



The new season is off to a fantastic start in most areas, although the usual spring weather has been creating challenges for some members, especially in Canterbury.

- All Breeds Youth Camp
- Production Credibility Policy
- A & M Scott entries



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REGISTRATION QUERIES

There is a slight change to Board policy regarding the follow up of registration queries as follows. Members will now be sent one letter only where an animal is registered as S1A due to a sire query. If the Association receives notification from Genemark (which happens automatically) that parentage is confirmed or has changed, the animal's registration status will be amended accordingly. For any other queries the member is welcome to contact the office to discuss the registration status.

NAIT INFORMATION

Additional information on NAIT requirements has been made available on the website and sent to all Clubs. This information covers A & P Shows, Club shows and single & multiple vendor sales.

A & M SCOTT MEMORIAL SHIELD

The class for the A & M Scott Memorial Shield (Sire Progeny - two females of any age) has been left off the schedule for the Royal Show. The class will proceed, please include your entries with your other Royal Show entries.

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 Goodin. The Herd Book is free for senior members only, all other members pay \$18.50 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 \$18.50 incl GST for all members.

ACE Herd update

As at the end of October all cows have calved with only 3 deaths to date. The cows are producing 1.9 kg ms per day. We unfortunately had a number of cows not calve this spring that been pregnancy tested as in-calf in the autumn. Most of these have now been culled and we have replaced them with 23 in-milk cows purchased from the Leaffield Stud of Small's at Albany. These animals were milked twice on their travels as they were transported to their new home. We are currently milking 450 cows, and AI started on 1 November. 90 bales of silage have been made to date and grass cover is adequate at the moment.

Gordon Glentworth - Ace Herd Committee



BULL REGISTRATIONS / DNA COLLECTION

It's not too late to register to have your bull calves DNA profiled prior to registration as part of this years TOP schedule. You't don't have to be taking part in TOP to register, contact Pam for more information.

E-REGISTRATION

e-Registration forms are available on the website or from the office for your 2013 born calves. If you are involved with the lifetime registration programme, don't worry as your calves will be registered automatically.

Ayrshire Seminar

Taranaki 21 - 23 April 2014

For members, employees and children of members, aged 18 & over. To learn, enjoy and mix with other Ayrshire breeders.

Workshops to include Understanding Bull catalogues, growing and feeding of young stock, financial future, TOP, local herd and Bull Farm visits and a Breeders Forum.

Itinerary, costs and other information will be available in December in the Christmas Ayrwaves and on the website www.ayrshire.org.nz.

Block out your calendar now!

VALENDALE BLAZE

25 straws for sale
\$20.00 + GST per straw

All transfer fees at purchasers cost

Contact Pam Goodin 856 0816 or pgoodin@ayrshire.org.nz

dates to remember

october

31 Herd Book issued

november

9 North Island Champs, Bay of Islands

12 Kiteroa Annual Sale, Ohaupo

18 Valendale Annual Sale, Gordonton

29 Production Register closes

december

6-8 Royal Show, Manawatu Consortium

23 Office closes for Christmas break

january

13 Office reopens after Christmas break

18 South Island Championships, Winton

29-31 NZ Dairy Event, Manfield Park, Feilding

february

5 Ayrshire Board meeting

21 Advertising booking for Autumn Bulletin

march

3 Advertising copy for Autumn Bulletin

31 Remits close

31 PGG Wrightson All NZ Photo Competition entries close

SEMAYR UPDATE

A total of 19 bull calves have now been selected for the Ayrshire Progeny Test Team 2014. In all over 70 young bulls were considered, and the sires of the bulls selected include Quinella, Tosikko, Prince Hughie & Bonny George. Further information on the 2014 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.

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.



NZ DAIRY EVENT 29 - 31 Jan 2014

Schedule and entry forms now available

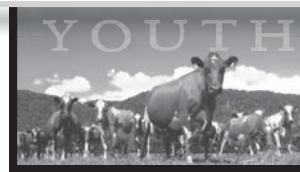
www.nzdairyevent.com

Entries close 17 November 2013

Ayrshire New Zealand

Youth Achiever Competition

It's not too late to enter the Youth Achiever competition and earn great cash prizes for Ayrshire and show activities. Register online at www.ayrshire.org.nz.



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.

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, and all Herd Tests must be pm/am tests. All members are asked to check their scheduled herd test dates, and if necessary change them, to allow their herd to remain eligible.

SALES BRIEFS

Ayrshire Breeders Bull Sale, Morrinsville 16 September 2013. 36 bulls averaged \$1578, with the top price of \$3,000 for the yearling bull Pekatahi Cyclone owned by Bruce & Margaret Fowell of Pekatahi Ayrshires Ltd, Whakatane. Cyclone is sired by Waerenga Blaze Astute out of Southwind Jullitip, VHC, 6698 litres milk, 323 kg fat, 251 kg protein in 236 days at 8 years.

NATIONAL ALL DAIRY BREEDS

YOUTH CAMP

25-28 January 2014

Manfield, Feilding

Hosted by Holstein Friesian New Zealand

Four days of...

Fun

Work and play

Team building

Animal care

Learning

Mystery excursions

Open to any young person, 15 years and older, interested in Dairying. Camp fees will be discounted for HFNZ youth members.

Register your interest with Stephen Booth
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