

# OHIO BEEF EXPO UPDATE

Location All events at state fairgrounds at Columbus.

### Schedule

Thursday, March 17 – All cattle must be in place by noon. (Cattle are allowed to arrive any time after noon on Wednesday, March 16 through noon on Thursday.)
Friday, March 18 - Ohio Murray Grey Show will begin at 1 p.m. Currently scheduled for O'Neill Building Show Ring.
Saturday, March 19 – Breeding cattle depart after noon.

# OMGA Details

Paperwork for show entries has been mailed to members. If you are not currently a member of OMGA and need the forms, then please call 740-667-6191.

Initial entry sheets are due to OMGA by January 30. Final entry data sheets are due to OMGA by February 28.

#### **General Reminders**

 In order to show cattle at the Ohio Beef Expo, exhibitor must be a member of both the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and Ohio Murray Grey Association.
 Veterinarian in charge is Dr. Fernando Silveira. Final health regulations have not been issued as yet, but are expected to be issued by Feb. 1. If there are changes from last year, OMGA will call exhibitors with details and mail the regs by US Postal Service. If there are no changes, then no calls will be made and no reg sheets will be mailed.
 The brochure published by the OCA has more details about all the events, and it has been mailed to members with the show forms.

# <u>NEXT ORMGA MEETING</u> <u>AGENDA</u>

A very brief meeting will be held immediately following the OMGA meeting.

> Welcome Agenda approval Unfinished business New business Completion of Elections Adjournment

# 2005 OHIO STATE FAIR MG SHOW INITIAL INFO

The tentative schedule is reported below – see info at Ohio State Fair web site after May 1 for final info, health regs, and related items.

Arrival Time - 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. Bedding will be provided in Voinovich Center but not at the tie-outs – bring you own to use under the viaduct.

Show Day – MG will show either Monday, August 8 at 5:00 pm. or Tuesday, August 9 at 2:30 p.m. OSF Beef Office will arrange final show schedule.

Release Time – All cattle will be released Tuesday, August 9.

# **OBE JUDGE MATT KLESKI - BIOGRAPHY**

- Matt Kleski is originally from Uhrichsville, Ohio in Tuscarawas County. Matt, along with his family, operates a seedstock and club calf herd of Maine-Anjou cattle. His family has shown and sold cattle that have been successfully exhibited on the local, state and national level.
- He graduated from OSU in 2001 with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Agribusiness and Applied Economics. He was a member of the 2000 OSU General Livestock Judging Team. Upon graduation, he was employed as the Director of Communications for the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and the Ohio Beef Council. He coordinated all youth programs for the OCA including the OCA Junior BEST program, Ohio's junior show points program, as well as the Ohio Beef Expo Junior Steer and Heifer Show, and served as the Managing Editor of the *Ohio Cattleman* magazine. Matt has judged numerous breed shows, preview shows and county fairs across the eastern United States.
- Matt is a 2004 graduate of West Virginia University with a Master's degree in Agricultural and Environmental Education. Currently, he is employed by the USDA Farm Service Agency, where he works as a Price Support Specialist at the Ohio State FSA Office in Columbus.

# 2005 MURRAY GREY CONGRESS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA – 2<sup>ND</sup> INFO PACKAGE

The Murray Grey Cattle Society Ltd. is hosting an International Congress in October, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Murray Grey breed. The events will take place in western Australia along the coast and at various MG studs. Summarized below is information received from the MGBCS and the travel agency, Esther Price Promotions (<u>esther@estherprice.com.au</u>). For more details contact Esther Price.

Saturday October 8 – Arrival at Hotel Grand Chancellor – any time from 2pm onwards.

#### Sunday October 9 - Day 1 -

- Welcome Breakfast at Old Swan Brewery on Perth's foreshore
- Attend Alcoa Farmlands Event a large commercial Murray Grey beef production system at Pinjarra. The
  property is owned by a major international mining company, Alcoa.
- Visit Brunswick Showgrounds mega display of Murray Grey stud cattle, including a selection of the champions from the 2005 Perth Royal Show, together with an array of cattle from local studs.
- Stay overnight at Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton includes casual BBQ

#### Monday October 10 - Day 2 -

- Visit Vasse Research Station, premier beef cattle research facility and Blackwood MG Stud at Boyup Brook
- Attend casual dinner at Busselton Jetty

#### Tuesday October 11 - Day 3 -

- · Visit Karridale and the Monterey Murray Grey studs
- West Coast dinner at Abbey Beach Resort

#### Wednesday October 12 - Day 4 -

- Tree Top Walk and visit to several MG studs
- Mayoral Reception with amazing views and then the "Stars of the Congress" heifer sale

#### Thursday & Friday October 13 & 14 - Days 5 & 6 -

- MG Congress Events at various venues around Albany, includes programs at area MG studs Saturday October 15 Day 7 -
- Visit Southend and Walawa MG studs, enjoy Malaysian luncheon, overnight stay at Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle

# PRICES (do not include air fare to or from Australia)

#### **Option 1 - The Full Congress:**

AUS \$2100 per person if paid in full by March 25

AUS \$2500 per person if paid after March 25 and before August 30

Option 2 - The Conference only package: AUS \$520 per person

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