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NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A very brief meeting will be held immediately preceding the tour of the Lucasville farm.

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FARM TOUR MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 20, beginning at 1 p.m.

Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction
Murray Grey Breeding Program - One Year of Progress

Facilitated by Dr. Fernando Silveira and Farm Staff
Lucasville Prison Farm, Building #1

The ODRC Murray Grey herd has been in residence for about one year, with MG bulls and females purchased by ODRC from OMGA and ORMGA breeders. Currently there are over 50 PB MG's, with the goal to reach a working PB brood cow herd of 250. The Lucasville staff will review the herd performance and experiences over the past year with the herd, including a tour of the cattle operation.

Directions to Building #1: Travel Ohio St. Rt. 32 (Appalachian Highway) to US 23, and go south towards Lucasville. As a landmark, about 6.7 miles down US23, there is a rest stop area on the west side of the highway. Continue south on US 23 right through Lucasville. Then about 13 miles from the OH Rt. 32/US 23 cloverleaf, there is a Caterpillar equipment dealership on the right (west) side of the road. It has a large sign out front, "OH CAT." The next driveway on the right side of the road, immediately after the dealership, is the entrance to the farm. Go through the dark red gates and follow the driveway as it winds to the right. There are farm implements and tractors parked along the way. The dark red Morton building on the right side of the driveway is Building #1. Park next to the building, enter, and sign in for the meeting. The staff will meet us there. Note: If you drive south on US 23 and come to the traffic light intersection at Houston Hollow Rd., you have missed the driveway. Turn around at this intersection and head north to back track.

Prior to the meeting there will NOT be a group lunch of the membership. There are fast food restaurants (including Wendy's and Subway) along US 23 between US Rt. 32 and the prison facility.

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OHIO STATE FAIR SUMMARY

This year the Ohio Expositions Commission provided over \$2000.00 and the Ohio Murray Grey Association an additional \$500.00 in premium support for our MG show. In addition, ribbons, rosettes and banners, including showmanship rosettes, were sponsored by the Ohio Murray Grey Association. All of us appreciate the continuing annual support and commitment to the Murray Grey breed from these sources.

A small but highly competitive field took to the show ring in Voinovich Center just as torrential rains poured down outside. Judge Christopher Marler made his selections using a hands-on approach, physically examining and delineating the muscling of the animals as they stood in their show stance. He observed them individually as they paraded in the show ring for correctness of gait as well.

Complete results are found as the last pages of this newsletter and on the web site.

MG SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION RESULTS

Senior Division

1st Place – Callie Crum, Cardington, Ohio, Spectrum Farm

2nd Place – Trent Printz, Arcanum, Ohio, Monarch Oak Farm

Junior Division

1st Place – Gary Gregg, Fredericktown, Ohio, Spectrum Farm

2nd Place – Justin Stone, West Manchester, Ohio, Spectrum Farm

3rd Place – Kyndall Williams, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Spectrum Farm

OHIO STATE FAIR JUDGE FROM ENGLAND

Judging all of the first session open beef breed shows at this year's Ohio State Fair was Christopher Marler of Buckinghamshire, England.

At his family property Chris raises Shorthorn cattle, and has an extensive background in judging not only all breeds of cattle, but poultry as well. He has judged poultry and cattle, including Murray Greys, in Australia, and throughout the United Kingdom.

While judging at the Adelaide Royal Show, Dr. Tom Turner of The Ohio State University, met Chris, who was also judging cattle there. Their mutual respect led to Dr. Tom's judging a cattle show in England, and to Chris's judging here for this year's OSF first session.

Chris currently also is the Director of the Flamingo Gardens and Zoological Park in Olney, in Buckinghamshire.

OHIO MG WEB SITE UP

The revamped Ohio MG web site is up and running, and includes Ohio State Fair results and photographs.

More new information, additional photographs, and the archives will be posted soon. Just remember to click on the "Refresh" icon in your toolbars, so the pages will come up with the new look.

Also refresh your bookmarks in your "Favorites" folder on your PC's.

OHIO MG SHOW EXHIBITORS

Special thanks to our show exhibitors for their time and effort in supporting the 2003 OSF MG Show:

ADINA FARMS, Adam and Tina Costarella Family, Hammondsville

MONARCH OAK FARM, Ginger Natolis and Calvin Huck, Partners, Marietta

OAK TREE FARM, Tom and Ruth Surrarrer Family, Atwater

SPECTRUM FARM, John and Mary Ellen Wozny, Coolville

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS?

No listings this time! Please send in any announcements of available cattle ASAP, and the info will be posted on the web site.

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MORE NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Officers and Trustees of the Ohio Murray Grey Association for 2003: J. C. Wozny, President and Trustee, 740-667-6191; M. E. Wozny, Vice-President, 740-667-6191; R. Sullinger, Secretary, 419-675-2234; B. Hamond, Treasurer, 513-367-2876; J. Beese, Trustee, 216-896-2225; T. Costarella, Trustee, 330-679-2406; W. Hamond, Trustee, 513-367-2876; R. Lightfield, Trustee, 513-756-9839; D. Rogers, Trustee, 216-259-2865.

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In the past the Ohio Murray Grey and Ohio Regional Murray Grey Associations have held their respective annual general meetings and elections of all offices in December. This year, the meetings are planned for November, in order to not conflict with the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holiday seasons.

In order to move up the meeting time, and enable the mailing of ballots in a timely manner, etc., it is necessary to begin calling for nominations for all the offices at this time.

The positions to be filled include: President, Vice President, and Secretary for each association; Treasurer for the OMGA, who will automatically become treasurer of the ORMGA. There also will be one trustee 3-year position opening in both OMGA, and ORMGA, to fill.

Additionally, this is the last call for AMGA Board Rep nominations: the Ohio Regional Murray Grey Association is requesting nominations for the position of regional representative to the American Murray Grey Association, for the term beginning January 1, 2004, per the bylaws of the association.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the secretary, Rex Sullinger, at jsul@bright.net or by calling 419-675-2234.