



Calving is once again over and the mating season underway. The spring weather is as changeable as ever, but the payout is up. The Ace farm is looking great as we head into the new season.

- New Awards Night
- Change of Address
- Ayrshire Vision

ANNUAL MEETING CHANGES

From the 2010 Annual Conference and AGM at Paihia, two important changes will take place in the format of the Conference. The evening prior to the AGM has been designated as the Award Presentation evening, and awards will no longer be presented in the Annual Meeting itself. All members who are to receive Association awards are encouraged to attend this event. In addition, the Publicity Officers meeting is now to be held as a breakfast meeting, also the day before the AGM.

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The North Island Championships will take place at Stratford on 28-29 November 2009 as part of the Stratford A & P Association's Centenary celebrations. The South Island Championships will be held at Taieri on 23 January 2010. Both shows will host the Fredrickson and Greenlane Trophies for young handlers. We look forward to seeing members exhibiting their stock at these shows.

SHOW SEASON

All members are reminded that when showing they are representing the Ayrshire breed and are asked to dress and behave accordingly. Please also remember to send us in your show photographs for inclusion in publications.

JUDGING SCHOOLS

Judging Schools are planned to be held in Manawatu and Northland this season, and in the South Island next season. All judges and clubs in the areas concerned will be contacted, and information will also be available on the website.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Due to a restructure of the local Rural Delivery, our postal address will change effective from 9 November. Please note your records.



AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND
595 RUAKURA RD
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ACE Herd update

Latest farm visit 27 October 2009. October production to date is 10% ahead of last October. Grass quality is still a concern - older pastures seem to be struggling which is believed to be detrimental to the cows reaching their maximum production. Pasture cover is 2000 kg DM over the farm.

Mating is about to begin, the majority of cows have cycled and are holding a 4.6 condition score. Summer turnips are about to be sown, baleage is being made this week and silage is also ready to be made.

There have been 122 heifer calves and 1 bull calf reared - 30 of the heifer calves have been weaned. Amy has done a good job of rearing the calves, and Darren is working away quietly and keeping the farm ticking over nicely.

Ken Eade - Ace Herd Committee



YOUNG JUDGE COMPETITIONS

All Ayrshire Youth are reminded that the Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition will take place at NZ Dairy Event in Feilding on 28 January 2010. Clubs are reminded to get their nominations into the office by 30 November. The top placegetters will go on to represent the Association in the WorldWide Sires All Breeds Young Competition, also to be held at the NZ Dairy Event. Please note that no late entries will be accepted.

NZ DAIRY EVENT YOUTH CHALLENGE

Are you interested in being part of an Ayrshire team for the Youth Challenge at NZ Dairy Event? Please contact the office as soon as possible to register your interest.

HERD BOOK / PRODUCTION REGISTER

For those members who receive a Herd Book, this is included with this mailout. If you don't receive a Herd Book, but would like to, please contact Pam Allison. The Herd Book is free for senior members only, all other members pay \$18.00 incl GST.

The Production Register will be sent out at the end of November. Once again, if you don't receive this but would like to please contact Pam. The Production Register costs \$18.00 incl GST for all members.



E-REGISTRATION

e-Registration forms are available on the website or from the office for your 2009 born calves. If you are involved with the lifetime registration programme, don't worry as your calves will be registered automatically. Don't forget though that you still need to advise the office of any bull calves to be registered as these must be handled individually.

Please note that when a line of animals is required to have default names changed after e-registration that a charge of \$1.00 plus GST per animal may be applied.

HERD TEST DATES

Members are reminded that the Production Credibility Policy allows no more than 75 days between herd tests for herds to be eligible to win production awards. All members are asked to check their scheduled herd test dates, and if necessary change them, to allow their herd to remain eligible.

SANROSA ROYAL PHILLIP BW 166/98

has been culled due to age and ill health.

Last stocks now available, contact your District manager to order.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CAMP

Costs have now been finalised for the Australian Youth Camp and registration will cost AU\$225. Ayrshire New Zealand will subsidise \$500 towards participation for an Ayrshire New Zealand member. Please register your interest no later than Friday 16 November 2009 as registrations close in early December.



CENTENARY CONFERENCE 2009

... celebrating 100 years

A limited number of Centenary Conference items are still available. First in first served - so be quick!

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| Centenary Book | \$28.12 |
| Centenary Polo Shirts | \$30.00 |
| Number Plate surrounds | \$10.00 per pair |
| Conference Satchels | \$15.00 |

All prices include GST, post & packaging will also be charged. To order contact Pam Allison pallison@ayrshire.org.nz

NEW MEMBERS COMPETITION

The new members competition in the last Ayrwaves was won by Kim & Ben Sneddon of Nuerra Farms Ltd. They have won a voucher generously donated by Ova-Achievers. Congratulations.

SEMAYR UPDATE

The Young Bull Team for 2010 has been selected, with 26 young bulls making the cut from over 60 offered. Sires include Brody, Phillip, Jarmo, Belbrae Peter, Brace, Sorby, Record and Omatunto. Further information on the 2010 Young Bull Team will be included with the Autumn Bulletin.

Alastair Thomson has been confirmed as one of the two outside Directors on the Semayr Board, and Gordon Glentworth remains as Chairman.

TOP CLASSIFICATION

It's not too late to register for classification for the 2009 season. Please contact Pam at the Ayrshire office urgently if you are wanting to have your herd classified. Be reminded that the classification information collected on 2 year olds helps to prove Ayrshire bulls, so your contribution is important to the breed.

Following the recent Board Meeting, there has been an addition to the core values of the Ayrshire Vision.

The Ayrshire VISION

Core Values

- Genetic Gain of the Ayrshire Population
- Always look for the opportunity
- Maintain a financially sustainable business
- Foster camaraderie among Ayrshire members
- Always portray a professional image

Purpose

Ayrshire New Zealand will develop, promote and maintain the Ayrshire breed as a credible option for New Zealand dairy farmers

Ultimate Goal

To be the number one dairy population within the world, among all breeds, under the NZ payment system