



Murray Grey Newsbrief

News from the Council....

100% Murray Grey

The council has been concerned for some time that animals in the Australian system were being reported as being 100% Murray Grey while animals in the NZ system of the same status and % Murray Grey were not.

This has now been changed so animals in the NZ system will now be reported as 100% Murray Grey when meeting "A" grade status. This is not the same as the Australian situation where they have animals classified as "A" grade which have Angus in their recent heritage, these animals are not reported as 100% Murray Grey.

Dairy Index

The MG website is constantly being updated with news and results. Please supply anything you think will be of interest to members or any interested persons, to either Sue Clarke or Lindy at PBB. There are new sections for Cattle for Sale/Wanted if you want to advertise your stock to a wider audience - check with Lindy for costs. Promote your breed, advertise here. Also check out which AI sires have been approved for use, what colour your calves might be and coming soon the importance of weighing and measuring and how to do it.

ILR2

ILR2 is the new windows based programme for BREEDPLAN.

The NZ Murray Grey Society moves over to ILR2 from the current DOS based system in June this year.

The change will enable the direct entry of data (weights, measures, scan results) electronically by Society members. However data may still be able to be sent to PBB for entry into the system by them, as it is done now. The ability to enter your own data will enable a speedier input; however you will be entirely responsible for any errors!

As has been indicated earlier it was anticipated that this change would cost the Society approximately \$8,000. PBBNZ, on behalf of the Societies, approached Beef + Lamb NZ for funding for the changeover to ILR2. The application was successful and congratulations go to Murray Meads and the staff at PBB for their efforts in securing the funding for the changeover.

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Photo Competition

There were 18 entries in the cow and calf competition which finished at the end of February. The competition was won by Anne Marie Morgan of Seaspring Stud.



The next photo competition is for weaner bull calves with photos taken in March and April 2011.

Check out photos of all the entries on the Photo Gallery on the website at:

www.murraygreys.co.nz

AGM and Dinner

The AGM is being held on May 16th at Focal Point Theatre, 81 Manchester Street, Feilding with the AGM Meeting at 6 pm; followed by the Dinner at 7pm.

Please book for the dinner with Lindy at PBB by 12th May. Price \$32.00 per person, to be paid on the night.

Beef Expo May

There are 2 Murray Grey entries this year;

1 Rising 2 year old bull

1 Rising 1 year old heifer in the Queen of Hearts All Breeds sale

Murray Grey's Top Southland Calf Sale

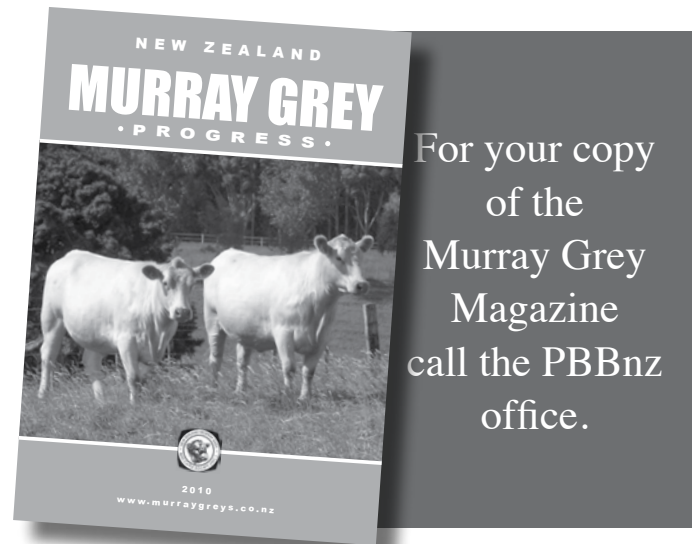
Murray Grey calves were once again in hot demand when top prices were received by vendors at the first Castlerock Calf sale of the season.

GJ & KL Catto who farm near Mossburn in Northern Southland achieved the top price for their Murray Grey X steers when the first pen up for the day made \$860. The next best price was for a pen of Charolais X steers at \$830.

The steer price was exceeded when a pen of Murray Grey bulls on account of KW & J Donnelly made \$870. The Donnellys from near Te Anau also achieved good money for the second line of bulls when they were sold for \$830.

TV Personality

Congratulations to Catherine Rawnsley who got to the final 3 before being eliminated from NZ's Hottest Home Baker



currently on TV3. Catherine managed to get in a mention of Murray Greys (and Angus) on air - her occupation being listed as Cattle Farmer.

Many members may have met Catherine, daughter of Gary Allen of Koromiko Murray Greys, either leading, preparing or judging cattle in the Show ring and last year watched her own daughters performing with credit leading their Murray Grey steers in the Future Beef NZ competition at Beef Expo 2010.

Calendar 2011

Auckland Easter Show

21st - 25th April

Sydney Royal Easter Show

14th - 27th April

Future Beef NZ

14th - 15th May, Manfeild Arena, Feilding

Beef Expo

16th - 17th May, Manfeild Arena, Feilding

NZ MG Society Annual Meeting

16th May, Focal Point Theatre, Feilding 6pm

Mystery Creek Fielddays Hamilton

15th - 18th June

ADL (animal disposal listings)

to Linda Rule by the end July

Hawkes Bay Show

19th - 21st October

Waikato Show

28th - 30th October

Canterbury Show

9th - 11th November