



Murray Grey Newsbrief



President's Message

Seasons Greetings to you where we celebrate the birth of Christ.

For us in NZ we truly live in a wonderfully beautiful country where we have freedom of speech and are free of the many turmoils that trouble other parts of the world.

We as beef farmers enjoy the luxury to farm our Murray Grey Cattle in a temperate climate which gives us a constant source of green grass.

Most of NZ has experienced a pretty good year and good strong cattle prices have helped. It is good to see us rewarded well for all our labours.

With the dramatic shift in dairy returns all of us ponder the future and the effect it will have on us and the rest of NZ.

I believe we as breeders are well placed to have another strong year.

We invite you to come and join us in Christchurch for a walkabout viewing Murray Grey Cattle and the AGM on 30th April - 1st May 2015.

Best wishes for 2015

Mervyn Mitchell
President

PBB Christmas Closing Hours

The PBB office will close at
5.00pm on Tuesday 23rd December 2014
and reopen at
8.00am on Monday 12th January 2015

AGM and Herd Walk

Thursday 30 April - Friday 1 May 2015

PROGRAMME

Thursday 30 April

10:00am

Ross & Jane Hayes - Halkett

Lunch at Halkett School Community Hall

Afternoon - Sarah Rodie - Amberley

Evening Dinner at Amberley Hotel with a guest speaker (*possibly from Agrisea Farm Nutrition*)

Friday 1 May

9:30am

George and Glenda Climo then onto

Geoff and Sandra Rountree at Oxford.

This will be followed by lunch and the AGM at the Oxford Working Mens' Club.

Guest speaker Dave Marshall (Vet).

To be confirmed

Accommodation - staying with local member or motel (*recommend Amberley, Woodend or Rangiora*)

Expressions of interest for the tour to George Climo by 28th February 2015

DNA Samples

It is a timely reminder for you to take DNA Samples from bulls used for mating cows that you are going to register calves too.

Calves registered after 1 June 2015 must have their Sires DNA profiled and CA tested. **ONLY SIRES** of Registered calves need to be tested.

Online Sale Proposed

Council have set the date of Wednesday 6th May 2015 to hold a Murray Grey online sale. This will be open to various classes of registered Murray Grey stock both male and female.

Expressions of interest to Mervyn Mitchell. Canterbury entries, for the online sale will be on display at the various vendors during the Herd Walk.

Registry of Semen available

There have been several enquiries on where to purchase semen; the Society would like to make a list of available semen for sale. So if you have any Murray Grey semen available for sale could you please let the Society know.

December 2014

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Future Beef NZ

- Future Beef New Zealand aims to provide young people from all backgrounds the opportunity to learn about and become involved in the beef industry.
- FBNZ was launched at Beef Expo in 2006 when 40 young enthusiasts attended the day – it has now grown and last year there were 75 participants.
- FBNZ Hoof and Hook is being held from the 8th–10th May 2015 at Manfeild Stadium, Feilding.
- Steers are brought to the event and judged on the “hoof” and after the event they are slaughtered and judged on the “hook”.
- The Hoof and Hook Event includes educational modules, hands on modules, steer judging, handling judging, beef bash and more.
- Participants are allocated to groups which enable them to work with people of similar age and ability.

This year heifers are part of our Hoof and Hook event – details below:-

- Heifer must be born after 1st June 2014
- Under 12's may bring a heifer only
- Over 12's must bring a steer to be eligible to bring a heifer
- Under 12's can use heifer in handling class but over 12's must use steer
- Heifer judging will be after the Handling class on Sunday and the two classes will be purebred heifer and crossbred heifer
- Pure Bred heifers can go home or may be eligible to enter in the Queen of Hearts (which must be organised prior to event)
- Cross bred heifers are accepted but will be taken home

For further information please go to our
website www.futurebeef.co.nz
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