

March 2016



NEWS



Junior Ownership Rules For National Shows

Ayrshire Juniors, don't forget to become a national junior member and to get your animals registered and transferred into your name in time for eligibility at National Ayrshire Junior Shows. Exhibitors may participate after they reach 9 years of age and until December 31 of year in which he or she turns 21 years old. Animals may be owned solely by the junior exhibitor or in a partnership provided the junior exhibitor's name appears on the registration paper, prior to August 1 of the current year. All purchased animals must be transferred by August 1 of the current year. Copies of official lease agreements must be on file at the ABA office by August 1 for the animal to be eligible to show in National Ayrshire Junior Shows.

National Youth Calf Raffle

The National Ayrshire Youth Committee is sponsoring a calf raffle to raise money for the National Ayrshire Youth Fund. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. The winner has the choice of the calf or \$500. If the winner chooses the money, the calf will be sold in the National Convention Sale in Oklahoma City on June 17th, with the proceeds going to the National Ayrshire Youth Fund. Participants need not be present to win.

Juniors can join in the fun by testing their sales ability to see who can sell the most tickets. The high ticket seller receives a \$100 cash award, second high seller gets \$75 and third high seller is awarded \$50. Last year's winners were: first place Emma Coleman, MO; second place Erin Curtis Szalach, NY; and third place Kailey Barlow, KY.

If you would like to participate by buying or selling raffle tickets, contact the ABA office.

Nominations For World Conference Sales

The U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association is seeking nominations for consignments to the 2016 World Ayrshire Conference Embryo Sale. The sale will take place on Saturday, October 1st in the Wisconsin Dells as the finale of the World Ayrshire Federation business meetings.

- Each member country is invited to consign four lots of embryo packages. The Sale Committee will confirm the final selections.
- Embryos must be exportable.
- The deadline to submit nominations to the ABA is May 1st, and embryos must be made at that time.
- Each embryo must have at least 87% purebred Ayrshire genetics.
- Early information on embryos consigned will begin appearing online at www.usayrshire.com June 1st and updates added as they become available.

World Ayrshire Conference Chairman Steve McDonald of Princeton, IL, says, "This will be a great opportunity to showcase the world's leading Ayrshire genetics. We're excited about hosting this event and encourage all of our Ayrshire friends around the globe to participate."

In addition to the embryo sale, the World Ayrshire Event Sale will be held at the end of World Dairy Expo on Friday, October 7th at 2:00 p.m. This sale will be limited to a maximum of 20 live consignments, five embryo packages and three picks of flushes. All nominations for this sale must be made by August 1st to the ABA office or a member of the sale committee. The only exceptions will be draft animals. Only first and second place entries from the WDE show will be eligible for the draft.

Please contact the ABA office with your nominations or questions.

Ayrshire Yearbook

The Annual Ayrshire Yearbook will be published in September in time for the World Ayrshire Conference and fall national shows. The Yearbook is the perfect way to highlight some of the most prominent and influential Ayrshire females in the breed. It will also be published online at www.usayrshire.com and used for promotional purposes throughout the next 12 months at each event where the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association is represented, including international activities. You won't want to miss this great promotional opportunity!

Promote the best cows and heifers in your herd, along with a color photo for each, pedi-

gree/production information and anything else noteworthy about the animal. The cost is just \$100 per animal, or a discounted rate of \$75 per cow when you advertise four or more. Every Ayrshire herd in the U.S. should be represented in the Yearbook, whether it be your high producers, flush cows, show cows, promising heifers and more! Bulls with semen being marketed may also be advertised in the Yearbook!

Start making plans now to get your pictures ready as we won't have time to wait. The deadline for entries is August 1, 2016. All photos must be in by August 15, 2016.

The final deadline for the 2016 REWARDS program is approaching!
Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2016. REWARDS is the solution for breeders looking for convenience and cost-savings to enhance the value of their Registered Ayrshires.
Applications are available online: www.usayrshire.com/news.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DEADLINES

March 31, 2016 - Final deadline for 2016 REWARDS program

April 1, 2016 - ABA Intern applications due

April 4, 2016 - Advertising deadline for May/June Ayrshire Digest

April 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, LA, AR, MO, OK, TX

May 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for WI

May 15, 2016 - U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Foundation 2016 grant applications due

May 15, 2016 - ABA Virtual Tour sign-up deadline for the World Ayrshire Conference

June 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for CA, NV, AZ, NM, WA, OR, MT, ID, UT, CO

June 24, 2016 - Advertising deadline for July/August Ayrshire Digest

July 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for IN, MI, OH, WV

July 25, 2016 - Advertising deadline for U.S. breeders advertising in the September/October special Ayrshire Digest for the World Conference

August 10, 2016 - Classification sign-up deadline for NY, ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI

SALES

April 1, 2016 - Ohio Ayrshire Spring Sale, Columbus, OH

April 8, 2016 - New York Color Breeds Sale, Syracuse, NY

April 8, 2016 - Kentucky National Sale, Louisville, KY

April 9, 2016 - Wisconsin Spring Sale, Neillsville, WI

April 16, 2016 - PA Spring Sale, Shippensburg, PA

June 17, 2016 - Grand National Ayrshire Sale, Oklahoma City, OK

October 1, 2016 - World Ayrshire Conference Embryo Sale, The Dells, WI

October 7, 2016 - World Ayrshire Event Sale, Madison, WI

MEETINGS

June 13-17, 2016 - National Ayrshire Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

September 20 - October 9, 2016 - World Ayrshire Conference, USA

SHOWS

April 1, 2016 - OH Spring National Ayrshire Show, Columbus, OH

April 9, 2016 - NY Spring Carousel Ayrshire Show, Syracuse, NY

April 16, 2016 - PA Open Spring Heifer Show, Shippensburg, PA

September 19, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic National Junior Show, Harrisburg, PA

September 20, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic National Show (heifers), Harrisburg, PA - Judge Mary Creek

September 21, 2016 - Mid-Atlantic National Show (cows), Harrisburg, PA - Judge Mary Creek

September 22, 2016 - Eastern States National Show at The Big E, West Springfield, MA - Judge Robert Fitzsimmons

October 6, 2016 - International Show (heifers) at World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI - Judge Molly Sloan

October 7, 2016 - International Show (cows) at World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI - Judge Molly Sloan

November 5, 2016 - Southern National Junior Show at NAILE, Louisville, KY - Judge Julie Hemp

November 8, 2016 - Southern National Show at NAILE, Louisville, KY - Judge Selwyn Donald

Please send your calendar dates to the ABA office!

ABA Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2015

Registrations

	Member	Non-Member
Females: Under 4 months	\$17.00	\$28.00
Females: 4 to 8 months	\$27.00	\$37.00
Females: 8 to 12 months	\$32.00	\$42.00
Females: 12 to 24 months	\$45.00	\$55.00
Females: 24 months & older	\$60.00	\$70.00
Females: < 75% Purebred	\$10.00	\$10.00
Ancestor Registration	\$10.00	\$10.00
Duplicate/Revised Application	\$10.00	\$10.00
Application Forms	Free	Free
	Online	Online

Male registration fee for those born before July 1, 2011

Males: Under 8 months	\$25.00	\$35.00
Males: 8 to 24 months	\$60.00	\$70.00
Males: 24 months & older	\$75.00	\$100.00

Male registration for those born July 1, 2011 & later

	Member	Non-Member
(Fee includes DNA testing fee)		
Males: Under 8 months	\$100.00	\$110.00
Males: 8 to 24 months	\$150.00	\$160.00
Males: 24 months & older	\$200.00	\$210.00

Memberships

Junior, valid until 21 years of age	\$10.00
Senior	\$25.00
Corp. or Partnership	\$25.00

DNA Testing

Females	\$45.00
Males (for those on REWARDS, otherwise included with registration fee)	\$45.00

Transfers

	Rewards	Non-Rewards
0-60 days from sale date (domestic)	\$15.00*	\$20.00
More than 60 days from sale date (domestic)	\$30.00*	\$35.00
From Canada to the United States	\$15.00	\$20.00
To Canada, 0-60 days from sale date	\$20.00	\$20.00
To Canada, > than 60 days from sale date	\$25.00	\$25.00
Family transfers	\$ 7.00	\$10.00

Reservations

Farm Name (one-time charge)	\$50.00
Tattoo number/letters (one-time charge)	\$20.00

Pedigrees

Three-generation pedigree	\$ 6.00
Three-generation pedigree - online	\$ 4.00
Four-generation pedigree	\$ 8.00
Four-generation pedigree - online	\$ 6.00
Sale catalog pedigree (in catalog format)	\$12.50

Rewards Program

For convenience and cost-savings, REWARDS bundles registrations for animals up to four months old, pedigrees, classification, genetic summaries, monthly DHI production records and herd reports into one all-inclusive package. Contact the ABA for more detailed Rewards Program information

\$100 annual fee plus \$18 per milking age female

Classification Program

REWARDS herds - no additional fees for males or females

Basic Program - \$110 minimum charge or \$12 per animal for female

Males - \$130 minimum charge or \$20 per bull. If scoring females as well, no additional herd fee.

Late fee - \$100 may be assigned if the sign-up date has passed and schedules have been determined

Sire Summaries

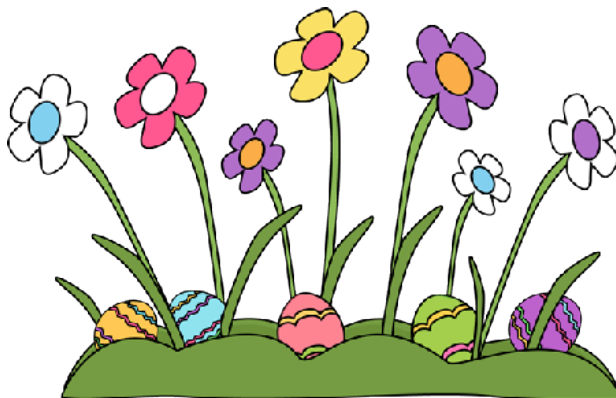
Blue Book - One year subscription (3 issues)	\$30.00
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Ayrshire Digest

One year, periodical rate	\$35.00
Three years, periodical rate	\$95.00
One year, first class rate	\$50.00
Three years, first class rate	\$130.00
One year, International (U.S. funds)	\$60.00
Breeders' Directory	\$40.00

Rush Fees

Rush fee for registration/transfer processing	\$35.00
Overnight shipping registrations/transfers	\$35.00
(for standard overnight envelopes, oversized packages contact ABA for more pricing information)	



The ABA office
will be closed in
observance of
the Easter
holiday on
Friday,
March 25, 2016