



Murray Grey Newsbrief

Notes from the Council meeting . . .

Murray Grey National Sale at Beef Expo

The Council decided at its last meeting that the champion Murray Grey would be chosen from all the Murray Grey entrants at the National Sale. However only the top placed rising 2 year old bull would go forward to represent the breed in the Champion of Champions as this is a Beef Expo rule.

Those members who intend or are interested in entering an animal in the National Sale should notify Lindy at the PBB office. It would be good to see our breed represented at this showcase of NZ breeds.

Formal entry forms will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Entries are open to Rising 2yr old bulls, Rising Yearling Bulls and Rising 2 year old heifers.

Beef Expo 2011 to be held at Manfeild Arena, Feilding

It is planned that Beef Expo 2011 is planned to operate along similar lines to that in 2010. The option of selling bulls by video or still photos is also being considered. A number of areas in the organising have been identified as requiring improvement following feedback from participants.

Steak of Origin 2011

This is planned to follow the same format as for 2010 with only minor changes, details can be found on the website www.beeflamb-nz.co.nz

Dairy Index

Council members are to review the work already done on the establishment of the Index with a view to identifying the most appropriate weighting of performance and financial data.

100% Murray Grey

Discussions are currently underway to have A grade cattle in the New Zealand data base identified as being 100% Murray Grey, see the article in Progress for a further explanation.

Changes to By Laws

The Bylaws have been changed to require confirmation that imported Sires and Angus cattle used for Grading up are clear of the recently identified genetic calf defects. Due to the advent of electronic tagging it has been decided that the rules for tattooing stock be deleted and replaced by the identification of individuals by NAIT electronic tags.

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Photo Competition

Whilst the entries have been few the Council hopes the photo competition will gather momentum to show case your stock, all entrants will be put on the Murray Grey website photo Gallery.

The time table for entries is as follows, closing date end of month when taken. Send to Lindy at PBB via email or post.

Cow and Calf photos taken January 2011

Weaner Bull photos taken March

Weaner heifer photos taken April

Rising 2 year heifer photos taken June

Rising 2 year bull photos taken September

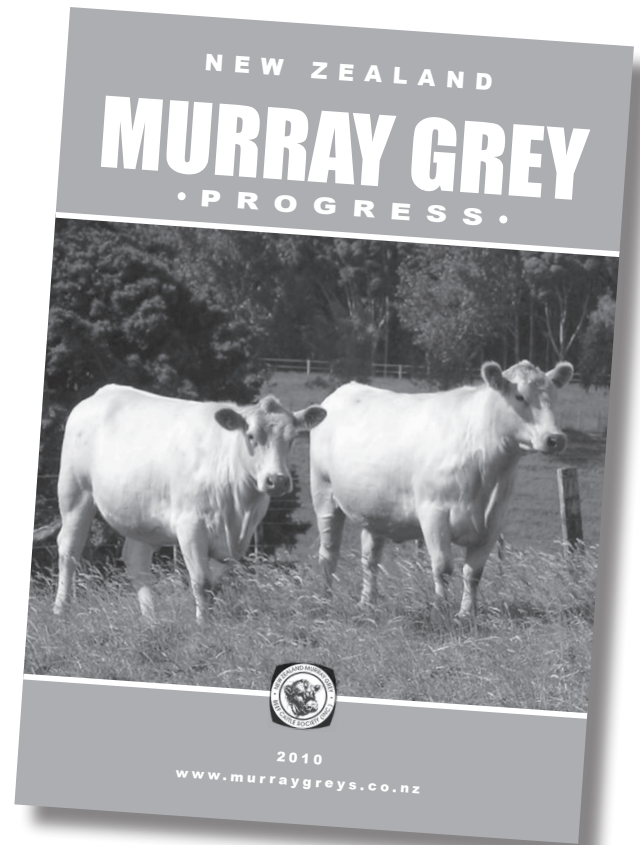
Paddock scene entries close October

(Photos may be used for Progress and any additional photos may be submitted for the website Gallery at any time)

My thanks to all those who contributed to the Progress Magazine and to other promotional activities throughout the year.

Christmas is once again upon us. The Council and myself wish you all a Merry Christmas and a bountiful 2011 and may we all receive rain!

Trevor Clarke



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Calendar 2011

Calving returns in by	January
Best of Beef Show-Feilding I.A&P	17th,18th,19th March
Australian National MG Show and Sale	6th & 7th April, Wodonga VIC
Auckland Easter Show	25th April
Sydney Royal Easter Show	14th - 27th April
NZ MG Society Annual meeting	May
Mystery Creek Fieldays Hamilton	15th - 18th June
Hawkes Bay Show	19th - 21st October
Waikato Show	28th - 30th October
Canterbury Show	9th - 11th November