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OMGA MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, March 18, beginning at 3 p.m.
Ohio Beef Expo Meeting Room

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Ohio Beef Expo Murray Grey Show Information

All cattle must be in place by noon on Thursday, March 18, stalled in the O'Neill Building. If an animal will be offered for sale, either within or outside of Ohio, a certificate of veterinary inspection will be needed that will allow the animal to enter other states. If the animal is not originating from a brucellosis-free and/or tuberculosis-free herd, then brucellosis and TB testing for the animal should be done. Please consult your local veterinarian for more info.

The Ohio Murray Grey Show will be held on Friday, March 19, beginning at 1 p.m., in the new outdoor pavilion on the fairgrounds. This is the first time the pavilion will be in use for the Ohio Beef Expo. Exhibitors are requested to have their animals in the make-up area well in advance of the call for the classes, since the pavilion is some distance from the stall area.

Members have been mailed, by paper mail, the entry forms, class breaks, and rules for the 2004 OBE MG Show. The "Top Sheet" and fees are due by January 28. Fees are non-refundable in the event of a no-show animal. Reminder: Per Ohio Cattlemen's Association's (OCA) Rules, all exhibitors must be members in good standing of the OCA for 2004 in order to participate in the OBE events with their cattle. Please contact the OCA at 614-873-6736 for OCA membership application forms, or if you have any questions. The OMGA "Details Sheet" is due by February 28 to enable the classes to be set and the show books to be printed.

The Expo headquarters hotel is the Ramada Plaza, I-71 at Morse Road, with a \$64.00 flat room rate for OCA members. The phone number for reservations is 614-846-0300.



Introducing the OBE Judge, Allen Gahler

Selected to judge this year's MG Show is Allen Gahler, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, OSU Extension, Fairfield County. Allen grew up on a family farm in Ottawa County. He received his bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 2000 from OSU, where he was a member of the livestock judging team. In 2002 he received his master's degree from OSU, in Agricultural Education. Currently, with his wife and family, Allen maintains a herd of about 20 Angus and crossbred cows, showing purebred Angus and selling club calves.

Tenderness & Marbling Testing Offered

T. Costarella and M. E. Wozny have sent to the members a comparison of tenderness and marbling testing offered by three respective companies, Frontier Beef Systems, Merial, and Genetic Solutions, along with the proposal from Genetic Solutions for a group rate available to OMGA members. If you are interested in testing your cattle for T&M, please send in the completed survey form, so that OMGA will know if it should proceed with the program.

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WELCOME NEW FIRST TIME MEMBERS FOR 2004

Sherie Clark, Carrollton, OH
Elizabeth Duff, The Plains, OH

MANY CHANGES COMING TO 2004 OHIO STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The Ohio Expositions is greatly changing the duration and scheduling of this year's state fair. As of press time, information provided to OMGA is summarized below.

In contrast to previous years, two Ohio State Fair livestock sessions will run from August 2 through August 15. **The Murray Greys are to arrive on Monday, August 2, starting at 6 p.m.** Other breeds in this first session will be Charolais, Simmental, Hereford, and Shorthorn.

Shows will run from 8 a.m. through 9 p.m. each day. The MG Open Breeding Show is scheduled currently for **Thursday, August 5, beginning at 6 p.m.** After the show MG exhibitors will have the option to remove their cattle from the fairgrounds, or they can stay overnight and leave the next morning.

The OSF will no longer be sending out paper competition books to potential exhibitors. All forms and regulations will be posted on the OSF web site. Persons may contact the livestock office if they are not able to receive the forms via the internet. As more information comes from the OSF Livestock Office, updates will be provided.

YOUTH FUND RECOGNITION

The Youth Fund is designed to encourage young persons to own and show Murray Greys. The Fund recognized accomplishments in the show ring or in a carcass competition, with a cash award, given at the November meeting. Receiving premiums were Dan Hamond, \$75, Tim Hamond, \$45, Brandon Loving, \$100, and Amber Schwartz, \$155.

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