



The Glengarry Moos



Glengarry's Favourite 'Moos'letter

Did you know?

The oldest cow was a Dremon cow named "Big Bertha" born on St. Patrick's Day in 1944. She died 3 months before her 49th birthday on New Year's Eve, 1993. She also holds the lifetime breeding record as she produced 39 calves., one of whom lived to be 35 years old.

The heaviest recorded live birth weight of a calf is 225 lbs for a British Friesen cow in 1961.

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Regional Beef Day—Winchester

The Dundas Cattlemen's Association is hosting a regional beef day from 10 am to 3 pm on April 10 at the Winchester Community Hall. All beef producers from throughout Eastern Ontario are welcome.

Jamie O'Shea, Field Services Rep with Beef Improvement Ontario, will discuss BIO's role with the Beef Value Round Table as well as the Keady Calf Club pilot project.

J Boehringer-Ingelheim will explain how Johne's Disease, a chronic debilitating, trans-

missible disease, is now a serious concern for beef producers.

Barry Walker from Ontrace will talk about traceability for farmers and how it affects the beef industry.

Finally, Ontario Cattlemen's Association will be represented to update producers on programs available to cattlemen, as well as the status of the risk management program.

Coffee and hot lunch will be provided at \$20 per person



which includes all sessions. Contact Rose Stewart at 613 -448-3454 to register or for trade show information.

Producer Profile—Angus Pat Kennedy, Lochiel

Bachelor Angus Pat Kennedy has found that he has to really think things out when he works alone with his Simmental based cattle. "It's a little harder," he said, "I keep watching ahead of time and when I have a chance I grab it."

His whole beef operation is geared towards easy maintenance. The cows are kept outside year round with access to a loafing barn. The calving season starts early April and Angus sells his stockers in late November at Vankleek Hill.

Although he figures that he loses \$0.03/lb selling at VKH he feels that the fact that he can send and sell them on the same day with less shrinkage and trucking more than makes up the difference he would make at another auction barn.

Angus aims to sell his calves as heavy as he can at 7 to 8 months of age. He likes big bulls with a heavier birthing weight and feels a cow in good condition will not have problems.

He pushes his calves with creep feed so they are as big

as he can get them. "I go for pure pounds," he stated.

He sold his 2009 calf crop at an average of 720 lbs. His best year was an 801 lb. average. He once sold a stocker at 900 lbs.

Angus has 36 acres of pasture which easily handles his 25 cows.

Angus bought his farm in 1978, and rented it out before he moved his house onto it and fixed the barns. He does not like to borrow, and does things piece by piece.



Company's Coming

Peterborough County Cattlemen will be heading east to Glengarry on August 17, 18, 19 via Johnstown and Upper Canada Village on the 17th.

They will then be hitting our area highlights on the 18th. George and Linda Heinzle of Terryland Farms, winners of the 2010 Producer of Year Award, will give a tour of their dairy operation as well

as their anaerobic digester.

The Limousin beef farm of Harold and Janet MacCrimmon will also be featured. The MacCrimmon's calve out half of their 36 head in April with the remainder calving in late July and August.

There will be additional tours in the area to fill the day which will end with a

meet and greet dinner event .

Our guests will head home on the 19th via Ottawa with a stop at the Experimental Farm.

Please make plans to join us for some of the tours, and help to welcome our guests at dinner.

*Life is not
about how fast
you run, or how
high you jump,
but how well
you bounce!*

OASC Letter to Farmers - A Call to Action

The Ontario Agricultural Sustainability Coalition (OASC) came together last fall to deal with the crisis facing many sectors of our industry. It consists of the OFA, The CFFO, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, Ontario Pork, OCA, Ontario Veal, The Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency and Ontario Grains & Oilseeds.

Our concern with the financial stress on our farms is mutual. We all agree on the solutions to the current problems, being: Implementation of the Business Risk Management Program we have developed as available for all commodities that approve; Retroactive Implementation of the BRMP to January, 2009; and Retroac-

tive Implementation of AgriStability reforms for 2008 and 2009.

These investments in agriculture in Ontario will provide needed cash to stabilize our farm businesses and sustain our industries in the years to come.

WE CANNOT WAIT FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATION BY GOVERNMENT. Minister Mitchell understands this. Our job is to ensure her colleagues across Ontario and in the federal government understand the urgency of the situation here in Ontario.

Business Risk Management programs have always been a shared responsibility involv-

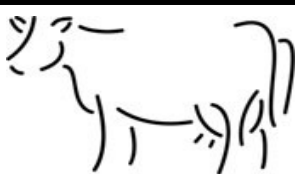
ing the provincial and the federal government. The province's share is 40% with the Government of Canada contributing 60%. It is important that we convince both levels of government of the need for these immediate changes.

The OASC member organizations are working hard and with a unified voice to secure these necessary changes to stabilize and sustain a vibrant farm sector in Ontario.

Phone, write, call or email your MP or MPP.

Visit <http://www.oasc.ca> for more information or call Wendy Beswick if you do not have internet access. Your help is appreciated.

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Summer Bus Tour

The Glengarry Cattlemen have once again been bitten by the travel bug. With the Canadian dollar at or near par, we are considering heading to the States. The destination is not finalized as of yet, although the dates are set for August 27, 28, and 29. We will keep you posted with details as they are arranged.

Please ensure that you have either a valid passport or an Ontario Enhanced Drivers Licence to enter into the States.



Beef Fillet with Maple Syrup and Mustard

This recipe comes from Jean Soulard, the acclaimed chef at Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, the city's oldest and finest hotel. It has been taken from his book 'Chateau Cuisine'.

This recipe epitomises Quebec's unique culinary history, which combines French and Canadian influences.

Jean Soulard has written another book to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec city, called '400 Years of Gastro-nomic History in Quebec City' and the book is available from the hotel.

Maple syrup and Meaux Mustard Beef Fillet with Braised Fennel and Crab Apple

Ingredients - Serves four

4 beef fillets 150 g (5 ounces) each
8 braised mini fennels
125 ml (half a cup) veal stock, see below
4 crab apples
1 pinch sugar
30 ml (2 tablespoons) olive oil
15 g (half an ounce) butter
30 g (1 ounce) minced shallots

Sauce
250 ml (1 cup) veal stock
45 ml (3 tablespoons) maple syrup
10 g (6 tablespoons) Meaux mustard (a mustard made with dark seeds, which comes in stoneware pots)
60 g (2 ounces) cranberries
salt and pepper

To Decorate
Rosemary sprigs
Oak leaf lettuce
Maple Sugar

Spring time in Glengarry with the maple sap flowing is the perfect time to combine beef and maple syrup.

*Congratulations
to Wendy Beswick
for her
photograph
featured on the
cover of
February's 2010
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Dangle Tags Remains An Approved Tag

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) intended to phase out bar code dangle tags effective 1 January 2010. This decision has been reversed (due in part to traceability concerns). Bar code tags will not be de-listed from

the list of approved ID tags. As long as the bar code tag remains an approved tag, producers applying the new RFID tags are required to leave the old tag in, cross reference it and retire it. Producers are not legally re-

quired to apply RFID tags, though it is recommended. As bar code tags have not been commercially available since 2006, it is expected that they will simply become obsolete over time.

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ATTENTION TO ALL LOCAL BEEF PRODUCERS!!

Looking to join an organization to keep abreast of issues affecting your operation and networking with other producers in your area?

Benefits of Joining

- Networking with other producers in Glengarry
- Staying abreast of issues facing the Ontario Beef industry
- Give direction to OCA and initiate change
- Organize successful events in your community
- Get involved with other Glengarry events and organizations

The Glengarry Cattlemen's Association meets on the 1st or 2nd Thursday night of every month at 8:00 pm.

Alexandria Pizzeria Restaurant .

Please contact any director to attend or just show up.

Visitors or members are always welcome!

Ontario Cattlemen's Association—Provincial Arm

The Ontario Cattlemen's Association (OCA) promotes Ontario beef cattle production through policy planning, government lobbying, industry development programs, research, and communications along with



the promotion and advertisement of beef. OCA also provides services to cattlemen in domestic and export market development and market pricing co-ordination and reporting.

Let them know your opinion , thoughts and rants!



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