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Calendar of Events

2026

JANUARY

- 1st AMGA Membership Renewals Due
- 1st New AMGA Directors Take Office, AMGA Committees Organize
- 1st Breed Representative Designation Deadline (Regional Associations)
- 31st Magazine and Sire Directory Entry Deadline

FEBRUARY

- 1st AMGA Renewals Late
- Reminder: Record Birth Weights

MARCH

- 19th - 22nd Ohio Beef Expo - Eastern Murray Grey Regional Show Ohio State Fairgrounds

APRIL

- Reminder: Special 120 Day Heifer Registration Rate

MAY

- Schwarzerde Annual Murray Grey Bull Sale (Dates may vary. Contact: 260-463-8613)

JUNE

- Reminder: Final Ballot Revisions and Board Nominations
- File Annual Bull Leases

JULY

- Reminder: Annual Ballot Distribution to Members

AUGUST

- 7th-16th Murray Grey Regional Show, Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA
- 22nd AMGA National Murray Grey Show, NWMG Junior Show, Annual Membership Meeting and Ballot Count, Western Idaho Fair, Boise, ID**

SEPTEMBER

- 24th-27th World Beef Expo, Eastern Murray Grey Regional Show, Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

OCTOBER

- Record Weaning Weights

NOVEMBER

- Stillwater Ranch Annual Murray Grey Sale (Dates may vary. Contact: 406-600-3378)
- Snyder Livestock Annual Murray Grey Sale (Dates may vary. Contact: 724-992-2600)

DECEMBER

- 1st Submissions Open for 2027 Magazine and Sire Directory
- 31st Special Rate for Intake and Late Registrations Ends



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MONTHLY BOARD
MEETINGS



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EDITOR'S NOTE

The 2026 AMGA Magazine and Sire Directory was created to elevate and expand the presence of the Murray Grey breed. Intended to reach a broad audience, promoting not only our dedicated breeders, but the strength and value of the breed itself.

Tangible, hand-held resources are frequently requested by perspective breeders and industry contacts. This magazine provides a professional tool to satisfy those requests while also showcasing our nationwide member directory, available genetics, and practical insights for raising and registering high-quality, performance driven cattle.

Most importantly, it reflects the tremendous growth we are experiencing in both membership and registrations. That growth, combined with the donated time and talents of our volunteers, fuels opportunity. As our numbers expand, so does the momentum and financial support needed to produce impactful marketing initiatives like this one. Projects that reflect the excellence of the breed we represent and elevate it on a national stage. Unification is not just a buzzword; it is a sound business decision. We are all CEOs of this breed's future.

We extend sincere appreciation to our advertisers, whose support helped bridge budget gaps and expand the reach of this publication. Your investment directly results in more copies distributed and greater exposure for the breed.

One unexpected highlight of this project was uncovering the rich and layered history of AMGA and Murray Greys in the United States, thanks to the extensive archives shared by Hillside Acres. The dedication and vision of the breed's founders laid a strong foundation for the American Murray Grey, a legacy of commitment and forward thinking that now rests with us to carry forward.

It is our hope that this magazine fosters unity, pride, and a renewed sense of shared purpose as we continue building the future of Murray Greys together. The opportunity to shape the next chapter of this breed is before us, now is the time to make our mark.

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Board Members

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TIM THOMAS
PRESIDENT - TIM THOMAS, Stillwater Ranch, Montana Serving 2024–2026. Raised on a large commercial operation as a 5th generation rancher, Tim and his wife Crissy run a growing operation of 80+ purebred Murray Grey pairs in Montana with a grass-finished, direct-to-consumer beef program, built on their



background in business ownership, with extensive experience in business operations and marketing. Passionate about Murray Greys, Tim works around the clock to grow the breed and strengthen its future. Tim and Crissy are active volunteers in AMGA operations, registry development, and promotions. Contact: 406-600-3378, stillwater-murraygreys@gmail.com

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SHERIE CLARK
VICE PRESIDENT - SHERIE CLARK, Clark Farms, located in northeastern Ohio, has raised Murray Grey cattle since 2004. We operate a cow/calf program, with steers sold farm-to-table. I have shown for many years at the Ohio Beef Expo and World Beef Expo and have participated in breed field days, including exhibiting cattle



in New York. We became members of the AMGA in 2009 following the purchase of a bull from George and Sharon Virtue, which led to my involvement on the Board. I have served continuously on the AMGA Board of Directors since 2011. It has been a privilege to serve the Association, and I remain committed to strengthening member participation and helping leave the AMGA well positioned for the future as a premier breed association. Contact: 330-323-5508, clark3056@earthlink.net

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RANDY CARMONY
SECRETARY - RANDY CARMONY, Echo Valley Ranch, Sandy Oregon. Born and raised on a crossbred commercial beef operation that my wife Michelle and I currently operate following the passing of my father a dozen years ago. We raise and sell hanging halves to customers locally. We have a mixed



herd which we are currently transitioning to Murray Greys to reduce frame size and improve feed efficiency and cutability. It is my second year as a director and serving as the secretary and my tenth year as an AMGA member. Contact: 503-407-0101, carmony@aol.com

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and commercial production, reflecting the breed's emphasis on quiet disposition, maternal strength, and functional performance. Natalie is a 2015 Penn State graduate with a B.S. in Animal Science and has spent the past 10 years as a USDA Meat Inspector with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. She is actively involved in membership outreach and assistance, breed promotion, shows, and association work. Contact: 724-992-2600, snyderlivestock3942.oh@gmail.com



Director JULIE HARRIS



DIRECTOR - JULIE HARRIS, Sunrise Hill Ranch, Oregon. Raised in a dairy family, I have spent most of my life showing dairy cattle with my two daughters. I and my husband, Brett, have been raising Murray Grey cattle for 18 years. I recently retired after 30 years teaching science and agriculture. We were drawn to Murray Greys for their outstanding qualities and the wonderful

breeders we met in Oregon and Washington. Since purchasing our first Murray Greys, we continue to meet new breeders and enjoy being part of the Murray Grey community. Contact: 541-808-5213, sunrisehillranch@aol.com

Director TINA COSTARELLA, DVM



DIRECTOR - TINA COSTARELLA, DVM, Tina and her husband, Adam, own and operate Adina Farms, raising registered Murray Greys on a rotational grazing system. They follow 100% natural practices, using only soil-tested fertility sources from livestock manure, which over 25+ years has increased forage diversity, improved topsoil depth, and resulted in healthy soils, healthy plant communities, and healthy cattle. The Costarellas are active in the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District and have hosted pasture walks for the Eastern Ohio Grazing Council. Tina,

a semi-retired large animal veterinarian, has spoken to the EOGC and other groups on winter nutrition and reproduction efficiency and teaches part-time at Youngstown State University as advisor for the Pre-Veterinarian Society. She values Murray Greys for their ability to thrive in the Appalachian foothills. Contact: 330-770-2989, adinafarms@gmail.com

Director MATT EVANS



DIRECTOR - MATT EVANS, Matt was elected to the AMGA Board at the annual membership meeting in 2025. Matt continues as a 6th generation farmer and cattleman in his home state of Oregon. With his family, he has started up his own farm and ranch called the 5E Farm and Ranch just a mile up the road from where the family originally settled in 1829. With a love for the

earth, cattle, and family, he stays focused on giving back to the ag community by youth education and opportunities. Currently he sits on the Washington County Farm Bureau as a director, Banks FFA Alumni as President, Oregon Wheat Growers league, Oregon Cattleman's Association, and Beef Superintendent for the local county fair. Currently the 5E raises registered Murray Greys, Angus, and British Whites and shows them all in jackpot shows and fairs. Contact: 503-679-6131, mevansfarms@yahoo.com

NW Breed Rep KARI CUSSINS



NW BREED REP - KARI CUSSINS, SeeWhy Murray Greys, Melba, Idaho. I was originally introduced to the Murray Grey breed by my husband, who had been crossing Murray Grey bulls over commercial cows for about 20 years. About 10 years ago we started purchasing purebred cows and we now have a herd that is about 1/2 purebred, 1/4 percentage and 1/4 commercial. We love the personalities and calving ease of our cows. My association with the NWMGA started with the re-boot of this regional association in 2024 along with 13 other breeders in our

region. Our primary focus has been on providing more programs and opportunities to our junior members. We are currently holding annual regional/national junior shows and are actively working on a junior member heifer raffle and a new ambassador program for our region. Contact: 208-989-8482, seewhymurraygrey@gmail.com



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What Is a Breed Representative?

A Breed Representative is appointed to the AMGA Board by members of their regional association and serves as a volunteer on an annual basis. Regional associations are to elect their representatives by January 1st of each year. Breed Representatives may hold positions within the Board, with the exception of President and Vice President.

AMGA currently recognizes the Eastern Murray Grey Association and the Northwest Murray Grey Association as active regional associations with formal representation. The 2026 Breed Representatives for these regions are Natalie Snyder (Eastern) and Kari Cussins (Northwest).


Your Breed Representative is your region's advocate. They hold a seat as an AMGA Director and attend Board meetings where they participate and vote on association matters.

Breed Representatives are available to assist you and your herd in many ways, including help with registration paperwork and registry processes. If you have an upcoming show and need registration work completed before entry deadlines, your Breed Representative can help guide you through the process.

They are also a valuable point of contact if you have questions about Murray Grey cattle, need assistance, or would like to bring ideas or concerns to the

Board without attending meetings yourself. Your regional representative can present concepts on your behalf and, if requested, maintain your anonymity.

Breed Representatives also help connect buyers and sellers within their regions to support Murray Grey marketing and sales nationwide. They are often present at regional shows and frequently serve as show organizers.

Use your Breed Representative as a resource and communication channel. They are passionate about the breed and knowledgeable about registry procedures, and they serve to support the members in their region. 





AMGA Names Maddie Brockhoff as New Registry Support Staff

We are pleased to welcome Madeline (Maddie) Brockhoff as the new Registry Support Staff for the American Murray Grey Association. Maddie joins us from Australia, bringing a wealth of experience in registry operations and ABRI registry systems. Working remotely, she will provide valuable support to our volunteer staff and assist with both registry functions and promotional efforts. Her deep knowledge of ABRI software will help strengthen training resources and enhance our systems, fostering new and innovative ways to better serve our membership. Maddie brings extensive experience working with breed societies and agricultural organizations across Australia.

Her background includes membership administration, registry coordination, financial processes, and promotional strategy—skills she developed through her work with the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society and other associations under the Agricultural Business Research Institute. Raised on a family farm near Kingston SE, South Australia, Maddie has had a lifelong connection to agriculture, giving her a practical understanding of the industry's operations and challenges. Since 2018, she has worked and studied across regional New South Wales and recently returned to Kingston SE in early 2025.

Maddie will be joining the AMGA as a remote Registry Support Staff member to provide greater support and registry assistance, as well as help develop the promotional tools and training needed to strengthen and streamline the stateside operations of the Association.



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Dear Members

As we close out 2025 and look ahead to 2026, I want to sincerely thank you for being part of the American Murray Grey Association. The past two years have brought meaningful change, renewed stability, and strong forward momentum. That progress has only been possible because of the engagement and commitment of our members, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on where the association has been, how far we have come, and where we are headed together.

To provide some perspective, in 2023 the Association recorded 163 members, 494 registrations, and 109 transfers. As we entered 2024, we faced unexpected leadership changes and financial challenges that required the Board to step in and rebuild core operations, some requiring private donations. While not without difficulty, this transition allowed us to stabilize finances, modernize systems, and focus on long-term sustainability.

Throughout 2025, the focus shifted from simply maintaining operations to actively growing the breed and strengthening the Association. We are closing the year with 251 members, 782 registrations, and 491 transfers. Additionally, we are rounding out the year with over \$30,000 in an interest accruing money market and over \$20,000 in checking, reflecting significant and meaningful growth.

With so many changes and improvements over the last two years, it is impossible to list them all. You may have seen some of the progress we've made, such as updates to the website, the implementation of digital submissions, expanded member outreach initiatives, increased frequency of Board meetings with full transparency, monthly updates, financial reports, and a growing money

market account. Additional milestones include new promotional items, the first Murray Grey exclusive sire directory in the United States, the first non-binding member poll to gather input on complex issues, and updates to increase awareness of genetic conditions within the breed.

One of the most important milestones this year was the recent hiring of our Operations Manager, Maddie Brockhoff of Kingston SE, Australia. Maddie previously served as the Executive Director of the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society in Australia and brings exceptional knowledge of the breed along with deep expertise in registry systems and software. We are very fortunate to have her on our team, and her leadership has already had a positive and meaningful impact on the Association.

In addition to these accomplishments, work continues to improve member services. DNA records are being integrated into ABRI, and the registry is transitioning to a web-based platform that will soon allow members to submit registry work online. As we move into 2026, our focus remains on providing strong service to our members, upholding the integrity and accuracy of the herd book, and continued promotion of the Murray Grey breed.

Murray Grey demand remains strong, and interest in the breed continues to grow. As stewards of the breed, we all share a role in representing Murray Greys well and helping ensure positive, long-term outcomes for both breeders and buyers. Our membership reflects a wide range of programs, from large scale cattle producers to homestead operations, and each contributes value to the breed. Open-communication and alignment between buyer goals and

breeder programs are key to building successful relationships. By standing behind our cattle, honoring our commitments, and supporting one another, we strengthen the reputation of Murray Greys. Friendly competition has its place in the show ring, but in the marketplace our shared focus is on advancing the breed together. Our true competition lies within the broader cattle industry, and we are strongest when we work as a united group.

A few important reminders as we move into the new year: upcoming Board meetings are posted in the calendar section of the AMGA website, and members will receive Zoom links prior to each meeting. Members are encouraged to use online submission options whenever possible due to ongoing USPS delays. When submissions are complete and require no additional correspondence, please expect a processing time of approximately four to six weeks.

The assigned tattoo letter for 2026 is "P." Members are also encouraged to take advantage of the \$15 female registration fee for females registered under 120 days of age, as well as the free Gift Membership included with transfers for buyers who are brand new to AMGA, helping ensure cattle remain recorded in the herd book.

We are excited to announce that the 2026 AMGA Murray Grey National Show will once again be held in Boise, Idaho, hosted by the Northwest Murray Grey Regional Association. This event has become the largest Murray Grey show held in decades and offers an outstanding opportunity to showcase cattle, connect with fellow breeders, and celebrate the breed together.

I also encourage members to stay informed and involved. This is your association. If you have ideas that benefit the breed or the membership, please share them. Participate in elections and votes when they are held. Our most recent election was decided by only a few ballots, and every vote truly matters. If challenges arise, reach out, ask questions, and stay engaged. Strong associations are built through communication and shared responsibility.

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers and leadership, we are entering 2026 in a position of stability and momentum. I am optimistic about the future of the association and the Murray Grey breed, and I look forward to continuing this important work together.

Thank you for your continued membership, your trust, and your support. I hope you will join us in 2026 as we continue building a strong and united future.



Warm Regards,

Tim Thomas
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1905

FIRST MURRAY GREY CALF BORN IN AUSTRALIA.

1969

FIRST MURRAY GREY SEMEN IMPORTED TO NORTH AMERICA BY SHADY SPRING FARM, BENTLEY, ALBERTA.

1971

FIRST MURRAY GREY CROSSES SOLD IN BASSANO, ALBERTA.

REGIONAL AFFILIATE OHIO MURRAY GREY ASSOCIATION FOUNDED.

1971-1973

AMGA OFFICE BASES IN BILLINGS, MONTANA. NORM WARSINSKE SERVES AS FIRST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

1973

FIRST A-GRADE MURRAY GREY BORN "MELANIE'S HAIKU" OWNED BY BOX CREEK RANCH, JORDAN, MONTANA.

1973-1975

BIMBADEEN WESTWARD HO WORLD RECORD SALE OF \$49,000 WESTERN MURRAY GREYS, INC, THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING.

HERDBOOK HISTORY OF THE

1962

MURRAY GREY BEEF CATTLE SOCIETY FOUNDED IN AUSTRALIA, BREED ADOPTS NAME "MURRAY GREY" TO REPLACE THE EARLIER NAME OF "MULBERRIES".

1970

AMERICAN MURRAY GREY ASSOCIATION FOUNDED AND CHARTERED IN TEXAS BY: HORACE MCQUEEN (TX), EUGENE MEADE (TX), LLOYD STOTT (MT), RAYMOND ALTHOF (TX), JAY HADLEY (IA), JAMES EADES (KY), AND OTHERS.

1972

FIRST AIR SHIPMENT OF LIVE MURRAY GREY CATTLE TO EDMONTON, CANADA. FIRST LIVE ANIMAL IMPORTS TO USA INCLUDING: GLENCOE ADVENTURER & BIMBADEEN WESTWARD HO.

ASHBURY STARLET (HEIFER) SOLD TO HORACE MCQUEEN FOR \$30,000.

REGIONAL AFFILIATES NORTHWEST & MIDWEST ASSOCIATIONS FOUNDED.

1974

MURRAY GREY WORLD FIRST - BALMORAL JEANETTE 15th PRODUCES 4 CALVES BORN BY EMBRYO TRANSPLANT: 3 HEIFERS, 1 BULL. STOTT BROTHERS, BYNUM, MONTANA

FIRST AMGA NATIONAL SHOW & SALE, LOUVILLE, KENTUCKY.

1976

AMGA REPORTS 83 BULLS AND 20 FEMALES IN THE AMGA YEARBOOK.

1976-1984

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW HELD AT THE DENVER STOCK SHOW.

1977

AMGA REPORTS 570 BREEDERS 163 PUREBREDS AND 8,900 PERCENTAGE.

AMERICAN *Murray Grey* ASSOCIATION

2025

AMGA PUBLISHES MURRAY GREY EXCLUSIVE BULL DIRECTORY.

AMGA INITIATES DEVELOPMENT OF ILR ONLINE, AND DNA TRACKING THROUGH PEDIGREE SYSTEMS TO LAUNCH IN 2026.

MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO REQUIRE CA TESTING BORN FROM KNOWN CA CARRYING ANIMALS.

2009

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW WYOMING STATE FAIR, DOUGLAS, WYOMING.

2008

AMGA OFFICE MOVES TO LOUISVILLE, KY

2006

DNA REQUIRED FOR AI APPROVAL ON MURRAY GREY SIRES. EMBRYO TRANSFER CALVES REQUIRE PARENT VERIFICATION.

2001

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW, SPOKANE INTERSTATE FAIR, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

2024

AMGA RESTRUCTURES UNDER DIRECTOR AND VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP, IMPLEMENTS FEE REDUCTIONS, LAUNCHES MODERNIZATION OF REGISTRY SERVICES, COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPARENCY, AND HERDBOOK GROWTH WITH NEW BASE IN CARROLLTON, OHIO.

NWMG RELAUNCHES, HOSTS 50TH AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW, WESTERN IDAHO FAIR, BOISE, IDAHO.

2007

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW CLARK COUNTY FAIR, RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON.

2005

REGIONAL AFFILIATE EASTERN ASSOCIATION FOUNDED.

1999

AMGA OFFICE MOVES TO MAYPORT, PA

MURRAY GREY AI SIRES MUST BE NEGATIVE FOR A-MANNO.

1998

AMGA HOSTS MURRAY GREY WORLD CONGRESS, NILE, BILLINGS, MONTANA.

AMGA ADOPTS BREEDPLAN WHOLE HERD REPORTING.

1984

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW, NILE, BILLINGS, MONTANA.

1989

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW, OHIO STATE FAIR, COLOMBUS, OHIO.

1994

AMGA REPORTS 1026 REGISTRATIONS

1997

AMGA NATIONAL MURRAY GREY SHOW, WORLD BEEF EXPO, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

Photo Credit Breezy Creek Acres

History of the Origin of the Murray Grey Breed

By Roger Augusto, Vieira e Silva, VOA Murray Grey e Greyman, Brasil

In the early decades of the twentieth century, rural Australia faced a period of great challenges and transformation. The country endured long, punishing droughts, the agricultural economy struggled to recover from difficult years, and farming families worked to rebuild their herds in an environment that was harsh yet fertile. It was a time when life on the land depended on persistence, adaptability, and a watchful eye for anything that might represent an opportunity.

It was in this setting that a breed emerged—quietly at first—one that would forever change Australian cattle production, and later, the global beef industry.

Along the banks of the Murray River, between New South Wales and Victoria, the Sutherland family ran a property called Thologolong. The river was far more than a body of water: it was a source of life, an economic lifeline, and a symbol of resilience for the region. Its fertile flats offered valuable pasture, essential for rebuilding herds after the devastating drought that had affected everyone.

In 1905, seeking to recover losses caused by the drought, cattleman Peter Sutherland purchased a group of Short-horn cows. Among them was a distinctive light roan female with a soft coat and striking temperament, affectionately nicknamed “Strawberry.”

At first glance, Strawberry appeared to be just another cow in the herd. Fate, however, had reserved for her a role as improbable as it was transformative.

When mated with the property’s Aberdeen Angus bulls, Strawberry surprised everyone by producing grey-colored calves—a rare

and unexpected outcome, the result of genetic interaction between the two British breeds. These calves appeared year after year, with such consistency that between 1905 and 1917 Strawberry produced twelve grey-coated calves.

Initially, this unusual trait caused more concern than excitement. Peter, a breeder of black Angus cattle, feared those “different” calves might damage his reputation. But his wife, Ena Sutherland, saw something special in them. She observed their uncommon docility, remarkable adaptability, and natural quality. She refused to allow the calves to be discarded. Known at first as “Mulberries,” they would soon prove to be far more than a genetic curiosity.

Over time, the greys outperformed their contemporaries in key production traits: steady growth, excellent feed efficiency, ease of handling, and superior beef quality. In an era when Australia was beginning to value productivity and efficiency above all else, these animals

stood out precisely where it mattered most.

The decisive turning point came after Peter’s death in 1929. Ena sold the core of the herd to Helen Sutherland, who took on the responsibility of continuing this curious legacy. Helen began a careful, structured breeding program, selecting eight grey females and four grey bulls, supplemented by high-quality Angus genetics.

It was during this phase that the breed truly began to take shape. In the 1930s and 1940s, influential foundation bulls emerged, such as Thologolong Australia (1943) and Thologolong Upper Murray (1945), both direct descendants of Strawberry’s line. These sires proved exceptional and helped consolidate the traits that would define the Murray Grey breed.

The story gained new momentum in 1939, when Cleaver Gadd—brother of Mervyn Gadd—purchased a grey bull



from Thologolong for his property, The Glen. The Gadd family became some of the breed's most important advocates and multipliers. Their vision and dedication were crucial in amplifying recognition of the greys.

The drought of 1945 brought one of the most challenging periods ever faced by cattle producers in southeastern Australia. Pastures that had once been fertile transformed into arid expanses, swept by hot winds and dust. Prolonged lack of rainfall drastically reduced food and water availability, forcing many producers to move their herds in search of better conditions. In Thologolong, the situation was no different: intense heat, depleted soil, and gradual livestock losses created an atmosphere of uncertainty throughout the region, making it clear that only the most adaptable animals would endure.

When the worst of the drought finally passed and Helen Sutherland was able

to retrieve her animals from neighboring properties, only eight Murray Grey cows returned: Boadicea, Amethyst, Agricola, Freesia, Lotus, Magnolia, Moonflower, and Riverina. All were descendants of Strawberry's original grey line. These cows demonstrated not only physical resilience but also a remarkable capacity for adaptation and balance—traits essential in a climate marked by adversity. Their silver-grey coats, gentle temperament, and functional conformation represented the synthesis of the qualities the breed had already begun to exhibit. As the remaining genetic nucleus of Thologolong, these eight cows secured the continuity of Helen's breeding program and played a decisive role in the future consolidation of the Murray Grey breed, symbolizing the strength and persistence that shaped its identity. The contribution of Mervyn Gadd to the history of the Murray Grey breed took shape from the 1930s onward, beginning when the grey bull purchased by his brother inadvertently

arrived at The Glen. Initially considered a low-value animal—sold for the price of a steer—this bull became the catalyst for a significant turning point. After the partnership between the brothers dissolved, Mervyn remained at The Glen and, observing the consistent quality of the early grey calves, conducted a decisive experiment: he bred the bull to thirty high-quality Angus heifers to evaluate the productive potential of the resulting calves. The results were clear and consistent, revealing uniformity, solid growth, and carcass characteristics that captured the attention of a practical and perceptive cattleman. This episode marked the beginning of a herd that, throughout the 1940s and 1950s, would become the first significant commercial nucleus of Murray Greys.

During this period, Mervyn built a reputation as an observant, methodical, and committed breeder, responsible for expanding the presence of the breed beyond Thologolong. His animals—de-



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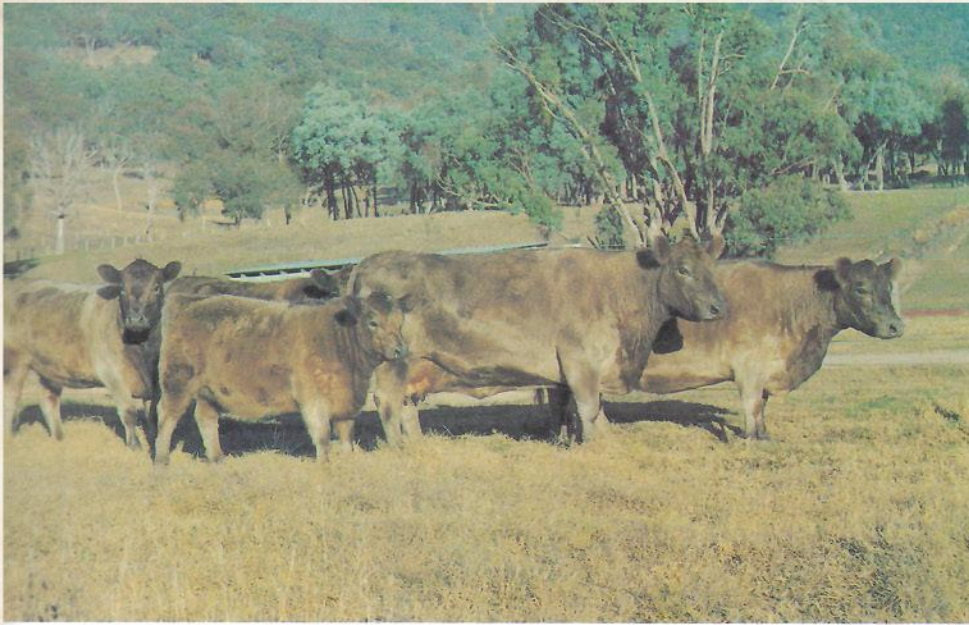
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Thologolong Boadicea, a mighty breeder, shown with some of her daughters and grand-daughters; her sons include the immortal Thologolong Caesar, Michaelong Roman Invasion and Michaelong Chocolate Soldier, all by Thologolong Michael.

spite widespread skepticism regarding the grey coat—became increasingly valued for their performance, contributing to the strengthening of the greys’ commercial reputation. The appearance of Murray Greys in public events—first at the Corryong Show in 1957 and later at the Holbrook Show in 1959—placed the breed before a broader audience, while record sales achieved in Melbourne in 1960 solidified their worth. By spreading the breed, promoting its traits, and demonstrating its efficiency under real commercial conditions, Mervyn played an essential role in the path that would eventually lead to formal recognition and the establishment of the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society.

The creation of the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society in 1962 represented a decisive milestone in the consolidation of the breed, granting it formal identity and establishing the foundations for organized expansion. Gathered in Walwa—on the banks of the same Murray River that had witnessed the first grey calves—fifty breeders recognized that these lines had already proven themselves in practice as animals of superior performance, docility, and beef production. The Society established standardized registration criteria, structured the

first herd books, and created a reliable system of genealogical recognition—essential pillars for ensuring continuity and integrity in an increasingly professional cattle industry. It was also at this meeting that the name “Murray Grey” was chosen, anchoring the breed to the natural and historical environment that had shaped it rather than to any individual family or property.

The discussion surrounding the breed’s name highlighted differing perceptions of its emerging identity. Before 1962, the grey cattle were known only by regional nicknames or informal references, and the suggested names reflected both gratitude and tradition:

“Sutherland Greys,” honoring the family that preserved the first lines; “Scots Greys,” recognizing the Angus heritage; and “Mousies,” inspired by their silver coats. However, the name that best reflected the breed’s broad and collective essence prevailed: “Murray Grey,” grounding its identity in the Murray River valley—the very landscape that had shaped its beginning and development.

From that moment forward, the breed entered a modern phase, with greater visibility and institutional organization.

The official registration of the Thologolong Murray Grey Stud, followed by the establishment of the Helen Sutherland Pastoral Company on May 31, 1963, marked the transition from pioneering work to a period of national and international expansion. With the Society safeguarding standards, genealogy, and promotion efforts, Murray Greys gained prominence as balanced, functional animals capable of meeting increasingly demanding market expectations.

The international triumph of 1967—when Murray Grey carcasses won first, second, and third place in the Commonwealth Carcase Competition at the prestigious Smithfield Show in London—marked a turning point in the breed’s history. For the first time, the quality of their beef was recognized on a global stage, surpassing competitors from all major Commonwealth cattle nations. This extraordinary result not only confirmed, under rigorous international scrutiny, the innate superiority of the breed in terms of conformation, marbling, and yield but also opened doors for global expansion.

Smithfield became the gateway to the world. In the 1970s, international interest in the breed surged, driven by its reputation for efficiency, docility, and superior beef quality. The United Kingdom was among the first destinations. The Murray Greys arrived in the early 1970s, precisely when large Continental breeds with imposing frames were entering the British market. Although some critics attempted to compare the greys unfavorably to these larger cattle, experienced breeders quickly recognized the true strengths of the Murray Grey: exceptionally efficient maternal cows, reliable sires, and carcasses capable of delivering premium beef with moderate inputs. Amid fierce competition, the Murray Greys secured their place as a functional, balanced breed suited to the evolving demands of British production systems.

Meanwhile, the breed expanded rapidly across the Americas. The first steps took place in 1969 with the importation of semen into the United States. The first 50% Murray Grey calves were born in 1970, progress was swift, and by September 1971 the American Murray Grey Association had been officially established. The first live imports arrived in 1972, marking the beginning of a lasting presence. The combination of fertility, feed efficiency, docility, and beef quality drew the attention of breeders across the country, especially those focused on profitability and low-input systems. From there, the breed spread to Canada, New Zealand, South America, and parts of Asia, cementing its reputation as a global option for producers seeking stable genetics and premium beef while retaining the functional balance that defined the breed from the start.


In the decades that followed, particularly during the 1970s and 1980s, Murray Greys dominated carcass competitions and taste tests across Australia's Royal

Shows. The greys stood out not just for temperament and appearance but for beef that was consistently tender, flavorful, and well-balanced—traits highly valued by the most demanding markets.

The Murray River—symbol of fertility and resilience in southeastern Australia—remains deeply embedded in the breed's DNA, just as Strawberry and Helen Sutherland do. When Helen passed away in 1986, at the age of 75, she left behind not only a rigorously selected herd but a legacy that had already reached far beyond Australian borders. By then, Murray Greys were well established across Australia and gaining recognition in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand—an achievement she had lived to witness.

Today, when one observes a Murray Grey grazing quietly, it is impossible to see merely an efficient animal. What stands before us is the culmination of a story born from adversity, shaped by the

intuition and courage of visionary women, and carried forward by the dedication of families who believed in docility, productivity, and longevity even when the world valued only color or tradition. Each animal bears the softness of the silver coat, the intuitive intelligence of Helen, and the genetic strength that allowed the breed to withstand droughts, uncertainties, and skepticism.

Thus, the Murray Grey comes to the present day as far more than a premium beef breed. It is the living reflection of the Murray River: strong, adaptable, serene, and capable of renewal in the face of adversity. Helen's passing marked the end of a foundational chapter, but not the end of her influence. On the contrary—it deepened the human dimension of this journey and reaffirmed that, thanks to the keen eye of a woman ahead of her time, the Murray Grey became a breed that carries, in its color and temperament, the very soul of the place where it all began. 

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BCR Melanie's Haiku: A Story of Grit, Grace, and the Beginnings of the American Murray Grey

By Crissy Thomas, Stillwater Murray Greys, Montana with reference to March of the Murray Greys

Every breed has a few stories that rise above the rest, stories that quietly capture the character of the cattle and the people who believed in them. For Murray Greys in North America, one of the most meaningful is not about a record breaking bull or a headline sale, but about a tiny silver heifer who arrived against every possible odd.

Her name was BCR Melanie's Haiku, and she holds a special place in history as the first A-Grade Murray Grey born on United States soil.

Her dam, The Glen Melanie 7th, was no ordinary cow. She had already made her mark on the breed as the dam of Glencoe Adventurer, a bull who would go on to become one of the most influential Murray Grey sires in North America. Glencoe Adventurer was conceived in Australia, traveled in utero to New Zealand, and was born there in 1972 before later being imported into the United States. His success was already underway when a separate and far more dramatic chapter unfolded in his dam's life.

In 1973, The Glen Melanie 7th was again pregnant and part of a shipment of cattle preparing to move through quarantine on their way to the United States. The journey quickly turned difficult. Mechanical trouble forced the aircraft to return to New Zealand, and authorities declined to reaccept the animals. They were quarantined along the runway itself, exposed and unsettled. During this delay, one of the cows calved.

When the shipment finally reached Hawaii, both cows tested positive for brucellosis. The ruling was immediate. The animals were condemned and scheduled for slaughter. Before that could happen, veterinarians made the decision to induce the pregnancy in The Glen


Melanie 7th in an effort to preserve her genetics. The result was a tiny, premature heifer calf weighing just 55 pounds. That calf was BCR Melanie's Haiku, born April 7th, 1973.

After receiving her first nourishment from her dam, the newborn calf was entrusted to Tom Wickham, Secretary of the American Murray Grey Association. Wickham boarded a plane with the day-and-a-half-old heifer and flew from Hawaii to Denver. Between flights and terminals, Melanie's Haiku received her meals not in a barn, but from a bottle, fed by Wickham in a Holiday Inn hotel room in Denver.

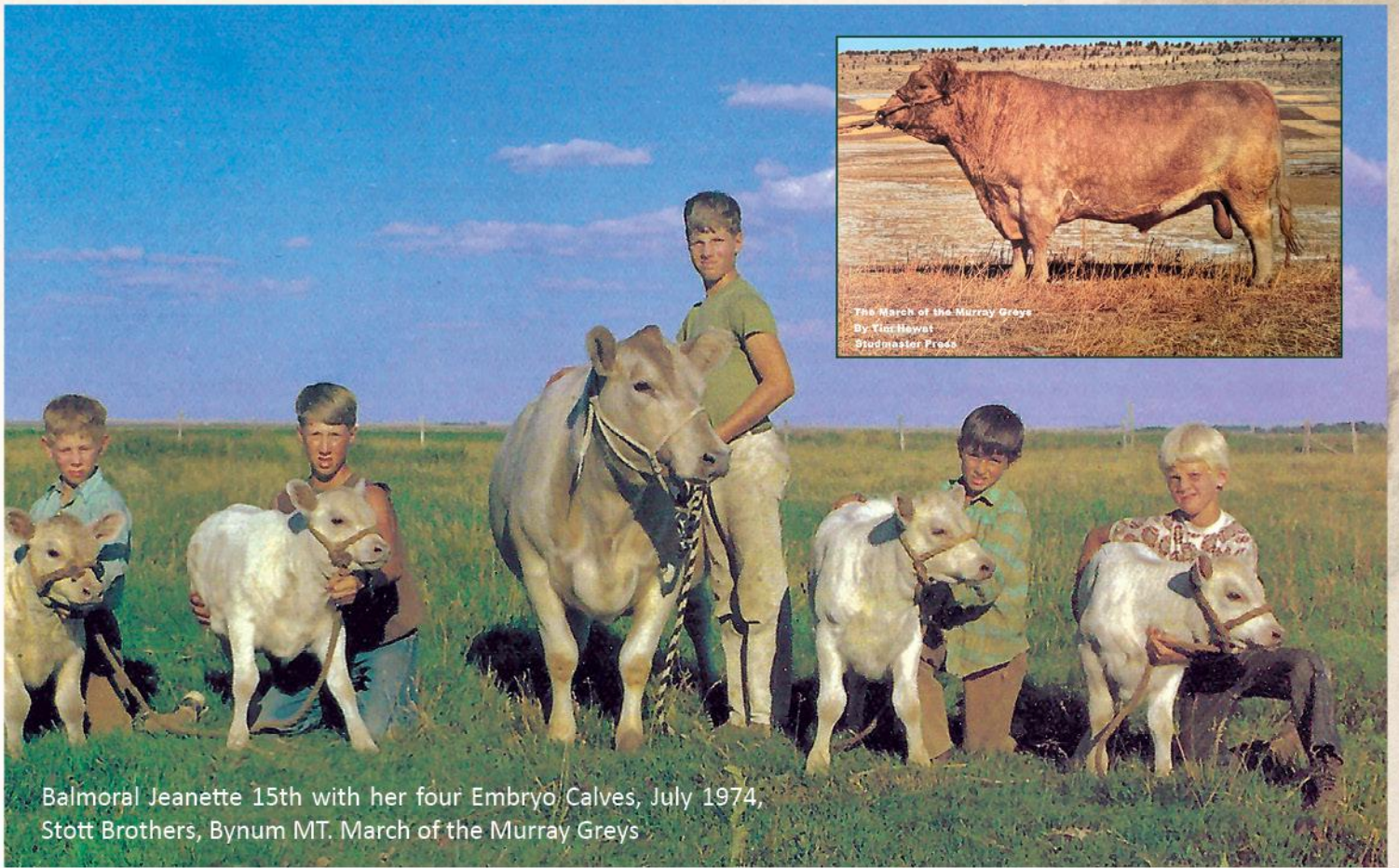
From there, her journey continued by car. Francis Henning collected the calf and transported her to Box Creek Ranch in Jordan, Montana, where she rode in the back seat of a Ford Mercury, treated less like livestock and more like a very important passenger.

As if her beginning had not already tested her enough, Melanie's Haiku soon faced one more challenge. A fierce Good Friday blizzard swept across Montana. Yet the little heifer survived, grew, and thrived, quietly proving the same

toughness, adaptability, and will that Murray Greys have shown wherever they have been asked to perform. The story of BCR Melanie's Haiku stands as a quiet but powerful reminder of the resilience and strength of Murray Grey cattle, and of the people who believed in them from the very beginning. American Murray Grey breeders were faced with setbacks, uncertainty, and long odds, yet they pressed forward together with determination, creativity, and an unshakable belief in the breed's potential. Their passion, perseverance, and refusal to give up laid the foundation for everything the American Murray Grey represents today. Against all odds, they succeeded, and their legacy continues in every grey calf born on American soil.

BCR Melanie's Haiku stood as a living bridge between continents, between hardship and hope, and between the breed's earliest struggles and its future success in North America. Her story remains one of the most human, and most unforgettable, chapters in American Murray Grey history. 





Balmoral Jeanette 15th with her four Embryo Calves, July 1974, Stott Brothers, Bynum MT. March of the Murray Greys

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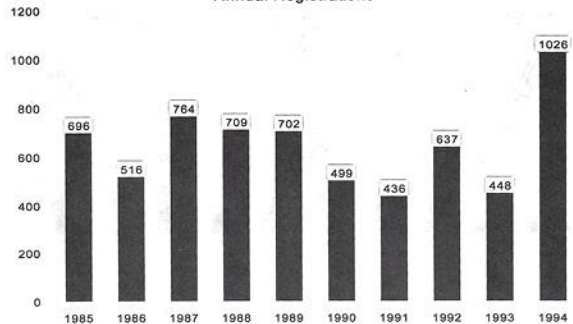
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Report on Midland Bull Test and Sale 2008

By: MaryAnn Holloway, H Diamond Ranch, Roberts, ID

There were seven head of Murray Greys from four breeders on test at the 2008 Midland Bull Test and Sale in Columbus, Montana. Leading the Average Daily Gain division was tag # 1205, consigned by George and Sharon Virtue of Hillside Acres in Sweet Home, OR, with an ADG of 3.21. He is sired by Patrix Pistol Pete and his dam is HA Matilda 47M.

Topping the Weight Per Day of Age division was tag # 1202 with a WDA of 2.91. He is sired by Lindsay Elect and his dam is HD Ritzy Lady ET 149R. Tied for first is tag # 1201 with a WDA of 2.91. He is sired by Twin Fir Lightning and his dam is HD Patina 136P. Both tag #s 1202 and 1201 are consigned by Justin and MaryAnn Holloway of H Diamond Cattle Co. in Roberts, ID.

Final weights on the bulls are as follows: tag # 1200 weighed 1083 lbs, tag # 1201 weighed 1168 lbs, tag # 1202 weighed 1153 lbs, tag # 1203 weighed 940 lbs, tag # 1204 weighed 1083 lbs, tag # 1205 weighed 1133 lbs, and tag # 1206 weighed 970 lbs.

Topping the ultrasound was tag # 1202 with Fat of 0.18, REA of 13.1 and IMT % of 4.00. He's sired by Lindsay Elect and his dam is HD Ritzy Lady ET 149R. He was consigned by H Diamond Cattle Co. of Roberts, ID.

Topping the Igenity DNA test was tag # 1206 who scored a 9 on Tenderness and a perfect 10 on marbling. This is the first time a bull at Midland has ever scored a perfect 10 on Marbling, as only the top 1/10 of 1% of animals tested will have a perfect score. This truly makes him one of the elite among cattle. He is sired by MLJ Polaris and his dam is HA Nutmeg 12N. He was consigned by Michael and Leona Jimenez of MLJ Ranch in Ridgefield, WA.

Topping the Efficiency test was tag # 1200 with a RFI of -0.89. He is sired by HA Maximum 43M and his dam is Eagle Rock Marvel. He was consigned by LaRalph and Nancy Christensen of Eagle Rock Murray Greys in Idaho Falls, ID.

Bulls sold for prices between \$1200 and \$3800, with the top seller being tag # 1202 who sold for \$3800. He was consigned by H Diamond Cattle Co. of Roberts, ID, and was bought by Wisteria Farms of Jerseyville, IL.

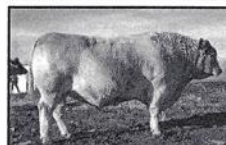
We would like to thank all our bidders and buyers for supporting us at the Midland Bull Test 2008. We would like to invite all of you to participate with us in 2009. Entries are due by Oct. 1, 2008.



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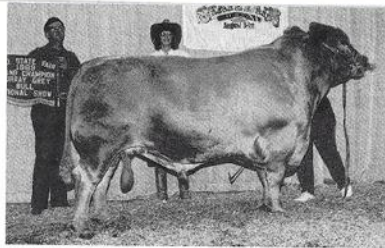
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MURRAY GREY ASSOCIATIONS

The American Murray Grey Association, Inc. is a national non-profit organization whose members are breeders and/or owners of Murray Grey cattle. In addition, there are a series of regional organizations comprised of several states, and individual state organizations where there is sufficient interest among the breeders in one state.

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION

The Midwest Murray Grey Association was organized in 1972 to promote Murray Grey cattle throughout the midwest area of the United States. Each year they have an annual meeting, as well as a field day/picnic in mid-July. They also have a Murray Grey Show and Sale at the Iowa Winter Beef Expo held in February in Des Moines, and a show in August. Richard Williams, Mt. Carroll, Illinois is the current president, Martin Hank, Polo, Illinois is the secretary. Dues are \$25.00 per year and may be mailed to the current treasurer, Lloyd Bates, Box 37, Union, Iowa 50258. New members are always welcome.

EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern North American Murray Grey Association is open to cattle breeders in the East who wish to engage in Murray Grey production and herd upgrading, to commercial and purebred producers who wish to promote the MG breed, and to persons who wish to work towards fulfillment of the objectives of the association. Dues are \$35.00 per year, payable on a calendar year basis each January. Current president is John Gerow, Jr., Covington, New York. Patty Chapman, RR. 11, Box 481, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101 serves as the secretary/treasurer. Projects include a Spring Field Day, held annually in West Virginia, participation in the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, and various state Expos, as well as a bi-monthly publication, the ENAM-GA Newsletter. The Eastern Association was founded in 1976 by a group of Murray Grey beef cattle breeders from various eastern states and Ontario.

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

The Northwest Murray Grey Association was organized in 1972. The association serves states in the Northwest area, as well as many other western states. In 1991 the Northwest Association adopted a very progressive set of "Breed Standards" and is currently very active in an existing Advertising Program throughout the Northwest. Since 1985 the Northwest Assoc. has held an International Murray Grey Show in conjunction with the Northern International Livestock Expo held in October at Billings, MT. The Northwest has also been the host of a number of "National" Murray Grey Shows. They are currently very active in sponsoring a number of youth programs. 1993 Officers are President-Virgil Payne, Ford, WA; V.P.-Bud Vande Sandt, Gildford, MT; Sec-Sue Ramsay, Seio, OR; and Treas-Linda Jensen, Glens Ferry, ID. The dues are \$35.00 per year and may be sent to Linda Jensen, Box 4, Glens Ferry, ID 83623 or for information on Murray Greys or the Northwest Assoc. call 1-800-437-6977.

OHIO ASSOCIATION

The Ohio Murray Grey Association provides all segments of the Murray Grey beef cattle industry in Ohio with an incorporated, non-profit organization through which they can collectively work and act in order to promote the viability, propagation and best interests of the MG beef cattle industry. Group projects include picnics and meetings held at least once per quarter at member farms, educational field days held at least twice per year throughout Ohio, and participation in the Ohio Beef Expo each March and the Ohio State Fair each August. OMGA was founded in 1971. Information about membership and dues may be obtained by contacting current officers: President, John Beese, Uniontown, OH; Vice Pres., Mary Ellen Wozny, Coolville, OH; and Sec/Treasurer, Rex Sullinger, 18945 Co. Rd. 155, Ridgeway, OH 43345.

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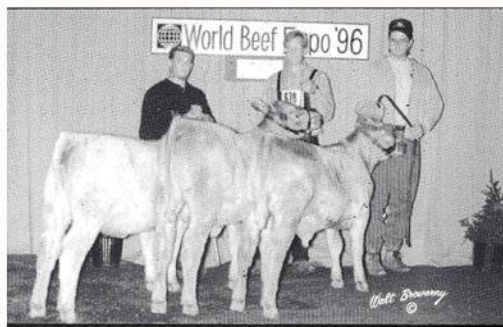
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AMGA Executive Director Jim Spaw with Gary Allen and his Champion Bull.



Linda Jensen (L) of Lindale Murray Greys and Luella Polette (R) of Bridger Mountain Murray Greys are all smiles with the first results of their semen

What We Have Accomplished

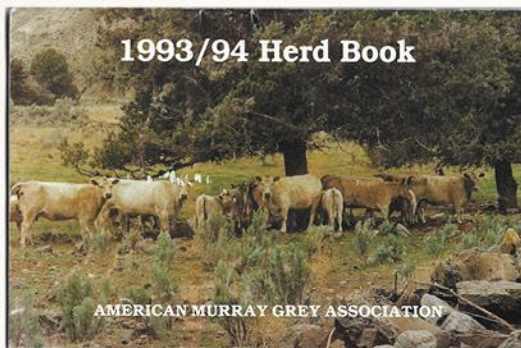
The American Murray Grey Association was formed and chartered in Texas in August of 1970 around a nucleus of men that included Eugene Meade, Lloyd Stott, Raymond Altof, Jay Hadley, Horace McQueen, Dr. Lloyd Bates and James Eades.

The national office was located in Billings, Montana in February, 1973. Norm Warsinske was appointed Executive Secretary and served in this capacity until his death in the fall of 1978.

To date we have over 65,000 animals on our roster, ranging from foundation grade females to purebred Murray Greys. Our breeder file continues to increase steadily each year. We have added a computerized performance program to not only give our members a marketing tool, but to collect data for a future sire summary, complete with EPD's.

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The MURRAY GREY NEWS, published quarterly, is the official breed paper, carrying news of the Murray Grey breed and breeders, as well as general items of interest to livestock producers. It also serves to introduce Murray Greys to prospective breeders. Our mailing list increases each issue, with a present readership of over 5,000. Advertising rate is \$12.00 per column inch. Publication Date: Mid-March, June, Sept. Dec. Copy Deadline: End of preceding Month.



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Background of the Murray Grey

Murray Grey, the silver cattle from Australia, are a natural genetic phenomenon that was by chance recognized and preserved. In 1905 on the Thologolong property of Peter Sutherland in southern New South Wales, a particular roan Shorthorn cow, when bred to various Aberdeen Angus bulls, dropped only grey calves, 12 of them by 1917. Because Mrs. Eva Sutherland liked these grey calves, her husband didn't slaughter them, although he feared they would reflect poorly on his black Angus herd.

When her husband died in 1929, Mrs. Sutherland sold the herd of Greys to her cousin, Helen Sutherland, who started a systematic breeding with 8 cows and 4 bulls.

In the early 1940's Mervyn Gadd started a second Murray Grey herd as a commercial venture, using a grey bull from the Sutherlands and breeding up from Angus cows. Gadd was convinced that the Greys were better and more efficient weight gainers, but it wasn't until 1957 that a demand for them developed. Butchers paid a premium price for the Greys because of their consistent high cutability and less wastage. Breeder after breeder turned to them and in 1962 fifty breeders banded together to form the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society of Australia. They named the cattle for their color and the fact that they were developed along the Murray River.

The Murray Greys began to win carcass competitions in the early 1970's and have continued to dominate the steer and carcass classes at the Royal Shows in Australia. Murray Greys are one of the two breeds preferred by the Japanese for importation, due to their easy fleshing and high-quality meat production.

Who We Are

1993 Officers & Directors
American Murray Grey Association



PRESIDENT—LUELLE POLETTE, 11110 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, Montana 59715. Ph. 406-586-5768. Elected to the AMGA Board at the 1984 annual meeting and re-elected at 1990 meeting. Served as President in 1990 & 1991. Luella was raised on a ranch in the Bitterroot Valley near Florence, Montana. She and her husband, Doug, have combined his profession in education and their interest in ranching throughout their marriage. In 1974 Luella took over the Murray Grey herd started by Doug's father and upgraded to a small, heavily cullered purebred herd. Recent years have focused on gathering performance data to further refine this select set of females. Luella was honored to receive the AMGA Auxiliary Service Award in 1992. She and Doug have two sons.



VICE PRESIDENT - BUD VANDE SANDT, Rt. 74, Box 8, Goldford, Montana 59028. Ph. 406-355-8972. Elected to AMGA Board at 1999 Annual Meeting. Bud ranches and farms in Northern Montana and has been raising Murray Greys since 1972. His wife is Margarette.



SECRETARY—LINDA JENSEN, Box 4, Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83621. Ph. 208-266-2670. Elected to AMGA Board at 1989 annual meeting and re-elected at 1992 meeting. Linda was born and raised in Texas. She and her husband, Dale, lived in several foreign countries due to his career in the oil exploration field. In 1982 they returned to the U.S. and started their small ranch bordering the Snake River in Idaho. Their MG herd, which has grown from one "mammoth" cow to around 50 head, is involved in a very extensive performance testing program on the ranch. Besides the Murray Greys, Linda raises purebred Miniature Bull Terriers. The Jensens have a daughter and a son.



TREASURER - REX SULLINGER, 16945 C.R. 155, Ridgeway, Ohio 43045-8090. Ph. 419-475-2234. Elected to AMGA Board at 1992 Annual Meeting. Rex was born in Ohio in 1946. Served 4 years in the Navy. He is a full time Farmer with corn, beans, wheat, hay and cattle. Cattle enterprise consists of 75 crossbred cows and 8 purebred cows. Rex and his wife, Jean, have a daughter, Hilli, who is very active in 4-H.



LLOYD N. BLAIR, 194 Morningside Dr., Abingdon, Virginia 22120. Ph. 703-628-2903. Elected to AMGA Board at 1990 Annual Meeting. Lloyd was born in 1921 on a livestock farm in Southwest Virginia. He has a degree in Business, and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He runs a Livestock Auction Market and is a Livestock Farmer. He lost his wife in 1978. He has a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.



IRVING PAYNE, Box 515, Wellpoint, Washington 99040. Ph. 509-255-7204. Elected to AMGA Board at 1991 Annual Meeting. Virgil is currently serving his second term as President of the NWMGA. He was born in 1950 and raised on the family cattle ranch, which he and his brother now operate. He started raising MG's in 1983, and runs a herd of 300+ Murray Greys and Polled Herefords on 20,000+ acres of range land and 700 acres irrigated farm land. He is a 4-H leader and a member of local cattlemen's associations. Virgil and his wife, Sandy, have 2 daughters and in their spare time raise and train Reg. Paint horses.



BRENT SPAULDING, 183 E 2nd N, Rigby, Idaho 83442. Ph. 208-745-6133. Elected to AMGA Board at 1992 Annual Meeting. Brent was born and raised in Idaho on a farm and ranch operation, where he developed a great love of cattle and the land. He has owned and managed an Ag-related business along with raising Reg. Angus and Reg. Quarter Horses. He started raising MG's in 1970 and has been on a sire production testing program since 1983 on his Angus and Murray Greys. Brent and his wife, Rilla, have 2 sons and 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren.



DAVID L. STEWART, III, Box 127B, Middlebourne, West Virginia 26049. Ph. 304-758-4856. Elected to AMGA Board at 1991 Annual Meeting. Dave was born and raised in West Virginia. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and is currently employed as a Lab Technician in the Chemical Industry. He has farmed with his father all of his life and started with percentage Murray Greys in 1960. Dave and his wife, DIANNA, have a son and a daughter. They are starting their own farm and are switching to purebred MG's.



ROBERT D. WILKINSON, 1795 Burkhardt Rd., Mazon, Illinois 60444. Ph. 815-445-2278. Elected to AMGA Board at 1988 Annual Meeting and re-elected at 1991 meeting. Grewed as AMGA President in 1992. Bob was born in 1927 and raised on a dairy and hog farm in Mazon. He served 24 years in the U.S. Army, returning to farming in 1970. He started his Murray Grey herd in 1977 and runs about 30 cows. He and his son raise 1,000 hogs each year and farm crops of corn, soy beans, oats and hay. Bob and his wife, Marie, have three daughters and a son.

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Legendary Legacies - Eagles Run Ranch

By Diana Anderson, Photos courtesy Eagles Run Ranch

Located in the San Francisco Bay area of Northern California, Eagles Run Ranch was once the largest producer of registered Murray Grey cattle in the United States. We started our operation in 1998, accelerating from 22 breeding cows on 100 acres to 75 breeding cows on 500 acres. We raised over 600 Murray Greys over our time as active breeders.

What do you want to be, a cowboy, a cattleman or a cowman?

A man from Select Sires who helped us with AI and semen collection once told us there are 3 kinds of people in the cattle business: cowboys, cattlemen, and cowmen. The cowboy wants all his cows to calve and wants to ship those calves at the best price possible per pound. His biggest concern is live calves and getting the most he can for them at weaning. His culling program consists of a cow dying or coming up open. The cattleman, by contrast, has a direction he's trying

to take; he culls any cows that deviate very much one way or the other. But the cowman (or woman) knows each cow; her strengths and weaknesses and will either cull her or genetically improve that cow's next generation by finding a bull to complement her genetics and move her offspring forward in his target goals, creating a heifer that is better than the mother. The cowman does this on an individual basis, rather than just trying to move the whole herd a certain direction. You can do it on a whole herd basis, but you won't make as much progress because you're not optimizing the genetics of each cow. If a cow has poor teat configuration, for instance, you cull her. If you don't know your cattle individually, you might keep a nice heifer calf, not remembering that she has a mother with a poor udder or sell her to someone who will be disappointed in her performance. At Eagles Run Ranch, we strove to be the cow people

who focused on each animal to overall improve the breed.

Breeding Program

Eagles Run Ranch made extensive use of embryo implant and artificial insemination. Tapping into the best genetics from Australia, Canada, and New Zealand in our extensive AI program, we used top bulls available worldwide and imported both semen and embryos from Australia. We flushed our best females and collected semen from our highest quality bulls. In addition to using many of the embryos ourselves, we would sell embryos to a variety of operations both in the US and overseas to customers who wanted to make rapid genetic progress.

We bred for the performance, fertility, carcass and balance needed to put the buyer in a position to obtain maximum benefits from superior performing cattle.



We have sold cattle to commercial and purebred producers, both small and large operations. We found that when talking to potential buyers, the first discussion is about the kind of cow or bull they feel will add value to their herd and what traits are most important to them. Then as a seller, it is your job to meet their expectations. We have also always taken special pleasure in helping people get started with the Murray Grey breed.

High-Impact Bulls

Eagles Run Ranch had the largest selection of Murray Grey bulls either on hoof or in semen in the US offering choice and quality to bull buyers. To take advantage of the progress made in Australia with the breed, we made a large investment in Australian genetics via semen and embryos. Since the Murray Grey genetic pool in the US was not large, it made sense to go to the source for some fresh genetics with BREEDPLAN traits that would complement and expand the US herds genetic basis.

Some bulls were targeted for the grass-fed market with moderate frames and easy fleshing. Other bulls with larger frames, growth and muscling were especially desirable for crossbreds, commercial markets and high-growth purebreds.

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over straight-bred or crossbred cows reduced calving problems, improved temperament, assisted fertility, and improved carcass quality. They gave the buyers steers that can be finished on grain or grass and deliver high yield. They produce quality females who form the backbone for success of any operation – dependable, long-lived, maternal, efficient and gentle.

BREEDPLAN

All Eagles Run cattle were on BREEDPLAN, a genetic evaluation system for beef cattle producers. BREEDPLAN collects data on Murray Greys worldwide and offers an opportunity for cattle buyers to compare important growth, fertility and carcass qualities. Herdsires used at Eagles Run represented some of the top performing bulls on BREEDPLAN.

Our Goals and Results

While commercial operations want to maximize immediate profit and herd survivability, purebred MG operations focus on traits that improved the next generation genetically to continually leverage the high value traits of Murray Greys. These are Reproductive Traits (calving ease, fertility, early puberty), Performance (weaning weight, yearling weight, feed efficiency), Carcass and Meat Quality (marbling, tenderness, Maternal Traits (milk, udder quality, mothering) and Health (longevity, structural soundness).

We ordered the traits by importance to our operation to en-

sure we had clear goals in our breeding operation: Efficiency, temperament, performance, maternal traits, and structural balance including thickness and carcass quality.

Our cows were easy-fleshing and feed efficient with an intermediate frame score. We recorded the weights of all our animals at difference life stages. Our average cow was about 1290 to 1500 pounds, with frame score is between 4.5 and 5.5; this is our goal.” Frame scores (determined by hip height) range from 1 to 10, with many cattle today being a frame score 6 to 8 or even 9. Most people who see Murray Grey cattle for the first time say these cows have a lot of body but not much leg. If you compare a Murray Grey that weighs 1400 pounds with a 1400-pound Angus the typical Angus has more leg and would likely have a larger frame score; the Murray Gray has more body and is rectangular in structure. All the important meat-producing parts are in the rectangular body; the legs are never rangy or long.

We firmly believe that the females are critically important to a breeder’s success. Regarding the optimum cow, it’s not just frame score; we also consider the efficiency of that animal, which is part of its genetic makeup. We’ve seen proper size cows that are not efficient. They won’t hold up in flesh or can’t consistently bring home a good calf and breed back, or might not produce enough milk or might produce too much. It is important to eliminate narrow-bodied cows and focus on ensuring thickness and structure in your females.

You want to select replacement females across a matrix of traits that you feel are important to your market.

A marvelous temperament is generally a given with Murray Greys. We have encountered a few who do not pass the temperament standard we set but, by in large, they are good natured, calm, easy going cattle. Over the years we have had more than a few Angus cattlemen, get Murray Grey bulls for safe management, easy calving and a strong libido. One of my favorites was a grass-fed Angus herd whose owner wanted a more moderate sized bull with good thickness, which they purchased from us. He called me after the first year and exclaimed it was the best bull he had ever had. While his Angus bulls lounged in the shade on hot days, his MG bull was working the females and breeding cows and was imparting thickness and a stout hind end on his calves.

For many years we sold steers to FFA kids. Those steers always placed at the top in carcass competitions, but the kids told us they could only feed 1/3 of the recommended grain supplementation because these steers could not handle too much grain. They would actually bloat; they didn't need that much grain. These steers were more cost-effective to raise, and yet marbled well enough to place in the carcass competitions.

Cattlemen don't all want the same type of animal. Their wants are amazingly different. People would look the herdsires on our website and might totally love one and hate another, and other people will choose just the opposite. There is no animal that's perfect in everyone's eyes.

In fact, we told our customers there is no perfect cow or bull, just one which aligns with your goals and objectives.

This is why we need genetic diversity in seedstock, and a variety of breeds and types of cattle. There's no one type that fits every person's goal or operation. "The cattle industry should not go the route of turkeys—where the end product is total uniformity.


Many of the people who came to us were looking to improve carcass quality, and also looking to get better females. Or they were wanted to improve the temperament of their spicy Angus or reduce the frame size of their females for more efficiency. They realize you must have good cows to raise the kind of calves you want. They know they can find good bulls, but they want to improve their cowherd and make the cows better with each generation.

People focused on the grass-fed market generally selecting smaller framed animals, and people breeding for the feedlot market tend to choose larger animals. People who come looking at Murray Greys usually have a fairly clear picture of what they want. They are looking for efficiency, and continuity in improving their cowherd, rather than for a terminal sire to produce feedlot calves.

Raising calves had its challenges and its joys. We also had the habit of a daily calf count because, if there is trouble to be found, calves will find it. We are sure you have a tale or two but a couple of instances come to mind. There was the four-month old bull calf that disappeared. We missed him at the calf

count for several days and looked in the most obvious places. Finally we took the Gator and toured all the fences lines and found him in a swale hanging on a barbed wire fence by his belly. Cut from side to side, I thought the vet would have to put down but wound care and antibiotics worked miracles. The second was a missing two month old heifer and we followed the mother cow to the back of the property and found the calf in a huge hole in the seasonal creek bed unable to get out. Getting her out and filling the hole in was a big but rewarding task.

Those who Made a Difference

We want to recognize some of the Murray Grey breeders who we relied on to mentor us on the value of Murray Greys and who wanted, as did we, feed efficiency, easy going temperament, carcass yield, tenderness and good fertility with outstanding mothering. These were: Horace McQueen who was an original importer of Murray Greys from Australia, Pat Richardson for her tireless work on developing the AMGA breed handbook, Ivan and Barbara Skinner who sold us a truckload of fine females when we were expanding our herd, Gary Bueller of Monterey Murray Grey and past president of the MGBCS who fully supported us in our successful effort to use BREEDPLAN directly through the Australian MG Society, Angie Nason and MaryAnn and Justin Holloway who, like us, were committed to improving the MG breed market penetration. There were dozens of others not mentioned who made a difference for us and we trust you also will find value in working with other Murray Grey breeders. 



Northwest Region

Northwest Grey Murray Association

by Kari Cussins of See Why Murray Greys, Idaho

In 2024, a group of Murray Grey breeders located in the Pacific Northwest made the decision to reboot the Northwest Murray Grey Association (NWMGA). This group of breeders, during a period of transition within the parent association, wanted to take a positive step forward with a focus on youth programs and the future of Murray Greys. An invitation was sent by email, and by mail to those without email access, to every current AMGA member in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Thirteen breeders ultimately came together and completed the work required to incorporate and organize this new nonprofit. The first item on the agenda was to plan a junior show for the 2024 National AMGA Show, held in Boise, Idaho, at the Western Idaho Fair. This marked the first time Nationals had been hosted at this location. We had twelve juniors compete in the junior show, and twelve different breeders participated in the open classes, bringing 62 head of cattle — the largest Murray Grey show in more than a decade. These breeders traveled from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Wisconsin.



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Last year, we also hosted a junior show in conjunction with the Regional Murray Grey Show at the same location. Seven breeders were represented, bringing a total of 47 head to show. Thirteen juniors participated, including five youth we recruited while attending the fair — a remarkable outcome for a regional show.

We have much to be proud of and are excited about several items on our agenda moving forward. In August, we will host the 2026 AMGA Nationals and the NWMGA Junior Show in Boise, Idaho, and look forward to increased participation among both juniors and open show exhibitors. Our open junior shows will be held on August 22nd. In addition, we are developing a Youth Ambassador Program and a sponsored Youth Heifer Raffle.

In 2026, we hope to expand the number of active breeders within our regional group. This will bring more ideas and energy to continue our growth and improving the organization by promoting Murray Greys and youth participation within our region. We are excited to explore new ways to involve youth


and market our beloved Murray Greys within our local communities and region. If you are interested in learning more about our group or joining our ranks, please email northwestmurraygrey@gmail.com for more information. 



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Diverse Conditions, Consistent Murray Grey Performance

Forage, Climate, and Cattle Adaptability Across the Eastern United States
by Natalie Snyder, Snyder Livestock, Ohio

The Eastern Regional- American Murray Grey Association currently encompasses all states east of the Mississippi River -- an area defined by remarkable diversity in climate, terrain, and forage resources. Within this vast territory, cattlemen manage herds across dramatically different weather patterns, seasonal extremes, and forage systems. Successful cattle in the Eastern United States must adapt not only to changing feed sources, but also to localized climatic challenges that directly influence herd health, forage availability, and overall productivity.

Across the region, forage-based systems dominate, but the interaction between climate and forage availability varies widely. Cattle that perform consistently must maintain condition, fertility, and structural integrity despite fluctuations in temperature, precipitation, and seasonal growing conditions. These realities underscore the importance of adaptable, efficient cattle capable of thriving across diverse environments.

Northeast and Upper Great Lakes: Seasonal Extremes and Forage Preservation

The Northeastern states and Upper Great Lakes region experience pronounced seasonal weather patterns, including cold winters, snowfall, freeze-thaw cycles, and cool, often wet springs. Summers are generally mild but can include periods of high humidity and rainfall.

Forage systems are dominated by cool-season grasses and legumes such as orchard grass, timothy, tall fescue, bluegrass, brome, clovers, and alfalfa. Shorter grazing seasons and extended winter-feeding periods require cattle that efficiently utilize stored forages and maintain body condition through prolonged cold stress. Murray Grey cattle have demonstrated strong natural fleshing ability and adaptability in these conditions, supporting reproductive performance and efficiency during long winter months.

Midwest and Central States: Temperature Swings and Nutritional Transitions

Across the Midwest and central states east of the Mississippi River, cattlemen contend with wide temperature swings throughout the year. Cold winters, hot summers, and variable precipitation patterns influence both forage growth and feeding strategies.

Pasture systems commonly include cool-season grasses such as tall fescue, orchard grass, and brome, supplemented by harvested forages, corn silage, haylage, and crop residues. Cattle in this region must transition smoothly between grazing and stored feeds while tolerating seasonal heat and cold stress. Structural soundness, moderate mature size, and nutritional flexibility support long-term productivity. Murray Grey cattle perform well under these conditions, demonstrating consistent performance across changing diets and weather extremes.

Appalachian Region: Microclimates, Terrain, and Weather Variability

The Appalachian region presents some of the most complex climatic conditions in the Eastern United States. Changes in elevation, slope, and exposure create localized microclimates where temperature, rainfall, and forage growth can vary significantly within short distances.

Weather patterns often include cooler temperatures at higher elevations, increased rainfall, and variable growing seasons. Forage systems typically consist of tall fescue, orchard grass, clovers, and mixed native grasses. Cattle must navigate uneven terrain while maintaining condition on forage that may vary in quality throughout the season. Murray Grey cattle have proven well-suited to these environments, combining structural durability with the adaptability needed to perform under highly variable weather and forage conditions.



Southeast and Coastal Plain: Heat, Humidity, and Extended Growing Seasons

The southeastern and coastal plain states are characterized by long growing seasons, high humidity, and elevated summer temperatures. Mild winters allow for extended grazing periods, but heat stress and seasonal fluctuations in forage quality present ongoing management challenges.

Warm-season forages such as bermudagrass, Bahia grass, Dallisgrass, and other regionally adapted species dominate pasture systems, often supplemented with cool-season annuals to balance nutrition throughout the year. Cattle must remain productive under prolonged heat and humidity while maintaining fertility and body condition. Murray Grey cattle have demonstrated the ability to perform consistently in warm-season forage systems, maintaining efficiency and durability under extended climatic stress.

A Region Defined by Climate and Forage Diversity


Across all states east of the Mississippi River, climate and forage diversity shape cattle management decisions. Seasonal weather patterns influence forage growth, grazing windows, and nutritional planning, while humidity and precipitation affect herd health and pasture management.

Cattle that adapt readily to these environmental variables help reduce management pressure and support sustainable production systems.

Murray Grey cattle continue to demonstrate versatility across diverse climates and forage types, offering producers a balanced, efficient option for Eastern cattle operations.

Consistency Across Diverse Environments

From snow-covered pastures in the North to warm-season grazing systems in the South, Murray Grey cattle

have shown the adaptability required to perform across the full spectrum of Eastern climates and forage conditions. This consistent performance across diverse environments reinforces the breed's value throughout the Eastern United States and highlights its role in supporting efficient, forage-driven cattle production across one of the most environmentally varied regions in the country. 



Eastern Region

Sub-Region	Typical Climate Conditions	Common Forage Types	Key Management Challenges	Murray Grey Strengths
Northeast & Upper Great Lakes	Cold winters, snowfall, freeze-thaw cycles, mild summers	Orchard grass, timothy, fescue, brome, clovers, alfalfa	Short grazing seasons, extended winter feeding, wet soils	Natural fleshing ability, forage efficiency, winter adaptability
Midwest & Central States	Hot summers, cold winters, variable precipitation	Tall fescue, orchard grass, brome, corn silage, haylage, crop residues	Nutritional transitions, temperature stress, system integration	Structural soundness, feed adaptability, maternal longevity
Appalachian Region	Variable rainfall, elevation-driven microclimates, cooler uplands	Tall fescue, orchard grass, clovers, mixed native grasses	Uneven terrain, variable forage quality, low-input systems	Sound feet and legs, resilience, forage utilization
Southeast & Coastal Plain	Long growing seasons, heat, humidity, mild winters	Bermudagrass, bahia grass, dallisgrass, warm-season perennials, cool-season annuals	Heat stress, humidity, seasonal forage quality swings	Heat tolerance, fertility, efficiency on warm-season forages

Southwest Region

Southwest Breeders Group

by *Leslie Nichols, Solitude Ranch, Texas*


The Southwest Murray Grey Association brings together Murray Grey breeders across the southwestern United States who are committed to growing and promoting this exceptional breed. Our region presents unique challenges—from persistent drought and rising grazing land prices to increasing urban pressure—but Murray Grey cattle continue to prove their value through efficiency, adaptability, and premium beef quality.

Murray Grey cattle represent more than a breed choice—they represent a philosophy centered on efficiency, quality, and sustainability. As consumer expectations and market dynamics continue to evolve, producers who align around proven genetics and collaborative marketing strategies are best positioned for long-term success.

The Association provides a hub for breeders to connect, share knowledge, highlight their operations, and market cattle and beef. By promoting the outstanding traits of Murray Grey cattle and working together at the regional level, breeders can create a stronger, more visible presence in the marketplace and build a regional identity that adds value to every animal sold.

We welcome participation from all Murray Grey breeders, regardless of registration status, and are eager to increase involvement across the region. Currently, the Association operates through a Facebook social media group, with plans to expand offerings as interest and participation grow.

Demand for Murray Grey cattle—especially females—continues to outpace supply. The future of Murray Grey cattle lies not only in their genetics, but in the people who raise them, stand behind them, and market them together.

You can find the Southwest Murray Grey Association Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/649911534357473>. Please reach out to Kevin Nichols or Leslie Nichols if you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to learn more about Murray Greys and breeders in the Southwest. We can be reached at 817-658-4885 (Kevin) or 817-917-8573 (Leslie), or lnichols2010@gmail.com. 

Southwest





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Making Your Data Count

When to Record What for BREEDPLAN (AMGA Guide)
By Maddie Brockhoff

Every Murray Grey animal tells a story — from birth through to maturity. BREEDPLAN helps translate that story into objective, comparable genetic information. But like any good story, *timing matters*.

Recording performance traits at the recommended stages of the production cycle allows BREEDPLAN to extract the clearest genetic signals, resulting in more reliable and meaningful EBVs. When data is collected at the right time, routine management observations can be transformed into powerful selection tools.

Importantly, breeders do not need to record everything. Recording the *right traits at the right time* has far more impact than trying to measure every possible trait.

The Production Cycle: When to Record What

BREEDPLAN recommends collecting performance data at specific biological stages — think of these as checkpoints in an animal's development. These stages align naturally with common management events such as calving, weaning, joining and scanning, making data collection both practical and effective.

Joining — Setting Up the Next Generation

Record:

- Mating program details
- AI and ET dates
- Pregnancy test results
- Bull breeding soundness
- Structural scores (if assessed pre-joining)

Why it matters:

Joining information underpins fertility analysis and pedigree accuracy. Accurate mating and joining records strengthen the foundation of all downstream EBVs

and support long-term genetic improvement across the herd.

Birth — The First Snapshot

Record:

- Calving date
- Birth weight
- Calving difficulty score
- Recipient dam details (for ET calves)

Why it matters:

Birth traits directly influence calving ease, gestation length and early growth EBVs. These traits are critical for herd efficiency and play a key role in selection decisions for both breeders and commercial buyers.

Weaning (Around 200 Days) — Growth Meets Maternal Performance

Record:

- 200-day weight
- Docility
- Flight time (if collected)
- Mature cow weight (on the dam)

Why it matters:

Weaning is one of the most influential recording points in the production cycle. It captures the interaction between calf growth, maternal performance and management conditions.

This is also the ideal time to record **Mature Cow Weight (MCW)**. MCW is a key driver of feed requirements and long-term efficiency and contributes to several Murray Grey breed indexes.

Recording cow weights at weaning provides BREEDPLAN with a consistent reference point, improving the accuracy of both MCW and Milk EBVs while helping breeders monitor trends in cow size across their herd.

Yearling (Around 400 Days) — Growth, Structure and Early Carcase Insight

Record:

- 400-day weight
- Scrotal circumference
- Structural scores
- Ultrasound scanning (EMA, rib and rump fat, IMF%)

Why it matters:

The yearling stage captures valuable information on growth rate, early reproductive development and structural soundness. Ultrasound scanning at this stage can provide early insight into carcase traits, particularly for herds targeting earlier turn-off or markets that value early expression of carcase quality.

18 Months (Around 600 Days) — Carcase Insight Before Turn-Off

Record:

- 600-day weight
- Ultrasound scanning: EMA, rib fat, rump fat, IMF%

Why it matters:

Scanning at 600 days provides a more mature expression of carcase traits and suits production systems where cattle are grown out longer. BREEDPLAN accepts scanning at either the 400-day or 600-day stage, allowing breeders to align data collection with their breeding objectives, target markets and management systems.

Mature Cow Information — The Long Game

Record:

- Mature cow weight
- Hip height
- Body condition score
- Disposal codes

Why it matters:

Mature cow data supports evaluation of efficiency, longevity and herd sustainability.

Understanding how cow size and condition change over time helps balance growth with fertility, feed efficiency and long-term productivity — all key considerations for Murray Grey breeders.

A Practical Example: From Birth to Scanning

Imagine a calf born on April 10th.

- **At birth:**

Record birth weight, calving ease and dam details.

- **Late October (Weaning):**

Record 200-day weights, docility and dam weights.

- **Early May (Yearling):**

Record 400-day weight, scrotal circumference, structure and ultrasound data.

- **October (18 months):**

Record 600-day weight and ultrasound scanning.

With four well-timed recording points — all aligned with routine management — the calf develops EBVs that reflect real, measured performance and genetic potential.

Record What Matters, When It Matters

BREEDPLAN does not require breeders to collect every trait. What matters most is consistent, well-timed data on traits that:

- influence breeding decisions
- matter to commercial clients
- reflect herd goals and production systems

For many Murray Grey herds, the highest-impact traits include:

- Birth weight
- 200-day and 400-day weights
- Scrotal circumference (bulls)
- Docility
- Ultrasound scanning (where relevant)

Additional traits such as structure, flight time and mature cow weights can be layered in as herd size, recording confidence and management systems evolve.

Why Timing Matters More Than Volume

BREEDPLAN adjusts for environment, age, management and contemporary group effects — but only when data is:

- collected within recommended age windows
- recorded in meaningful contemporary groups
- measured consistently across animals

One trait recorded well, at the correct time, contributes more to genetic evaluation than multiple traits recorded inconsistently.


AMGA and BREEDPLAN Submissions

American Murray Grey Association (AMGA) submits

performance data to BREEDPLAN on behalf of its members in line with BREEDPLAN submission schedules. Regular data submission helps ensure EBVs remain current and accurately reflect the performance of the Murray Grey breed.

Members are encouraged to submit data promptly following collection to support timely evaluations and reduce bottlenecks around sale preparation.

Bringing It All Together

Performance recording isn't about creating extra work — it's about capturing the moments that matter most. When data is collected at the right points in an animal's life, BREEDPLAN can turn everyday measurements into reliable EBVs that support informed selection, herd efficiency and the long-term progress of the Murray Grey breed. 

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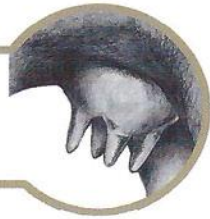
TEAT & UDDER SCORING

Teat Size

Very large & misshapen **1**



Large **3**



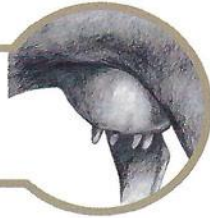
Intermediate **5**



Small **7**



Very small **9**



Udder Suspension

Very pendulous **1**



Pendulous **3**



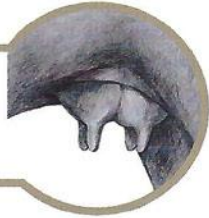
Intermediate **5**



Tight **7**



Very tight **9**



Guidelines:

- Collect within 24 hours of calving.
- Use weakest quarter to score both teat size and udder suspension.
- Score both teat size and udder suspension on 1-9 scale, independently.
- Best if one person scores all females in each management group.



FOOT SCORING

Claw Set T (5 is ideal)



1 Extremely weak, open, divergent claw set. Unsound.



2 Open, divergent claw set. Marginally unsound.



3 Moderately open/divergent claw set.



4 Slightly open/divergent claw set.



5 Ideal. Symmetrical claws, with appropriate space between claws.



6 Slight tendency for claws to curl. One claw may be slightly larger than the other.



7 Tendency for claws to curl, with one claw larger than the other.



8 Moderate scissor claw and/or screw claw. Curling of one or both claws. Near crossing of claws. Marginally unsound.



9 Extreme scissor claw and/or screw claw. Pronounced curling of one or both claws. Crossing of claws. Unsound.

Foot Angle (5 is ideal)

Extremely straight pasterns. Very short toe. Unsound.



Straight front and rear pasterns. Marginally unsound.



Moderately straight front and rear pasterns.



Slightly straight front and rear pasterns.



Ideal. Approximately 45-degree angle at pastern joint. Appropriate length of toe and depth of heel.



Slightly shallow heel and long toe.



Moderately shallow heel and long toe. Somewhat weak pasterns.



Shallow heel and long toe. Marginally unsound.



Extremely shallow heel and long toe. Extremely weak pasterns. Unsound.



Guidelines:

- Animals must be scored prior to hoof trimming.
- When there is a variation among an animal's feet score, score the worst foot first for both traits combined.
- Score yearling bulls and heifers (at least 320 days of age at scoring).
- Scores can be recorded annually (foot structure changes as animals age).



**There's no
silver bullet...**



**But there is a
Murray Grey**

Why Murray Grey Beef Stands Apart

Naturally Tender. Quietly Exceptional.

Murray Grey cattle are recognized worldwide for producing exceptionally tender, finely textured beef. Their natural marbling enhances juiciness and flavor, delivering a consistently satisfying eating experience.

Developed for efficiency and longevity, this heritage breed converts forage into beautifully balanced beef known for its

smooth texture and dependable quality. The result is beef that performs as impressively on the plate as it does in the pasture.

From ranch families to discerning chefs, Murray Grey beef is valued for its consistency, flavor, and reliable tenderness — qualities that turn everyday meals into memorable dining experiences.

✓ Fine Texture

Naturally smooth muscle structure contributes to exceptional tenderness.

✓ Consistent Marbling

Balanced intramuscular fat enhances juiciness and rich flavor.

✓ Reliable Eating Quality

Uniform carcass quality delivers dependable results every time.

✓ Low-Stress Handling Advantage

Calm cattle help support optimal meat quality from pasture to plate.



A SUPERIOR EATING EXPERIENCE

Murray Grey beef offers a refined balance of tenderness, flavor, and juiciness — delivering the quality today's consumers expect and the consistency producers trust.

Tenderness you can count on. Flavor you remember. Quality you can trust.

2026 Tattoo Letter is “P”



Tattooing Tips for Registered Calves

Required Procedures for Permanent Identification-

Tattooing is a required step for all calves registered with the American Murray Grey Association. A properly applied tattoo is the official permanent identification for your calf and is essential for registration, sale, and record keeping purposes.

To help ensure your tattoos meet AMGA standard, and remain readable for life, here are our official guidelines along with industry backed practices.

How to Register Your Herd Name & Tattoo Letters-

Before registering any calves, every AMGA member must have an official Herd Name and Tattoo Letters on file. These unique identifiers are required for both naming your cattle and tattooing them correctly.

Here's how to get started:

1. Submit Form A-2025-004

This form allows you to request your Herd Name (prefix) and Tattoo Letters. You'll be asked to provide:

- Three choices for your preferred Herd Name (prefix)
- Three choices for your preferred Tattoo Letters

The AMGA office will assign the first available option from your selections, based on uniqueness and availability in our system.

2. One-Time Fee

There is a \$10 one-time registration fee, which covers both your Herd Name and Tattoo Letters. Once assigned they stay with your membership indefinitely and will be used for all future calf registrations.

3. Why It Matters

Your Herd Name becomes the prefix in every registered animal's name, while the Tattoo Letters are the first part of every required ear tattoo. This ensures consistency and traceability within the breed registry.

Helpful Tip when selecting a herd name, keep in mind the 30 character naming limit. Keep herd names short and to the point so you have adequate characters to name your calves.

Need the form? You can download Form A-2025-004 from the AMGA website, request a copy from the office, or utilize our new Quick Form option.

Tattooing Equipment:

Before you begin, gather the following items:

- Tattoo pliers
- Letter and number tattoo digits
- Green tattoo paste ink (preferred) and a toothbrush
- Alcohol and soft cloth for cleaning
- Record book or digital system
- A secure chute or headgate for restraint

YEAR	LETTER
2024	M
2025	N
2026	P
2027	R
2028	S
2029	T
2030	U
2031	W
2032	X
2033	Y
2034	Z
2035	A



Step-by-Step Tattooing Procedure:

1. Restrain the Calf:

Use a chute or halter to prevent movement. This protects both you and the animal.

2. Determine the Correct Ear:

Stand behind the calf.

- Right ear for bulls
- Left ear for females

3. Clean the Ear:

Wipe inside the ear thoroughly with alcohol and a clean cloth to remove wax and debris.

4. Test Your Digits:

Stamp the tattoo digits on cardboard or paper to confirm proper orientation and spacing.

5. Apply Ink to the Ear:

Rub green tattoo paste in to the desired tattoo location between the ribs of the ear with a toothbrush.

6. Apply the Tattoo:

Place the pliers between the ribs of the ear, over the tattoo ink, and squeeze firmly and evenly.

7. Reapply Ink & Rub In:

Thoroughly rub more green paste into the punctures to lock the ink into place and ensure legibility.

8. Record the Tattoo:

Log the animal's ID, tattoo, and birth details in your record book for future reference and AMGA registration.

When to Tattoo?

Tattoo calves as early as possible —within the first 3 months— when ear tissue is soft and easier to mark. Early tattoos are typically clearer and more permanent.

Helpful Tips from the Field

- Green ink offers better contrast, especially on dark-eared calves.
- Never re-use a tattoo number across multiple calves, each animal must have a unique identifier.
- Do not tattoo over an existing mark. If needed, place a new tattoo in the opposite ear. -

- Check tattoos again at weaning or before submission to ensure legibility.

- Keep digits and pliers clean between calves to avoid spreading infection.

Tattoo Format– What's Required?

All registered calves must be tattooed with the following format:

[Tattoo Letters] + [Calf ID Number] + [Year Letter]

For example:

ABC 23N

ABC = Tattoo Letters (Your unique tattoo)

23 = Unique calf ID number

N = Year letter for 2025

Note: The year letter is always placed at the end of the tattoo. This format is required for AMGA registration. Be sure the digits are legible, correctly ordered, and match what's recorded in your application.

Naming Your Murray Grey Calves-

In addition to tattoos, names must follow these AMGA requirements:

Herd Prefix Comes First:

Use your registered herd name at the beginning of every calf's name.

Maximum 30 Characters:

Including herd name, all letters, spaces, dashes, and apostrophes.

No Duplicate Names Allowed

*Optional Naming Tip:

Many breeders choose to start calf names with the same letter as the tattoo year—so 2025 calves might have names like “Nora,” “Nugget,” or “Nancy.” This is not required but is a helpful organizing convention.

Gestation

BASED ON 283 DAYS

Date of Service	Calf Due	Date of Service	Calf Due	Date of Service	Calf Due	Date of Service	Calf Due	Date of Service	Calf Due	Date of Service	Calf Due
Jan 1	Oct 10	Feb 1	Nov 10	Mar 1	Dec 8	Apr 1	Jan 8	May 1	Feb 7	Jun 1	Mar 10
Jan 2	Oct 11	Feb 2	Nov 11	Mar 2	Dec 9	Apr 2	Jan 9	May 2	Feb 8	Jun 2	Mar 11
Jan 3	Oct 12	Feb 3	Nov 12	Mar 3	Dec 10	Apr 3	Jan 10	May 3	Feb 9	Jun 3	Mar 12
Jan 4	Oct 13	Feb 4	Nov 13	Mar 4	Dec 11	Apr 4	Jan 11	May 4	Feb 10	Jun 4	Mar 13
Jan 5	Oct 14	Feb 5	Nov 14	Mar 5	Dec 12	Apr 5	Jan 12	May 5	Feb 11	Jun 5	Mar 14
Jan 6	Oct 15	Feb 6	Nov 15	Mar 6	Dec 13	Apr 6	Jan 13	May 6	Feb 12	Jun 6	Mar 15
Jan 7	Oct 16	Feb 7	Nov 16	Mar 7	Dec 14	Apr 7	Jan 14	May 7	Feb 13	Jun 7	Mar 16
Jan 8	Oct 17	Feb 8	Nov 17	Mar 8	Dec 15	Apr 8	Jan 15	May 8	Feb 14	Jun 8	Mar 17
Jan 9	Oct 18	Feb 9	Nov 18	Mar 9	Dec 16	Apr 9	Jan 16	May 9	Feb 15	Jun 9	Mar 18
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AMGA 2025 Member Poll: Breed-Up Policy Results

AMGA BYLAWS ON PUREBRED REGISTRATION

SECTION 10 1) d.

To be eligible for purebred registry, animals shall:

- i. Have dark skin pigmentation and hooves.
- ii. Be some shade of grey ranging from light silver to black. White is only allowed on the underline.
- iii. Be naturally polled-no scurs.

Introduction

In 2025, the AMGA asked members for feedback on the Breed-Up Program, specifically how breed standards should apply to breed-up cattle. The poll explored whether registration requirements should change for animals below purebred status and gathered valuable insight from our membership.

Why This Matters

The AMGA and its members strongly support the breed-up program, recognizing it as an important tool for breed expansion. Currently, there are no breed standard requirements applied to animals registered at 50% Murray Grey. Breed standards are enforced only when females reach 7/8 and bulls reach 15/16 Murray Grey.

This poll was designed to explore member perspectives on whether breed standards should apply earlier in the breed-up process, while maintaining the integrity and public image of the breed.

Based on the poll results and member feedback, this topic could be proposed as a ballot issue in 2026 to update the AMGA bylaws. The AMGA Board welcomes ongoing comments and suggestions from members on this potential ballot issue to ensure that any future policy reflects the collective voice of the membership.

Member Comments:

"I feel that to be a purebred Murray Grey bull, it should be a purebred bull. I do not support a 'breed-up' program for purebred bulls based on a fractional percentage. I am okay with 7/8 for cows and heifers."

"DNA testing requirements should be applied for herds that are registering purebred Murray Greys if they also maintain multiple breeds to ensure true genetic makeup."

"I believe the breed standards are very important and should be upheld at any percentage to be registered. We should do our best to keep unwanted off-breed characteristics from continuing through our breed."

"How about no breed-up unless a black Angus or Shorthorn are used? We are going to mess up the breed if just any breed can be bred to a Murray Grey bull. Strongly against this!"

"I do not want traits that are not Murray Grey traits showing up in future offspring (e.g., scurs). I am not a huge fan of breeding up at all. I do think we have a good selection of pure Murray Grey available."

"It is my belief that our job as breeders is to not change the cattle. I have watched several breeds lose their structure in the name of becoming a designer brand. The Angus breeders have bred out structure

in the name of becoming 'show-worthy.' This needs to stop. Cattle are not toys; let them be as nature intended."

"You are doing an amazing job! The breed-up program was started to grow the breed and add genetic diversity. In the 1980s, it was very challenging to use a purebred bull. If you were able to, you would retain all the females that looked like a Murray Grey. Now, 50 years later, it is much easier to find purebreds, but we should be retaining animals that look like Murray Greys. A red, spotted, or horned animal should never be registered at any level. We should not be using the breed-up program to breed designer cattle."

"I think stricter requirements should be implemented in the breed-up policies. I think it would also be beneficial to have a perpetual mark or identifier on all breed-up animals even when they attain final 100% status because certain traits can still show up eight generations later. One possible identifier could be different-colored registration papers."

"Personally, I don't think there should be any breed-up program. I think we should breed pure to pure."

"The breed-up program is needed to encourage expansion of the breed and should be continued, with standard requirements applied at purebred status."

"Ultimately, requiring stricter standards would be the most effective way to help eliminate non-breed characteristics (genetic traits, horned, white, etc.). However, it could be sudden and impact membership registrations. An intermediate approach would be a sound compromise: additional qualifications to continue breed-up, with pictures submitted to the office for registration qualification to ensure standards are met at 51%+. Red bulls should be eliminated regardless, as bulls have more impact in a short amount of time."

"I believe we have a great amount of Murray Grey genetics in the U.S. We should not register crosses from dairy, Longhorn, Corriente, or other exotic breeds."

"To be considered purebred, animals should meet the breed standard, and when they reach that status, they should be checked to make sure they meet the standard."

"It is my opinion that if we truly consider performance and profits, a breed-up program is very useful. It is not uncommon for 3/4+ or 7/8 bulls to be some of the best performers and most consistent sires. By focusing on meat production profits, we should endorse a breed-up plan. This ultimately helps grow someone's next eating experience!"


"No longer allow 50% registry of bulls. Only allow breed-up of 51%+ for bulls. Registering 50% bulls adds no value to the herd book, while 50% females can add to the gene pool." 

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POLL RESULTS

Results of the 2025 Poll on Breed Up Requirements

APPROACH	DESCRIPTION	RESULT
NO CHANGE	Maintain the current policy. Allow any breed to be used in breed-up and require animals to meet breed standards only at purebred status.	13
STRICTER REQUIREMENTS	Require all animals (50% and above) to meet Murray Grey breed standards (e.g., polled, silver/grey/black coat, limited white markings) to be eligible for registration.	26
INTERMEDIATE APPROACH	Allow animals to register at 50% regardless of breed standard traits, but require animals above 51% Murray Grey to meet breed standards to remain in the breed-up program.	6
BULL SPECIFIC RESTRICTION	Allow breed-up females to register under current rules, but require all crossbred bulls to meet Murray Grey standards in order to be eligible for registration at any percentage.	7

AMGA Give Directory



Approved AI Sires

BULL NAME	REG #	BORN	TESTS	BULL NAME	REG #	BORN	TESTS
7 LAZY 11 GARLANDS LEGEND	56489	2014	MA-F	LGR FLINTLOCK	58239	2018	MA-F
7 LAZY 11 SMOKE NO MORE	59149	2016	MA-F	LILYVALE DYNAMIC	51512	1992	MA-F, M-O, CA-F
ADINA NEPTUNE	55670	2009	MA-F	LINDALE HERCULES 315H	40180	1998	
ADINA QUASAR	55663	2012	MA-F	LINDALE HOBO 306H	40173	1998	
ADINA TITANIUM	57078	2015	MA-F	LINDALE JAKE	50460	1999	MA-F
ADINA WAYLON	58674	2018	MA-F	LINDSAY ELECT	31889	1985	MA-F
ADINA YAHOO	59959	2020	MA-F, M-O	LINDSAY QUADRANT		2019	MA-F, MYO-F, CA-F
AG FELIX 110F	61039	2018	MA-F	LINDSAY SPHINX S10	63052	2021	MA-F, MYO-F, CA-F, HB, PP
AHF FORCE	57807	2017	MA-F	LONGVIEWS ROCKLIFFE 1	25864	1987	
ALADEEN PELION 10F	1895	UNK	MA-F, M-O	MANEROO GLADIATOR	2037	1968	
ALZ ZINNELS VALER	54700	2009	MA-F	MARIRE GAMBLER 934	33327	1989	M-O, CA-C, HB, PP
ATI AMAZING ASSET 0444	55276	2011		MCC PARKNOOK GLADIATOR	25672	1987	
ATI MAIN EVENT 030Y	55274	2011		MCC TRIGGERS CHAMPION	7018	1979	
ATI MARVEL	30678	1994		MELJAYS MR NICE GUY	X11156	1997	MA-F
ATI MINUTE 1347A	56058	2013		MICHAELONG CAN INVASION	2034	1971	MA-F
BALLEE CAESAR	26245	1983	MA-F, M-O	MICHAELONG GRASSHOPPER	1946	1973	MA-F
BALLEE THUMBS UP E665	UNK	1998	MA-F, M-O	MICHEALONG CAN INVASION	2034	1971	MA-F
BALMORAL ELATION*	18622	1978	MA-C, M-O	MICHAELONG GRASSHOPPER	1946	1973	MA-F
BANKSIA RIDGE CAESAR C10	58162	2007	MA-F	MONARCH OAK EXTRA	50059	1999	MA-F
BANKSIA RIDGE YOGI BEAR Y15	54170	2003		MONTEREY MARSHALL	31131	1989	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
BANKSIA RIDGE YTRIUM Y17	54169	2003		MONTEREY QUICKSILVER Q152	61139	2019	MA-F, M-O
BANKSIA RIDGE ZORRO Z27	52902	2004	MA-F	MONTEREY REFLECTION	61138	2020	MA-F, M-O
BARRAGUNDA ATLAS	1890	1963		NANGARA QUARTERBACK Q1	60853	2019	MA-F, M-O
BB BACKBONES GENERAL	56962	2015	MA-F, M-O	NEWHAVEN PARK PERICLES	50317	1995	MA-F, M-O
BB MAJOR 417	56576	2014	MA-F, M-O	OLD WEST MAXIMILLION 6G	59886	2019	MA-F
BB NAVAJO	58839	2013	MA-F, M-O	OLYMPIAS PELION	25004	1976	MA-F, HB
BB UNCLE TONY	56178	2012	MA-F	PARKNOOK PELION	1894	1965	
BCF MINUTEMAN SUPREME	7019	1979	MA-F, M-O	PCC DC SPECIAL 5327K	61162	2022	MA-F, M-O, HB, HB
BIMBADEEN INNAMINCKA'S STAR	1959	1965	MA-F, M-O	PCC DC STAR 5326K	61161	2022	MA-F, M-1, HB
BIMBADEEN WESTWARD HO*	2018	1970	MA-C	PINE GLEN CHIEF	40261	1997	
BJ MA GRASSHOPPER	24078	1987		PRH SHOWBOAT BART	53949	2008	
BLACK BUTTE GAMBLER	32923	1997		PRH SHOWBOAT LAZAR	53950	2008	MA-F
BOTTLESFORD KUDOS	58171	2014	MA-F, M-O	PRH THUMBS UP BEN	54336	2006	MA-F
BUNDALER DADDY COOL	59771	2008	MA-F, M-1, HB, PP	PRH THUMBS UP ROCKY 089R	52705	2005	
BUNDALER XROAD	52874	2002	MA-F, M-1	RED BUTTE PELION 516J	19519	1977	
BUNDALER XROAD	52874	2002	MA-F, M-1	ROBERN MISTER MUSCLE	FMRETVM21992	1992	
CADELLA PARK GOLDEN BOY	2054	1972	MA-F, M-O	ROCKY PASTURES HOMERUN	59634	2020	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
CADELLA PARK GOLDEN BOY	2054	1972	MA-F	SCHWARZERDE CESARS SHANE	57217	2015	MA-F
CADELLA PARK MINUTEMAN	2003	1966	MA-, M-1	SCHWARZERDE EVAN	58211	2017	MA-F
CADELLA PARK TRIGGER	2024	1967		SCHWARZERDE YOGI SHANE	55390	2011	
CHAOS ACRES ORION J-22	40261	1997		SCRX JUMBO 154J	50457	1999	
CHAOS ACRES QUANTUM	40263	1997		SHADY LANE SILVER DUST	31369	1995	MA-F, M-O
CMF ANDOUILLE	56548	2013		SILVERDOLLAR VAPOR (ET)	61461	2023	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
CMF CAJUN ATLAS	60028	2015	MA-F	SOLITUDES DYNAMIC	56246	2014	MA-F
CMG COWBOY 1	60037	2014	MA-F, M-O, CA-F	SOLITUDES KING TUT	54659	2010	MA-F, HB
CMG THUNDER	60049	2017	MA-F	SOUTHEND NARSSIST	TBD	2017	MA-F, M-O
CORONATION SNOWMAN 51M	2063	1980		SPECTRUM CASSIDY	27402	1991	
CRANBROOK LUSTY*	32816	1991	MA-C	SPECTRUM KENTON	28094	1992	
CRANBROOK VIRTUE V15	52232	2000	MA-F	STILLWATER BIG KAHUNA K67	60794	2022	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
DECO POLYTEX AMBOSE	55859	2011	MA-F, HB	STILLWATER BIG SKY 18H	59502	2020	MA-F
DOWN UNDER BOOMERANG	26814	1989		STILLWATER KILOS K55	60802	2022	MA-F, M-O, HB
DOWN UNDER SWAGMAN II	27317	1990		STILLWATER KOOLAID K77	61635	2022	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
DRM DUKE	60081	2020	MA-F, M-1, CA-F, HB	STILLWATER LACHESIS 141L	62130	2023	MA-F, M-O, HB
DRM DUKE	60081	2020	MA-F, M-1	STILLWATER LAST CALL 112L	62139	2023	MA-F, M-O, HB
EAGLE ROCK ROYAL PROSPECT	52622	2005		STILLWATER LEADED 131L	62128	2023	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
EAGLE ROCK SENSATION	53185	2006	MA-F	SUNNYRIDGE GO DADDY	58973	2019	MA-F
EAGLES RUN ALLIANCE 342T	53281	2007	MA-F	SW BIG BANG	58507	2018	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB, PP
EAGLES RUN HIGH ROLLER 272R	52829	2005	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB	SWG KHAN 6Y	29832	1989	
EAGLES RUN IRON CROSS 347T	53253	2007	MA-F, M-1, HB, RC	TARLINA COOMUNGA C57	60854	2007	MA-F
EAGLES RUN JUST BECAUSE 209P	52037	2004	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, RC	TEMAR LOTUS L62	CVMP80641991	1991	MA-F, CA-C
EAGLES RUN KAURI 288S	52925	2006	MA-F	THE GLEN GURU	51511	1993	MA-F, CA-C
EAGLES RUN LOBO 429U	54024	2008	MA-F	THE GLEN JINGLES	1902	1972	
EAGLES RUN LUXOR 415U	54012	2008	MA-F	THE GLEN MANUEL S214	52846	1997	MA-F
EAGLES RUN LYCAON 340T	53231	2007	MA-F, HB	THE GLEN SHOWBOAT	CVMP63811981	1981	MA-F, CA-C
EAGLES RUN MIKHAIL 621H	60963	2020	MA-F, M-O, HB, HB	THURLOO PARK WINCHESTER	55035	2001	MA-F, M-1
EAGLES RUN QUEST 363T	53389	2007	MA-F, M-1, HB, HB	TMR PREMIER	13031	1979	
EAGLES RUN ROMONOV 568B	56779	2014	MA-F, M-O, HB	TWIN FIR BLACK HAWK	51671	2003	MA-F, M-O
EAGLES RUN SMOKIN GUN	51186	2001	MA-F	TWIN FIR BLACK POWDER	50267	2000	MA-F, M-O
EAGLES RUN SMOKIN GUN	51186	2001	MA-F	TWIN FIR NEGOTIATOR T83	40308	1998	
EAGLES RUN TOP GUN 289S	52926	2006		TWIN FIR ORLANDO	51673	2003	MA-F, HB
EAGLES RUN TOR 359T	53387	2007	MA-F, HB	TWIN FIR TROJEN	32951	1997	
EAGLES RUN XPRESS 471	54409	2009	MA-F, M-1, HB, HB	TWO BYRDS HURRICANE POWER 9H	60183	2020	MA-F, M-1, CA-F, HB
EAGLES RUN XTERRA 505X	54827	2010	MA-F, M-1, HB	VACA ROJA SAKO	55731	2008	MA-F
BULL NAME	REG #	BORN	TESTS	VACA ROJA TROUBLE	55732	2008	MA-F
GANADO LIONEL	60852	2015	MA-F, M-O	VACA ROJA TROUBLE	55732	2008	MA-F
GENTLE ACRES TROJAN 66C	29037	1993	MA-F	VICTORY DARE ME	57381	2016	MA-F
GLENBROOK OP ECLIPSE	56275	2014	MA-F	VICTORY ECLIPSE OF THE MOON	59650	2021	MA-F, M-O, RC
GLENBROOK PABBYS MOE	55047	2007		VICTORY GO FOR EXTRA BROKE	59675	2019	
H DIAMOND ZODIAC	59890	2012	MA-F, M-1, CA-F	VICTORY GRANT	59677	2019	MA-F, M-O
HA GALAHAD	33069	1997		VICTORY MONARCH OAK LEGACY	59674	2019	
HA KEMO SABE	50327	2000		VICTORY POWER PLAY	55956	2013	MA-F, M-O
HA MAXIMUM 43M	51715	2002	MA-F, HB	VICTORY SUPER POWER	58526	2018	MA-F, M-O, HB
HA MCKINLEY 45M	51718	2002	MA-F, M-O, HB	WALLAWONG NEW KID ON THE BLOCK	59773	2017	MA-F, M-1
HA MR MUSCLE	50326	2000	MA-F	WALLAWONG UNDER THE RADAR	57565	2010	MA-F, M-O
HA MR MUSCLE	50326	2000	MA-F	WALLAWONG VINNIE ROE	58104	2011	MA-F, M-1
HA XPRESS 27X	54589	2010	MA-F	WAROOK ZENDA	1960	1983	MA-F
HD MAXIMUS 11M	51540	2002	MA-F	WCC FREIGHTLINER 64L	51567	2001	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB
HD SPIDERMAN 63S	53635	2006		WEE-GUN TIANDIMARRA D583	40613	1996	MA-F
HD TOTAL ECLIPSE	53568	2007	MA-F, M-O	WESTRIDGE JUSTIFIABLE 5J	60680	2021	MA-F
HD VOLTAGE 534V	54283	2009		WESTRIDGE KREEDMOORE	61140	2022	MA-F
HERONDALE SHANE	52827	2005	MA-F, HB	WILLALOOKA PHARAOH P47	51544	1994	MA-F
JB THE ROCK	52338	2005	MA-F, M-O, CA-F, HB	WILLALOOKA POWER	31214	1987	
JFP APACHE CHIEF	26694	1980	MA-F, M-O	WILLOW CREEK MARSHALL	40319	1997	
JOPA ELATION POWER	55403	1986	MA-F	WILLOW CREEK MARSHALL	40319	1997	
JT JAGUAR 39B	28599	1992		WILLOWCREEK JUMBOLAYA 19E	31221	1995	
KARAKARA BURLEIGH 380	55739	2006	MA-F, M-O	WILLOWDALE WEST WIND 3S	26929	1984	MA-F
KATJUNA COURAGEOUS	51046	1999	MA-F, HB	WISTERIA KNIGHT LIGHTENING	54748	2010	
KCC DIPLOMAT'S BALLET 9C	29731	1993		WISTERIA KNIGHT LIGHTENING	54748	2010	
KCC DIPLOMAT'S BALLET 9C	29731	1993		WISTERIA LOWER DA BOOM	54746	2010	
KCC DIPLOMAT'S MINUTE 39C	30183	1993		WISTERIA TONGUELASHED	54743	2010	
KD MODERN WARFARE 11M	61967	2024	MA-F, M-O, HB	WISTERIA WELL WORN LEVIS	54747	2010	
KEIGHLIANS WENSLEYDALE U1	52847	1999	MA-F	WOODBOURN FAME	1991	1984	MA-F, M-O
KFL MAINLINE 11Z	27510	1990		WOODBOURN PARINGA P49	61646	2018	MA-F
KING ZOG 09K	24962	1978	MA-F	WOODBOURN WARRIOR P69	59772	2005	MA-F, M-O
LASCH LUCAS 116A	56945	2013		YAMBA WARATAH	52899	2001	MA-F
LASCH ROSCO 122A	56946	2013		YAMBA WEREWOLF	52900	2001	MA-F
LB GREY KRINGLE 6K	51638	2000	MA-F	YOUNG GUNS WYATT EARP W14	53138	2001	MA-F
LERWICK PARK BUCKLEY B2	54222	2006	MA-F				
LERWICK PARK ZEPELIN	52903	2004	MA-F				
LGR DELMONICO	57141	2016	MA-F, RC				
LGR ECLIPSE	57761	2017	MA-F, M-O, RC				

A-MANNO (MA): FAWN CALF (CA): MYOSTATIN (M): COAT COLOR:
 MA-F = clear CA-F = clear M-O = free RC = red carrier
 MA-C = carrier CA-C = carrier M-1 = carrier HB = non red carrier
 M-2 = affected

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Eagles Run Mikhail 621H | Reg. 60963



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DOB: 10/21/20
BW: 74
205:
MW: 2000 (4.5 years)
YW:
SC:
MA: F
CA:
MYO: F
COAT:
HP:

Eagles Run Mikhail 621H
 ┌ Eagles Run Romonov 568B
 │ Eagles Run Alexei 594E
 └ Eagles Run Trillium 276R
 ┌ Eagles Run Xfinity 547Z
 └ Eagles Run Marieke 592D
 └ Eagles Run Regelia 362T

BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
15																		

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
4.75	5.9	N/A	3	6	6	5	3	7	7	2	3	3	7	7	4	6	3	6	

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: World West Sires in Joliet, MT

Our main walking herd sire. A short gestation, low birthweight, high calving ease and fast growth proven sire from the great Eagles Run Ranch. He is line bred Eagles Run Trillium, a true matriarch maternal line. At 5 years of age his feet are flawless, he boasts a tight sheath and scrotal, easy keeping (he's pictured after working 3 separate herds with 100% conception), and he has been the most well mannered and gentle bull we've had around. Although he is lower in Tenderness he will improve the Marbling in his offspring. Calves are born fast and easy with great vigor. Use him on your heifers or cows. Bull calves have averaged 76 lbs and Heifers 73 lbs. He is a true female maker and calves have great length and depth. Daughters highlighted Stillwater Ranch's 2024 Production Sale. He sired both the Grand Champion Bull Calf and the Reserve Champion Heifer Calf at the 2025 AMGA Regional Show with 60+ head showing.

KD Modern Warfare 11M | Reg. 61967



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DOB: 2/25/24
BW: 94 - unassisted
205: 684
MW:
YW: 1020
SC:
MA: F
CA:
MYO: F
COAT:
HP:

KD Modern Warfare 11M
 ┌ The Glen Manuel S214
 │ Twin Fir Black Hawk
 └ Twin Fir Kiss N Tell
 ┌ SW Tazmanian
 └ Stillwater Motley 12G
 └ R & J Faulk 588

BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
2.8																		

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
5.25	5.3	4.75	3	6	3	8	7	8	6	1	2	2	6	5	3	6	4	5	5

Straw Price: \$30

Stored: World West Sires in Joliet, MT

A young, up-and-coming star who we believe has the makings to leave a big mark on the MG breed! First calves are hitting the ground out of both heifers and cows all unassisted, vigorous, and averaging 78lbs. At 5.5 months old and with 60+ head showing he was the 2024 National Supreme Champion MG. He is an ultra-correct son of the 2023 Supreme Champion dual-purpose cow, Stillwater Motley, who is from a highly fertile, maternal, & moderate line with ultra-correct grass type females that boast beautiful hoof and udder. His sire is a heritage black bull of 100% AUS lines. 11M is the ONLY recorded offspring in the last decade by Blackhawk. His pedigree is rare. Daughters should be exceptional.

Two Byrds Hurricane Power 9H ET | Reg. 60183



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DOB: 8/17/20
BW: 74
205: 509
MW: 1870
YW: 886
SC: 38
MA: F
CA:
MYO: 1- NT821
COAT:
HP:

Two Byrds Hurricane Power 9H ET
 ┌ Willalooka Power
 │ Willalooka Marcus
 └ Lindsay Heidi
 ┌ Willalooka Pharaoh P47
 └ JB Navarra
 └ Twin Fir Tiger Lilly

BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
2.1																		

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
4.55	5.05	4.7	5	4	4	5	5	6	5	3	3	3	6	6	4	6	5	4	

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Hawkeye Breeders, Adel, Iowa

Hurricane Power is a light silver, short gestation, moderate, thick, well-balanced sire bred for calving ease. Raised in a sustainable grass focused environment, where he excels at getting females covered quickly. BWs average 78 lbs from purebred and non-Murray Grey cows. Pasture proven and show quality approved. Semen froze in 1/2 cc straws by JLG Custom.

Stillwater Lachesis 141L | Reg. 62130



DOB: 11/16/23
 BW: 98- unassisted
 205: 568
 MW: 1570 (2yr old)
 YW:
 SC: 32 (11 months)
 MA: F
 CA:
 MYO: F
 COAT: HB
 HP:

Stillwater Lachesis 141L



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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
5.1																		

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
5	5.55	5.5	5	5	5	5	5	6	7	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	7	5	6

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Zimmerman's Custom Freezing- New Holland, Pennsylvania

Awarded Reserve Grand Champion Murray Grey Bull at the 2025 AMGA National Show, Stillwater Lachesis 141L continues to prove himself as an impressive young sire. Sired by Australian import Tarlina CoomungaC57 and out of a powerhouse female, Lachesis offers the kind of balance that blends maternal quality with carcass performance. He's developed into a bull that combines industry- leading growth with the functional traits needed for grass-focused and practical beef programs. A rising sire with genetics built for both show and real-world production.

Stillwater Last Call 112L | Reg. 62139



DOB: 4/7/23
 BW: 88
 205: 603
 MW: 1205 (18 months)
 YW:
 SC: 40 (18 months)
 MA: F
 CA:
 MYO: F
 COAT: HB
 HP:

Stillwater Last Call 112L



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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
4.3																		

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
5.8	6	5	4	7	6	6	5	8	6	4	3	4	7	5	5	7	10	5	7

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Zimmerman's Custom Freezing- New Holland, Pennsylvania

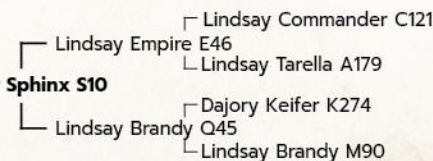
Stillwater Last Call 112L brings a lot to the table for breeders focused on maternal consistency, carcass quality, and longevity. He ranks among the rare percentage of cattle scoring a perfect 10 for tenderness, making him an appealing option to boost carcass quality without sacrificing efficiency. A true female-making bull, he's backed by generations of fertility, sound udders, and good feet, and has matured into a practical, working sire built to hold up season after season. Raised primarily on grass and developed with longevity in mind, Last Call delivers a balanced blend of maternal strength, carcass tenderness, and functional efficiency.

Lindsay Sphinx S10 | Reg. 63052



DOB: 4/9/21
 BW: 83
 205:
 MW: 2000 lbs
 YW:
 SC:
 MA: F
 CA: F
 MYO: F
 COAT: HB
 HP: PP

Lindsay Sphinx S10



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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
4.85	5.65	5.8	7	3	3	4	6	6	5	5	4	4	4	6	7	5	5	5	7

Straw Price: \$60

Stored: Hoffman Breeders, Logan, Utah

Lindsay Sphinx S10 is a bull that has been retained in the Lindsay herd to continue the highly successful Lindsay Empire E46 lineage. Sphinx has style, natural doing ability, and faultless structure. His EBV data spread is impeccable, with not one trait being undesirable. His calves are of a consistently high standard and all have been born unassisted.



Monterey Reflection R27 | Reg. 61138

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DOB: 3/16/20
BW: 83
205:
MW: 2103
YW:
SC: 46
MA: F
CA:
MYO: F
COAT:
HP:

Monterey Reflection R27
┌ Monterey Gibraltar G303
├ Monterey Limitless L198
├ Monterey Showtime C47
├ Monterey Hunza H42
└ Monterey Joyce L30
└ Monterey Joyce D308

BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
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MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
4.15	5.25	5.8	8	2	2	5	4	5	7	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	10	6	7

Straw Price: \$60

Stored: Hoffman Breeders, Logan, Utah & Hawkeye Breeders Adel, Iowa

Monterey Reflection combines exceptional phenotype with breed-leading EBV's. With over 35 progeny on the ground in Australia and almost 20 in the US he is well on his way to making his mark on the breed. Reflection is a big powerful bull with scale and incredible growth but also has amazing structure which allows him to move with ease. His calves consistently inherit his thick muscle pattern, adequate bone, length of body, and an outstanding temperament. If your looking for a bull with exceptional performance and phenotype to match look no further.



Victory Grant (ET) | Reg. 59677

Victory/Clark Farms



DOB: 3/27/2019
BW: 65
205:
MW:
YW:
SC:
MA: F
CA:
MYO: F
COAT:
HP:

Victory Grant (ET)
┌ HA Mckinley 45M
├ The Glen Manuel S214
├ HA Mr Muscles Wallflower L46
├ Temar Lotus L62
└ HA Tenaya 5T
└ HA Dana

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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
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2.3 15 25

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
4.85	6	N/A	8	5	4	3	3	8	5	5	6	6	7	5	5	6	7	7	6

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Zimmerman's Custom Freezing- New Holland, Pennsylvania

Victory Grant is a son of HA McKinley. McKinley is a son of The Glen Manuel & HA Robern Mr Muscles Wallflower. His dam is a longevity female out of HA Dana & Tenmar Lotus. Grant produces soft muscled beautiful, feminine females. His 2 sons out of Power Play's sister are high in tenderness and thick and deep. Very quiet offspring. He's a lower birthweight bull and suitable with heifers.



Victory Power Play (ET) | Reg. 55956

Victory/Clark Farms



DOB: 3/14/2013
BW: 80
205: 540
MW: 2640
YW:
SC:
MA: F
CA:
MYO: F
COAT:
HP:

Victory Power Play (ET)
┌ Willalooka Power
├ Willalooka Marcus
├ Lindsay Heidi 900
├ The Glen Manuel S214
└ HA Matilda 47M
└ HA Mr Muscles Wallflower

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3.7 25 45 2 14 -1 0.3 -0.4

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
		N/A	6	3	2	6	4	5	6		4		6	4			9		

Straw Price: \$30

Stored: Zimmerman's Custom Freezing- New Holland, Pennsylvania

Victory Power Play was an embryo purchased from Hillside Acres or Oregon. His dam was out of the strong female line, HA Robern Mr Muscles Wallflower. Wallflower was a dominant female imported from Tasmania as an embryo. Power Play's sire is the powerhouse Willalooka Power. Check out his Igenity Beef profile! PP produces powerful females that only get better with maturity. PP was a larger frame of 6, and a deep, thick bull. All Australian genetics!

Stillwater Kilos K55 | Reg. 60802



DOB: 2/16/22
 BW: 82
 205: 648
 MW: 1900
 YW: 948
 SC: 43
 MA: F
 CA: F
 MYO: F
 COAT: HB
 HP: PP



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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
4.7	26	40																

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
5.25	5	N/A	7	5	5	6	5	6	8	5	5	5	7	5	5	8	9	6	

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Origen, Huntley, MT

Pictured at two, K55 is an early maturing, functional standout. Out of Stillwater May Day and a deep, productive cow family led by an 11 year old matriarch, he thrived in a high elevation, no-frills grass and forage program. Deep bodied, sound, moderate, masculine, slick coated, parasite resistant, gentle, ideal scrotal conformation, a tenderness score of 9. Calves average mid to high 80s and arrive unassisted. Daughters bred easily and will calve in 2026. Recommended for grass based programs and cows with dark pigment and clean underlines.

Stillwater Big Kahuna K67 | Reg. 60794



DOB: 3/19/22
 BW: 85
 205: 708
 MW: 1900
 YW:
 SC:
 MA: F
 CA: F
 MYO: F
 COAT: HB
 HP: PP



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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
3.6	24	33																

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
4.95	5.6	N/A	4	6	5	4	7	6	7	4	3	4	8	6	4	6	10	6	5

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Origen, Huntley, MT

Pictured at three, K67 is a standout son of SW Big Bang. Out of an 11 year old dam who has produced multiple successful herd sires and backed by a paternal grand dam also 11 years old, he was raised in a high-elevation, no-frills grass and forage program and served a commercial herd for two years. Robust, low to the ground, sound, moderately framed, masculine, coarse coated, gentle, dark pigmented, and adapted to varied environments, with a tight sheath and ideal scrotal conformation, he has a perfect 10 in tenderness. Calves average 77 pounds unassisted. Used successfully over heifers, he will not add frame and is recommended for grass-focused programs.

SW Big Bang | Reg. 58507



DOB: 4/5/2018
 BW: 80
 205:
 MW: 2000
 YW:
 SC:
 MA: F
 CA: F
 MYO: F
 COAT: HB
 HP: PP



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BW	WW	YW	Milk	TM	SC	YG	CE	CEM	600	MCW	GL	DTC	CW	IMF	REA	RF	RUF	RBY
2.5	20	27																

MAT	PROD	TERM	BW	CED	CEM	HPR	MILK	STAY	DOC	WW	ADG	YW	RFI	MARB	REA	FAT	TEND	HCW	SC
5.3	5.55	N/A	4	5	6	7	6	7	7	3	2	3	7	5	2	9	7	3	

Straw Price: \$25

Stored: Origen, Huntley, MT

Pictured at seven, 806 is a foundation bull for our program and a proven heifer bull. Out of an 11 year old dam, he thrived in a high elevation, no-frills grass and forage program and spent three years in a commercial herd. Moderate framed, robust, masculine, sound, slick-coated, gentle, and dark pigmented, with a tight sheath and ideal scrotal conformation, he has a tenderness score of 7. Calves average in the 70s unassisted. He consistently produces daughters with strong, wide udders, will not add frame, and is best paired with feminine cows in grass-focused herds.

Infusion of Genetics

By Christine Sponseller, WestRidge Murray Greys, Idaho

My fascination with Australia began in 1982 with the release of The Man From Snowy River, long before I ever owned Murray Grey cattle. Years later, after purchasing my first Murray Greys, I quickly recognized the need to introduce new genetics into my program. I had always admired the older Australian bulls that had been imported into the United States, but accessing semen from those genetics proved challenging. At the same time, I was searching for a point of difference for my farm.

After some research, I decided that Australian Murray Grey genetics were the right fit. My first contact was with Wallawong Murray Greys, where Kate and Lachlan James were a pleasure to work with. In 2019, I purchased my first Australian embryos, with the majority born in 2021. Once those calves hit the ground, I was hooked.

What impressed me most about the Australian genetics was the scale and flexibility they offer. In general, Murray Greys in Australia tend to be larger than many of those found in U.S. herds. They possess a bigger frame—both in height and width—but importantly, that size comes with the ability to carry more muscle. I also appreciate the increased bone density present in some Australian bloodlines. In my program, I am always searching for the right balance between size, growth, and strong maternal traits.


At times, however, there is a need for an impact sire—one that can move a program forward more quickly and decisively. I have been able to find that kind of genetic boost through the



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Australian lines I have sourced, helping guide my herd in the direction I want to go.

While I appreciate Murray Greys of all sizes, I firmly believe that for the breed to continue growing and move beyond being viewed as primarily a hobby breed, we must maintain a stronger commercial focus. My goal is to compete in the commercial cattle market, and I believe incorporating Australian genetics better positions my program to achieve that. These genetics offer the weight-for-age performance and quality that commercial cattlemen and fellow breeders are seeking.

By infusing Australian genetics, my hope is that the Murray Grey breed in the United States as a whole can continue to evolve, grow, and become more competitive alongside other beef breeds. 



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Reserve Champion Percentage Female
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Murray Greys on the Road

By Diana Beckius, Circle S Stock Farms, Wisconsin



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What led you to choose Murray Grey cattle for the show ring?

At the time we were raising and showing Pinzgauers and having some calving issues with heifers. An old farmer mentioned trying Murray Greys to cross on the heifers to get a successful first calf. Plus, the majority of Pinzgauers are horned, so the Murray Grey would add a polled option. When we went and bought that first bull, we also picked up two heifers. Nationals happened to be held in Wisconsin that year, only 2 hours away, so that was our first Murray Grey Show, and we ended up being Reserve Champion Female. After that, we began transitioning from Pinzgauers to Murray Greys.

What traits and strengths do you feel the Murray Grey breed brings to the beef industry, particularly from a show and promotional standpoint?

We sell to a lot of 4-H/FFA kids for their project animals, so the Murray Grey disposition is very important. Their easy fleshing ability also makes it cost effective for youth to feed all year.

What advice would you share with fellow breeders to encourage strong, consistent representation of

Murray Greys in the show ring?

Watch and listen to each other. Every breeder/exhibitor has something to offer. Different things work in different terrain/climates.

How do you prepare cattle for travel and showing, both from a management and animal-care standpoint?

We start planning for a particular show the pre-breeding season before. For example: My daughter wanted to show a cow/calf pair in Idaho. We knew it had to be an extremely sound cow physically & mentally to make the 1700-mile trip with a calf at her side. We also wanted the calf at her peak at that time. So, we target an AI date and then a little luck needs to come into place.

What lessons have you learned from hauling cattle long distances to shows?

Work with your veterinarian to make sure your cattle are vaccinated for the regions you pass through as these will all be new to your cattle. This should be timed out so the cattle are boosted at a time to give them maximum protection. Take the extra rest breaks for you and for them. Include a water tank to offer water from home at each stop. Always keep hay in front of them to


prevent stomach upset or twisted stomachs. Allow enough room for animals to stand and lie down at their leisure without fear of being stepped on.

Do you have recommendations or tips for traveling with cattle, including logistics, planning, or animal comfort?

We learned so much after our trip from Wisconsin to Idaho. A trailer with extra vents is beneficial. Provide a triple layer of bedding to ease wear on joints from the bumpy roads. We use Werm flooring or rubber mats, followed by cedar chips or shavings and finished with straw. Plan and check weather conditions so you have safe rest stops to include feeding and watering. Once you get to your destination, walk the cattle to get their muscles loosened and then let them eat and relax before bathing and clean up.

How has showing helped promote the breed, build relationships, or open doors within the industry?

We have met so many people and seen so many cool sites. My favorite thing to do is see all the different cattle barns and show rings. Each fairground is so different. We have sold a lot of cattle because of our success in the showing; however, I do not think everyone realizes the work that is done behind the scenes. Each animal on the show string could potentially have a different supplement, depending on their needs. My daughter and her unbelievable amount of hair products and brushes as each one is for a certain type of hair.

My hope is that through the showing, we have opened some public eyes as to what a Murray Grey is, and how they can perform. 

Square Meaters in the USA

Impact of Farming Decisions on Livestock Evolution
By Dave Moeller, Glenbrook Farms, Indiana

Farming offers a unique opportunity to influence the development of both plants and animals within agricultural operations. At its core, each decision regarding breeding represents a form of controlled evolution. For instance, when a farmer selects which young bull or heifer to retain, that choice directly shapes the future direction of the herd and, over time, can influence the breed as a whole. In the beef cattle business, there is a notable thrill in witnessing these decisions come to life in the form of healthy calves that quickly nurse and thrive.

Case Study: Murray Grey Cattle

The history of the Murray Grey breed provides a compelling example of how breeding decisions have shaped modern agriculture. These cattle originated in the early 1900s when Helen Sutherland and her family in Australia made breeding choices that, though initially unintentional, proved significant. Helen kept a Shorthorn for milk and bred her to a

succession of Angus bulls. The resulting grey-colored calves exhibited what we now recognize as hybrid vigor and carried a specific diluter gene. These traits led to animals that were more vigorous and faster growing. Recognizing the value of these characteristics, Helen Sutherland chose to retain some of these grey calves for further breeding, which ultimately laid the foundation for the breed's future success.

Development of Square Meaters Cattle

The development of the Square Meaters breed was guided by a more deliberate process. During the 1980s and 1990s, Rick Pisaturo of New South Wales, Australia, encountered challenges in sourcing steers and heifers that would meet the local demand for young, short-fed or grass-fattened calves aged 10 to 15 months. Many Australian beef producers at the time were shifting their focus to larger-framed cattle for export markets, particularly Japan and Korea,

where grain-fattened animals weighing between 1600 and 2000 pounds were preferred. This shift resulted in a shortage of animals suitable for the domestic market.

To address this need, Rick Pisaturo turned to the older style of Murray Greys, known for their success in lighter carcass classes. He gathered a herd of smaller-framed, early-maturing Murray Greys and promoted them within his community and eventually organized the Australian Square Meater Cattle Association. Some of the early sires also carried the Myostatin gene, which contributed to heavier muscling and improved yield percentages. Although this gene can have negative impacts, modern breeding practices allow for its effects to be managed through a simple DNA test and selective breeding. A side benefit of the Myostatin gene is a strong correlation for tenderness in the carcass traits.

Introduction of Murray Grey and Square Meater Cattle to North America

The introduction of Murray Grey cattle into Canada and the United States began in the mid-1970s, coinciding with the "exotic" breed trend. During this period, cattle breeds from around the globe were imported to North America with the goal of diversifying and improving the national beef herd. Many of these breeds were dual-purpose types from Europe, valued for both milk and meat production, while others, such as the Piedmontese, Charolais, Romagnola, and Pinzgaur, had been traditionally used for draft work. Most of the



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imported breeds were larger framed, which aligned with the industry's interest in increasing carcass weights.

Unlike most of the other breeds, Murray Greys were not significantly larger than the existing U.S. beef herd. As a result, after an initial surge of interest, their popularity waned as trends shifted toward larger-framed cattle. Despite this, Murray Greys possessed several valuable traits such as docility and carcass quality that would later become more widely appreciated.

Changing Consumer Preferences and Renewed Interest

By the early 2000s, new societal trends emerged, including a growing interest in grass-based and regeneratively produced meat and dairy products. Consumers began seeking pasture-raised pork, eggs, chicken, beef, and dairy, and these products started commanding premium prices in the marketplace. Motivated by a personal commitment to producing and consuming higher quality food, I reached out to Rick Pisaturo to learn more about his new breed, the Square Meater.

Pisaturo provided information and photographs of his cattle and was actively working to have semen collected and approved for export. While his attempts were unsuccessful, approvals were eventually granted for both semen and embryos to be shipped to the United States by Thurloo Park, owned by David and Julie Thompson. They succeeded in getting a bull named Caloona Trouble and embryos from five Square Meater cows approved and exported. Around the same time, a son of Trouble was live exported to the U.S., and Thurloo Park Winchester was purchased by Neil Effertz of North Dakota from the Thompsons. Winchester was shipped alongside a container load of Lowline heifers. Effertz played a significant role in introducing the Lowline Angus (now

called Aberdeen) to the United States.

Early Breeding Efforts and Herd Development in the U.S.

After reading about the young bull Winchester, I asked Effertz to let me know if he became available for sale. In 2003, I purchased Caloona Trouble semen and bred ten Murray Grey females using timed synchronization. Unfortunately, the conception rate was low, resulting in just three calves. Later, using Trouble semen with conventional heat detection methods I got much better results.

Carolyn Watson from Colorado acquired the imported semen and embryos, using them to develop her own herd of Square Meater cattle. She implanted several embryos, resulting in two bull calves—one sired by Trouble and the other by Thurloo Park Sako. Watson raised and collected semen from both bulls. In 2004, Neil Effertz contacted me and I purchased Winchester. Thus, the development of Square Meater cattle in the United States began in Indiana and Colorado more than twenty years ago.

It is important to note that Murray Greys were the

foundation breed used by Rick Pisaturo in the development of Square Meaters. After a few years of Registering our cattle with the Australian Square Meater Association Carolyn and I, along with a couple of other breeders, began to consider other options. The high costs and difficulties of using a breed registry on the other side of the world caused me to reach out to AMGA. I was still active in the association registering my purebred Murray Greys. I had been on the Board for several terms and so I inquired about bringing our Square Meater cattle into the AMGA registry. It was then that I came up with idea of a Square Meater endorsement program. I made a proposal to the Board and after research by the Executive Director it was approved. His research showed that the bulls we had been using all traced back to Registered Australian Murray Greys so a "pull-up" of papers was quite easy. The details of

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the SM Endorsement Program were also approved and are in use today.

Frequently Asked Questions About Square Meater Cattle

Are Square Meaters Really Murray Greys?

Square Meaters and Murray Greys originate from the same genetic pool and share many characteristics typical of beef cattle. However, the most notable distinction between the two breeds lies in their frame scores. Square Meaters are specifically bred for shorter frame scores, usually ranging from FS2 to FS3.5. In contrast, most Murray Greys are taller, with frame scores commonly falling between FS4 and FS5.5. This targeted selection has resulted in Square Meaters having a more compact build compared to their Murray Grey counterparts.

Why Breed for a Shorter Frame Score?

Research has shown that larger framed cattle generally reach maturity at a later age. For producers relying on forage-based rations, it is important for cattle to approach maturity before developing intermuscular or external fat. Consequently, many breeders prefer small framed, early maturing animals because they are better suited for grass finishing. This makes shorter frame scores particularly desirable in breeding programs focused on forage-based production systems.

Other Noticeable Differences Between Square Meaters and Murray Greys

Based on both personal experience and more than two decades of research conducted in Australia, Square Meaters tend to exhibit heavier muscling, which is attributed to the presence of the Myostatin mutation. There appears to be a positive correlation between this mutation and increased meat tenderness. For example, sires such as Trouble and Winchester have achieved extreme-

ly high tenderness scores, with Igenity scores of 10 for tenderness, and both carried one copy of the Myostatin gene. It is important to note that possessing two copies of the gene (homozygous carriers) can lead to complications. To address this, the AMGA has implemented a testing recommendation for AI sires and publication of results, enabling breeders to manage their herds carefully. With this information, breeders can minimize the risks associated with the positive Myostatin gene while retaining the benefits of enhanced muscling and improved tenderness.

Utilizing Square Meater Genetics in Commercial Operations


Square Meater bulls have demonstrated their effectiveness in reducing calf birth weights in commercial herds, both in Australia and the United States. Typical birth weights for calves sired by Square Meater bulls range from 50 to 60 pounds. Over more than twenty years, assistance during calving has been rarely required, except in a few cases where calves were born backward. Commercial breeders can also utilize Square Meater genetics to enhance carcass traits, such as tenderness and marbling. As direct marketing to consumers grows, the smaller cuts and lighter weights of sides and quarters produced by Square Meaters contribute to greater affordability and appeal in the marketplace.

Key Traits Prioritized in Selection and Breeding

Udder quality is a key focus in the selec-

tion and breeding of my Square Meater cattle. The breed's shorter legs and low-slung bodies can make large or poorly attached udders problematic, as they may hinder their calf's ability to nurse or increase the risk of mastitis in the cow. Reproductive efficiency is another important trait for all cattle breeds and I look for females that breed earlier in the season as they will calve sooner and produce larger calves at weaning. Therefore, heifers and bulls from cows that consistently calve at about the same time each year are prioritized in our breeding program.

Summary

Square Meaters provide the U.S. beef industry with an animal that is ideally suited for grass finishing, as well as for producing smaller, grain-finished carcasses for direct sales outlets. Their unique combination of traits makes them a valuable option for modern beef production systems. 



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Stewardship, Unity, and the Murray Grey Timeline: Lessons for the Future

By Tim Thomas, Stillwater Murray Greys, Montana

When reviewing the history of Murray Grey cattle in the United States, one thing becomes clear: the breed's trajectory has closely followed the strength, unity, and engagement of its breeders and association leadership.

The American Murray Grey Association (AMGA), founded in the early 1970s, built the original framework for the breed in the United States, establishing the herd book, promoting Murray Grey cattle, and creating opportunities for breeders to grow. Through the 1970s and especially the 1990s, the breed gained meaningful traction. Registrations rose, participation increased, and enthusiasm for Murray Greys was strong. Historical records show that 1996 marked a record year with over 1,000 registrations.

During the late 1990s, the association began advancing a more structured breed improvement plan centered on performance measurement and long-term data value. Across the broader beef industry, performance metrics and Expected Progeny Differences, or EPDs, were becoming standard tools for commercial decision-making. AMGA moved in that same direction, working toward expanded data collection and registry modernization. Not all breeders participated in these programs, and like many developing breeds at the time, adoption rates varied.

Around 2000, the association adopted an inventory-based fee model, designed to encourage Whole Herd Reporting and strengthen the performance database. While intended to support long-term breed value, the change also altered cost structures for members and was debated within the breeder community. By 2002, registrations had dropped to 251, a direct reflection of the opposition to this fee structure.

As happens in many livestock organizations, disagreements over fees, governance approaches, and registry policies led to division. During this time in the early 2000s, an additional Murray Grey registry organization was formed, primarily to provide a lower-cost option for certificate tracking services. Over time, that structure further separated into two additional privatized certificate tracking services, creating multiple record-keeping pathways within the U.S. Murray Grey population.

No matter the reasons, and they varied, the outcome is visible in the historical record: registrations declined, breeder participation spread across multiple herd books, and national breed mo-

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mentum slowed. Correlation does not require blame to offer insight. When registrations, data submission, and herd book alignment decrease, breed visibility and market influence typically follow. The Murray Grey timeline reflects this reality.

This is not a story unique to Murray Greys. Many smaller breeds experience similar cycles when unity gives way to fragmentation. A dispersed registry base makes it harder to build reliable performance data, promote nationally, attract commercial attention, and sustain growth.

Today, performance measurement tools continue to evolve. Many producers may find genomic testing to be particularly useful. All evaluation systems, including EPDs, genomics, and other selection tools, remain topics of active industry discussion. Each has strengths

and limitations, and all are subject to debate.

What matters most is that breeders use the tools available to them and contribute data where possible. Information that may seem limited in value today, often becomes more powerful over time as more animals are recorded and reference populations grow. Long-term data strengthens future selection decisions and breed credibility.

To balance service value with responsible financial stewardship, AMGA no longer imposes a fee for whole herd reporting. In addition, beginning in 2026, the program was made optional through breeder opt-in participation. This adjustment reduces administrative overhead and labor requirements. Breeders who value the program may continue participating, while those who opt out help lower operating expense and allow member funds to support promotion, registry integrity, and breed development projects.

Looking back with the benefit of time highlights another important lesson: governance plays an important role in breed stability. Registry organizations function best when boards remain actively engaged in oversight, financial review, and operational direction. Volunteer leadership is not ceremonial. Officer roles carry responsibility, and should start with a deep passion for the breed. Oversight protects both the membership and the herd book, participation matters.

Strong boards ask questions. Strong boards monitor finances. Strong boards support staff while maintaining oversight. Strong boards make decisions for the good of the breed and the membership as a whole, not individual interests.

Membership engagement matters just as much. Registry policies and verification requirements can sometimes feel personal when additional documentation is requested, but the purpose is accuracy and integrity of the herd book. Consistent standards protect every breeder equally and preserve long-term genetic value. Many breeders who have since served inside registry operations have shared a similar realization: what once felt restrictive from the outside often proves necessary for pedigree integrity when viewed from the inside.

History also shows something encouraging: the Murray Grey breed has repeatedly benefited from breeders who step forward, get involved, and work constructively. Progress has always followed participation.

The founders of the American Murray Grey Association built something durable, a historical herd book, a breed identity, and a promotional foundation that still exists today. That foundation

remains valuable. It remains usable. And it remains worth strengthening.

A divided small breed cannot compete effectively in a consolidated beef industry. Unity is not about uniform agreement, it is about shared purpose.

Shared purpose looks like:


- Registering cattle
- Participating in performance programs
- Supporting accurate pedigrees
- Serving actively when elected
- Asking questions constructively
- Disagreeing respectfully
- Focusing on breed progress over personal conflict
- Encouraging new breeders
- Promoting collectively

Raising cattle is a lifetime pursuit. No program is perfect. No breeder knows everything. The most successful cattlemen remain students of the industry for life. The Murray Grey story in America

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is still being written. The early builders wrote the first chapters. Today's breeders are writing the next ones.

The lesson from the timeline is not about blame, it is about direction. When energy turns inward, growth slows. When effort turns outward, the breed advances. The opportunity in front of us is simple and powerful: work together, strengthen the herd book, grow registrations, support sound governance, and promote Murray Greys with the same cooperative spirit that built the foundation in the first place.

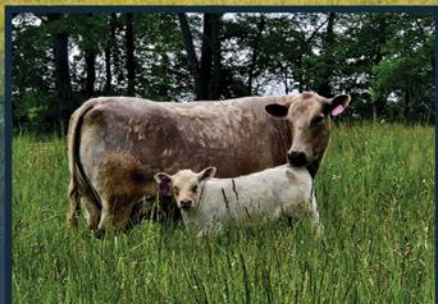
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Nutrient Needs

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Regardless of if you are feeding fish, cattle or yourself, nutrition is the key to proper growth, reproduction, and immunity. Indeed, you are what you eat. Basic nutrients are the same for all animals: water, proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, vitamins, and minerals. All are essential to life, and all must be provided at adequate levels. As a rural veterinarian, I often see owners making poor nutrition decisions which result in poor animal production. Herds with difficulty maintaining a tight calving window, have problems with difficult birthing (dystocia), poor calf health, or low weaning and/or yearling weights almost always have a problem with adequate nutrition. The goal of a beef producer is to produce a calf annually from each cow. If the cow is not feed adequately, she will be stressed and if she is metabolically stressed, reproduction is the first system to go. Nutrition is key to success.

Water makes up about 50% of a cow's body and is by far the most important nutrient whose importance is often overlooked. Clean fresh water that can be accessed by all members of the herd from 1 week old calves to fully mature cows is essential. With a mature lactating cow drinking 40 gallons per day, access to free choice water is paramount

to body functions ranging from heat regulation to milk production.

Proteins are the building blocks of muscles; key elements in enzymes; and instrumental in reproduction. Without adequate protein a cow will not produce quality milk, will not resume normal estrous cycles post breeding, and will lose muscle mass. In most grazing systems, adequate protein in a 1100-pound lactating beef cow can be obtained from 22 lbs. of grass hay or forage with 11% crude protein. This may seem easily achievable, but pastures stressed from heat and/or draught can easily be overgrazed resulting in a cow unable to consume the volume of grass needed to obtain needed protein. It is important to manage pastures so the grasses, legumes, and forbs, can adequately rest between grazing windows and provide the nutrition we as breeders require of them. With adequate quality forage, protein supplementation is rarely needed.

Carbohydrates are energy and are the backbone of nutrition. Every cell in every animal has an energy factory: the mitochondria. This little powerhouse requires oxygen and fuel to produce energy for any animal. Mitochondria fuel is glucose (a building block of carbohydrates). Without glucose and oxygen, an

animal will die. Period. Next time you are munching on some Skittles, take a deep breath of oxygen and make your mitochondria happy; they are keeping you alive. Meeting a cows carbohydrate requirements is paramount to her success and if basic energy requirements are not met, she will break down stored fat and eventually protein in muscles to meet her energy needs; her mitochondria must be happy! A cow without adequate carbohydrates will quickly lose body condition and therefore productivity.

Lipids are the reserves of energy for the body. Energy consumed more than needed, will be stored as fat. The best means of gaging excess fat in a cattle herd is to objectively score them using a body condition score (BCS) sheet. At calving, a cow should have BCS of 6 as early lactation is metabolically expensive and will draw on fat reserves. By assuring cows calve at a BCS of 6, the pull of milk production should leave her near a BCS of 5 prior to breeding. This assures she has adequate energy for breeding. Closely monitoring BCS of the cow herd is the best tool to maximizing production.

Vitamins are essential coenzymes in many metabolic pathways, support white blood cell's role in immunity; integral to function of various organ systems; aid in wound healing; and support bone growth. These are the unsung heroes. Fat soluble vitamins (A, D, and E) are obtained from the diet and are stored in the animal's fat reserves. Water soluble vitamins (B complex and C) are not stored and must be obtained continually in the diet. Quality forage in adequate amounts will fill the vitamin requirements of cattle just as a balanced diet in you will supply your needed vitamins. Again, monitoring BCS and not



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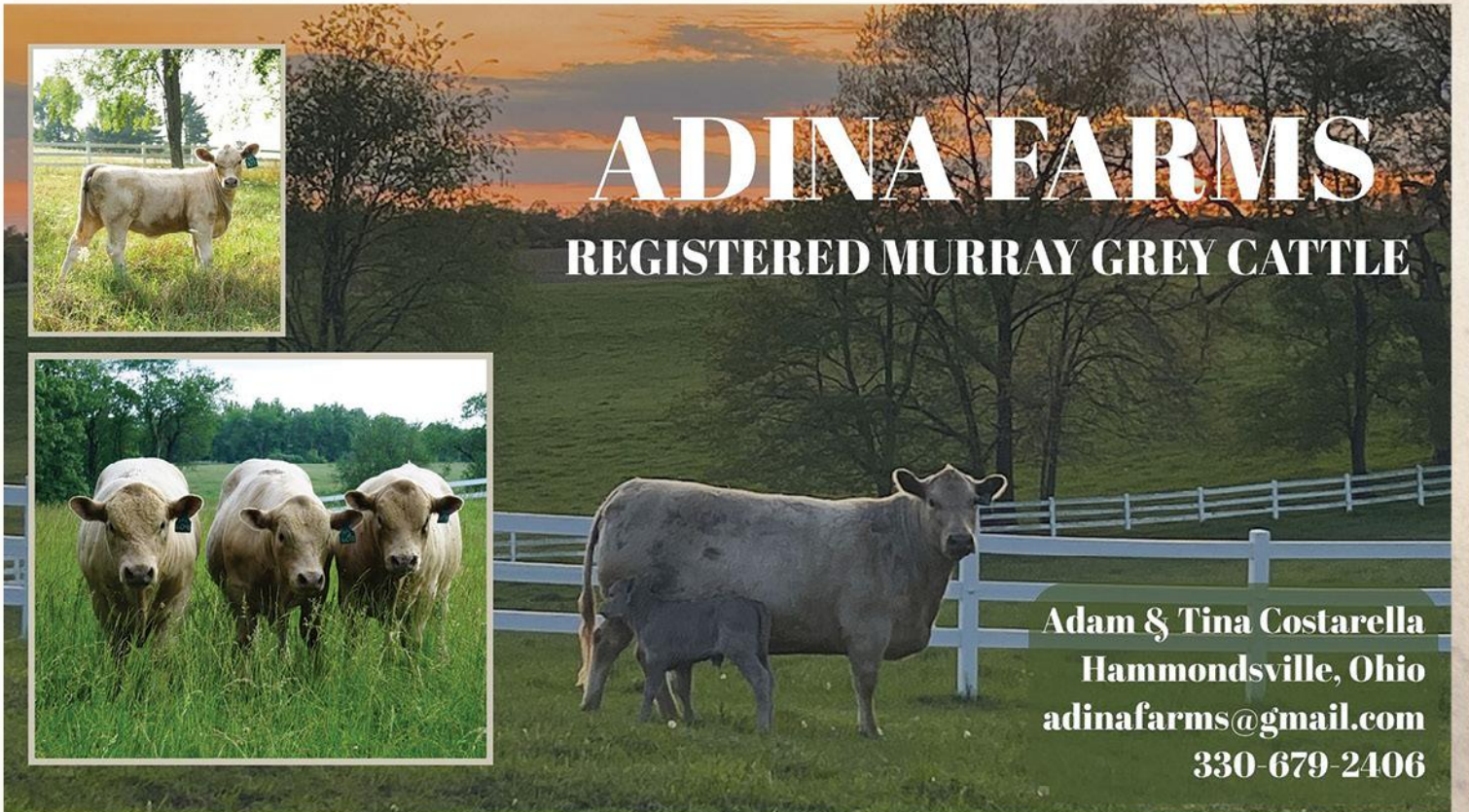
are formulated to meet demands during different life stages and should be used without any additional salt blocks. As breeders, we should assure we are using loose minerals tailored to our geographic areas, meteorological conditions (draught or excessive heat or cold), and the life stage of cattle. Free choice loose minerals and veterinary recommended additional injectable or oral minerals are important to assure cows breed on schedule and calves grow maximally.

allowing cattle to ever fall below a BCS of 4.5 will maximize herd production.

Minerals are classified as macrominerals (calcium, phosphorous, potassium, magnesium, sodium, chlorine, and sulfur) and microminerals (copper, zinc, selenium, iodine, iron, molybdenum, manganese, and cobalt). Both types play important roles in bone growth,

cellular defenses, water balance and enzymatic reactions. It is imperative that breeders be aware of regional mineral concentrations in soil and feed to assure tailored supplementation is available to the herd. Minerals included in the "trace mineral" brown or green salt blocks do not offer adequate minerals and should be avoided. Most loose mineral mixes are designed to give cattle adequate amounts of both classes of minerals and

Cow herds or only as good as the nutrition they are given. The best genetics money can buy cannot override a poor feed program. Murray Greys are renowned for their ability to do well on forage, quality forage. We cannot ignore the nutrient profile of the green we graze or bale and must actively manage nutrition to maximize the production of the breed we all love. They are what they eat! 



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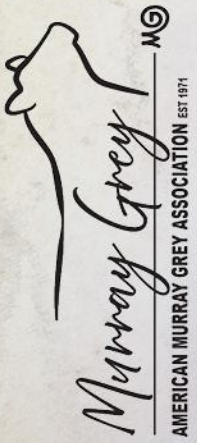
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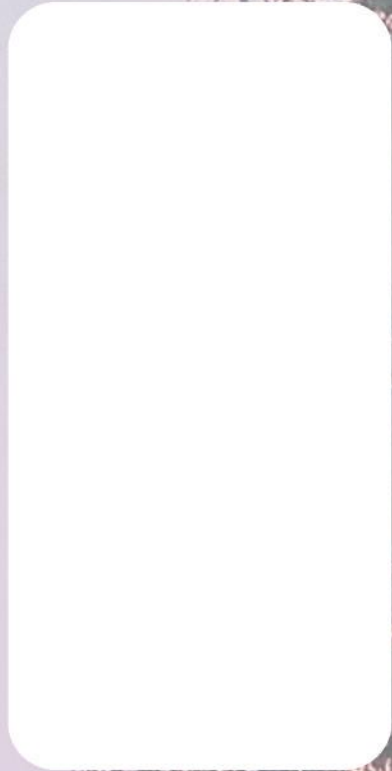
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