the Québec Blonde d'Aquitaine Association at <http://cf.geocities.com/blondaquitaineqc/>

Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction at the National Meeting in Quebec. Members are being asked if they can donate an item towards the Auction. Just bring the item to the meeting and it will then be entered into the sale. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to the Quebec Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.



En tant que hôte de l'Assemblée Générale Annuelle de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine Association du Canada, nous vous invitons à assister aux activités qui auront lieu dans le cadre de l'Expo Bœuf 2009 à Victoriaville (Québec) du 8 au 11 octobre 2009.



Il nous fait plaisir de vous informer que nous agissons comme hôte pour l'assemblée annuelle de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Canada, les activités se rattachant à cet événement important pour les éleveurs de la race se tiendront du 8 au 11 octobre 2009, à Victoriaville.

- 9 octobre 2009 à 9h00:** L'assemblée générale annuelle de l'Association, durant l'assemblée il y aura un encan silencieux d'objets que les membres sont invités à apporter, les profits de cet encan sera remis en forme de don à l'Association hôte pour couvrir une partie des dépenses encourues. Il y aura un système de traduction pour le français et l'anglais. Tous les membres en règle sont invités à y participer.
- 9 octobre 2009 à 18h00:** Souper Expo Bœuf 2009, nous invitons tous ceux qui sont intéressés à acheter des billets au coût de 15,00 \$ pour le souper à communiquer avec l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec par téléphone (819) 336-3966 ou par télécopieur (819) 336-2883 ou par courriel: blondaquitaineqc@hotmail.com.
- 10 octobre 2009 avant-midi:** Jugement de la race Blonde d'Aquitaine, nous invitons tous ceux qui sont intéressés à participer au jugement à s'inscrire avant le 11 septembre 2009 auprès du Comité Conjoint des Races de Boucherie du Québec, au 12 rue Aréna (Parc de l'Exposition) Victoriaville (Québec) G6P 4K1 par téléphone : (819) 758-9999 ou par télécopieur : (819) 752-4299 ou par Courriel sadbf@hotmail.com. Madame Boisvert vous fera parvenir le formulaire d'inscription et copie des règlements par la poste. Prenez note que seulement les bêtes pures sangs (fullblood) seront admissibles au jugement.
- 10 octobre 2009 à _____:** Possibilité de vente d'animaux après le jugement, (minimum de trente (30) bêtes pour que l'encan est lieu). Nous aurions besoin d'avoir les noms des éleveurs intéressés à y participer avant le 24 août 2009.
- 8 au 11 octobre 2009:** Durant tout l'événement vous pourrez rencontrer les exposants et exposantes au kiosque des Blondes d'Aquitaine au Colisée Desjardins, (Parc de l'Exposition) 12 rue de l'Aréna, Victoriaville.

L'Association a réservé un bloc de chambre à l'Hôtel Le Victorin, 19 boulevard Arthabaska Est, Victoriaville (Québec) G6T 0S4, pour ceux qui désirent réserver une chambre vous devez appeler au 1 877 845-5344 avant le 7 septembre 2009 pour profiter du taux réduit. Les chambres sont disponibles à 100,00 \$ + taxes (occupation simple ou double). Paiement par carte de crédit seulement et mentionner que vous faites partie du groupe de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec.

Pour plus d'informations, vous pouvez vous rendre sur le site Internet de la Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association au <http://www.canadianblondeassociation.ca/> ou de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec au <http://cf.geocities.com/blondaquitaineqc/>



Please remember to advise the CLRC of any fax number changes, email address changes or address changes.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Date TBA	OBDA Family Day Picnic	Location TBA
July 9 - 12	Calgary Stampede	Calgary, Alberta
August 8	Campbellford Seymour Fair	Campbellford, Ontario
August 19 & 20	Hastings County Plowing Match Volunteers needed	Belleville, Ontario
September 12	Orono Fair	Durham Central Fair
September 13	Warkworth Fair	
Sept 15 - 17	Canada's Outdoor Farm Show	Woodstock, Ontario
Sept 22 - 26	International Plowing Match Volunteers needed	Temiskaming
Sept 26 & 27	Lindsay Central Exhibition	
September TBA	Quebec Show	
October 4	Roseneath Fair	
October TBA	Cream of the Crop Sale	Hoards Station, Ont
October 9, 2009	Canadian Annual General Meeting	Victoriaville, Quebec
October 10, 2009	National Blonde Show	Victoriaville, Quebec

News from Alberta

Submitted by Reed Rigney

2009 Summer Gathering – Saturday June 20th

The 2009 Alberta Blonde Field Day will be hosted by Reed and Michelle Rigney of Willow Springs Stock Farm near Westlock, AB. The day begins with a late brunch (11 am - 1 pm). There will be a tour of the Willow Springs herd in the afternoon and a short presentation on EPD's and the Blonde performance program, but the day is really meant for socializing with fellow cattleman. Supper will start around 6 pm. Brunch and supper are sponsored by the Alberta Association. We would ask that attendees provide potluck desserts and salads for supper.

For those who want to overnight Friday or Saturday, there is plenty of room on the farm for campers. There are also several hotels in Westlock; Westlock Inn 780-349-4483, Ramada 780-349-2245, Best Western 780-349-4102, Highway Motor Inn 780-349-3138.

Directions to the farm; from the Junction of HW 44 & HW 18 (Westlock Inn) go 6 miles east on HW 18, or from the Junction of HW 2 & HW 18 go 1 mile west on HW 18, to Dungannan Road and then 2.5 miles north. The farm is on the east side and has a large cement silo in the yard so you can't miss it.

Please RSVP by Thursday June 18th, or for more info call Reed/Michelle at 780-348-5308.

Marketing

The Alberta Association is looking for more bull congress type events to attend across the province. The Association would provide the booth and promotional literature. We would need people to manage the booth at events around the province.



If you have ideas of events that we could attend and/or would be willing to commit a day or two to look after the booth, please contact Dave Kamelchuk at 780-675-1227.

2009-2010 Board of Directors

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News from Quebec

Submitted by Maureen Landry



Suite à l'assemblée générale annuelle du 28 février 2009, notre nouveau Conseil d'administration est composé de:

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Secrétaire-trésorière	Maureen Landry	819-336-3966

Assemblée canadienne des éleveurs de Blonde d'Aquitaine Il nous fait plaisir de vous informer que nous agirons comme hôte pour l'assemblée annuelle de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Canada. Les activités se rattachant à cet événement important pour les éleveurs de la race se tiendront du 8 au 11 octobre 2009, à Victoriaville.

Parmi les activités qui se dérouleront, il y aura l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'association canadienne qui se tiendra le 9 octobre et sera suivi par le souper Expo Bœuf 2009, durant cette assemblée il y aura encan d'objets que les membres qui désirent participés pourront apportés. Les profits de cet encan seront remis en forme de don à l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec. Le jugement des animaux aura le 10 octobre 2009 en avant-midi dans le cadre de l'Expo Bœuf 2009 à l'aréna de Victoriaville. Il y aura possibilité de vente d'animaux après le jugement, (minimum de 30 bêtes pour que l'encan est lieu).

Circuit Blonde d'Aquitaine et Salon d'Aquitanima

Madame Clémence Landry, présidente de l'association, a accepté l'invitation de la France, par l'intermédiaire de la Fédération des producteurs de bovins du Québec et le Conseil des races bovines, de nous représenter en participant au circuit Blonde d'Aquitaine (Salon d'Aquitanima) en France qui a lieu du 12 au 16 mai 2009.

Nous demeurons disponible pour toute question ou information sur la race Blonde d'Aquitaine, vous n'avez qu'à vous adresser au secrétariat Madame Maureen Landry, 1395 route 122, Bon-Conseil (Québec) J0C 1A0, # de téléphone 819-336-3966, télécopieur 819-336-2883 ou par courriel: blondaquitaineqc@hotmail.com. Vous pouvez visiter notre site Internet: <http://cf.geocities.com/blondaquitaineqc/> pour plus d'information sur la race et nos membres.

For more information on the Blonde d'Aquitaine association, please contact Mrs. Maureen Landry, 1395 route 122, Bon-Conseil (Québec) J0C 1A0, telephone 819-336-3966, fax 819-336-2883 or by email: blondaquitaineqc@hotmail.com or visit our website at <http://cf.geocities.com/blondaquitaineqc/>.

Bulletin de Liaison

L'association a publié sa 6ième parution du " Bulletin de Liaison de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec " en novembre 2008, il reste encore des places pour insérer votre carte d'affaires au coût de 20,00 \$ + taxes pour l'année, vous n'avez qu'à communiquer avec la secrétaire de l'Association. Le bulletin est distribué à tous les membres en règle de l'association deux à trois fois par année, selon le besoin.

We held our annual meeting on February 28th, 2009, the new Board of Directors is as listed on the left:

Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association: The Québec Association is pleased to be hosting the Canadian Annual General Meeting this year. The activities during this important event for the Blonde d'Aquitaine breeders, will take place in Victoriaville (Québec) from October 8th thru October 11th, 2009.

October 9th, 2009: The Annual General Meeting followed by the Expo Bœuf 2009 banquet. There will be an auction of different objects that the participants will donate; the profits of this auction will go to the Association hosting the event.

October 10th, 2009: The Blonde d'Aquitaine Show being part of the Expo Bœuf 2009 activity. There will be possibility of an animal auction after the show, if we have a minimum of thirty (30) animals.

Blonde d'Aquitaine Circuit & Salon d'Aquitanima

Our president, Clémence Landry, was part of an international delegation to participate in the Blonde d'Aquitaine Circuit and the Salon d'Aquitanima which was held from May 12th thru May 16th, 2009 in the Aquitaine region and Bordeaux, France.

Bulletin de Liaison

November 2008, the Association published its sixth volume of the "Bulletin de l'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec" and it was sent to all the Quebec members.

News from Man/Sask

Submitted by Pat Filz

Forty Acre Blondes, Blue Diamond Blondes, Chevalier Grain & Livestock, and Sundance Valley Ranch submitted bulls to the Bull Development Program in the fall of 2008.

Congratulations to Blue Diamond who had the best all around bull. Forty Acres had the best ADG and Chevalier had the highest selling bull at \$2,900.00.



Once again, the 2009 sale was a good one.

Four bulls were sold within the Man-Sask area to three different people who use Blonde sires in their programs.

For this year's test, Blondes performed at ADG of 3.57 and WDA of 3.28.

Douglas Test MB will operate again next year and we hope more blonde breeders showcase their genetics.

Man-Sask has seen a gradual change. Our membership is declining and consequently we made some changes to our structure.

At our April 3, 2009 meeting, the Board made recommendations to change our current bylaws. These suggested changes will be voted on at the June 19th General

Meeting. The Bylaw change being recommended to the membership concerns the structure of the Board, reducing the size of the Table Officers and Members at-large. This new change will enable us to conduct meetings with a quorum present. We will continue to encourage new members to join our association.

The AGM takes place in Brandon at the Lakeview Inns & Suites, 1880 18th St N, at 6:00 PM in the meeting room to the north of the registration desk.

The Man -Sask Assoc continues to support the 4-H movement with a Certificate of Achievement and a token of \$20.00. In 2008 and 2009, 4-H is promoting a "Stockfest" event in Brandon on Sept 26 and 27.

Our Association continues to recognize and encourage 4-Hers to use Blonde-sired calves in their yearly projects.

One of our members, Andy MacKay, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last year. Here's hoping for a complete recovery for you, Andy.

Thanks to all who have supported us in the past. We hope that we have your continued support. ■

VOLUNTEER ON THE BOARD



Election of officers will take place at the AGM. If you would like to let your name stand for the Board of Directors, or would like to make a nomination, please contact:

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E-mail: rmacarthur@rogers.com

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

To access the Members Only section on the website, contact a Board member for the password.

PHOTO CONTEST!

Don't forget to enter our Photo Contest. There were no entries this quarter, and so no prize was awarded.

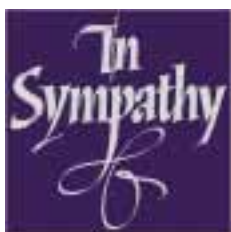
Winners receive a \$25 credit towards their next fullblood or purebred registration.

The Judging Criteria is on the Association website. We accept photos all year long, so make sure you get your pictures to us.

This also makes a great 4-H project. Talk to your 4-H leader today!



Beef is an excellent source of Vitamin B12



Condolences to Clemence Landry on the passing of her mother in March.

Condolences are extended to Andre and Linda Cyr and family on the passing of Andre's mother and Linda's father in May.

EPDs on 2009 CALVES

Remember, 2009 calves being registered will receive Pedigree Estimate (PE) EPDs courtesy of the Canadian Blonde Association.

Your Board negotiated an agreement for this on the first 500 calves registered in 2009 in cooperation with BIO and CLRC.

You can also receive PE EPDs on older registered animals within your herd. Just let CLRC know which ones you wish to have completed. There is a \$5.00 + GST charge for each animal requested.

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

The quarterly newsletter features events, articles, and programs of interest to members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. The newsletter is e-mailed to all members with e-mail addresses, and posted on the Canadian website. Those without an e-mail address receive the newsletter by Canada Post.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
Fall	September 1	September 15
Winter	December 1	December 15
Spring	March 1	March 15
Summer	June 1	June 15



Darren Vink with his Stock Trailer

Darren Vink was presented with this Stock Trailer by the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Pictured from Left to Right: Elwood Giroux, Weagant Farm Supplies, Broxville, Ont.; Liard Weagant, Owner Weagant Farm Supplies; Darren Vink; John Vink; Ilse Vink and Ian Vink

Planning on Taking Animals to the National Show in Victoriaville?

Please be advised that only Fullblood animals will be accepted for entry at the Show. There may be a Sale if enough entries are received. See Pages 6 and 7 for details.

Entry Form and Complete Rules can be found on the Canadian Blondes website.

www.canadianblondeassociation.ca



A man's car stalled on a country road one morning. When the man got out to fix it, a cow came along and stopped beside him. "Your trouble is probably in the carburetor," said the cow. Startled, the man jumped back and ran down the road until he met a farmer. The amazed man told the farmer his story. "Was it a large red cow with a brown spot over the right eye?" asked the farmer. "Yes, yes," the man replied. "Oh! I wouldn't listen to Bessie," said the farmer. "She doesn't know a thing about cars."



HELP US "BE GREEN"!

If you have e-mail but are still receiving your newsletter by Canada Post, please send the CLRC your e-mail address. This will save us postage, envelopes, printing, and labour costs. More importantly, it will help us "BE GREEN". Every little bit helps!



Information bulletin

Canadian cattle: Their role in caring for a sustainable Earth

Monday, April 20, 2009

Calgary, AB - When it comes to the environment, according to cattle producers - Canadian cattle have a bum rap. Contrary to reports, Canadian livestock make only a minor contribution to Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy use. Actually, cattle play an essential role in sustainable agriculture.

Canadian cattle utilize natural resources very efficiently and cattle producers continuously look for ways to increase that efficiency. Good management of Canada's approximate 21 million hectares of pastureland is one of those ways. Not only do pastures support food production, but they provide wildlife habitat and serve an important role in GHG reductions. In some cases pastureland stores carbon more efficiently than trees.

Pastures can exist where our food crops can't - on land that is too steep or cold or inaccessible to farm machinery. Pasture grasses play a significant role in feeding us. In Canada, since nearly one third of Canada's agricultural land is unsuitable for crop production, utilizing it as pasture to raise cattle enables this land to still contribute to food production.

More environmentally friendly than most other forms of producing food, properly managed cattle pasture lands control erosion and enrich the soil. Planted grasses are often used to rehabilitate soils where crops have grown. It is precisely because of these benefits and more that cattle play such a pivotal role in our food supply. Without cattle those lands would not contribute to our food supply.

For nearly 20 years, producers worked hard to reduce the environmental footprint of Canadian agriculture by implementing best management practices to improve efficiency and reduce environmental impact. These practices include improving the diets of farm animals, selectively breeding for animals which use their diets more efficiently and improving animal health - all factors that contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions. Better management practices have lowered the number of cattle required to produce the high-quality protein consumers require. In addition, as stewards of the land, many producers adopt environmental farm plans tailored to their specific operations to enhance the environmental sustainability of their operations.

Meanwhile the investments made in new technologies and agricultural research will certainly yield an even more sustainable future with cattle. They play a significant part in the burgeoning biogas industry; making it possible to turn manure, already a valuable soil amendment, into a renewable source of energy.

When it comes to environmentally-sustainable food production, let's reflect on the contributions the lowly Canadian cow makes to the environment and feeding the world. To learn more about cattle and the environment see the attached backgrounder or visit www.cattle.ca. Find out how Canada's cattle producers are true stewards of our environment.

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