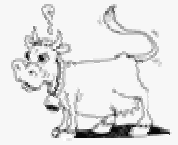




The Glengarry Moos



Glengarry's Favourite 'Moos'letter

Christmas in Glengarry

Glengarry double-sleighs were the first caravans to be welcomed each winter by the residents of Montreal. Montreal, being an island, was isolated from the mainland for a short period each spring and fall and the return of fresh produce was celebrated.

A typical Glengarry double-sleigh brought 10-12 tubs of butter to Montreal in mid-December, plus cheese, various dressed fowl and 8-10 dressed hogs, as well as an assortment of socks, mittens and other crafts, and perhaps a few hides and furs. The return home with money and gifts in mid-December would raise the spirits and make for a festive Christmas.

Did you know?

Total head of cattle in Ontario—1,982,651

Total farms with cattle in Ontario—25,040

Total head of cattle in Glengarry—28,961

Total farms with cattle in Glengarry—358

Statistics Canada agricultural census (2006)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ANNUAL MEETING IS UPON US AGAIN

We would like to wish each and every one in Glengarry a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please take the time to mark January 16, 2008 on your calendars as the date of the Annual meeting for the Glengarry Cattlemen's Association. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm upstairs at the Alexandria Pizzeria.

John Newman, OCA Eastern Director will be addressing the current state of the beef industry.

Nancy Noecker, OM-FRA cow/calf specialist, will be speaking on educational opportunities available to beef producers.

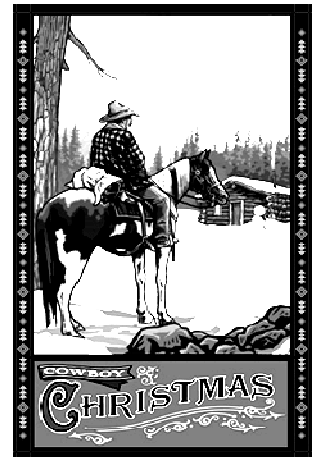
Rachelle Montgomery

and Scott Beck, of Freedom 55 Financial will be presenting producers with strategic options for wealth creation and farm succession planning.

We will also take the time to elect our new board of directors as well as delegates to go to the Ontario Cattlemen's annual meeting.

There will be refreshments and pizza made available after the meeting.

The Glengarry Cattlemen would like to take this opportunity to thank Ernie Mac-Millan of Glengarry Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance for his faithful support of our annual meeting.



Producer Profile—Vernon and Judy McDonald Paragon Road, Cornwall

Vern and Judy are a couple on the move, although Judy insists that she has moved for the last time.

Vern started farming in 1962, on the farm they are presently at. They married in 1965 and moved to a fix-er-upper down the road where they remained for 6 years before heading back to the original spot. They have moved back and forth between the two places numerous times ever since.

Judy admits that looking back, Vern was correct in his real estate dealings even though she was reluctant to buy and sell. At one time, they owned over 500 acres.

Vern started his career as a teacher, while Judy was a nurse. Vern decided to go full-time farming in 1971 with a dairy herd of 45 cows as well as 20 replacement heifers. There was always beef on the place, even when they were milking. He sold the dairy side of things in 1992.

They went into beef seriously after 1992. At one time they had a herd of over 50 cows, keeping the heifers and expanding the herd. They are now thinking about retirement and are slowly reducing their numbers.

Vern describes the herd as a "rainbow herd" of

mostly Charolais, Simmental, and Hereford cows, with the occasional black one thrown in. They are presently running a Red Angus bull but have had Charolais bulls in the past.

They calve March to May and sell the calves as stockers in late November.

Their 3 boys, Randy, Jamie, and David, all live in the area, with their 5 grandchildren. Jamie has an equestrian farm and is able to come home to help with the hay often.



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Honey bee colonies are eligible for compensation for BEAR damages.

Tips on what to DO if your Livestock or Poultry is killed or injured by a DOG, WOLF or COYOTE:

1. Do not disturb the carcass until you have been in contact with Municipal Valuer.
2. Call a Municipal Valuer,

Daniel Blondin (613-551-4702) for both North Glengarry and South Glengarry.

3. If for any reason the Municipal Valuer or the Township can not be contacted on the day of discovering the killed or injured animal; take pictures, and continue making efforts to contact the Municipal Valuer and the Township.

4. If you are in North Glengarry you will need to go to the Township Office and sign an affidavit within 10 days of calling the Valuer. In South Glengarry the affidavit is carried by the

Valuer and can be signed on site.

You have 30 days to appeal any part of the Valuers report, by paying 25\$. An appeal is to be made to a judge of Superior Court of Justice.

For more details and any new information that comes available after print, go on line to view the *Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act*. It is also recommended to view *Regulation 731* which outlines *Maximum Amounts of Compensation*. A special "Thank You" to Mr. Daniel Blondin for his help and time.

GETTING THE MAIL

Are you getting all your farm mail? Do you wonder why your neighbour gets flyers that you do not? Canada Post can help.

Canada Post has a system of designating farms, residences, apartments, and businesses so that flyer delivery is made fast and efficient. The problem arises when a farm gets designated as a residence or a busi-

ness rather than a farm. This happens often; however, it is easily remedied.

Felice Thayer, Postmistress at the Dunvegan Post Office, explained this system to the "Moos" along with the solution.

If you, or someone that you know, does not receive farm flyers and would like to, simply stop by your local Canada Post

to have your name added to the farm list. However, your name would be removed from the list you are on, either residence or business, and you may miss some of the flyers specified to be delivered to them only.

The ad bag is available to all boxes, regardless of designation.

Beef it Up—Beef Stewed With Apples

2 tablespoons butter

2 lb. chuck beef, sliced thin

1 large onion, sliced thin

4 large cooking apples, peeled, cored, and sliced thin

1 cup hot beef stock

Sprig of parsley

Season to taste

Preheat oven to 350oF.

Butter large ovenproof casserole dish and place one layer of beef in the bottom. Add one layer of onions and one layer of apples. Season well.

Repeat to use the remaining meat, apples, and onions.

Add beef stock and parsley; cover and cook 2 1/2 hours in oven or until meat is tender.

This recipe pays tribute to the culinary roots of Upper Canada with the strong mix of Scottish, Irish and English. Early settlers in the 1800's were a rugged, determined lot, undiscouraged by continuous hardship in their new land. Due to the location of Upper Canada, settlers were forced to rely on local produce and their own ingenuity to create healthy, appealing food. Enjoy!!

Jim Brownell, SDG MPP Message

As a young lad growing up on a farm near the "Lost Village" of Moulinette, and later Long Sault, I had the opportunity to experience first hand the joys and trials of farm life. Ours was a mixed farm, where milk was shipped to the cheese factory, and beef was a staple of life for my six brothers and five sisters. My brothers Terry and Larry have carried on farming traditions, with Terry owning Cedar Valley Ranch at Northfield Station, a well-known local beef farm. Both brothers keep me up to speed on the challenges faced in agriculture, and provide me with a solid reminder about how rewarding it is to operate a farm and to produce a quality product through challenges and hard

work. Ontario's beef farmers, and especially those whose operations are located in Glengarry, produce a quality product. Our government is proud to support beef producers and all Ontario farmers. The 2007 Budget included a \$12.5 million "Pick Ontario Freshness" strategy to raise consumer awareness and promote the consumption of food produced in Ontario. \$2.5 million of that sum has gone to a number of Ontario Agri-Food organizations for marketing initiatives for Ontario farm products. Specifically to assist beef farmers, we provided \$6.8 million in new assistance for meat processors to meet the new regulations under the Food

Safety and quality Act, 2001. The McGuinty government understands the benefit Ontario's beef industry provides to our economy, and also understands the challenges beef farmers face. If there are any questions that you might have, or if you would like to draw my attention to specific issues in the agricultural sector, please feel free to call my office at (613) 933-6513 or e-mail me at jbrownell.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org. My door is always open. Sincerely,
Jim Brownell, MPP
Stormont-Dundas-South
Glengarry



*All 2008
memberships
sold between
now and the
annual meeting
will be entered
into a draw for
a OCA vest.*

PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR BEEF FARMERS

There are a number of programs available to the beef producer divided into a variety of categories. This Moosletter will deal with Market Development.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The CDI program helps people develop co-ops, and to research and test innovative ways of using the cooperative model. CDI will make the co-op model more readily available to Canadians, to respond to their present-day challenges. Eligible projects include: adding value to agriculture; access to health care and home care; economic development in rural, remote, or northern communities, and community solutions to environmental challenges. Contact the co-operatives Secretariat at 888-781-2222

FARM IMPROVEMENT AND MARKETING CO-OPERATIVES LOAN ACT PROGRAM

The FIMCLA program is designed to increase the availability of loans for improvement and development of farms and the processing, distribution or marketing of farm products by co-operative associations. 888-346-2511
Or e-mail fgp-pgf@agr.gc.ca

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND To the ruminant meat livestock industry, the IDF will support value-added, sustainable, Ontario-based, producer/processor partnerships that increase access to market on a regional or provincial basis. The objectives of the fund is to fund initiatives taken between ruminant meat producers and

Ontario abattoir/processor operators and/or other value chain partners to capitalize on regional or local markets and to help increase demand and create a competitive market for Ontario ruminants. The 2007 deadline has passed but the next Request for Proposals will be released in mid-2008. Contact OCA 519-824-0334

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The objective of the program is to support producers and processors with a regional/local marketing process that will assist them in developing their gate to plate or value chain strategy as well as provide them with options in the marketing of their products. The 2007 deadline has passed but the next Request for Proposals will be released in mid-2008.



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Glengarry Cattlemen's Association is here to represent the Ontario Cattlemen's Association on the local level. OCA improves the Ontario beef industry through policy planning, government lobbying, industry development programs, along with the promotion and advertising of beef.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Glengarry Cattlemen's for information or assistance in contacting the OCA.

Editorial Note

We hope that you are enjoying the Moosletter as much as we are. We plan on delivering it quarterly, with producer profiles, recipes, industry updates, and messages from local politicians.

Do you have something you want to see in the "Moos"?

Let us know!!

Please feel free to contact Wendy Beswick
613-874-2726



HAVE A MOO-RY CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



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