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OMGA MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, June 4, 2005, beginning at noon with lunch, followed by meeting and educational program

Hosted by Adam and Tina Costarella Family Adina Farms, Hammondsville, OH

The Costarella Family will provide burgers and beverages. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to pass and share. If you are traveling a long way to attend, the Costarella's invite you to call them (330-679-2406) to arrange an overnight stay at their spacious guest house.

MEETING AGENDA

Welcome Agenda approval Minutes Financial report Reports of committees Unfinished business – OH-branded MG beef products New business – Educational Program (details below) Adjournment

JUNE 4 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS

Adam and Tina Costarella own and operate Adina Farms, producing top quality forages, hay and livestock. They also raise not only Murray Greys, but a variety of other livestock, including horses and goats. In addition to their farm pursuits, Tina is a large animal veterinarian practicing in eastern Ohio and Adam is a medical doctor and emergency room leader.

For the educational program, Tina plans to discuss cattle parasite management, including the following: potential need for worming, typical products, extent and timing of applications, and planning your cattle management for optimized efficiency in parasite control. Tina requests all farm participants to bring one or two fecal samples from their cattle for examination under her microscope. She will use the samples as part of her talk and will try to help you determine if your cattle might benefit from strategic worming and parasite control.

2005 OHIO STATE FAIR MG SHOW INFO

See info at Ohio State Fair web site NOW for entry forms, health regs, and related items. The web site address is <u>www.ohiostatefair.com</u>

Arrival - Cattle can start to arrive after 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 5. All cattle must be in place by 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 6. However, if you are coming from another fair, you can make arrangements for late arrival by contacting the Livestock Office for special entry. Do not stall your cattle or set up your farm display in the barn prior to receiving your stall assignment from your breed representative. The reps will be at Voinovich on Friday night as well as on Saturday.

Bedding will be provided inside Voinovich Center but not at the tie-outs. You will need to bring your own materials to use under the viaduct. Alternatively, exhibitors will be able to buy straw and hay from the concessionaire, generally at a cost of \$4 to \$5 per bale.

Show Day – Tuesday, August 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Release Time – All cattle will be released Tuesday, August 9, after the last show of the day.

DIRECTIONS TO ADINA FARMS

Adina Farms is located near the eastern border of Ohio with Pennsylvania, above, (that is, slightly north of) Steubenville, OH. From Columbus, head east on I-70 until you reach Ohio St. Rt. 7 just prior to crossing the Ohio River near Wheeling, WV.

Then take OH Rt. 7 North to OH Rt. 213. Turn onto OH-213W. Then turn RIGHT onto County Rd. 50 (Creek St.) Go to the STOP sign. Then turn left onto County Rd. 55 (East Ave.) and go to Township Rd. 302. Turn RIGHT onto Twp. Rd. 302 and go to Township Rd. 299 (Pleasant Ridge Rd.) Turn RIGHT onto Twp. Rd. 299 and travel about 0.2 miles to the farm. Adina Farms is the third farm on the left side of the road.

A large map of the last portion of the route, after you leave OH Rt. 7, is included as an attachment after the last page of this newsletter. If you get lost, call Adam and Tina. The phone number is printed on the attachment.

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Suzanne and Jim Dietz, Ridge View Farm, Williamstown WV, ph 304-375-4989, email <u>sbdietz@citynet.net</u> have a limited supply of heifers and a couple of cow/calf pairs for sale.

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QUESTIONNAIRE – MURRAY GREY BEEF COOPERATIVE MARKETING VENTURE

- As a follow-up item from the OMGA meeting held at the Ohio Beef Expo, this questionnaire is being sent to all members.
- Interest has been expressed by some members in forming a cooperative marketing venture for Murray Grey beef produced from members' farm animals. In order to pursue this further, there is a need to gauge the interest and production capability of all the members.
- Please complete the questionnaire below and send to OMGA at P. O. Box 112, Coolville, OH 45723 by June 1. Thank you very much.
- 1. If the MG Beef Marketing Coop would contract with you to pay ten cents per pound (live weight -- finished animal) above market price, would you be interested? If the 10 cents/lb premium is insufficient, then how much of a premium per pound would you want to receive, in order to participate?
- 2. How many head could you supply this year?
- 3. How many head could you supply next year?
- 4. How many head per year after that?
- 5. Please reply to these questions and also reply with any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions that we might provide.

Your Name:		_ Farm Name:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	_State/Province:	Postal Code:	
Phone Number: (daytime)		(evening)	
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