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Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

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Merry Christmas from Little Creek Farms

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Little Creek Yochanen 104Y – High selling bull at the 2012 Cream of the Crop Sale
New owners - Bull Moose Hill Farms, NB

Crystal Ultra 11U – entering our flush program Spring 2013 along with newly acquired JT Lottie 7L

Polled Fullblood Bulls on test @ Cattleland Feedyards
Bred heifers for sale summer 2013
Purebreds & Fullbloods
Horned & Polled

Special thank you to buyers of our cattle in 2012:
Ryland Cleary – Clearidge Farms, QC
James Graham – Bull Moose Hill Farms, NB
Ross Musgrove – KAM Blondes, BC
Bill Van Bakel – Van Bakel Blondes, ON
John & Ilse Vink – Halcyon Farms, ON

2012 National Champion Female
WSS Xtravagant 66X w/calf by WSS Xplosive 31X
Congrats to Ryland Cleary for a job well done

Breeding Stock, Semen and Embryos available
Check our website for more information

Thank You to all of our cattle buyers in 2012:

The Musgrove Family - KAM Blondes, BC
The Ferguson Family - Crystal Farms, ON
James Graham - Bull Moose Hill Farms, NB
Eric Doran - Bogart Blondes, ON

& all of those that bought Semen and Embryos

2012 National Reserve Champion Female
WSS Yttrium 3Y
Thanks to the Fergusons for making her the high selling animal in the 2012 Cream of the Crop

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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.

Issue	Deadline	Distributed
Spring	March 1	March 15
Summer	June 1	June 15
Fall	Sept 1	Sept 15
Winter	Dec 1	Dec 15

Friendly reminders on ad deadlines for the quarterly newsletter are sent to members with e-mail addresses.
If you do not have an e-mail address, mark your calendar today, and get your ad to us sometime in February.
You'll be glad you did!

AD RATES

Size	Rate	GST	Total
Full pg 4/C	$150.	$7.50	$157.50
Full pg B/W	90.	4.50	94.50
1/2 Pg	55.	2.75	57.75
1/4 Pg	40.	2.00	42.00
1/8 Pg	20.	1.00	21.00

Forty Acre Blondes Farm

Has now been retired, and the last of his progeny was spring of 2012. His offspring have been doing well for purchasers and been exceptional at the test stations.

Forty Acre Rocco 5 R

We have really appreciated this boy's ability to have small easy calves. And we are very impressed on the muscling up of calves from him. One of his offspring is in the Douglas Bull Test Station this year.

Waco 133W

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The Christmas Tree

They've been to get their Christmas tree, they hadn't far to go. They live in that high country where young timber starts to grow.
The day is cold the snow is new, there's not so many tracks. The dad has got the Christmas tree, the kid he has the axe.

You notice by the chimney that the fire place is wide. They have their house built strong and low, it's plenty warm inside.
They've got a good set of good corrals besides a stable too; They are fixed up pretty handy fer a place to winter through.

And when they put the candles on it's easy to believe how that tree will look by fire light this comin' Christmas eve.
There won't be any carols sung, there won't no organ play, but they'll have a happy Christmas in them hills so far away.

I'll bet the old man's thinkin' back to when he was a kid. How folks would spend their Christmas and the things he got and did.
Of course the kid, he looks ahead, he don't think of the past, but he'll soon have Christmas memories that he'll keep until the last.

Bruce Kiskaddon

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MARKET YOUR SEEDSTOCK ONLINE

Why not advertise your bulls, cows, heifers, semen or embryos where the world can see what you have available! If you have any bulls or females for sale, embryos or semen, or are looking to buy, this is the place for you. Use the Canadian Blondes marketplace to find livestock, hay, or other items you might want.

Text only ads on the Marketplace page are just $5! Ads with pictures are charged $10 per picture.

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President's Message

Did you notice following the Annual General Meeting in Victoriaville, your Board has two new members – Steve Acres and John Vink both from Ontario? By the time you read this, the Board will have held its December Meeting.

CLRC invoiced the 2013 Memberships as of December 1st. Early renewals assist your Board with planning for the coming year. Don't let your renewal get buried in the incoming Christmas mail!

This year we have a few more registrations than last – indicative of the improving prices in the cattle industry. Two major sales the Cream of the Crop and Phanica Farm's Dispersal added to the transfers within the breed. Some new breeders joined our ranks and we welcome them.

Genomics is the newest technology to become prominent in the cattle industry. Genomics allow for quicker genetic improvement and can eliminate years of experimentation to reach goals. Bulls no longer need to be three or four years old to predict their influence, improvement can be evaluated genetically – within the first year of life.

The Bull Tests have again started and are featured on the Canadian Website. The Bull Tests allow breeders to promote their breeding program and are a good measure of performance within their respective herds. If you are looking for a new sire, be sure to visit the various Bull Tests on the Canadian website.

On behalf of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Myrna Flesch

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Message de la Présidente

Avez-vous remarqué qu'après l'Assemblée générale annuelle à Victoriaville que votre Conseil d'administration a maintenant deux nouveau membres - Steve Acres et John Vink, tous deux de l'Ontario? Lorsque vous aurez lu ce bulletin, le Conseil d'administration aura déjà eu leur assemblée du mois de décembre.

La SCEA a envoyé les avis de renouvellement de cotisation 2013 le 1er décembre. Lorsque vous renouvelez tôt, le Conseil d'administration à moins de difficulté avec la planification pour l'année à venir. Assurez-vous de ne pas perdre votre avis de renouvellement dans le courrier de Noël!

Nous avons un peu plus d'enregistrements cette année que l'année dernière – une indication de l'amélioration de prix dans l'industrie bovine. Deux ventes majeures – Cream of the Crop et dispersion du troupeau Phanica – ont ajouté au nombre de transfert de propriété pour l'année. Nous avons acquis plusieurs nouveaux éleveurs et nous les souhaitons bienvenue.

Un nouveau test qui devient très populaire dans l'industrie bovine est celui de la génomique. L'analyse de la génomique d'un animal en particulier permet une amélioration génétique plus rapide qui peut éliminer des années d'expérimentation pour atteindre vos buts. Ce n'est plus nécessaire d'attendre qu'un taureau ait 3 ou 4 ans avant de pouvoir prédire son influence. L'amélioration peut être évaluée génétiquement, et ce, dans la première année de vie.

Les épreuves de taureaux on commencés pour cette année et sont en vedette sur le site canadien. Les épreuves offrent la chance aux éleveurs de promouvoir leurs programmes génétiques et sont une bonne mesure de performance dans un troupeau. Si vous cherchez un nouveau géniteur, assurez-vous d'aller vois les différents épreuves de taureaux sur le site canadien.

Au nom du Conseil d'administration de la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine, je désire prendre la chance de vous souhaiter un Joyeux Noël et une Bonne et Heureuse Année.

Myrna Flesch

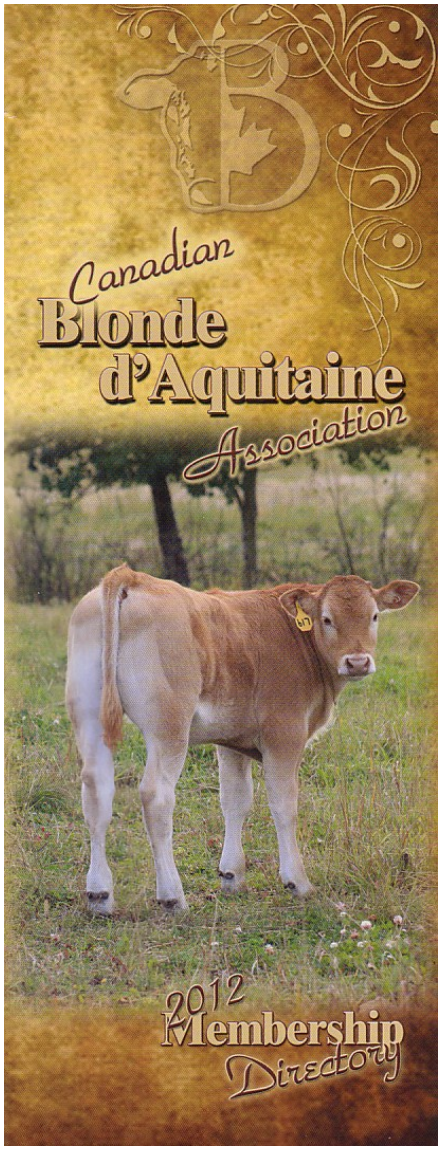
Membership Directory

The 2012 Member Directory is a project by your Canadian Board of Directors.

Information included in the Directory is what is current with the CLRC, as of June 7, 2012.

This is a great reference tool for helping Blonde d'Aquitaine breeders keep in touch with each other.

If you did not receive your 2012 Member Directory, please contact the CLRC at 1-877-833-7110.



LET'S WARM THINGS UP

All indications are that we're in for a cold winter, and that means having something warm in our innerds will really be appreciated. Here's one of our favourite beef recipes — perfect for those chilly Canadian winters.

Hamburger Soup

1½ lbs. hamburger
1 medium onion
1 28 oz can diced tomatoes
2 cups water
3 cans of consomme
1 can tomato soup
4 carrots
1 bay leaf
3 stocks celery
Parsley
½ tsp thyme
Pepper to taste
8 tbsps. Barley

Brown meat and onions. Drain. Combine all ingredients and simmer covered for 2 hours.

And there you have it! Tastes especially good on the second day. Serves 6—8 people.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS

TARGET YOUR MARKET!

No business can be all things to all people. Especially during these tough economic times, you must spend your money wisely to reach specific customers and satisfy their particular needs. As breeders of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle, your target market is other Blonde breeders. Taking advantage of the online ad space on the Canadian Blondes website, you'll have a much better chance of capturing those customers for your business. Remember to place an ad in this newsletter. It will help you reach those most interested in your product, and get the biggest bang for your buck!

A day in the life of Darlene

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Darlene Sanford has been working with cattle for over 20 years, coming back to the family farm after graduating from agricultural college. She initially worked with her father, but her husband has now joined them, and their teenage daughter and son help out as well.

“I knew this was what I wanted to do,” says Darlene. “I need to be hands on and I love being outside, so working on the farm is perfect for me. I've always loved cattle, and I enjoy working with them.”

Most cattle don't spend their entire lives on one farm or ranch. They are born on a “cow/calf farm” and then go to what is called a “back-grounding operation” where they are fed until they reach a weight of about 900 pounds. From there, they are sold to a feedlot, where they are raised until they reach their finished weight.

Darlene runs a feedlot operation, and also does backgrounding, purchasing young calves from farmers she trusts to provide healthy animals. For Darlene, the health and welfare of the animals is a prime consideration.

“Our cattle are treated well,” says Darlene. “They have a humane and clean environment. I monitor the animals closely and treat them quickly if they have a health issue. I want to make sure there is no stress on the animal. If an animal is stressed, and not treated right, it's less productive in the end. The animal doesn't grow as well and ultimately that means a loss of revenue.”

The cattle are provided with comfortable shelter with ample space to move about. In the summer months – the shelter is opened up wide to the outside air and sunshine. The shelter can also be closed off to make sure the cattle are protected from the elements during storms or winter. The animals are fed a balanced diet twice a day and a good water supply is close at hand.

Medication, antibiotics and vaccination products are used only as necessary to make sure cattle are healthy and to treat disease. These products go through the same rigorous testing as are any of these types of products used for human use. Guidelines for the administration of these products are government tested as with any drug in the marketplace.

Darlene insists that the cattle be vaccinated on their home farm before moving to her operation in case they have been exposed to any illnesses. But, other than that, she rarely has sick animals, “You develop a great understanding of the cattle,” she says. “You notice the subtleties of their behaviour. It's the same as with people, just before you get sick, you start to feel a little “off”. Well, cattle are the same way. You can see a change about 8 hours before any symptoms. So you move the animal away from the others, so it won't affect the entire herd.”

Darlene starts most days at 5:45 AM and ends around 10 PM. But her job allows her to be close to her children, and she loves raising them in a country environment. She likes the challenge of working in a non-traditional female job, and still gets incredulous stares as she drives her tractor down the back country roads in PEI. She loves the beef industry and as President of the PEI Cattlemen‘s Association works hard to promote the beef she is producing.

“I'm proud of what I do. At the end of the day I can look out the window, and I can see quite clearly what I have accomplished. When my feet hit the ground first thing in the morning, I know exactly where I am going. And I like it.”

2012 Canadian National Show Results

WSS Xtravagant 66X was the 2012 National Grand Champion with Clearridge Zavhana 1Z at side – born April 2nd and sired by WSS Xplosive 31X shown by Ryland Cleary

The 2012 Canadian National Blonde d'Aquitaine Show was held in Victoriaville, Quebec during Expo Boeuf, October 5—7.

Breeders from Quebec, Ontario, and Alberta exhibited some great Blonde genetics.

Congratulations to the winners, sponsors, exhibitors, and members of the Quebec Association for being such great hosts.

WSS Yttrium 3Y— 2012 National Reserve Champion Female shown by Willow Springs Stock Farm

Champion junior
Cyr Zelda — André Cyr

Champion junior de reserve
Crystal Zayden 15Z — Paul Ferguson

Grand champion
Cyr Zelda — André Cyr

Grand champion de reserve
Crystal Zayden 15Z — Paul Ferguson

Championne junior
WSS Yttrium 3Y — Willow Springs Stock Farms

Championne junior de reserve
Cyr Yoyo — André Cyr

Championne senior
WSS Xtravagant — Ryland Cleary

Championne senior de reserve
Knox Understatement — Paul Ferguson

Grande championne
WSS Xtravagant — Ryland Cleary

Grande championne de reserve
WSS Yttrium 3Y — Willow Spring Stock Farms

Blonde Performance Program

By Reed Rigney

CBDA members have the option of becoming a BIO Performance Program member. However, if you choose not to become a Performance Program member, we would still like to collect birth information from your herd.

I would like to thank all of those who filled out their cow/ calf information completely on the new registration forms. This information will be used to strengthen our performance database and generate more meaningful numbers for marketing Blonde cattle domestically and worldwide.

At this time I would also like to encourage those who didn't fill out the registration form completely, to please do so. It doesn't cost you anything to send the information, other than a bit of time, and if you choose to become a BIO member at a later date, there will already be some of your herd history in the system. We also ask those not registering animals to complete the form as well.

I also wanted to take this time to stress the importance of sending in information on all your calves (not just a select few), and proper use of management groups. Both these things are critical to maintaining the integrity of the database. The calves must be compared against each other in order to generate an index and EPD for each trait. When calves are left out, or grouped improperly it decreases the reliability of the numbers generated.

For the collection of birth weight and calving ease information, it is important that the calves grouped together had mothers that were also grouped together prior to calving. This ensures that the mothers had the same nutrition, shelter, bedding, etc. Also calves allocated to a specific management group should be born within 90 days or less of one another, regardless of whether or not their mothers are in the same pen.

One addition to the program will be the collection of weaning weights and yearling weights from non-performance program members. Again, even if you are not part of the BIO program, we would like to enter your numbers into the system at no cost to you. As mentioned above, this will benefit you if you should choose to become a member at a later date, and strengthen our database. Please contact Reed Rigney for more information on this part of the program.

If you have any questions regarding the Performance Program please contact:

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HIGH ROCK FARMS - 2012 BREEDERS HERD, LINDSAY FAIR

Halter Broke, AI sired Polled Show Prospects and Future Herdsires Available! Cows & Bred Heifers, Semen & Embryos

FATHER LIKE SON: Left, 2011 Res Nat'l Grand Champion Bull, High Rock Whopper 15W
Right, his first son, High Rock Zapa 8Z

High Rock Crisp 5U
2012 Senior Champion Female
2009-2010-2012 Grand Ch Female
Lindsay Fair

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

From High Rock Farms
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Steven J Acres, Acres Farms

Acres Farms reduction sales report
11 lots with gross sales $16,985. Average $1544

TOP COW/CALF PAIRS OR BRED COW
SJF Classic 2K + bull calf sold to Bill and Brigitte Reid $1900
SJF Mercedes 1M + bull calf sold to Michael Christie $1900
SJF Lookin 8L + bull calf sold to Tim Sonnenburg $1800
SJF Thrifty 19T + heifer calf sold to Jordan Campbell $1775
SJF Tawny 12T bred sold to David G Wilson $1650

Thank you to all buyers and all the best with your investment!
Bill and Brigitte Reid
Norman Plume
Leonard McCoy
David Payne
Franmar Blonde Farm-Darren Dunham
Willow Spring Stock Farm-Reed Rigney
Layton Brundage

FOR SALE - SJF Curly Joe 8X
Polled Fullblood Herdsire—Rheo Lancaster son

SJF Zocket 2Z
Placed 3rd at Campbellford, 7th at Lindsay,
3rd at Victoriaville. Sold to Franmar Blonde Farm

We had a great time at the National this year.
Special Thanks to my Show Helpers, The Boyds (Roger, Tanya, & Mark), and Eric Doran.

Wishing all Blonde Breeders a Merry Christmas and All the Best for 2013.

If you're ever in the neighbourhood, stop in for a visit.
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HOME BULL TEST
All Curly Joe calves

Polled Purebred:
SJF 17Z Sundance London x Dam

Horned Fullblood:
SJF 20Z Coleridge Lloydmaster x Dam

Horned Purebred:
SJF 21Z SJF Little Rascal x Dam

Polled Purebred:
SJF 14Z Bellevue's Kenworth x Dam

Résultats du Jugement—Show Results
Expo Richmond—7 Septembre 2012—Juge Ron Jameison

Provided by Quebec Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

Fermes participantes

Ferme Super C, Ferme du Protage,
Fermes Clearidge, Ryland Cleary

Résultats

Champion Junior — ZC Zoel 2Z
Grand Champion — ZC Zoel 2Z

Championne Junior — Du Portage Yoko
Championne Junior Reserve — ZC Yanny 3Y

Championne Sénior — WSS Xtravagant
Championne Sénior Réserve — Phil Summer

Grande Championne — WSS Xtravagant
Gr Championne Réserve — Du Portage Yoko

Premier Éleveur — Ferme Super C
Premier Exposant — Ferme Super C

Canadian Blondes President, Myrna Flesch, checking out Ferme A & L Cyr and Crystal Farms exhibits at the 2012 Canadian National. Photo submitted by Steven Acres.

Que la magie de Noël vous apporte joie et gaieté dans vos foyers. Qu'elle soit le prélude d'une nouvelle année emplie de bonheur, de paix et de sérénité pour vous et vos proches.

Wishing you that the magic of Christmas brings you joy and happiness and that it is the prelude to a new year filled with happiness, peace and serenity for you and your loved ones.

Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec

News from Man/Sask

Submitted by Pat Filz

Hello from the Man/Sask department of the Blonde Association.

The calf prices rebounded after the XL fiasco and we are looking forward to a great rest of the year. Cattle prices in general have been adequate, hay plentiful.

Saskatchewan this year saw enough rain to start the cereal crops and gave a bountiful hay crop for all. The grains didn't do quite as well but still respectable, especially since last year was a disaster. The Manitoba hay crop was average with a shortage in the south, grains were above average, calves weaning weights were very good.

There were two fullblood bred heifers sent to "Cream of the Crop " sale in Ontario, both from Forty Acre Blondes. They sold for a decent price as this has been the first ones ever sent there from the Saskatchewan people.

The Douglas Bull test station has three yearling bull calves there, all doing very well. Bull Test weights and progress for all tests are posted online at www.canadianblondeassociation.ca.

The Man/Sask Association is very small; we would really like a few new members. For now, we are supporting the Alberta Association in their endeavours.

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Offspring from the Breeds' Top AI Sires

News from Alberta

Submitted by Reed Rigney

Winter has come early in Alberta. After a drier and warmer winter than normal in 2011-2012, Mother Nature is definitely evening things out this year.

Our Alberta Blonde Bull Test is underway again for 2012-2013. There are 16 bulls on test, and from what I have seen, this is the best set of bulls we have started with in many years. As I am writing this we are waiting for the official start of test weights, and the test should wrap up at the end of March. Bulls will be available for private treaty purchase through any of the consignors, but don't wait until the end of test or you may miss out on the bull you want. Consignors are the same as they have been for several years; Arsha Blondes (Breitkreuz), Little Creek Farm (Kamelchuk), Shambani Blondes (Manuel), Spruce Vale Blondes (Jackson) and Willow Springs Stock Farm (Rigney).

Alberta will be hosting the 2013 National Blonde Show, Sale and AGM. It will be held in conjunction with the Olds Fall Classic, October 3-6, 2013 in Olds, Alberta. The Olds Agricultural Society puts on a top-notch event, and it is well attended by cattle people of all breeds. The town of Olds is located about 45 minutes north of the Calgary airport. The show will be held on the afternoon of Friday Oct 4th and the AGM will be held on the afternoon of Saturday Oct 5th. More specific details on these events and others will become available as we move along further in the planning process, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Watch the Blonde Newsletter for further details in the new year.

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The following article was prepared by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and Beef Information Centre. www.beefinfo.org. Document préparé par l'Association canadienne des producteurs de bovins et le Centre d'information sur le boeuf.

Antibiotics in the Beef Cattle Industry

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Why are antibiotics used in beef production?

Beef producers use antibiotics to ensure optimum health of their animals. In order to maintain animal health, antibiotics may be used to prevent the onset of disease, halt its progression or prevent the spread of illness after it occurs. Only healthy animals grow and reproduce well.

How does the Canadian government regulate the use of antibiotics in food animal production?

The Veterinary Drug Directorate, Health Canada, must approve all veterinary drugs before they can be sold in Canada. A drug is approved for use only if it:

- does not pose a risk to humans
- is safe for animals
- is an effective treatment
- follows strict manufacturing guidelines

Does the beef sold in Canada contain antibiotics?

Residues of antibiotics in beef are extremely rare. In fact, most recent results of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) residue testing program show 100% compliance.

If residue levels were detected, the meat or meat product would be prohibited from sale.

What is antibiotic resistance?

The purpose of antibiotics is to kill or reduce bacteria that may cause illness. The presence of an antibiotic creates an environment where those bacteria with the genetic characteristic of being unaffected by this specific antibiotic can flourish. In time, the number of unaffected bacteria (resistant) vs. susceptible bacteria in the population may change to the degree that the antibiotic is no longer effective.

Although the use and misuse of antibiotics in human medicine is recognized as being the major contributor, the beef industry realizes the potential for the development of antibiotic resistance within the livestock industry. Veterinarians and farmers take measures to ensure that bacteria do not develop resistance as it is important that antibiotics remain effective. The beef cattle industry has taken a lead role in ensuring that sound science is the foundation for our understanding of the magnitude and impact of antibiotic resistance on humans and on farm animals.

Antibiotics in the Beef Cattle Industry

What would happen if animal antibiotics weren't used?

When used according to label instructions, animal antibiotics benefit both consumers and producers. By managing the disease within the animal, producers are able to control the spread of diseases and reduce the risk of illnesses that are difficult to treat. In addition, healthy animals grow more efficiently.

A study in the European Union found that, if animal antibiotics were eliminated, the cost of beef to consumers could increase by 34 percent, while cost to beef producers would be even higher.

What is the beef industry doing to prevent the spread of antibiotic resistance?

In 1994 representatives from government and industry developed a producer-driven, on-farm quality assurance program to ensure the production of safe, high-quality beef in an environmentally friendly manner. The program includes guidelines on the proper use of antibiotics.

Les antibiotiques dans l'industrie du boeuf

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Pourquoi utilise-t-on des antibiotiques dans la production de boeuf?

Les producteurs de boeuf utilisent des antibiotiques pour garantir une santé optimale à leurs animaux. Dans un contexte de protection de la santé des animaux, on peut utiliser des antibiotiques pour prévenir l'apparition de la maladie, arrêter sa progression ou empêcher sa propagation. Seuls des animaux en bonne santé peuvent bien se développer et se reproduire normalement.

Comment le gouvernement canadien réglemente-t-il l'usage des antibiotiques chez les animaux destinés à la consommation humaine?

Avant de pouvoir être vendus au Canada, tous les médicaments vétérinaires doivent être approuvés par le Bureau des médicaments vétérinaires. Un médicament n'est approuvé que s'il respecte les conditions suivantes :

- il ne présente aucun risque pour la santé de ceux qui consomment les aliments provenant des animaux traités;
- il ne pose aucun risque pour les animaux auxquels il est destiné;
- il permet un traitement efficace;
- il est fabriqué selon des normes rigoureuses.

Le boeuf vendu au Canada contient-il des antibiotiques?

Il est extrêmement rare que le boeuf contienne des résidus d'antibiotiques. En fait, les plus récents résultats du programme d'analyses aléatoires de l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (ACIA) montrent que les normes sont respectées dans 100 pour cent des cas.

Si des résidus étaient détectés, la viande ou les produits de viande seraient interdits à la vente.

Qu'est-ce que la résistance aux antibiotiques?

Les antibiotiques servent à tuer ou à réduire des populations bactériennes spécifiques qui causent des maladies. La présence d'un antibiotique crée un milieu dans lequel les bactéries qui possèdent la caractéristique génétique de ne pas être endommagées par cet antibiotique peuvent proliférer. Avec le temps, la proportion de bactéries résistantes par rapport aux bactéries sensibles change à un point tel que l'antibiotique devient inefficace.

Bien que l'utilisation, à tort ou à raison, d'antibiotiques en médecine humaine soit le principal facteur contribuant à la résistance aux antibiotiques, l'industrie du boeuf reconnaît qu'il existe un risque de développement de résistance aux antibiotiques en production bovine. L'industrie des bovins de boucherie compte parmi les premières à avoir pris des mesures pour s'assurer que l'étude de l'ampleur et des conséquences du phénomène de résistance aux antibiotiques chez les humains et les animaux de ferme repose sur des bases scientifiques solides.

Quelles seraient les conséquences de cesser d'utiliser?

Lorsqu'ils sont utilisés conformément à leur mode d'emploi, les antibiotiques pour animaux sont avantageux à la fois pour les consommateurs et les producteurs de boeuf. En luttant contre les maladies des animaux, les producteurs sont en mesure de limiter la propagation des maladies et de réduire les risques d'apparition de maladies difficiles à traiter. De plus, des animaux en meilleure santé se développent plus efficacement, en consommant moins de nourriture.

Selon une étude de l'Union européenne, si l'usage d'antibiotiques chez les animaux était abandonné, le coût du boeuf pourrait grimper de 34 pour cent pour les consommateurs et davantage pour les producteurs de boeuf.

Que fait l'industrie du boeuf pour limiter la résistance aux antibiotiques?

En 1994, des représentants du gouvernement et de l'industrie ont mis sur pied un programme d'assurance qualité appliqué à la ferme par les producteurs dans le but de garantir la production de boeuf sain et de première qualité avec des techniques respectueuses de l'environnement. Le programme comporte des lignes directrices sur l'utilisation judicieuse des antibiotiques.

PHOTO CONTEST

Photo Contest Judge, Kathleen Windsor, is pleased to announce the latest winner of our Photo Contest - Bogart Blondes of Tweed, Ontario. The picture is titled "The Herd" and shows a very nice lighting effect, plus a great contrast between the colours of the cattle against the greens of the pasture.

This entry now gives Eric, Chris & Joyce Doran a $25 credit towards their next fullblood or purebred registration.

There were several photos submitted this round; at least three were prize worthy.

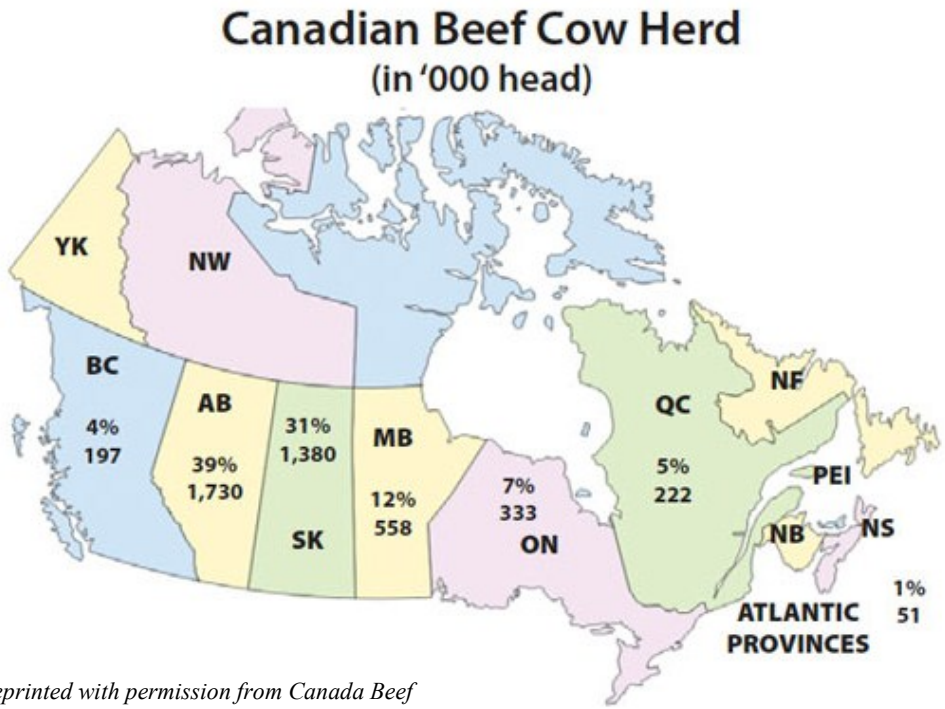
The Photo Contest Judging Criteria is on the Association website, with a list of previous winners. This also makes a great 4-H project, so talk to your 4-H leader today!

We accept photos all year long, so make sure you get your pictures to Kathleen at office@windsorgraphics.ca.

Industry Fast Facts

Did you know?

- There are 83,000 farms and ranches with beef cattle across Canada.
- The average beef cow herd size in Canada is 61.
- There are a lot of small cattle farms with 61% of the farms having less than 47 cows.
- Canada produced 3.4 billion pounds of beef in 2009.
- Canadians eat 46 pounds (20.9 kg) of beef per person annually.
- Canada is the 6th largest beef exporting country in the world.
- Beef production contributed $23 billion to Canada's economy in 2009.



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I would like to give a special THANK YOU, to Myrna and Shirley for taking me under their wing and for the patience, guidance, knowledge, and encouragement to become a breeder. We are looking forward to meeting other breeders and fellow cattlemen in the furture. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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