

# Illinois Limousin Breeders' Association Newsletter April 2009

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## ILBA Has New Officers

At the Annual Meeting on February 21, 2009, new officers for the 2009 year were elected. They were as follows:

President – Andy Schmalshof

Vice President – Tim Eike

Secretary – Tom Stockstill

Treasurer – Lisa Fosdick

If you have any questions or information for your new officers please contact them. Their phone numbers are listed on the ILBA website [www.illinoislimousin.com](http://www.illinoislimousin.com).

## NEW Feature

At the ILBA Board meeting on March 8, 2009, the Board discussed featuring Illinois Limousin breeders in the newsletter. We are pleased to announce that this newsletter will feature Huber Farms and Two Barn Farms.



## ILBA State Sale

On February 14, 2009, the ILBA held their annual state sale at Congerville, IL. Six breeders brought quality bulls and females to the annual sale. The high-selling bull was EF Underdog, a 3/22/08 homozygous polled and black bull out of MNWS Frontier. He was consigned by Etherton Farms and purchased by Huber Farms, Coffeen, IL for \$2500.

The high-selling heifer was ATAK Up the Limit 805U a March 2, 2008 LimFlex heifer consigned by ATAK limousin and purchased by Etherton Farms, Dawson, IL.

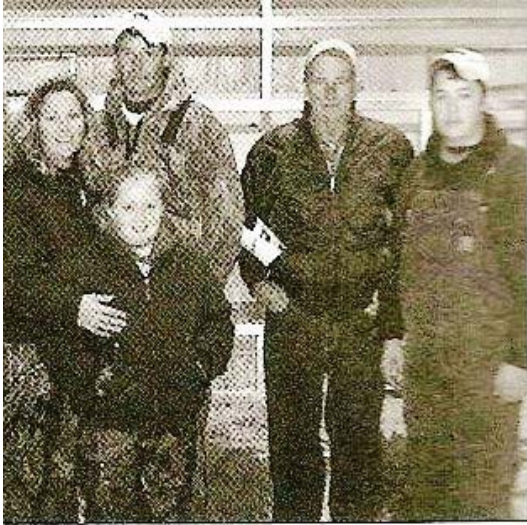
The sale grossed \$81,975 with the ILBA receiving \$819.75. The Junior Semen Auction brought \$1550.



Andy & Tammy Schmalshof,  
Dan & Andrea Althoff, Adam  
Schmalshof at the ILBA State Sale

# Huber Farm

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Huber Farms is located in Coffeen, IL. Ramon Huber lives on the farmstead with Wanda Beck. Ramon has raised cattle all his life. He grew up on the farmstead and helped milk cows when he was a child. At 18, Ramon took over the milking business. In 1963, Ramon switched from dairy cows to beef cows. In 1987, he bought his first Limousin bulls from Mike Pryor of Pryor's Spring Hill Limousin in Ramsey.

Ramon's son Doug Huber with wife Jodi and children Katelynn and Tyler live on a farm about 2 miles from the family home. In addition to the cows, the Hubers also raise chickens and goats. Katelynn shows the chickens and goats as her 4H projects. Doug is a custodian

in the Hillsboro School District where his wife Jodi is also employed doing substitute work. It was at the school that Doug met Cheryl Stockstill of South 40 Farm Limousin. Cheryl and Tom asked the Hubers if they would be interested in showing Limousin cattle. Tyler and Katelynn were about the right age for showing. Doug showed beef cattle in 4H and FFA. He knew showing would be a good experience for his children.

In 2007 they bought registered heifers for Tyler and then the fun began. Showing the cattle as a family has been an enjoyable experience for the Hubers. Everybody gets involved.

Jodi says, "The limousin people have been very helpful especially Tom and Cheryl Stockstill who helped us the first year by allowing us to stall with them and helped us get our cattle ready to show. Bob Etherton has also offered help and advice these last few years."

The Hubers now have 29 registered limousin cows to go along with their 40 head of commercial cows. Their first registered heifer born at their place is aptly named UNO. Look for her and the Hubers at the county and state fairs.

# TWO BARN FARM

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Two Barn Farm is owned and operated by Dan and Andrea Althoff of La Prairie, Illinois. Andrea had grown up on a grain farm, without a lot of experience with cattle. Dan had a pet cow named Sammie and the rest is history. After marrying in 2003, Dan and Andrea purchased several  $\frac{3}{4}$  blood unregistered Limousin cows at the local sale barn. Soon after, they went looking for a Limousin bull and chose a thick-bodied son of EF Curtis from Ronnie Briggs to start the herd.

Some time passed and some heifers saved; it was time for a new bull purchase. Andrea was looking for a son of Black Dakota. John Harrington had placed an advertisement for Limousin bulls in the newspaper. They drove away that day with 2 bulls, not just one. As a gift for her birthday and their anniversary, Dan took her to visit Harrington's that fall. She chose enough animals to cover birthdays and anniversaries for several years!

According to Andrea, "After that purchase, it was time to visit the insurance man. He was very concerned I would get hurt working "those wild Limousin's" by myself if Dan was traveling. I've since convinced both him and the vet of exactly how gentle and easy to work with the Limousin breed is. A traveling salesman stopped by and wanted to know what type of cattle we had. He'd never heard of Limousin but he had heard of Angus. I told him Limousin is the Cadillac of breeds."

Dan and Andrea were both certified in AI last year and Andrea plans to get her ultrasound license this June. They attended the Visions in Action seminar last December in Kansas City and gleaned a lot of good information from the 2 day event. At the Illinois Limousin Breeders sale in February they purchased a sweet show heifer from ATAK Limousin and a Lodestar son from Davis Farms. Working to weed out their commercial cows, they save back about 20% in heifers every year. The Althoff's run approximately 50 head.

Featured is a son of Pure Power  
Heavy Duty Born Fall 2008



## Some Concerns

As you are all aware, PETA and HSUS are no friends to farmers and ranchers. Legislation has been introduced that would have an enormous impact on the beef industry—the “cow tax” (\$87.50/cow/year) and a “dust tax” to name a few.

These organizations are funded by tax-free charitable organizations. However, the question becomes obvious, “Are they charitable or political?” Are not the funds used to advance political agendas? Did you know PETA euthanized 95% of the animals in their care in 2008 – 21,339 animals? PETA has a \$32 million budget, but has no adoption shelter and makes no effort to find homes for these animals.

Did you know that Rachel Ray is touting the wonderful world of beef by explaining how beef is an excellent source of protein in the diet? Not only does she boast the affordability, versatility and nutritional value of beef products, she also showcases her recipes for the millions of viewers that tune in. Rachael Ray is an outstanding advocate for the beef industry.

Praise also goes to Mike Rowe of the Discovery Channel’s television show, Dirty Jobs. Rowe explains his experiences of castrating lambs using HSUS’s advice vs. the practice of a sheep farmer. As he realizes that farmers use certain management practices with the health of the animal in mind, he begins to wonder if maybe PETA and HSUS have it all wrong

Well, what can be done? Keep in close communications with representatives and senators, educate the media, and keep in close contact with consumers.

## Member News

Do you have any great news to pass on to the limousin breeders? Any weddings, births, etc.

Please let Cheryl Stockstill know Call her at 217-999-7610 or email [tstocks@madisontelco.com](mailto:tstocks@madisontelco.com).

## ILBA Calendar

### Some dates to remember

May 1 –Early deadline for Heartland Regional Junior Show June 5-6, Ottawa, Kansas

May 1 –Early deadline for Eastern Regional Junior Show, June 12-13, Murfreesboro, TN

May 15 – Early deadline National Junior Limousin Show and Congress July 11-17, Amarillo, Texas

June 19-21, 2009 Illinois Limousin Breeders’ Association Field Day at Macoupin County Fair Grounds, Carlinville, IL.



**2008 Illinois State Fair  
Limousin Junior Show Results**

**Grand Champion Heifer**  
Jessica Richey  
Galatia, IL

**Reserve Champion Heifer**  
Micaela Fosdick  
Chenoa, IL

**2009 Illinois Beef Expo  
Limousin Heifer Show Results**



**Champion Limousin Heifer**  
Austen Etherton, Dawson, IL

**Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer**  
Austen Etherton, Dawson, IL

<b><u>Class 53</u></b>		<b><u>Limousin Heifers</u></b>		
1	654	Katelyn Eike	Glenman	6/11/08
2	653	Katelyn Eike	Eike	5/26/08
<b><u>Class 54</u></b>		<b><u>Limousin Heifers</u></b>		
1	258	Thadd Fosdick	Chenoa	4/17/08
2	634	Kristopher Meyer	Witt	4/5/08
3	633	Drew DeClerck	Dorsey	4/1/08
<b><u>Class 55</u></b>		<b><u>Limousin Heifers</u></b>		
1	256	Thadd Fosdick	Chenoa	3/12/08
2	651	Kyle Eike	Glenman	3/14/08
3	706	Tyler Huber	Coffeen	3/6/08
<b><u>Class 56</u></b>		<b><u>Limousin Heifers</u></b>		
1	362	Austen Etherton	Dawson	2/5/08
2	704	Tyler Huber	Coffeen	2/1/08
3	705	Tyler Huber	Coffeen	2/12/08
<b><u>Class 57</u></b>		<b><u>Limousin Heifers</u></b>		
1	361	Austen Etherton	Dawson	1/31/08
2	281	Brad Stonebraker	Avon	1/7/08

**2009 Illinois Beef Expo  
Lim-Flex Heifer Show Results**



**Champion Lim-Flex Heifer**  
Austen Etherton, Dawson, IL



**Reserve Champion Lim-Flex Heifer**  
Thadd Fosdick, Chenoa, IL

**Class 58 Lim-Flex Heifers**

<b>1</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>Tyler Huber</b>	<b>Coffeen</b>	<b>5/20/08</b>
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**Class 59**

**Lim-Flex Heifers**

<b>1</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>Nada Stonebraker Avon</b>		<b>3/19/08</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>Brad Stonebraker Avon</b>		<b>3/15/08</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>Kristopher Meyer Witt</b>		<b>4/1/08</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>Kyle Eike</b>	<b>Glenman</b>	<b>4/18/08</b>

**Class 60**

**Lim-Flex Heifers**

<b>1</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>Austen Etherton Dawson</b>		<b>2/19/08</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>Thadd Fosdick Chenoa</b>		<b>2/14/08</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>Kristopher Meyer Witt</b>		<b>2/19/08</b>

**2009 Kentucky Beef Expo**



**Shane Harrison, Minier, IL**  
**Champion Limousin Heifer**



**Kristopher Meyer, Witt, IL**  
**Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer**

## 2009 Membership Dues

Put some of your stimulus money to good use!

Now is the time for your annual membership dues. The family memberships include all juniors in your immediate family—do not pay additional junior membership dues for your sons or daughters. Please send the names of any juniors that are included in your family membership so that the Junior leader can contact those regarding Junior activities. Junior memberships are for individuals under the age of 21 who are not associated with a family membership.

Membership rates are  
Family -- \$40.00  
Junior -- \$10.00

Make your check payable to Illinois Limousin Breeders Association and include any changes in your information – address, email, phone numbers, etc. so that we may update our files.

Send your check to:  
Lisa Fosdick  
31507 N 3460 E Rd  
Chenoa, IL 61726



Crowd enjoying the ILBA State Sale

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held this year in conjunction with the Illinois Beef Expo. Approximately 40 people enjoyed an excellent meal and a chance to interact with Limousin breeders. A lively auction that benefited the junior association was held after the meal. Big thanks to Tim Eike who made this event a success.

Discussion was held regarding the date of the Annual Meeting and whether it should be held in conjunction with the ILBA State Sale. Let your officers know your thoughts on this matter.