

Illinois Limousin Breeders' Association Newsletter May 2009

Field Day

The big topic of the month is . the ILBA Field Day to be held June 20-21 at Macoupin County Fair Grounds in Carlinville, IL. The entry form and rules will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. A block of rooms will be available at the Best Western in Carlinville for \$79.95/room. Call 217- 324-2100 for reservations by June 6 to take advantage of this offer. Cattle check in will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon with a judges demonstration from 1-4. Also a cook out will be held at 6p.m. The ILBA will provide the meat with everybody bringing a covered dish. At 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 19, the no fit show will be held. If you do not have any cattle to show, come on Saturday for the barbeque and stay for the show on Sunday. A good time will be had by all.

Fun Fact

Hamburger meat from a single steer will make about 720 quarter pound hamburger patties. That's enough to feed a family of four hamburgers for nearly six months.



Illinois Beef Expo

At the last ILBA Board meeting, a discussion was held concerning the Illinois Beef Expo. The Board has expressed interest in having a presence at the Performance Tested Bull Sale at the Expo. Input from the membership is needed to see if there is any interest in pursuing this. Bob Etherton suggested that we have at least 6-8 good bulls in this sale next year. If you agree and would like to participate in this project, call Bob Etherton at 217-899-0162. This would be a great opportunity to promote the Limousin breed. Remember to call Bob with your input.

ILBA on the Web

Check out the ILBA web site at www.illinoislimousin.com. You can advertise your cattle operation on the web for \$100/year. As a member, you are already listed in the member directory, but you can have an ad on the home page. Also, there is space on the website to advertise cattle for sale.

It pays to advertise. If you would like an ad, call Cheryl Stockstill at 217-999-7610 or email her at tstocks@madisontelco.com

Filling in-by Cheryl

The neighbors have come to get manure from our show barn for their gardens for years. We've noticed an increased interest in gardening in the last month. We've had new people asking about the manure. The word has gotten out. South Forty has a lot of manure. You could say we were full of it.

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Member News

Wedding bells were ringing as three of our members' children were married in 2008. Jon and Becky Freed of Freed Livestock were married in July 2008. While the Meyer family, Legacy Farms had two weddings.

Norann married Brandon Ogle on August 30th 2008. Brandon works for a boar stud enterprise near Champaign and is a nationally known swine judge. Ogle-Talbert breeding stock is nationally known as well in the hog industry. They reside in Strasburg.

Norann and Brandon Ogle wedding



1st Row: Randy, Laurel, Norann, Brandon, Claire, Joan, Darian

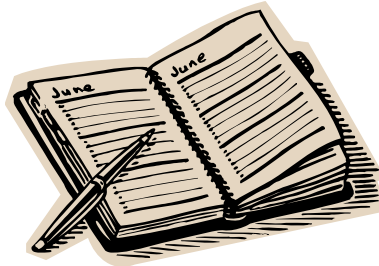
2nd Row: Dominic, Stephanie, Beth, Andrea, Brooks, Abbey

3rd Row: Drew, Jordan, Brad, Chad, Kristopher

Jordan married Stephanie Witt on November 29th 2008. Jordan is a loan officer at the Security National Bank in Witt and Stephanie is going back to school to get her teaching degree in science. They live in Witt and help manage the cattle operation at Legacy Farms.

Congratulations to all!

ILBA Calendar



June 5-6 Heartland Regional Junior Show, Ottawa, Kansas

June 12-13 Eastern Regional Junior Show, Murfreesboro, TN

June 19-21 ILBA Field Day, Macoupin County Fair Grounds, Carlinville, IL

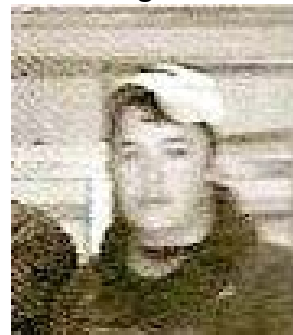
July 11-17 Junior Limousin Show and Congress, Amarillo, Texas

August 12-16 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL

August 28-31, DuQuoin State Fair, DuQuoin, IL

Show News

Tyler Huber had the Champion and Reserve Champion heifer at the University of Illinois Hoof-N-Horn Spring Showdown on April 5, 2009. Congratulations Tyler.



ATAK LIMOUSIN

ATAK Limousin is owned and operated by Andy and Tammy Schmalshof (pronounced small-sof) near the town of Avon in west central Illinois. Along with our two children, Karen, (29) and Adam (27), we have been raising cattle for over 31 years. Our Limousin herd began in the mid 1980's with the purchase of a red horned bull to add muscle to our crossbred calves. Later came two red Limousin heifers-purchased from Leveldale Farms-for the kid's 4-H projects. We now run a cow/calf herd of over 100 registered Limousin cows.



The importance of family is symbolized by our name. Andy - Tammy - Adam - Karen became the acronym of ATAK Limousin. Karen painted it on Andy's old show box from the early 70's and off we went to our first cattle show. Today we are farming 1000 acres of cropland- corn, wheat, and soybeans. Adam is selling insurance and working into the farm and cattle operation. Karen is living near Peoria selling embroidery machines- yet she still manages to come home often and always jumps in to help.

Over the years we have constantly strived to upgrade our base herd. Last fall we purchased the entire Leveldale herd

expanding our foundation females with proven and successful genetics. We also had the unique opportunity to purchase a group of solid, structurally sound Registered Angus cow/calf pairs from Burns Angus Cattle enabling development of a Lim-Flex line. To keep on the front line with bull power, we have purchased semen packages from MAGS Savage, EF Smackdown, DVFC Sitting Bull, MAGS Twain and MAGS Trail Drive along with top AI sires such as EF Main Stay, EXLR Native and KRVN Picante. These investments in current genetics will ensure future progeny with exceptional performance and proven pedigrees.

When we first became involved in raising Limousin cattle, we knew that our herd would likely improve. We also suspected that our family would continue to remain close by sharing the work, but what we didn't expect was how the people we met - those we now call friends - would enrich our lives. The friends we have made in the Limousin business are truly remarkable people. We're proud to be able to do our part toward improving the Limousin breed and honored to be in the company of others focused on a similar goal. We count ourselves blessed to know our Limousin friends and well be forever grateful for their friendship and continued support.

We invite you to come and see the selection of herd sires and foundation females we have available on the farm. Check out our powerful set of 2008 spring calves sired by Smackdown, Native, Main Stay and Lim-Flex calves out of GAR Predestined, TC Total and Beckton's Lancer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

2009 Illinois Limousin Field Day

RULES

1. Health certificates must comply with the rules set by the State of Illinois for cattle shows.
2. The original registration certificates of the North American Limousin Foundation must accompany all cattle. All tattoos will be checked.
3. We will follow the NALF and NALJA show rules. Complete rules are available @ NALF Website.
4. Steers must be 50% Limousin or greater, as indicated by their registration papers and will be shown according to weight.
5. Breeder four head: Owned or co-owned by exhibitor, exhibited in individual classes.
6. Animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name. All junior association showmen must be a member of the Illinois Limousin Junior Association. All open showmen must be a member of the Illinois Limousin Breeder's Association.
7. Entries must be postmarked by June 13, 2009. Entry fee is \$15.00 per head. Entries postmarked after June 13, 2009 will be accepted with an entry fee of \$25.00 per head.
8. Showmanship classes will be made up of Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Divisions will be made after all participants have signed up. After an individual has won a division, they must proceed to the next higher division for the following year.
9. Cattle are released immediately following the show.
10. Cattle must be in place by 10:00 am on June 20, 2009.

LIM-FLEX SHOW

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FUTURITY SHOW

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