



Murray Grey Newsbrief

News from the Council....

Dairy Index

The Dairy Index is now operational and can be accessed through the website. It is added to the list of EBVs for each animal. Note that it is not recommended to use this index for selection purposes. It is to help Dairy farm customers select the most suitable bull for their purposes.

(Fawn Calf) results in live calves which are poorly muscled and have extended limbs.

Details regarding the appearance and effects of these three genetic conditions can be found on line and the NZ Angus website has a good page relating to defects in Angus and Angus derived cattle on their Genetics page.

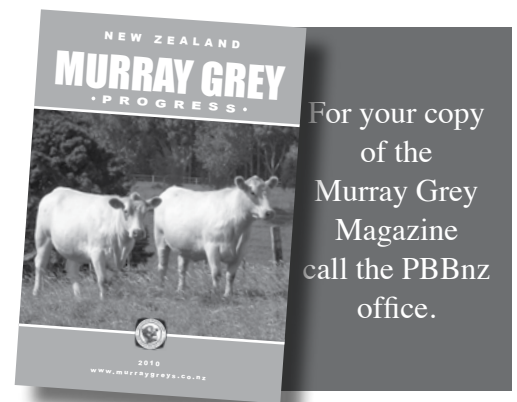
Birth Defects

The possible presence of three birth defects is a concern that needs to be noted by all breeders. These defects can be expected to be present at very low levels in Murray Greys, due to the use of Angus genetics in their background. They are Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM), Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH) and Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA). A major concern is that imported semen used over a large number of cows could very quickly spread such problems within the breed. The Council recently changed the Society's Bylaws to ensure that bulls and semen being imported are free of these defects. The same requirement applies to donors of embryos.

Contact the PBB office if you suspect you have an animal with a problem, they can direct you to an agency to have the appropriate testing done.

The Australian Society has recently done a limited amount of testing upon which they have adopted a programme to identify the status of individual animals or the likelihood that they are carriers.

Tests are now available should members suspect they have any of these defects present. All the three defects are recessive and carriers therefore go undetected unless the individual animal is tested. Two of the defects result in dead calves; the third, C.A.



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Photo Competition

Competitions for 2011/2012

November/December	Cute Calf
January/February	Cow & Calf
March/April	Weaner Bull
May/June	Weaner Heifer
July/August.....	R2 Heifer
September/October	R2 Bull

Email entries to the Murray Grey Society, murraygreys@pbbnz.com - \$2/entry

The winning photo from the last competition which was Weaner Bull Calves



Chequers Ferdinand F3 2548100003
DOB 09/08/10
Sire: Chequers Galaxy D801
Dam: Kensington Helena 29th
From the Chequers Stud of Neill & Jane Burke

Murray Grey Feature - Straight Furrow

Editorial and advertising will be in Straight Furrow in the near future. This details the Murray Grey Society Dairy Index.

Council Elections Next Year

Give some thought to who you would like to have representing you on the incoming council.

Murray Grey Handbook

A handbook has been put together for new members to help with understanding about the Murray Grey Society; an overview of the Bylaws; details on performance recording; the history of the breed and tips and hints on how to perform various tasks like accessing the web site to download forms look up pedigrees and understanding EBV's. This is almost finalised and will be circulated to all existing members shortly.

Advertising for Progress Magazine

For those wishing to advertise in Progress the charges and sizes of adverts are as follows;

1/3 page	\$175.00 + GST
1/2 page	\$300.00 + GST
1 page	\$425.00 + GST

Progress Front Cover

If you have a photo which you consider suitable for the front page please forward to Sue Clarke at: yorkvale@xtra.co.nz.

Group BREEDPLAN Run

Reminder - Group Run cut off is the 18th of each month for submission of data to the office.

If you have any queries regarding this contact Linda Rule.

Calendar 2011

Hawkes Bay Show

19th - 21st October

Waikato Show

28th - 30th October

Canterbury Show

9th - 11th November