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NEWS

World Conference Virtual Tour

Even though the Ayrshire World Conference attendees may not be visiting your farm, you have the opportunity to share your farm and herd with them. A virtual tour is being prepared that will be viewed on the bus as our guests travel across the eastern half of the US. The World Conference participants will also be

given a copy of the tour to take home with them as a memento of their visit and to share with other Ayrshire breeders and enthusiasts. This will also provide a way to show the diverse types of farms and management systems in the US dairy industry.

Each farm will have the opportunity to submit 15 photos and/or up to 3 minutes of video to showcase your farm, family, herd, outstanding animals, and market US genetics. The cost to participate in the tour is \$150.00. The deadline to reserve your space is May 15. You can obtain an application with the information questions on the ABA website www.usayrshire.com or by contacting the ABA office. Don't miss this chance to have the Ayrshire world virtually tour your farm and learn about your herd!



Registering ET Animals

You've invested money to flush or IVF your outstanding cow or heifer. If you have completed the necessary steps and paperwork, the registration of the resulting calves can be easy. If you haven't completed the necessary requirements, the issuing of a registration certificate will be delayed.

- **Be sure that the donor dam has been DNA or genomic tested.**

As soon as you flush the donor dam contact the ABA to request a kit for DNA or genomic testing the cow. All donor dams flushed after October 1, 2002 have to be DNA or tested prior to registration of any offspring resulting from embryo transfer. We would suggest that you test the donor dam at the time she is flushed. Then if something unforeseen happens to the donor dam, before you have progeny to register, you will have her DNA type on file. Otherwise, a number of progeny will need to be DNA typed to determine a genotype for the donor dam.

Call or email the ABA office with the name and registration of the donor dam and we will send you the forms and instructions for submitting the sample. Hair specimens are used, so

collecting the sample is done by pulling several strands from the switch.

If you are using mixed semen, have the donor tested and check with the ABA that the combination will result in calves that parentage can be confirmed. Animals resulting from the use of mixed semen must be parent verified before they can be registered.

- Send or have your ET practitioner send a copy of the Certificate of Embryo Recovery (documenting the flushing of the donor dam) and Embryo Transfer (documenting the implantation of the embryo) to the ABA office. This information is with the registration application when it is submitted. This information has to be verified before a registration number and certificate can be issued.

- Submit the registration application. Complete a registration application for the calf identifying that it is the result of embryo transfer. The -ET suffix will be added to the name of the animal.

If you have questions, please contact the ABA office at 614-335-0020 or email at acrosser@usayrshire.com

U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association and Dairy Agenda Today Team Up

The U.S. Ayrshire Breeders Association and Dairy Agenda Today, LLC announce their alliance to provide unprecedented media coverage of the World Ayrshire Conference to be held in the U.S.A. September 20 through October 9, 2016.

Daily reports covering conference events starting September 20 until its completion on October 9 will be available for viewing on dairy-agendatoday.com in the news section as well as a special World Ayrshire Conference page which will list all reports, photos and videos from the conference.

This is the first time this type of in-depth daily coverage has been provided for the World Ayrshire Conference and will bring this event to Ayrshire enthusiasts all over the world.

Contact the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders Association for information on the World Ayrshire Conference 614-335-0020

Attention Ayrshire Youth!

There are many fun Ayrshire youth contests being planned for the 2016 National Ayrshire Convention in Oklahoma, and we want you to participate!

The first deadline for the National Ayrshire Youth Record Books and Scholarship Applications is March 1, 2016. The postmark, fax and email deadline is June 1st to enter the National Ayrshire Queen Contest, Photo and Display Contests, and Quiz Bowl and Dairy Jeopardy Contests.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DEADLINES

March 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA

March 31, 2016 - Final deadline for 2016 REWARDS program

April 1, 2016 - ABA Intern applications due

April 4, 2016 - Advertising deadline for May/June Ayrshire Digest

April 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, LA, AR, MO, OK, TX

May 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for WI

May 15, 2016 - U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Foundation 2016 grant applications due

May 15, 2016 - ABA Virtual Tour sign-up deadline for the World Ayrshire Conference

June 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for CA, NV, AZ, NM, WA, OR, MT, ID, UT, CO

June 24, 2016 - Advertising deadline for July/August Ayrshire Digest

July 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for IN, MI, OH, WV

July 25, 2016 - Advertising deadline for U.S. breeders advertising in the September/October special Ayrshire Digest for the World Conference

August 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for NY, ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI

SALES

March 5, 2016 - Iowa Spring Extravaganza Sale, West Union, IA

March 19, 2016 - Massachusetts Blue Ribbon Calf Sale, West Springfield, MA

April 1, 2016 - Ohio Ayrshire Spring Sale, Columbus, OH

April 8, 2016 - New York Color Breeds Sale, Syracuse, NY

April 8, 2016 - Kentucky National Sale, Louisville, KY

April 9, 2016 - Wisconsin Spring Sale, Neillsville, WI

April 16, 2016 - PA Spring Sale, Shippensburg, PA

June 17, 2016 - Grand National Ayrshire Sale, Oklahoma City, OK

October 7, 2016 - World Ayrshire Event Sale, Madison, WI

MEETINGS

February 27, 2016 - Ohio Ayrshire Annual Meeting, Plain City, OH

March 5, 2016 - Wisconsin Ayrshire Annual Meeting, Tomah, WI

June 13-17, 2016 - National Ayrshire Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

September 20 - October 9, 2016 - World Ayrshire Conference, USA

SHOWS

April 1, 2016 - OH Spring National Ayrshire Show, Columbus, OH

April 9, 2016 - NY Spring Carousel Ayrshire Show, Syracuse, NY

April 16, 2016 - PA Open Spring Heifer Show, Shippensburg, PA

September 19, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic National Junior Show, Harrisburg, PA

September 20, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic National Show (heifers), Harrisburg, PA - Judge Mary Creek

September 21, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic National Show (cows), Harrisburg, PA - Judge Mary Creek

September 22, 2016 - Eastern States National Show at The Big E, West Springfield, MA - Judge Robert Fitzsimmons

October 6, 2016 - International Show (heifers) at World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI - Judge Molly Sloan

Ayrshire Breeders' Association Seeking Summer Intern

The ABA is accepting applications for a summer intern for 10-12 weeks, depending on the successful applicant's availability. This position will consist of 40 hours per week at the ABA headquarters in Columbus, OH. Compensation is hourly, and the intern must provide their own transportation and housing. Applications are due April 1, 2016.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with the development of presentations and materials for 2016 World Ayrshire Conference
- Assist with production of Ayrshire promotional materials for distribution to breeders and at dairy events
- Work with the processing of registration and transfer applications to maintain ABA records and database and issue registration certificates
- Perform clerical duties – photocopying, mailing, filing, etc.
- Perform other tasks as assigned by supervisor

Qualifications:

- Strong interest and/or background in the dairy industry
- Studies in communications, dairy or animal science, or in a related field of study
- Computer skills – Microsoft Office programs, desktop publishing experience a plus
- Strong writing skills
- Detail oriented

Application requirements:

- Cover letter including future goals and career aspirations
- Resume including education, previous work experience, skills and other qualifications
- List of three references with contact information
- Application deadline – April 1, 2016. Email applications to bpayne@usayrshire.com or mail to 1224 Alton Darby Creek Road, Columbus, OH 43228

ABA Tattoo Rules and Regulations

Effective as of January 1, 2013

There is a \$20.00 fee for the registration of farm letters for tattoos. Reservations of these letters must be made through the records and registrations department of the national office in Columbus, Ohio.

The rules are as follows:

1. The tattoo number must be preceded by two (2) or three (3) letters which will be reserved as your farm's letters, for your farm's use only.
2. After your farm letters, at least one (1) number must be used with no duplication within the herd.

3. A year letter must follow the number. Example: letter for 2002 is "M".
4. Animals registered at any age can be registered by tattoo.
5. Tattoos should be placed in the left ear, as the right ear is used for vaccination and could be confusing later as a tattoo fades.
6. Green ink is recommended for the tattooing, but not mandatory.
7. Fees for registration by tattoo will be the same as photo or sketch and eartag identification.

Tattoo Sequences

A – 2013	B – 2014	C – 2015	D – 2016	E – 2017	F – 2018
G – 2019	H – 2020	J – 2021	K – 2000	L – 2001	M – 2002
N – 2003	P – 2004	R – 2005	S – 2006	T – 2007	U – 2008
W – 2009	X – 2010	Y – 2011	Z – 2012		

October 7, 2016 - International Show (cows) at World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI - Judge Molly Sloan

November 5, 2016 - Southern National Junior Show at NAILE, Louisville, KY - Judge Julie Hemp

November 8, 2016 - Southern National Show at NAILE, Louisville, KY - Judge Selwyn Donald

Please send your calendar dates to the ABA office!

The final deadline for the 2016 REWARDS program is approaching! Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2016. REWARDS is the solution for breeders looking for convenience and cost-savings to enhance the value of their Registered Ayrshires. Applications are available online: www.usayrshire.com/news.