



As we wind down the season it is good to know that the drought has finally broken. The Annual Meeting is fast approaching, and we look forward to seeing many members in attendance.

AYRSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It's not too late to register for the Annual Conference on 8 - 11 June in Paihia, featuring the Awards Dinner on Wednesday 9 June. The Publicity meeting will also see a new format with a breakfast meeting on the same day. Please contact Marilyn Hutchings on 09 401 9676 to register.

JUDGES CERTIFICATION

Judging Certification requirements have been amended, with a full pass increasing from 70 to 75 points and some adjustments on the allocation of points. For a copy of the new certification requirements, please contact the office.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

A copy of the Management Accounts is available to any member on request. These include more detail than the accounts published in the Annual Meeting notice. Please contact the office prior to the Conference.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Brian Hutchings (Ward 1), Gordon Glentworth (Ward 5) and Stewart Riley (Ward 7) have all been re-elected to the Board unopposed. As a result there will be no ward elections this year.

AYRSHIRE SEMINAR

A very successful inaugural seminar was held in Southland in April, with 13 participants from all over New Zealand. The seminar is now expected to become an annual event, and organisation will be taken over by the Youth Committee. Look out for a full report in the Spring Bulletin.

- Sales Records Tumble
- Annual Conference
- Updated Judging Certification

ACE Herd update

The season is drawing to a close, the cows will be dried off next week. Production to date is 142,500 kg milksolids, a little disappointing after a reasonable season.

A positive to come out of this season is the dramatic drop in empty cows of only 9%. This is a big improvement on the previous two seasons.

The calves have gone out grazing, the average weight was 180 kg. 200 cows will go to winter grazing as well. The remaining cows will be wintered at home on the farm.

Ken Eade - Convenor



SALE RECORDS TUMBLE

The top producing two year old in the Ayrshire breed for the 2008/09 season sold for a breed record price of \$19,500 to a syndicate made up of all nine Bord members of Ayrshire New Zealand at the Karnea Dispersal Sale of Colleen Vincent & Bill King, Matamata. Bred by Lodore Farms Ltd, Okaihau, Lodore Phils Snowie, VHC, was purchased by Colleen Vincent as a rising two year old at the 2008 Lodore Annual Sale for \$5,600.

Two of her daughters also achieved record prices for the breed in their age groups. Karnea Jebbs Snow, BW 176, an in-calf heifer sired by Lodore Keikko Jebb, sold for \$8,700 to John & Deirdre Instone of Kaitangata. Karnea Lads Snuggles, BW 146, a rising yearling heifer sired by Valendale Laguner, sold for \$10,200 to Fairleigh Dairy Farm Ltd, Gore.

For a full report on the sale see www.ayrshire.org.nz

PGG WRIGHTSON ALL NEW ZEALAND PHOTO COMPETITION

The Members Judging Competition is now open to members on the website

www.ayrshire.org.nz

All entries will be added to those completed at the AGM and overall winners announced in both mens and womens divisions

dates to remember

june

- 8-11 Annual Conference & AGM, Paihia
16-19 National Agricultural Fielddays, Mystery Creek, Hamilton

july

- 9 Bulletin advertising booking closes
23 Bulletin advertising copy required

august

- 31 2009 born Herd Book closes

september

- 1 Spring Bulletin #154 issued

october

- 16 South Island Championships, Ellesmere
29-31 North Island Championships, Waikato

SALES BRIEFS

Kowhai Dispersal Sale 9 April 2010, New Plymouth. 169 lots averaged \$1351. 118 cows av. \$1498, 49 heifers av. \$986 and 2 bulls av \$2400. Top priced cow 3 yr old Kowhai SP Lass, VHC (s. Sanrosa Royal Phillip) \$7000 purchased by Instone Family of Kaitangata. Top priced heifer Kowhai Sarsha (s. Southwind Joh Joe ET) \$2100 purchased by Ben Burmeister Trust, New Plymouth.

Fairleigh Ayrshires & Holsteins Southern Selection Sale 12 April 2010, Gore. Ayrshire section 18 lots averaged \$2877, 2 cows av. \$4600, 8 in-calf heifers av. \$2762, 8 yearling heifers av. \$2562. Top priced cow 4 yr old Fairleigh Sultans Peach, VHC (S. Goldwyn Folly Sultan) \$5200 to Westholm Dairies Ltd, Gore. Top priced in-calf heifer Fairleigh Royal Favour (s. Sanrosa Royal Phillip) \$3500 to Instone Family, Kaitangata. Top priced yearling heifer Fairleigh Tryst Vicky (s. Changue Tryst ET) \$4200 to Goldwyn Enterprises Ltd, Putaruru.

Courtleigh Ayrshire Dispersal 16 April 2010, Papakura. 163 lots averaged \$1165. 108 cows av. \$1342, 38 in-calf heifers av. \$863, 17 yearling heifers av. \$715. Top priced cow Courtleigh BVC Quaint, Exc (s. Brookview Casanova) \$4100 to B VBrownless, Whakatane. Top priced in-calf heifer Courtleigh Cream Quite (daughter of Quaint), sired by Kiteroa Cream Alex ET, \$1700 to Feek & Feek Ltd, Whakatane.

Lodore/Northland Ayrshire Club Annual Sale, 19 April 2010, Okaihau. 29 lots averaged \$1915. Top price \$7600 for Lodore Phils Rosa, an in-calf heifer sired by Sanrosa Royal Phillip, vendor Lodore Ayrshires, purchaser Mayo Pastoral Co.

Pa Hill Annual Sale, 20 April 2010, Kaitaia. 64 lots averaged \$987. 30 cows av. \$957, 34 in-calf heifers av. \$1013. Top priced cow \$2100 Pa Hill Mika Vanessa, B (s. Vatmarken Mika) to B E McSweeney, Dargaville. Top priced heifer \$4600 Pa Hill Royal Micro (S. Sanrosa Royal Phillip) to Emunna Partnership, Leeston.

Taranaki Ayrshire Club Sale, 26 April 2010, Stratford. 21 lots averaged \$1225. 17 in-calf heifers av. \$1370, 3 yearling heifers av. \$592, 1 yearling bull av. \$650. Top price \$1900 Skyline RP Fantasy (s. Sanrosa Royal Phillip).

Thames Valley Ayrshire Club, 29 April 2010, Morrinsville. 59 lots averaged \$1100. 16 cows av. \$1262, 29 in-calf heifers av. \$1194, 14 yearling heifers av. \$724. Top priced cow \$3150, a 4 yr old cow sired by Ardrossan EV Kates Trident owned by G Hartstone, to K Gill, Morrinsville. Top priced in-calf heifer Goldwyn RE Summer (s. Ravenhill Enigma) \$3800 from vendor Goldwyn Enterprises Ltd, Putaruru to purchaser J & K Robinson, Te Aroha.

Karnea Ayrshire Stud Complete Dispersal, 7 May 2010, Matamata. 87 lots averaged \$2310. 37 cows av. \$2739, 24 in-calf heifers av. \$2038, 24 yearling heifers av. \$1781 and 2 bulls av. \$4000. Top priced cow \$19,500 3 yr old Lodore Phils Snowie, VHC (s. Sanrosa Royal Phillip) purchased by the Board Syndicate. Top priced in-calf heifer \$8700 Karnea Jebbs Snow (daughter of top priced cow), sired by Lodore Keikko Jebb, to Instone Family, Kaitangata. Top priced yearling heifer \$10,200 Karnea Lads Snuggles (s. Valendale Laguner), another daughter of Snowie, to Fairleigh Dairy Farm Ltd, Gore. Top priced bull \$6000 Karnea Bones Boney (s. Kiteroa Bonapart) to I Cox, Otorohanga.

PRODUCTION SUITE

It is expected that problems with the Production Suite will be ironed out for this season, but members are reminded that only herds that have completed a minimum of 4 pm/am herd tests with a maximum of 75 days between tests are eligible for production awards. Herds undertaking single test sampling will not be eligible, but their production information will still be included in the Production Register.

SEMAYR UPDATE

All members are encouraged to use at least 20 straws of Semayr Progeny Test semen annually. Registration is free for all heifers sired by Semayr Sire Proving bulls and free TOP classification is available for all 2 year old heifers as long as 20% of your 2 yr olds are sired by Semayr Progeny Test bulls.

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