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COMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

- Jan. 1 - Memberships due
- Jan. 5 - NYSA annual meeting RSVP
- Jan. 18-19 - NYBPA Annual Conference
- Feb. 20 - Deadline for:
 - Membership in directory
 - Ads for directory
 - Semen order
- Feb. 21-23 - NY Farm Show

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NEXT MEETING
January 5, 2019 11:00
 Theodores
 Canastota, NY



How to Vote When You Can't Attend the Annual Meeting

Are you interested in the issues to be considered at the January Annual NYSA Membership Meeting? Would you like to have a voice in determining the direction of the Association? But, do you find it difficult or impossible to attend in person? If your answer to each of these is *yes* then you may be a candidate for the Proxy voting option.

The proxy form shown is the official form used by NYSA to provide active members a vote at Annual Meetings in absentia. To use this proxy, you must fill it out, sign it, have it notarized & give it to someone who is attending the meeting.

A few precautions should be taken when using this form:

An authorized representative for the membership must sign.

- The bearer of the proxy is the person who will present your proxy at the meeting as if you were present. Any instructions about voting on specific issues should be between you and the person to whom you give your proxy
- Only an active membership can cast a vote at the annual meeting either in person or by proxy.

Proxy forms can be solicited by any member of the Association. Since you are giving your right to vote to someone else, obviously, you want to be cautious about how you are being represented. Officers, Directors, or anyone else you know and respect can be a potential proxy bearer.

A time & place can be reserved at each annual Meeting for the registering and validation of proxies. They are checked for active status, authorized membership signature and proper form. The bearer is then given a verification of the numbers of authentic proxy votes they are entitled to cast at the Annual Membership Meeting. Generally, proxies are only used on controversial issues or when a close vote tally occurs.

If you are interested in holding an office, you should know their duties (This is a brief description)

President - shall be the principal executive officer and shall supervise and control all of the business & affairs of NYSA. He shall preside at all meetings. He shall perform all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

Vice-President - In the absence of the president or in event of his inability to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president, & when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions of the president, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

Secretary/Treasurer - shall keep the minutes, see that all notices are duly given, keep a register of the post-office address of each member; handle correspondence. Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds & securities, receive & give receipts for moneys due & payable, & deposit all such moneys. The Secretary/Treasurer's *position is subsidized*. Other duties are a newsletter 5 times/yr, annual directory, volume purchases, order NYSF awards, handle NYSF Premium monies, maintain web site, and other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

Proxy Ballot

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby constitute and appoint _____ agent for me, and in my name, place and stead, to vote as my proxy at any membership meeting of the New York Simmental Assn. to be held between the date of this proxy and _____, unless sooner revoked, with full power to cast my vote as if I were then personally present, and authorize _____ to act for me and in my name and stead as fully as I could act if I were present.

In witness whereof, I have executed this proxy on this _____ day of _____

BY: _____

On this _____ day of _____, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____, personally appeared _____ and acknowledged to me that _____ executed the above instrument for the purpose therein stated.

(SEAL)

Notary Public in & for the State of _____

Residing at _____

My commission expires: _____

NEW YORK
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ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING
January 5, 2019 Saturday 11:00 AM
THEODORE'S
3231 Seneca Turnpike, Canastota

AGENDA

Election of:
Directors
(Either by ballot or proxy)
Prime Pages Auction
Committee Reports
Budget
Yearly Events

Directions: Thruway Exit
34, Rt 13 S to Rt 13/ Rt 5
West (total about 2 miles.)

Slate of Directors

Lonny Schaefer
Philip Paradis
Matt Wilkes
Ken Gumaer

Appointed Positions

Promotion: Ed & Alice Koss
and Bobby Allis
Assistant Newsletter Editor:
Sheila Bunal
Assistant Directory Editor:
Rachel Bunal:

NY Simmental Association Sharing Cost of Lunch
Roast Beef, Meatballs & Sausage +Zita + Potatoes + Rolls + salad
Member cost \$10/person (no tax or gratuity)



GUEST SPEAKER at 11am:
TBA
Please RSVP by December 27
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Kirk Stierwalt Clinic

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Get Your BQA Certification Now— Some Packers To Require It in 2019

Sara Brown

November 16, 2018



Earlier this year, several beef packers announced they would require Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification from fed cattle suppliers, starting Jan. 1, 2019. Leaders from Tyson and Cargill say this effort is driven by beef retailers and consumers, who are asking for more information about how cattle are raised.

Cargill is on schedule to meet its commitment for 90% of its suppliers being compliant by the end of 2018. “We support both BQA and the BQA Transportation because we believe it is the right thing to do for caring for, and handling, cattle,” says Lacey Alexander, Cargill’s animal welfare lead for beef



“Consumers and customers want to know more about the beef they buy and additional assurance cattle producers are doing what’s right for the animals they raise,” says Gary Mickelson, Tyson spokesperson. “Our beef industry has a great story to share, and consumers are listening. Most have never been to a farm and may not know the day-to-day practices that go into caring for animals. However, they want to know that animals raised for food are properly cared for by all operators in the supply chain. They want to make buying decisions with confidence that animals used produce the meat, and leather, they buy, were treated in a way that aligns with their values.”

Tyson is also a major supplier to Wendy’s, who says they are committed to sourcing 100% BQA Certified beef.

Additionally, Tyson will require BQA Transportation certification of all transporters delivering cattle to our facilities by Jan. 1, 2020. [Read more.](#)

Created By Cattlemen For Cattlemen

“A key positive is these companies turned to an industry-accepted program instead of requiring additional certifications,” says Chase DeCoite, director of the Beef Quality Assurance program. “It’s a kudos to beef producers that had the forethought to start a quality initiative 30 years ago.”

DeCoite says using the current BQA guidelines, they can offer consumers greater transparency in how food production animals are raised. “This is a program by cattlemen for cattlemen.”

Several questions have been raised about the requirement, specifically who in the beef supply chain needs to be certified. As the requirement states, producers supplying fed cattle would need to provide certification. Many livestock markets have extended that to all cattle sellers, so producers should check with their marketing partners to ensure they are prepared before transporting cattle. Two separate certifications cover the sale and transport of cattle. One is for those that sell to packers and another is for those that transport cattle to a packer.

How to Get Certified

Producers, feedlot workers and transporters have two ways to complete certification.

Online certification at www.BQA.org is free. The online training program can be completed at the producer's or transporter's own pace in an interactive manner. The site was redesigned in 2017 to offer a better user experience as well as top education tools.

Producers can also attend in-person BQA trainings through many state associations. "We are working with our state coordinators to get these events scheduled and shared on BQA.org," DeCoite says.

"As of Oct. 31, 2018, we've had more than 38,000 certifications completed online, with more than 60,000 enrolled in the online platform. As producers work through the program at their own pace, we'll see those enrollments move to complete certifications. In-person certifications total 58,000 this year," DeCoite says.

Year-over-year, the BQA program has more than doubled certifications each month.

5 Wisdoms that Rule the Herd

Sara Brown, November 7, 2018

It's been a long few months of contention—the country, the checkoff and the weather. It's time to get back to what we all love—watching new calves born, feeding the first few loads of corn silage, and seeing your kids racing to pull on muck boots to help with the chores.

Raising cattle can happen in many different ways. But here are five rules of wisdom we all need to be reminded of:

1. **Work with a good veterinarian and be fanatic about animal health.**

Evaluate your operations for any lack in animal health—from scours to anaplasmosis to pasture health. Concerns about antibiotic use world-wide will continue—having a good veterinarian-client relationship is key to getting medications responsibility and quickly.

2. **You get what you pay for.**

Pay the extra money for a good bull and build a reputation for quality cattle. It will come back ten-fold when its time to market your calves. Regardless of the breed you choose, understand the EPD and genetic evaluations of your options. If there is additional data to be had—have it!

3. **Cull out the crazy cows.**

If she's running, she's not eating or milking her calf. There's no argument you can make to not send her to market. Wild cattle put your safety, employees and entire herd at risk. The moment she is gone, take a gut check—do you need to work cattle in a lower stress manner? Invest in the animal handling training to have a calmer, more productive herd.

4. **Good fences make better neighbors.**

You've likely heard the story of a prized genomic cow getting accidentally bred by the neighbor's bull. Have you ever weaned calves and woke up the next morning with them all mixed together? Key cause is your fence.

5. **Plan for tomorrow today.**

The unthinkable is only seconds away—accidents are never planned. What would happen to the farm or ranch, if you have an unexpected death or debilitating accident?

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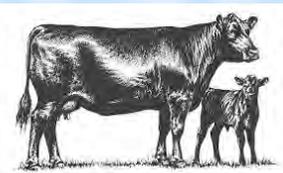
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Rules: Any junior exhibitor showing Simmental within the state of New York at a County Fair or other organized youth show.

Animal must be a **registered** PUREBRED in the junior's name or family farm name.

Supreme Champion must be over **All Other Breeds** (must have competition).

Grand Champion must have AT LEAST 10 head of Simmental females with AT LEAST 3 exhibitors, OR at least 10 steers of any breed with a **registered** Simmental steer winning Grand Champion.

PICTURE & PROOF from management of show must be sent to:

NYSA, 7625 Ridge Rd, Gasport, NY 14067

Foundation Gala and Auction - YOU ARE INVITED!

January 20, 2019, DoubleTree (3203 Quebec St), Denver Colorado starting at 6:30 pm.

Total Herd Enrollment (THE) season has arrived! It's time to enroll your Spring calving females.

Spring 2019 THE enrollment is OPEN. Any females of calving age that will calve between January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 will need to be enrolled by December 15, 2018 to take advantage of the lowest enrollment fees. ALL members previously enrolled in 2018 Spring Total Herd Enrollment MUST submit an inventory even if there are not any changes/updates to enrolled females. If you submit an enrollment today, you will be able to adjust your inventory online through Herdbook Services until the deadline of December 15 as many times as you wish. There's absolutely no reason not to fill out an inventory today and submit it well before the deadline. Our THE motto is: don't delay, enroll today!

50th Anniversary Belt Buckles. Only 4 buckles remaining.

A great Christmas Gift is only a bid away. Three 50th Anniversary belt buckles will be auctioned online December 10 and 11th through DP Sales online auction. Bidding will start at \$500. The final belt buckle will be auctioned during the Foundation Auction in Denver.



DNA Update

DNA Invoicing

Starting September 1, 2018, DNA invoicing will be completed at the time of requesting the tests (instead of when results are received). This will increase efficiencies and reduce the number of invoices members currently receive.

Since it takes time to order kits and for the sample to complete testing, other types of processing (registrations, THE enrollment, transfers) will not be delayed pending DNA payment for a period of time.

New Genetic Condition Panel Pricing

The Genetic Conditions Panel is undergoing changes to include all 7 of the genetic defects tracked by the American Simmental Association. These defects are: AM, NH, CA, DD, OS, PHA, and TH. The new Genetic Conditions Panel will only be available with GGP-LD or GGP-HD testing and the add on price for the panel will be \$25. If the animal is not undergoing a GGP-LD or GGP-HD test, then defect testing will be \$25 per defect. If requesting the genetic conditions panel after a GGP-LD or GGP-HD test is complete, then the testing will be billed at single defect rates, which is \$25 per defect.



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picked out?**

Paid your membership?



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NYBPA Feeder Calf Pre-Conditioning Protocol

As we move forward to help producers market their cattle in New York the NYBPA has come up with a tiered protocol. We will not turn anyone away from our announced feeder calf sales but cattle will be sold in Gold and Silver levels. Cattle not following these protocols will be accepted but will sell after the Gold and Silver leveled cattle.

This is an avenue to help beef producers market feeder calves. As we all know buyers like uniform- size, condition, frame, healthy and quantity. Where most of us are small breeders this is a way to group cattle for more numbers for buyers.

At present one scheduled NYBPA Pre-Conditioned Feeder Calf Sale will be Saturday December 1, 2018 at Finger Lakes Livestock Exchange in Canandaigua, NY. in conjunction with the Trowbridge Feeder Calf Sale. More details to follow. Forms and a guideline list available on our web site. Any questions please contact Ted Card 716-664-0356, Skip Lear- 585-730-9383 or any Regional Chairpersons.

If not a member Year End Special going on now -rest of 2018 and all of 2019 for \$30.00- Join Today

NYBPA Feeder Calf Pre-conditioning Protocol		
Item	Silver	Gold
Disease		
• IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV	√	√
• <i>Mannheimia haemolytica</i>	√	√
• 7-way Clostridial	√	√
• <i>Pasteurella multocida</i>		√
• <i>Histophilus somni</i>		√
• Leptospirosis		√
Type of vaccine		
• Modified live		√
• Killed	√	
De-wormer¹		
• Injectable		√
• Pour – on	√	
Weaning period		
• 45 days		√
• 30 days	√	
When should vaccination schedule begin relative to changing ownership?		
• 6 weeks (killed vaccines)	√	√
• 3 weeks (modified live vaccines)	√	√
Negative BVD test		
		√
Other		
• Properly castrated, dehorned and healed 3 weeks prior to sale	√	√
• Heifers guaranteed open	√	√
• Bunk broke and trained to water trough/tank		√
• BQA Level II certified		√
• NYBPA member	√	√
¹ “White” de-wormer perhaps closer to delivery or if going to a dry lot.		

Example vaccines for NYBPA feeder calf preconditioning protocol.^{1,2,3}
(circle the vaccine that you used)

	Fall Shots First Dose:	Fall Shots Booster:		
5-way [IBR, BVD (I&II), PI ₃ , BRSV]	Modified live	Killed		
	Bovi-Shield Gold Vista 5 Pyramid 5 Titanium 5 (BRSV req booster)	Vira Shield 6 Triangle 5 CattleMaster Gold FP5		
5-way + Mannheimia haemolytica	Bovi-Shield Gold One Shot Vista Once SQ Titanium 5 + PH-M	Triangle + 4 PH-K		
Clostridial	None available	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Vision 7 with Spur UltraChoice 7 UltraChoice 8 Vision-8 with Spur Caliber 7</td> <td>Covexin 8 Calvary 9 Ultrabac 8 Ultrabac 7 Alpha 7 (does not req booster)</td> </tr> </table>	Vision 7 with Spur UltraChoice 7 UltraChoice 8 Vision-8 with Spur Caliber 7	Covexin 8 Calvary 9 Ultrabac 8 Ultrabac 7 Alpha 7 (does not req booster)
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Clostridial + Mannheimia haemolytica + Pasteurella	None available	One Shot Ultra 7 (booster blackleg) One Shot Ultra 8 (booster blackleg)		
Clostridial + Histophilus somni	None available	Vision 8 Somnus with Spur Ultrabac7/Somubac Vision 7 Somnus with Spur BarVac 7 Somnus		
5 way + Leptospirosis	Bovi-Shield Gold FP5 VL5 (booster BRSV and Lepto) Vista 5 VL5 SQ Cattle Vaccine PregGuard Gold FP 10 (booster Lepto and vibrio) Vista 5 L5 SQ Titanium 5 L5 HB Express 5 & Express 5 L5	Triangle 10 HB Vira Shield 6 + VL5 Vira Shield 6 + VL5 HB Somnus (+Somnus) CattleMaster Gold FP5 L5 Elite 9 Cattle Vaccine Elite 9-HS Cattle Vaccine (+Somnus) Master Guard 10 HB Vira Shield 4 +VL5		

BQA Level II certification ___ Yes ___ No
 NYBPA member ___ Yes ___ No

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

Calf birth dates:
 _____ to _____, _____
 Month Month Year

Weaning date:

Signature: _____

¹This is for information only. Your herd health program should be developed with input from your veterinarian.
²This list is not meant to be comprehensive, but provide examples of possible vaccines and combinations. The vaccines you choose will be based on the recommendation of your veterinarian.
³Adapted from Ron Kuck, Dairy & Livestock Educator; CCE of Jefferson County.

Fall Festival 2018 NY Juniors in Cobleskill, NY



Master Showman & Supreme Female
Kelsey Broughton, Attica, NY



Champion Market Steer
Kristopher Hicks, Rhinebeck, NY



Reserve Bred and Owned Heifer.
Jala Murphy, Eagle Bridge, NY

We would also like to acknowledge our Champion and Reserve Show Sponsors.

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**A BIG THANK YOU TO:
Julie Murphy, co-ordinator**

Fall Festival 2018

NY Juniors in Cobleskill, NY

The NYJBPA Fall Festival was held in Cobleskill, NY at the Schoharie County Fairgrounds where 135 Juniors attended proudly showing their 188 head of cattle. Bill Dunn from Cochran, PA. evaluated the Showmanship and Beef Show.

The Fall Festival is a very busy weekend for the kids doing numerous Educational Contests- Livestock Judging, Stockman's Quiz, and Team Fitting, along with the Showmanship and Breed Show. The weather was cold and rainy but the enthusiasm amongst the Juniors was outstanding. This was the largest show and what a group of young individuals to promote Beef in New York. The AAPC, Dirk Schubert and Ben Wiekert from Cobleskill College helped with the Contests.

Congratulations to the all the Juniors for an excellent weekend filled with hard work, sportsmanship and friendly competition.

Below are results of the top Three Juniors per age divisions and Contest.

PeeWee- age 8 and under- Livestock Judging- Allyson Laudermilk, **Trent DeBoer**, Tied for 3rd- Robert Murphy & Michael Shisler. Stockman's Quiz- **Josephine Tommell, Trent Deboer, Gavin Murphy.**

Junior- age 9-13- Livestock Judging- Laken Dyn, Brendan Pimm, Madelynn Pimm. Stockman's Quiz- Alexander DerSarkissian, Tied for 2nd- Sam Birdsall, **Marc Tommell**, Madison Perkins

Intermediate- age 14-17- Livestock Judging- Morgan Depue, tied for 2nd- McKayla McLenithan & Dylan Dyn, Anna King. Stockman's Quiz- Morgan Depue, Aubrey Gerhardt, tied for 3rd- **Nathan Reynolds**, Julia Uhrinek, **James Hicks, Nathan Hay, Brianna Jones**, & Emma Moran.

Senior- age 18-21- Livestock Judging- Chase Gerhardt, Courtney Charlesworth, **Jala Murphy** Stockman's Quiz- Courtney Charlesworth, Tied for 2nd- Chase Gerhardt, Katie Hopkins, Sarah Lippert.

Team Marketing-

First place- **Gavin Murphy, Marc Tommell**, Kara-Lynn Hebert, **James Hicks**

Second Place- Brendan Pimm, **Kaitlyn Broughton**, Makayla Sugg, Alexander DerSarkissian, **Jala Murphy**

Third Place- **Kylie Murphy**, Lin Schaefer, Shianne Foss, Anne Marie Westbrook, Brittani Burke

Overall Points Top Three per division-

PeeWee- **Gavin Murphy, Trent DeBoer**, Allyson Laudermilk

Junior- Tied for 1st- Alexander DerSarkissian, **Marc Tommell**, Brendan Pimm

Intermediate- **James Hicks**, Morgan Depue, **Nathan Hay**

Senior- Chase Gerhardt, **Jala Murphy**, Courtney Charlesworth

Showmanship-

Pee Wee Champion- Madeline Montross, Reserve- Lane Woodworth

Junior Champion- **Kaitlyn Broughton**, Reserve- Daisy Trowbridge

Intermediate Champion- **Kelsey Broughton**, Reserve- Olivia Briggs

Senior Champion- **Jala Murphy**, Reserve- Gunner Giles

Master Showman- **Kelsey Broughton**, Reserve- **Jala Murphy**

Breed Show-

Angus-Champion- Brittani Burke, Reserve- Lily Trowbridge

Hereford-Champion- McKenna Broughton, Reserve- Sam Birdsall

Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus Champion- Kaitlyn Broughton, Reserve- Aaron Schubert

Simmental-Champion- Kelsey Broughton, Reserve- Kara-Lynn Hebert

AOB-Champion- Aaron Schubert, Reserve-**Nathan Reynolds** Cow/calf Champion- Aaron Schubert.

Commercial- Champion- **James Hicks**, Reserve- Laken Dyn Cow/calf Champion- Seth Kelso

Prospect Calf- Champion- Peyton Rhinehart, Reserve- Makayla Sugg

Market Steer-Champion- **Kristopher Hicks**, Reserve- **Nathan Hay**

Bred & Owned and Lester Hay Memorial Winner- Aaron Schubert. Reserve- **Jala Murphy**

Dairy Steer Champion- Carter Kuipers, Reserve- Ruth Kuipers

Supreme Female- Kelsey Broughton. Reserve Female- Aaron Schubert

Supreme Cow/calf- Aaron Schubert. Reserve Cow/calf- Seth Kelso

A Special Thank You, to all the volunteers and parents that helped make the weekend a huge success.

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WHY DO FARMERS USE GMOS?

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Following a long and sometimes impatience-provoking build-up, the U.S. Department of Agriculture in early May publicly released its proposed new guidelines for labeling foods containing ingredients that have been produced from genetically modified crops. USDA is charged with executing the regulations to fulfill Congress' mandate from 2016 that such products be labeled.

While some stakeholders, particularly the Grocery Manufacturers Association, applauded USDA for attempting to write as much flexibility into the regulations in recognition of the gargantuan task of relabeling anywhere from 40 percent to 75 percent of the products in your stores (depending on whose estimate you believe), others were not so charitable. Food & Water Watch continued its criticism of the hidden risks of GMO food, complaining that the technology presents risks not only to food consumers, but food producers, as well.

"The financial burden associated with GMO contamination is significant," the environmental public-interest group has complained in the past. "Some of the costs to non-GMO and organic farmers include the loss of market access, risks to long-term investments associated with the crop or one type of production, and the expense of putting in place preventative measures to avoid contamination."

If GMOs are so controversial, such a risk to hurt the all-important export market, which buys nearly one-third of all crops American farmers grow, for example, why would farmers continue to use them. Why do farmers do that?

*GMOs lead to less pesticide use, not more. Over the last 20 years, GMOs have helped to cut pesticide use by more than 8 percent. By inserting a gene that occurs naturally in soil bacteria into a corn variety, for instance, biotech takes advantage of the plant's innate ability to produce its own pesticide, killing a common insect without sprays. Even when chemicals are still necessary, genetically engineering plants to be immune to one can allow applications to be made less frequently, using fewer different chemicals.

*GMOs save farmland, and by extension, non-farmland. By planting GMOs, according to one estimate, in 2015 farmers were able to preserve 48 million acres that would have been needed to produce the same amount of crops without GMOs – 18.3 million acres of corn, 20.8 million acres of soybeans, 7.4 million acres of cotton and 1.7 million acres of canola. By saving those acres, assuming demand for crops does not go down, biotechnology makes bringing new, non-farmland into production unnecessary.

*Genetically modified seeds that reduce the need for weedkiller also allow farmers to get by with less tillage, a task often necessary in the past to turn over the soil and prevent weeds from growing. That reduced tillage means less use of fossil fuel to drive tractors, less risk of soil washing away and ending up in rivers, less pollution of waters and better soil quality.

*GMOs grow more food using less inputs. By one recent estimate, they increase crop yields by 22 percent.

*GMOS don't seem less "natural" than other genetic technologies like hybrid corn or soybeans—older technology that cross-breeds two or more species to create a new one that has become almost universal in American farming since the 1970s—or marker-assisted animal breeding, selecting animals for use as parents based on testing their genetics for genes that flag key traits like meat-producing ability or mothering ability.

*GMOs are just one tool in the farmer's toolbox. Most fruit and vegetable seeds, for instance, still aren't created by laboratory genetic modification. Farmers carefully choose the seed that works best in the system they're using, based on the demands their customers require.



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DNA and genomic testing provides valuable insights to animals in a relatively short period of time. By using genomics, breeders can have EPDs as accurate as cattle with 20 or more progeny records (depending on the trait). All this can be accomplished while the calves are still nursing. The DNA services at the the ASA have grown and the ASA is putting in measures to continue to make our customer services more efficient and more accurate.

Here are some recent changes to the DNA services:

- 1. Billing at the time of kit or DNA test request started Sept.1.** In order to more efficiently and accurately bill for DNA tests, the ASA is now billing at the time of the kit or DNA test request. Keep in mind, this means members may be billed twice if kits are ordered twice for the same animal. Billing up front gives members a chance to correct any mistakes prior to the test being ran. Billing up front is also more efficient allowing for more ASA staff time spent uploading results or on other customer service needs.
- 2. New DNA pricing:** To cover the ASA's cost, members will be charged \$1.00 per blood card, \$2.00 per sample pull, and research fees (\$1/minute) associated with DNA work outside the regular procedures, for instance misidentified samples or samples showing up to the laboratory without proper paperwork. A sample pull refers to the process where a DNA sample that was previously tested needs to be pulled from the archive for a newly requested test. Many DNA results are available as "add on" content from genomic tests (for instance coat color). These "add-on" results would not be subject to the sample pull charge.
- 3. Automatic 3-day FedEx shipping for kits.** Due to delays in transit times, the ASA will now automatically ship kits via 3-day FedEx, charged to the member account. Members can request to use US Postal service but the default will be for FedEx 3-day shipments starting Monday, October 1.
- 4. Genomic data schedule and review.** With the IGS Multi-breed Genetic Evaluation powered by BOLT, all genotypes available by Monday will enter into the evaluation which is completed and published that weekend. If genomic data is completed on a Wednesday, the parentage results may be uploaded into Herdbook that week but the genomically enhanced EPDs will not be available until the following week's evaluation (9 to 10 days later). Also, the genomic data goes through a quality control process prior to entering the genetic evaluation. Some of the genotypes will be removed as they do not meet the requirements for the evaluation. If breeders notice animals that are missing genotypes, please notify the ASA (rendecott@simmgene.com) for next steps to resolve these cases. This schedule and QC process are more reasons to start testing as early as possible.
- 5. New staffing.** Robin Marston recently joined the DNA department and will help with DNA customer support. Marston has previous experience working in another breed association's DNA department and is very familiar with seedstock breeders, DNA services, and working with genotyping companies. Marston joins Lilly Platts and Riley Foster to provide ASA members with timely and quality DNA services

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How Much Hay Do You Really Need This Winter?

Sara Brown, November 1, 2018



Drought, hurricanes and flooding—it's been a challenging year for hay production. Whether you are purchasing hay this year, or managed to get your own hay baled, every forage dollar needs to be spent wisely.

Don't get caught by higher hay prices later—be as accurate in your hay needs now while you still have time to adjust your feeding plans.

“The two pieces of information you need are an approximate weight of your cows, because the size of the cow is going to dictate how much she needs, and her stage of production,” says Amy Radunz, University of Wisconsin associate professor. “Right now, most cows are going to be in gestation.” For example, if you have a 1,600-lb. dry cow and medium quality forage, “you can estimate they will eat about 2% of their body weight per day and 2.5% later as a lactating cow,” Radunz says. “That's going to get you pretty close to the cow's average daily intake needs.”

Anything less than that, and cows are likely to lose body condition ahead of calving. (Download the Drovers body condition score card (BCS) you can keep in the feed truck to monitor hard keeping cows.) As cows get further along in gestation, their nutrient needs increase.

The goal is to have cows in BCS of 5 to 6 at calving, and maintain her through the months of lactation until breeding, Radunz adds. “If producers wait to address BCS until fall and early winter, it will cost them more in the quantity and quality of forage.”

To estimate minimum hay needs for your herd, put your pencil to paper:

Step 1. Convert dry matter intake needed per day to as-fed intake.

If the intake of a 1,200-lb. cow is 24 lb. per day and dry matter of forage is 70%, then as-fed intake is 34 lb. per day.

$$1,200\text{-lb. cow} \times 2\% = 24 \text{ lb. DMI} \qquad 24 \text{ lb. DMI} / .70 \text{ \% dry matter} = 34 \text{ lb. as-fed intake per day}$$

Step 2. Estimate how much forage will be needed for the herd based on the number of cows and days feeding forage. If a 50-cow herd is expected to winter feed for 150 days, this would equal 127.5 tons of hay needed.

$$34 \text{ lb. as-fed intake} \times 50 \text{ cows} \times 150 \text{ days} / 2,000 \text{ lb. per ton} = 127.5 \text{ tons}$$

Step 3. Estimate hay losses from storage and feeding method.

“Will your method of feeding create additional waste and storage losses that you need to account for? If you are feeding on the ground, you are going to lose more than if you are feeding in a hay feeder,” Radunz says. Both of those factors will contribute to the amount you need to feed or purchase.

A general assumption of 20% hay loss would raise the total amount of hay needed 153 tons of hay.

$$127.50 \text{ tons hay needed} \times 1.2 = 153 \text{ tons}$$

Weather, temperature and feeding environment will also play a role in the amount of hay is needed each year. Small changes to facility design, or feeding method might help conserve hay quality.

Table 1. Estimating hay intake of beef cows.

Forage Quality	Protein, %	TDN, %	Intake, % of body weight	
			Dry Cow	Lactating
Excellent	14	62	2.7	3.0
Good	13	58	2.5	2.7
Medium	8	51	2.0	2.5
Poor	4	38	1.5	2.0

Source: Patterson, J. Interpreting a forage analysis summary.



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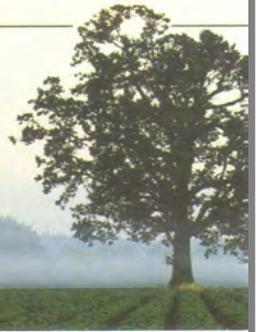
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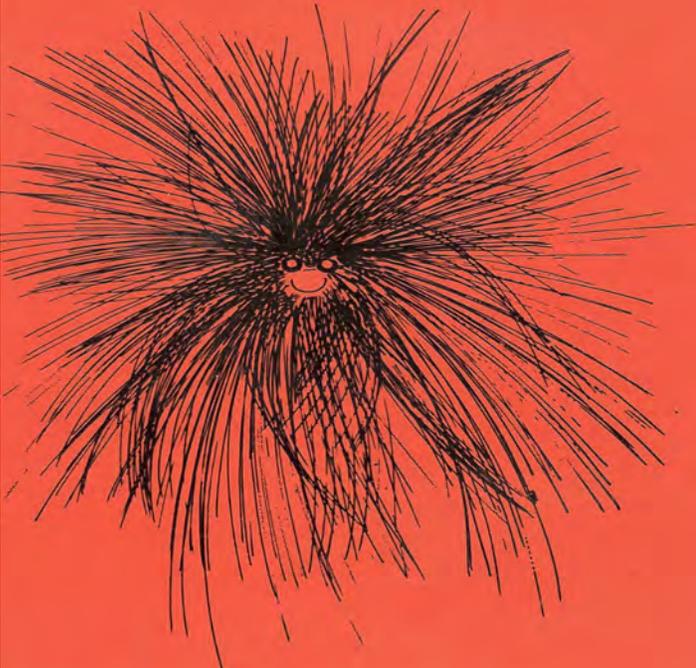
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Black Vultures on the Rise, Growing Problem for Livestock Producers

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Livestock producers beware – black vultures are on the hunt and they aren't just looking for dead animals.

These migratory birds are known to attack and eat live animals, too.

The birds have become a problem for many Ohio livestock producers in recent years, said Stan Smith, an Ohio State University Extension program assistant in agriculture and natural resources.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.



Black headed vulture at Simme Valley

Black vultures have been a growing problem for Ohio livestock producers over the past 15 years, Smith said. Recently, they were spotted on the northeast side of Lancaster.

“Folks in several areas across the state have reported having problems with black vultures attacking small animals,” he said. “In some cases, the birds have been known to attack newborn calves during birth while they are still in the cow's birth canal before the animal is even completely out.

“Unlike the more docile turkey vultures, which are more timid and feed on dead animal carcasses, black vultures are more aggressive. They've been known to target and kill small live animals including lambs, calves, goats, groundhogs and other wild animals.”

For livestock producers, this is an issue that is even more prevalent during calving, which for most is in spring or fall, Smith said.

“These animals are hungry year-round,” he said. “If they can't find something dead to eat, they will attack live animals – anything outdoors.”

Black vultures, which have black heads and white tips on the undersides of their wings, are easily distinguished from turkey vultures, which have red heads as adults, are larger and have longer wings. Immature turkey vultures have blackish-gray heads.

Because black vultures are migratory, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 protects them. So producers need a Migratory Bird Depredation Permit in order to take, capture or kill the birds, Smith said.

The permits, which typically cost \$100 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, can be obtained for free by livestock producers who are applying for the permit for the first time, he said.

“Another option producers have to deal with black vultures is to use the birds they kill after they've gotten their permit and use it as an effigy to keep other vultures away,” Smith said. “Producers can also hire a taxidermist to stuff the dead vultures that can be hung to resemble a dead bird to keep other vultures away.”

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