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## “Winter Cow Syndrome” Puts Older Cows at Risk

By Bob Larson, Kansas State University

“Winter cow syndrome” is a term used to describe individual cows or groups of cows that experience a significant decline in body weight and condition over the winter – sometimes becoming extremely thin, even to the point of death.

The cause is usually due to a combination of factors including physical factors of the cow(s), feed quantity and characteristics, and weather.

Cows greater than 10 years of age tend to be at higher risk for “winter cow syndrome” because some cows in this age group will have “broken mouths” or no teeth. While these cows may be able to maintain body weight when grazing growing forage, they are at risk of losing weight on dormant forage or hay.

In addition, heifers that are still growing have greater energy needs than mature cows and are also at risk for winter cow syndrome.

Cows with other disease problems such as pneumonia, liver disease, or severe parasitism (lice or intestinal worms) increase their risk for winter cow syndrome.

Feed quality is an important factor contributing to winter cow syndrome. Many extremely thin cows have a rumen full of poorly digestible forage. Mature dormant forage or hay harvested when the plant was mature tends to have a high lignin content, low protein and low available calories.



Because high-Lignin/low-protein forages have a very slow passage rate through the digestive tract, cows eating these types of forages are able to consume only about one-half to two-thirds that number of pounds of forage per day compared to cows eating higher-quality forage. This combination of low intake and low available energy per pound of feed can easily result in cows losing weight very rapidly even when eating all they can consume.

### Vitamin Deficiencies

In addition, mature forages are often borderline to deficient in phosphorus, occasionally deficient in calcium, and also low in vitamin A. Calcium content of many types of grass decreases

somewhat as forage matures and becomes dormant but usually maintains levels that supply dietary needs throughout the year. However, by mid-winter phosphorus levels in forage can decrease greatly, particularly for some types of forage.

The content of both calcium and phosphorus in forage is not the only important variable – intake also plays a critical role. When forage is dormant or of poor quality and intake is decreased, phosphorus and calcium intake can drop below minimum levels even when cows are grazing what appears to be adequate forage according to laboratory analysis.

Vitamin A is the vitamin most likely to be deficient in cattle diets, and although carotene (which is converted to vitamin A) is plentiful in green, growing forage; large losses take place in the curing and storage of roughages. Particularly, hay cut in the seed stage and exposed to rain or to extended periods of sunshine prior to baling has lost most of the carotene content.

While it is true that while grazing green forages, cattle can store vitamin A in the liver for two to four months, cows consuming dormant forage or poor-quality hay for several months can deplete these reserves.



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# Memories Over The Years



A different item for the South Dakota Benefit Auction - 2009.



Commercial Producer of the Year, Jay Langdeau - 2011.



Wendell Butler, Pioneer Limousin breeder from Iowa - 2010.



Good time socializing at a sale - 2013.



Former Limousin World representative, Thad Combs - 2019.



The HLA cruise to Mexico - 2009.



Steve Summers and Ed Pinegar - 2016.



The Heartland Fall Female Sale - 2010.



Dean's hat almost fits Junior Brawner - 2019.



National Commercial Producer of the Year, Logan DeRungs - 2023.



Pioneer Limousin breeders, Ben Price and Gene Raymond - 2010.



Jay & Lori Straight and the Summerbells teamed up to purchase Liberty from the Liberty Ranch Horse and Cattle Sale - 2010.



Herman & Judy Symens



The HLA conference attendees met for dinner in Omaha - 2019.



The HLA conference held in Council Bluffs, Iowa - 2019.



Missouri breeders at Cole Abele's sale - 2011.



Mexico Riviera Cruise - 2009.



The Heartland Limousin Riders for the 2011 annual reinactment of the Pony Express.



Dean and Andy Rest - 2020.



The Denver National Western Yards - 2010.

# HEARTLAND CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 13 Hunt Limousin Heritage Ranch Online Sale – L365Auctions.com
- 22 Bullis Creek Ranch Annual Production Sale, at the farm – Wood Lake, NE
- 27 ATAK Limousin “New Year’s Resolution Sale of 2024” – Avon, IL

## FEBRUARY

- 1 South Dakota Limousin Association Annual Meeting, Banquet/  
Benefit Auction – Rapid City, SD
- 2 Black Hills Stock Show & Sale, Convention Center – Rapid City, SD
- 8 Venner Limousin “Nine Plus 1” Online Sale – L365Auctions.com
- 10 Treftz Limousin “Where Muscle Still Matters” Sale, at the farm –  
Wetonka, SD
- 11 Iowa Beef Expo Limousin Sale, Iowa State Fairgrounds – Des Moines, IA
- 15 ROM’N Limousin Annual Online Bull Sale – L365Auctions.com
- 17 43rd Annual GV Limousin Production Sale – Garnett, KS
- 18 Spring Creeks Cattle Co. Annual Bull Sale – Fenimore, SD
- 20 Bar JZ Ranches Annual Sale, at the farm – Holabird, SD
- 21 Nebraska Cattleman’s Classic Limousin Show – Kearney, NE
- 21 Vaughn Limousin “Future Generations” Bull Sale – Napoleon, ND
- 22 Nebraska Cattleman’s Classic Limousin Sale – Kearney, NE
- 22 Symens Brothers Annual Production Sale, at the farm – Amherst, SD
- 23 Wieczorek Limousin Annual Bull Sale, at the farm – Mount Vernon, SD
- 24 Loney Valley Limousin “Keepin’ Kind” Bull Sale, at the farm –  
Creston, NE

## MARCH

- 1 Heartland Limousin Association Annual Meeting, Banquet/Benefit  
Auction, Linhart Sale Facility – Leon, IA
- 2 Linhart Limousin “Business Done Right” Bull Sale, at the farm – Leon, IA
- 4 Buck Ridge Cattle Co. Spring Production Sale – Seymour, MO
- 6 Straight’s Herd Sire Edition Online Sale – SC Online Sales
- 11 Boyer Limousin Annual Production Sale, at the farm – Liberty, NE
- 24 Bruner Limousin “Genetic Power Bull Sale” – Madison, SD
- 26-27 Wulf Cattle Open House, Sandy Ridge Ranch – Atkinson, NE

## APRIL

- 3 Wulf Cattle Annual “Opportunity Sale of 2024” – DV Auctions
- 6 Ludens Family Limousin Annual Production Sale, at the farm –  
Viborg, SD
- 9 Hager Cattle Co. Annual Bull Sale, at the ranch – Karlsruhe, ND
- 10 Peterson’s L7 Bar Limousin Annual Production Sale, at the ranch –  
Pukwana, SD
- 23 Linhart Divas Online Show Heifer Sale – SC Online Sales
- 27 Missouri Limousin Breeders Association Annual Sale, Meeting,  
Banquet/Benefit Auction – Lebanon, MO

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## **VL Long Shot 305L**

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**VORT  
307L**



**VORT  
308L**

## **VL Ledger 308L**

VL JIM BEAM 114J x VL CANDY CRUSH 503C

HP/Blk • Purebred • CE: 13 BW: 0.6 WW: 66 YW: 104 MK: 22 RE: 1.2 MB: 0.02 \$MI: 54

Sired by an Envision son we raised and own with Wulf Cattle. Ledger offers a light birthweight coupled with outstanding performance. He brings length, depth and quality to the table.

## **AVAM Louie 316L**

DEBV GLADIATOR 917G x DEBV GLORIANA 932G ET

HP/HB • 79% Limousin • CE: 10 BW: -0.1 WW: 57 YW: 92 MK: 24 RE: 0.84 MB: 0.21 \$MI: 57

This high-percentage bull offers a lot of predictability with many great matrons in his pedigree. Well balanced in all areas—individual performance and EPD numbers.



**AVAM  
316L**



**MSHP  
317L**

## **MSHP Lil Mister Lucas 317L**

VL JIM BEAM 114J x MSHP LIL MS GORGEOUS 910G

HP/Blk • Purebred • CE: 10 BW: 2.9 WW: 76 YW: 120 MK: 20 RE: 1.09 MB: 0.01 \$MI: 57

An excellent performance, sound structured, commercially oriented VL Jim Beam son. If your calf crop needs a shot of performance and doability, Lucas will complete your puzzle.

## **MSHP Luke Skywalker 323L**

CYWD JACK FROST 38J x MSHP HERMIONE 001H

HP/HB • 63% Lim-Flex • CE: 11 BW: 2.4 WW: 68 YW: 102 MK: 26 RE: 0.72 MB: 0.26 \$MI: 62

This bull is an outstanding puzzle piece if you like to keep your own replacement females. Skywalker is elite and should improve marbling in most operations.



**MSHP  
323L**



**DEBV  
330L**

## **DEBV Las Vegas 330L**

DEBV GLADIATOR 917G x CELL 7153E ET

HP/HB • 75% Lim-Flex • CE: 17 BW: -1.7 WW: 51 YW: 81 MK: 21 RE: 0.75 MB: 0.13 \$MI: 51

A sure-fire heifer bull as his dam has consistently produced lightweight calves. He is so good phenotypically his progeny will be in great demand. If you desire an easy calving season and calves with good structure as well as mouthwatering eye appeal, Las Vegas is for you.

*Contact us for more information on these bulls selling privately.*

# COVERING GROUND ...

By Dean Summerbell



I can't believe after 110 issues of the Heart Beat, we are on the last two issues to put together. There will be some reminiscing about sales and events that Beverly and I covered in this issue of the Heart Beat. I am still adjusting to the idea that the time has come for someone who is younger and healthier to pick up the Heartland banner and continue the service to our members and readers promoting Limousin cattle.

Looking back over my years in this role, the major change I have seen is the improvement of Limousin genetics in the breed's characteristics. Whether we are looking at Fullblood, Purebred or Lim-Flex genetics, what a difference

in structure, docility and yield grade from our breed makeup in 2001 to the present time.

From my standpoint, the biggest change is the improved docility. In 2001, the Limousin reputation was a wild, pencil-gutted animal that was considered too risky to have. That reputation is no longer valid; although it is hard to convince some of our older ranchers we achieved a number one rating for docility. From many Limousin bulls twenty years ago who would love to put your body over the fence to now loving to have their back scratched, that change has improved ease of handling and better carcasses at harvest time.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

In 2001, our yield grade was Select or Standard for the most part, with a small percentage reaching the Choice evaluation. Now Standard grade is no longer a concern. Our percentage of Choice is now the majority with even some Prime carcasses. Our improved marbling is a major factor in our overall carcass evaluation. Our ability to grade Choice and maintain a higher yield is ideal. Although we probably have a decrease in muscle percentage from what we had, we have had better acceptance in the commodity market. In my opinion, (just my opinion), we do not need to lose any more muscle in Limousin-crossed calves. Red meat yield is an advantage in the Limousin breed.

When it comes to structure, Limousin cattle have increased rib size and depth. Maybe we have lost some efficiency in feeding, but it still is an advantage in the feed lot.

Beef prices are the highest they have been. In short, for the commercial producer, good times are here for the beef industry. Unfortunately, our good prices have been generated in part by our decline in the cattle population thanks to the drought in the Midwest states. Disturbing reports of the number of higher than usual open cows after pregnancy checks are troubling. It will be very interesting to find out what might be responsible for the high open rate, some rising to 50% of some herds.

In closing, I want to *thank* all members and readers for their outstanding support of the Heartland Limousin Association. We will always owe a debt of gratitude to the Limousin breeders for their acceptance of Beverly and me. Good luck in the future endeavors of the breed and its users.

I need to quit writing because our Limi steaks are ready for the grill!

## WANTED

### Items & Bids for Heartland Limousin Association Benefit Auction

The auction will begin online at [L365Auctions.com](http://L365Auctions.com) and end at the Heartland Banquet/Benefit Auction March 1, 2024. The auction will be at the Linhart Sale Facility near Leon, Iowa.

Kiley McKinna and Randy Ratliff will take phone bids throughout the live auction.



We will need photos of donated items sent to: [bjsummerbell@gmail.com](mailto:bjsummerbell@gmail.com) so they can be posted online.

Contact Dean Summerbell (612/963-3799) or any member of the HLA board of directors to donate or leave a bid(s) on items.

Check out the HLA Facebook page and L365 for updated information and photos of the donated items.

## Mark Your Calendar!

The Heartland Limousin Association (HLA) invites everyone to attend their annual meeting, banquet and benefit auction. Mark your calendar for Friday, March 1, 2024.

The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Linhart Sale Facility near Leon, Iowa. This event is held in conjunction with the Linhart "Business Done Right" Bull Sale the next day. The banquet is FREE, and it is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with Limousin breeders from across the country.

The benefit auction is the main fundraising event for the Heartland Limousin Association for the year. The money raised on the auction goes to support the salary of the Executive Secretary as well as cover the cost of travel expenses. We do appreciate your support of the HLA!

**MARCH**

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## Temperature Concerns

Cows are able to withstand cold winter temperatures as long as they have a dry winter haircoat and adequate body fat. Cows in adequate body condition with a dry haircoat will start to require additional energy to maintain their body temperature when the windchill drops below freezing (32° F) until the cows adapt to the lower temperature – in general, about 1% more energy for each 1° F below freezing.

For example, if the windchill averages 20° F over several days, cows with a dry winter haircoat will require 12% more energy than cows exposed to temperatures above freezing.

The greatest weather stress occurs if hair becomes wet or mud-caked – in which case, the critical temperature rises to about 59° F and cows require 1 to 2% more energy for each degree of windchill below 59° F. In this situation, an average windchill of 20° F results in cows needing about 40 to 80% more energy just to maintain their current weight.

When intake cannot meet this requirement, body fat will be mobilized to supply the deficient energy.

Prolonged periods of exposure to low windchill temperatures (especially if the haircoat is not dry) coupled with poor-quality forage where intake physically cannot be increased, results in rapid weight loss. If cows are thin to start with, the combination of poor-quality forage and low environmental temperatures will lead to extremely thin cows that may be low in phosphorous and vitamin A (and potentially other nutrients) and these cows are often unable to rise (i.e. downer cow).

The likelihood that a downer cow due to winter cow syndrome can return to health and productivity is low to very low depending on the severity of the weight loss, the current level of environmental stress, and the availability of high-quality forages and supplements.

## Management Strategies

The best strategy to prevent winter cow syndrome is two-fold. First, “mouth” and body condition score the cows in the fall and cull any gummer and broken mouth cows and separate thin cows and feed them so that they gain weight and are in adequate condition by the start of colder weather.

Second, have a good forage management and winter supplementation plan that results in cows that maintain adequate body condition throughout the year.

On native range, dormant winter forage will likely need protein supplementation to ensure adequate intake and digestibility of mature

plants. In addition, energy may need to be supplemented during periods of cold stress.

The amount and type of winter supplementation of hay will depend on the quality of the hay being fed. Cows consuming high-quality hay may require no additional supplementation. However, if the hay has adequate protein, an emphasis on energy supplementation may be required during periods of environmental stress.

If low-protein hay is being fed, protein may need to be supplemented as well.

For herds that calve starting in late winter or early spring, late winter coincides with the last 50 days of gestation and the early post-calving period. Cows in late gestation require about 1.8 pounds of protein per day and about 11.3 mega-calories of energy (if not cold-stressed).

Once cows start lactating, their protein and energy requirement increases dramatically. Early lactation cows will require about 2.5 pounds of protein per day and about 16.4 mega-calories of energy.

Cows can be supplemented with a variety of feeds with the best feed for a particular situation depending on cost, availability and ease of handling. Good-quality grass or legume hay, by-product feeds such as wheat midds, corn gluten feed, distillers grains, or soy hulls, commodities such as corn or whole soybeans, and commercial cubes or tubs are all potential winter supplements.

Regardless of the source, the total diet of forage and supplement should supply adequate energy, protein, salt, phosphorus and calcium.

In addition to a good forage management and supplementation plan, it is wise to have contingency plans for thin cows as well as for extreme weather events. If you identify some cows that have lost body condition during the winter, they should be separated from the herd and fed a higher energy diet. In addition, extra feed should be available for periods of extended cold temperatures to avoid excessive weight loss.

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# "On the Road Again"



By Bev Summerbell

I've been looking at the Heart Beat magazines from years past and it is really interesting to see how it has evolved over the years. The same is true when looking at pictures from when we first started with HLA back in 2001. Not only have the people changed, but the cattle have undergone a lot of changes as well.

In last year's January/February "On the Road Again" column, I highlighted my prayers for the New Year. This year, as I reflect back to 2001 when Dean and I started working for the Heartland Limousin Association, these were some of our thoughts as we began a new job.

May this New Year (job)  
Bring many opportunities your way,  
To explore every joy of life,  
Turn all your dreams into reality and  
All your efforts into great achievements.  
Happy New Year!

We started the job in August of 2001, not knowing what the future would bring. We knew there were **opportunities** to grow the association. We logged many miles on our vehicles traveling to Limousin shows, sales and other events. We also stopped along the way to visit our Limousin seedstock and commercial producers. Those visits were some of the highlights of our years with HLA.

Our association with the Limousin breed and its members gave us the pleasure of **exploring** a wide variety of joys in our life. We organized three cruises for Limousin members to Alaska, the Panama Canal, and the Mexican Riviera. Dean and I also attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas for many years. During that time, we had Limousin breeders join us for the rodeo and the "A Night On The Town" Sale. We have not only taken part in these Limousin activities, but we have also traveled across the country and Canada with Limousin friends we have made throughout the years.

Our **dream**, when we first took the position of HLA Executive Secretary and Heart Beat editor, was to stay at the job

for as long as possible. I would say that we have successfully achieved that goal, working longer than we ever expected.

Our **efforts** back then were to meet as many Limousin people as possible, attend every event, grow the newspaper, and help promote Limousin genetics. We feel that we have **achieved** those goals. We were blessed to have been welcomed by so many breeders and we rarely missed an event in the Heartland. We even expanded our travels to Limousin events outside the Heartland states. The Heart Beat changed from a black and white newspaper to a full-color glossy paper. The mailing list is now at 5,500 readers and it keeps growing. We try to include as much information as possible in each issue of the paper, promoting breeders and Limousin genetics.

As our time with HLA comes to a close in March, we want to **thank** everyone for your continued support. We could not have done this without your friendship, assistance with the HLA sponsored junior shows, your willingness to donate and/or purchase items at the benefit auction, advertise in the Heart Beat, and members who have graciously served on the HLA Board of Directors over the past 23 years—**Thank You!**



Thad & Alissa Fosdick and their daughters Hattie and Thea of Chenoa, IL, welcomed a new addition to their family. Thane Eldon was born on November 5, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. Thad & Alissa were both on the NALJA Board of Directors. Congratulations!

## Recipe of the Month

I would like to share a very simple recipe that my mom used to make. It only has a few ingredients and is quick to put together.

Bev Summerbell

### HAMBURGER & POTATO CASSEROLE

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 4 large potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt & Pepper, to taste
- \*You could add some sliced carrots.



#### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. Brown the hamburger, drain the grease, and add salt and pepper.
4. Layer potatoes and beef, beginning with a layer of potatoes at the bottom of the dish.
5. Spread hamburger evenly over the potatoes.
6. Mix soup with milk until well combined.
7. Pour soup over beef layer and bake for 1 hour.
8. Add cheese on top and bake for an additional 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.



Congratulations to James Simpson & Lexi Bohlander of Brookings, SD, who were united in marriage November 11, 2023 at The Legends in Sartell, MN. Lexi is the daughter of Julie Symens and the granddaughter of the late Herman & Judy Symens of Sisseton, SD.



Mila, one-year-old daughter of Andrew & Courtney Rios of Rapid City, SD, is having fun looking at Grandpa Glenn Treftz's ad in the Heart Beat.

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BW: 2.2 WW: 82 YW: 127 MK: 28 DC: 14 MB: 0.10 \$MI: 61



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Wulfs Eisenhower 3616E x HUNT Miss Ace 42F  
BW: 2.3 WW: 88 YW: 129 MK: 28 DC: 14 MB: -0.12 \$MI: 55



## HUNT LEX 133L

PB • HP/Red • 3/2/23  
FILL Danny 211D x HUNT Miss Yukon 51D  
BW: 2.6 WW: 78 YW: 111 MK: 23 DC: 16 MB: -0.12 \$MI: 53

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78% Limousin • HP/Blk • 2/18/23  
AHCC Earning Power 900E x DANH Miss Fill 27G  
BW: 1.0 WW: 78 YW: 120 MK: 22 DC: 16 MB: 0.27 \$MI: 65

# Junior Beat



Garrett Lampe of Tallula, IL, judged the Limousin females at the Minnesota Beef Expo Junior Show in St. Paul.



The Schmalshof kids of Avon, IL, have fun at cattle sales.

Theodore Schatz of LeCenter, MN, waited in line to exhibit his March heifer at the Minnesota Beef Expo.



Dean Summerbell interviewed juniors at the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Project (MYBEP) at the Minnesota Beef Expo, held annually each October at the state fairgrounds in St. Paul.



Junior cowpokes need a hearty lunch before looking at cattle at the Linhart cattle sale.



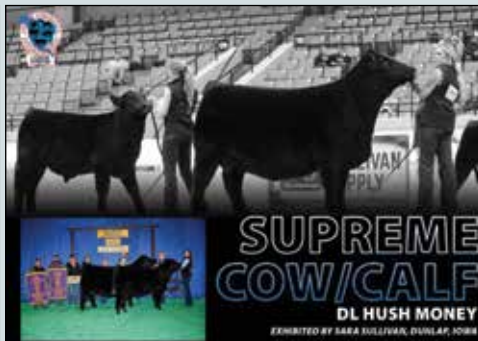
Congratulations, Kacey and Konrad Boyer, sons of Amy & Jason Boyer of Weldon, IA, who received their FFA American Farmer Degrees November 4, 2023, at the 96th Annual FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.



FFA was founded on November 20, 1928, at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, MO. At that time, 33 student leaders took action to begin a new agriculture organization that would have a positive effect for generations to come. This year was the 96th anniversary of the founding of this association.



Cogin Schilling, Old 24 Cattle of Goodland, KS, took home the Reserve Grand Champion banner at the AGR Preview Show December 15-16, 2023, at the state fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. His heifer, PBRS DL Landslide 335L ET is a 2/26/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 65% Lim-Flex daughter of ELCX Kings Landing 599 D ET out of WLR Eden ET. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sara Sullivan of Dunlap, IA, for exhibiting the **Supreme** Grand Champion Female at the 2023 NAILE Open Limousin Show in Louisville, KY. Breck Debnam of Glenville, PA, served as the judge for the show. DL Hush Money, a 2/4/20, double black, double polled, 65% Lim-Flex daughter of ELCX Kings Landing 599 D ET out of SSTS Courtney 5877C, was also the Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair.



Emery & Levi Marthaler of Hastings, MN, both won the "People's Choice" award in the Minnesota Beef Expo photo contest. Congratulations!



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# Iowa News...

## Iowa Annual Meeting Held in Ames

### Annual Meeting, Banquet/ Benefit Auction

Members of the Iowa Limousin Association (ILA) traveled to Ames for the Iowa Limousin Association Annual Meeting, Banquet and Benefit Auction on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The event took place at the Iowa Cattlemen's Building.

The day began with a meeting of the senior board followed by the annual member meeting and the junior meeting. Paul Millhollin, president, welcomed everyone. Reports were given by Grant Anderson, ILA secretary/treasurer; Dean Summerbell, HLA Executive Secretary; Ann Vorthmann, IA Beef Expo Sale, and Paul Millhollin, IA Beef Breeds Council representative. The ILA board voted to cancel the Iowa "Limi Lady Classic" for 2024; however, they noted that it could resume at a later date.

### Awards

The ILA members nominated seedstock and commercial producers for several awards that will be given at the Iowa Beef Expo in February. The "Seedstock Producer of the Year" is Clanton Creek of Peru; the "Commercial Producer of the Year" is Darin Scheer of Mapleton, IA, and the "Hall of Fame" inductees are Grant and Brena Anderson of Garner.

Leih Limousin: Ed, Bill and Dave Leih, of New Virginia, was inducted into the Iowa Limousin Association "Hall of Fame" posthumously.

### Juniors

The junior members who have exhibited Champion Limousin and Lim-Flex cattle this past year across the state of Iowa, regionally and nationally, were recognized at the banquet. We appreciate your enthusiasm and accomplishments promoting the Limousin breed.

### Election

The board would like to express their appreciation to Dana Duckett of Grimes, Grant Anderson of Garner, and Dave Book of Logan who are retiring from the Board of Directors. *Thank you* for your service to the association!

Members who were elected to serve on the board were Lowell Hermon, Kaitlyn Boyer and Feron Leonard.

### Banquet

The Iowa Limousin Association would like to thank Sarah Long for cooking the beef brisket, Becky Duckett for making the loaded mashed potatoes, greens beans and coleslaw, and Deb Miller for baking the cupcakes for dessert. The ILA provided the beverages for the meal.

### Benefit Auction

The evening concluded with the benefit auction, auctioned by Roger Vorthmann. There were a variety of interesting items including several Christmas signs and decorations, a cow/calf sawblade, an Iowa State University outdoor spinning wheel and basketball tickets. There was also a variety of food items including fudge, pie, cinnamon nuts and beef sticks. Semen packages and semen collections were also auctioned off.

The ILA would like to *thank* everyone who donated and/or purchased items on the auction. The money raised goes to support the senior and junior associations for the upcoming year.



Ava Miller and Maria Long did a super job displaying the items for the benefit auction at the Iowa Limousin Annual Meeting.



The 2023-24 Iowa Junior Limousin Association Board of Directors - Front row: Emmet Long, President; Jayme Vinton, Vice President; Dalton Miller, Secretary; Paige Baier, Treasurer. Back row: Kacey Boyer, Peyton Long, Ava Miller, Maria Long.



The 2023-24 Iowa Senior Limousin Association Board of Directors - Front row: Paul Millhollin, President; Fritz Baier, Vice President; William Long, Secretary; Drew Abbas, Treasurer. Back row: Brian Hait, Lowell Hermon, Deb Miller, Jason Boyer, Mark Leonard.



Junior exhibitors and their prizes: Elsie Jensen, Jayme Vinton, Ava Miller, Michael Jensen, Mason Shipman, Emmet Long, Dalton Miller and Dawson Book (right).



Congratulations to Emmet Long of Afton, IA, who was named Iowa Junior Limousin "Herdsman of the Year". The award was sponsored this year by Mahlon Kurtz and Dana Duckett, Duckett Limousin of Grimes.





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# Iowa News...

## Leih Limousin Inducted into ILA "Hall of Fame"

Ed, Bill and Dave Leih, Leih Limousin, of New Virginia, Iowa, were inducted posthumously into the Iowa Limousin Association "Hall of Fame" on November 11, 2023. The ceremony took place during the ILA meeting and banquet at the Iowa Cattlemen's Building in Ames.

They were recognized for their long-time commitment to raising, promoting and selling Limousin cattle, not only as seedstock producers but also with youth within their community. Leih Limousin was a father and son duo – Edward (1924-2015), William "Bill" (1950-2013) and David (1952-2019). Beyond those three, Leih Limousin eventually expanded to include children and grandchildren.

Leih Limousin was started in the late

1970s with the purchase of two bulls from a sale in Pierre, South Dakota. In 1981, Bill bought a show heifer for his daughter, Michelle, for her to show at the fair. From the original purchase of bulls, the Leihs were believers in Limousin genetics, and each spent their lifetime raising and promoting Limousin cattle.

They had loyal bull customers that learned to contact them early to ensure they got the bulls they needed for the breeding season. Leih Limousin also raised and sold natural cattle to Laura's Lean Beef.

Bill and Dave were both actively involved in the Warren County Fair, serving as the Market and Breeding Beef Superintendents respectively. Dave had cattle at the Warren County Fair for 56

years, whether it was his own kids, the neighborhood kids or his grandchildren showing the cattle. They enjoyed attending Limousin cattle shows, especially when all six of their grandchildren were in the show ring together.

In 2008, Leih Limousin competed in the Iowa State Fair Super Bull Contest. The "Warden" bull, weighing in at 2,902 lbs. placed second in the contest, just a few pounds less than the winning Charolais bull.

The Iowa Limousin Association congratulates Leih Limousin on their induction to the Hall of Fame!



*Congratulations to Leih Limousin of New Virginia, IA, for being inducted into the Iowa Limousin "Hall of Fame." Accepting the award from President Paul Millhollin was Glenda Sieren.*

### Mark Your Calendar



The Iowa Beef Expo Limousin Sale begins at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024. This is the same day and time as the sale last year.

The sale will be held in the North Annex sale ring in the State Fair Coliseum in Des Moines. If you are not able to

attend, you can be on the phone with any of the Limousin representatives at the sale or you can bid online at LiveAuctions.TV.

There are also several online and production sales that will be held in Iowa in February and March. Linhart Limousin will hold their Annual

"Business Done Right" Bull Sale in Leon on March 2nd. The Venner Limousin "Nine Plus 1" Online Sale is on February 8th, Straight's "Herd Sire Edition" Online Sale is March 6th, and Linhart's Divas Online Show Heifer Sale will be on March 23rd.



*Thank you to the great Iowa cooks, Becky Duckett and Sarah Long, who prepared and served the brisket meal with all the fixings for the Iowa Limousin Association Banquet.*



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## Mission Statement of the Heartland Limousin Association



The purpose for which the HLA is organized is to serve as a service organization designed to promote and further enhance the Limousin breed of cattle in the seven state area comprised of IA, KS, MN, MO, NE and SD.

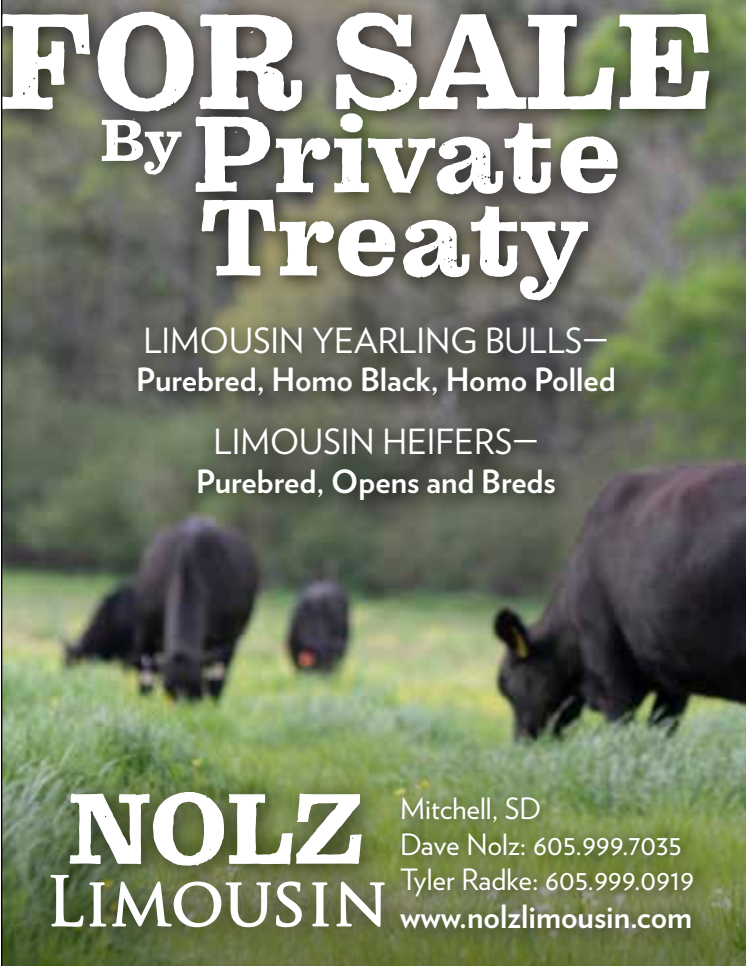
The goals for the Association shall include promotion, strengthening state and junior associations within the region; development of a regional publication; improvement of communication and a unified attitude of breeders; to provide market information and expertise; to serve as a coordinator of events between the Association and the industry; to increase breeder involvement; and to strengthen ties between the NALF and the Heartland Limousin Association.

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DC: 10 YG: -0.28 CW: 35 RE: 0.93 MB: 0.15 \$MI: 61



**SYES LAWMAN 195L**

PB • HP/Red • 3/28/23 • BW: 94 lbs. • Adj. WW: 663 lbs.

WZRK Jimmy Dean 9040J x Miss SYES Devils Lake 695G

CE: 8 BW: 2.8 WW: 80 YW: 117 MK: 24 CM: 3 SC: 0.46

DC: 19 YG: -0.43 CW: 46 RE: 1.21 MB: 0.15 \$MI: 63



**SYES LONG JOHN 188L**

PB • HP/Red • 3/31/23 • BW: 98 lbs. • Adj. WW: 719 lbs.

SYES John Doe 123J x Miss SYES Arby 688G

CE: 11 BW: -0.6 WW: 63 YW: 102 MK: 26 CM: 5 SC: 0.78

DC: 14 YG: -0.48 CW: 19 RE: 1.15 MB: -0.05 \$MI: 51



**SYES LINEBACKER 59L**

PB • Pld/HB • 3/4/23 • BW: 88 lbs. • Adj. WW: 677 lbs.

SYES Easy Going 77E x Miss SYES Ch Account 19J

CE: 13 BW: -2.0 WW: 59 YW: 87 MK: 25 CM: 7 SC: 0.50

DC: 14 YG: -0.61 CW: 11 RE: 1.28 MB: -0.13 \$MI: 48



**SYES LAST CALL 280L**

PB • HP/Blk • 3/24/23 • BW: 84 lbs. • Adj. WW: 675 lbs.

RMKR Hercules 020H x Miss SYES Arby 680G

CE: 9 BW: 1.4 WW: 74 YW: 110 MK: 24 CM: 3 SC: 1.10

DC: 15 YG: -0.49 CW: 34 RE: 1.18 MB: -0.18 \$MI: 50



**MISS SYES JOHN DOE 192L**

PB • Pld/Red • 2/28/23 • BW: 58 lbs. • Adj. WW: 508 lbs.

SYES John Doe 123J x Miss SYES Ex Chunk 192J

CE: 14 BW: -1.2 WW: 62 YW: 99 MK: 25 CM: 9 SC: 0.68

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# Kansas News...

## Breeders Exhibit Cattle

Many Kansas juniors and breeders traveled to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to take part in the 2024 Cattlemen's Congress the first week in January. The results will be posted in the March/April Heart Beat.

We also want to congratulate the juniors who took part in the Kansas Beef Expo held in November at the state fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

## Thank You

The Kansas Limousin Breeders Association (KLBA) hosted a Pampered Chef party in December. This was a fundraiser for the KLBA, and the money raised goes to help support the associations in the upcoming year.

Natalie Snyder, Pampered Sale Consultant of Fort Scott, serve as the Pampered Chef host. The KLBA would

like to *thank* Natalie for serving as the sale consultant for the party and to everyone who purchased items to help support the association.

## Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 17, 2024, for the 43rd Annual GV Production Sale in Garnett, Kansas.

## Richardsons Serve as Grand Marshall for Cattlemen's Day Parade



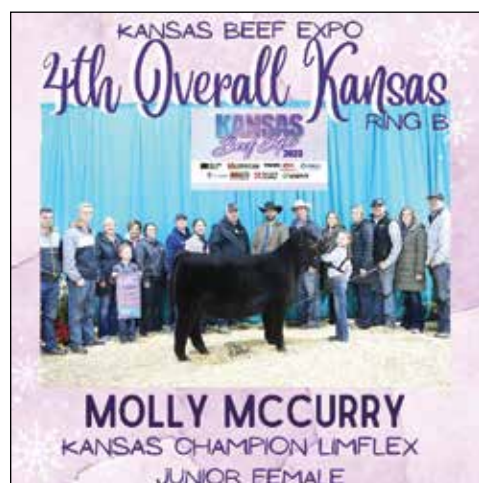
Larry and Betty Richardson of Eureka, Kansas, were honored to be the Grand Marshalls in the 96th Annual Greenwood County Cattlemen's Day Parade. Cattlemen's Day was started many years ago as a way to celebrate the end of the cattle grazing season in the Flint Hills in Kansas. The ranchers would come to town for the celebration.

The event is held on the first Saturday of November. It begins with a pancake breakfast and throughout the day there is a western trade show, live music, a steak cook-off and a parade. The day concludes with the Cattlemen's banquet.

As Grand Marshalls in the parade, the Richardsons rode in a 1975 Cadillac convertible. Larry and Betty attend many Limousin events, supporting their granddaughter, McKenna, and her parents, their son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Jennifer Richardson of Eureka.



McKenna Richardson of Eureka exhibited the **Supreme** Overall Lim-Flex Senior Female in Ring B and Reserve **Supreme** in Ring A at the Kansas Beef Expo in Hutchinson December 9, 2023. The judge for Ring A was Dustin Frank of Nebraska and Tom Hawk of Illinois was in Ring B. TUBB MKNA Kamiksze 230KET is a 5/13/22, homozygous black, double polled, 75% Lim-Flex daughter of TASF Crown Royal 960C ET out of Ratliff Gaby 901G ET.



Molly McCurry of Eureka exhibited the Champion Lim-Flex Junior Female in Ring B with Richardson's Licorice, a 2/6/23, double black, double polled, 70% Lim-Flex daughter of Ratliff George 333G ET out of Ratliff Purple Harmony 0101H ET. She went on to be selected as the 4th Overall Kansas Female.



## Dr. Megan Rolf

Dr. Megan Rolf, an Association Professor at K-State University in Manhattan, KS, presented the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Baker/Cundiff Award to Elizabeth Dresler of Berryton, Kansas. Megan is the BIF scholarship committee chair and BIF Central region secretary.

Megan teaches genetics courses and maintains an active research program in the use of genomics for genetic improvement in livestock. She is the daughter of Walt and Jackie Rolf of LeRoy, Kansas.



## In Memoriam



Gail E. "Tub" Ratliff, age 85, of Westphalia, Kansas, passed away on December 21, 2023, at The Medicalodges Iola, Kansas. Services were held December 29, 2023, at the First Christian Church, Garnett, Kansas.

He was born near Harris, Kansas, the third of six children. The family moved to their farm near Cherry Mound where he attended school, graduating from Westphalia High School in 1955 as the class president.

Tub loved almost all ag related activities and was involved in many facets throughout his life. As a boy, he was active in 4-H, and he showed the State Champion fat lamb in 1955. He was named the Kansas Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer in 1970. Tub served as a 4-H leader for the Cherry Mound 4-H Club for many years.

In the early 1980s when his son, David, was participating in livestock shows, they moved from the local to the state and then on to the national level. As the family grew, Tub made many trips to watch the grandchildren exhibit their livestock. Even in his

later years as he was confronted with health challenges, Tub never lost his passion to make it to watch his grandkids compete.



Tub served on many local, state and national boards over the years including the Anderson County Fair Board, the rural water and electric boards and he was a charter member of the Westphalia Lions Club. He was an active member and board member of the Kansas Limousin Association, the Heartland Limousin Association, and the North American Limousin Foundation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 44 years, Lou, on November 25, 2000, two brothers and a sister.

Tub is survived by a son, David (Michelle) of Westphalia, three daughters Teri (Clay) Campbell, Julia (Lloyd) Willard and Tracy (David) Brown, 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 step great-grandchildren and brother, sister and many friends.

**BAR JZ BRICKYARD 760L**

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CE: 18 BW: -2.0 WW: 81 YW: 136 MK: 35 RE: 0.85 MB: 0.63 \$MI: 79

**BAR JZ ARCHWAY 788L**

Sired by S Architect 9501. HomoP. Blk. 37% LF.

CE: 11 BW: 0.3 WW: 86 YW: 130 MK: 30 RE: 0.56 MB: 0.35 \$MI: 69

**BAR JZ ARCHWAY 800L**

Sired by S Architect 9501. HomoP. Blk. 50% LF.

CE: 10 BW: 0.8 WW: 88 YW: 136 MK: 26 RE: 0.88 MB: 0.30 \$MI: 69

**BAR JZ CABLE 808L**

Sired by MAGS Cable. HomoP. HomoB. 46% LF.

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# Minnesota News...

## Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for March 26-27, the dates for the Wulf Open House at their Sandy Ridge Ranch near Atkinson, Nebraska. This will give you the opportunity to evaluate the cattle on their "Opportunity Sale of 2024" Online Sale April 3, 2024.

Wulf Cattle will be selling 400 bulls and 50 elite open heifers. You can log on to DVAuction.com or Bid. SuperiorLivestock.com to place your bids. If you prefer to be on the phone, any of the sale consultants will be available to bid for you.

## North Star Point Series

The North Star Point Series, the first points system to ever make its way to Minnesota, ended on November 5, 2023, with a banquet and awards ceremony held at the Mill in Waseca, Minnesota. Over 175 juniors and their families attended this event.

The series of all breeds shows began on April 15 with the Chad Schmit Memorial Show in Wabasha, Minnesota, and ended October 22 with the Minnesota Junior Beef Expo Show in St. Paul.

In the Overall Point Total for all breeds, Scott Swanek was 7th Overall Exhibitor and Grace Hoover was 9th Overall. Congratulations to the juniors who exhibited Limousin and Lim-Flex females and steers at the variety of shows throughout the spring, summer and fall.



Grace Hoover of Dundas had a very successful run showing heifers and steers in the North Star Point Series shows. Her Dad, Mike, proudly holds a banner on her far left.



Scott Swanek of Dexter proudly holds his prize for exhibiting the Reserve Champion Heifer.

## Female Winners

Grace Hoover of Dundas took top honors with her Champion Female, BRDG Kiki 772K ET, a 5/10/22, double black, double polled, 75%

Lim-Flex daughter of Schilling Halas ET out of Ratliff Google 911G ET.

The Reserve Champion Female, exhibited by Scott Swanek of Dexter, was SWNK Winnie 1793, an 11/20/21, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 50% Lim-Flex daughter of TASF Crown Royal 960C ET out of EXAR Winnie 5793. This female was also the Champion Bred & Owned Female.

The Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Female was LLSN Linda K50H, a 3/7/22, double black, double polled, 75% Lim-Flex daughter of TASF Crown Royal 960C ET out of LMCC Nalanie 50H ET, exhibited by Lindsey Nielsen of Albert Lea.

## Steers

The top point placing Champion Steer in the Limousin breed was LPL Rigs, a 2/23/22, scurred, 25% Lim-Flex son of Ratliff Majority Rules ET out of a commercial cow 291. He was also the Champion Bred & Owned Steer. He was exhibited by Grace Hoover of Dundas.

Grace also exhibited the Reserve Champion Steer with LPL Rooster, a 3/24/22, double polled, 69% Lim-Flex son of ROMN Floyd Mudhenkey 101F out of DSUL Donna 749E ET.



Trevor Mente, Paul Bartsh and Lakyn Lind, North Star Point Series committee, relaxed after a successful year.



Congratulations to Zach Sleiter of Alexandria, MN, who received the Leonard Wulf Memorial Scholarship at the Minnesota Cattlemen's Convention on December 14, 2023. Zach is pictured with Jerry Wulf, right, who presented the award, and Dennis Sleiter, his grandpa.

## Minnesota Beef Expo Held at State Fairgrounds

The Minnesota Beef Expo was held October 19-22, 2023, at the state fairgrounds in St. Paul. Juniors from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Texas brought their cattle to show at the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum.

Autumn in Minnesota is a great time of year for families in the upper Midwest. Students in Minnesota have a three-day break from school for state teacher meetings, the leaves turn from green to brilliant gold, red and orange, and high school football and soccer playoffs begin. It is also the time when junior beef exhibitors and their families take part in the Minnesota Beef Expo activities.

The weekend was filled with events, educational opportunities, a sale and junior shows.

Juniors also took part in a photography contest, Sullivan Supply Fitting contest, and a showmanship competition. There was a trade show where several vendors and breed associations exhibited their merchandise and literature.

The junior show was held on Sunday, October 22. Fourteen Juniors exhibited Limousin and Lim-Flex females before Judge Garrett Lampe from Tallula, Illinois.



The Grand Champion Limousin Female, SSUL 3259L ET, a 3/11/23, 42% Lim-Flex daughter of Silveiras Forbes 8088 out of Ratliff Howbought 008H ET, was exhibited by Leighton Hackett of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. This heifer was also the Champion Limousin Female at the North Star Classic in Valley City, North Dakota.



The Reserve Grand Champion Female was LLSN Linda K50H, a 3/7/22, double black, double polled, 75% Lim-Flex daughter of TASF Crown Royal out of LMCC Nalanie 50H ET, exhibited by Lindsey Nielsen of Albert Lea, Minnesota.



Congratulations to Royal Beef Genetics of Starbuck, MN, and Wulf Cattle of Morris, MN, for taking home the **Supreme** Champion banner at the 2023 North Star Classic in Valley City, North Dakota, December 1-3. Wiley Fanta exhibited the bull, Royal Knight RBGL 204K ET, a 2/20/22, red, homozygous polled, purebred son of HUNT Credentials 37C ET out of Boss Lake Ms Molly 812F.

# Missouri News...

## Good Job, Juniors

Members of the Missouri Limousin Breeders Association have been busy exhibiting cattle at junior and open shows this year. Congratulations on your successful year in the show ring.

## Mark Your Calendars

March 4, 2024, Buck Ridge Cattle Co. of Seymour will be hosting their Spring Production Sale. At the end of the month, the MLBA will hold their Annual Meeting, Banquet, and Benefit Auction at the Sand Spring Resort near Lebanon. This event will take place on March 27. We hope to see a



Congratulations, Linhart Limousin of Leon, IA, for exhibiting the Champion Limousin at the Chillicothe Winter Preview. The heifer, CELL 3067L ET, a 2/12/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 61% Lim-Flex daughter of AUTO Lucky Guy 140D ET out of CELL Fascination 8231F ET, was the Champion Limousin and went on to be selected 5th Overall at the MCCA Winter Preview Show. The Missouri Club Calf Association (MCCA) is a non-profit organization benefiting youth in the club calf and show industry. These shows took place December 8-10, 2023, in Chillicothe, MO.

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## Missouri News...

### Minor Limousin Featured in the Ozark Farm & Neighbor Magazine

*Information for this article was printed in the October 30, 2023, edition of the Ozark Farm & Neighbor Magazine.*



that don't meet their expectations and sell them at the market. Cows that raise quality calves are kept and some are now 16-20 years old. Most of their breeding is via IVF and embryo transfer. Minor Limousin selects its genetics based on eye appeal, growth rates and milk production.

Their main donor cow is the first show heifer they purchased, Fiona. Most of the Minor herd is fall calving, with a few spring calves expected. The Minors said Limousin had a reputation of being "crazy" years ago, but the breed has worked on the docility score and has made great strides in this area. They want cattle that are calm and easy to work with, especially when they are around their children.

Caleb and Tara Minor of Strafford, Missouri, were featured in the October 30, 2023, edition of the Ozark Farm & Neighbor Magazine. Caleb grew up surrounded by fields and pastures, but his family did not raise cattle. When he was in high school, his dad bought him two cow/calf pairs for a school project. He then went on to purchase 80 acres from his grandparents' 200-acre farm and the farm across the road. Today, Caleb, his wife Tara, and their children Gabe and Reagan, have a little more than 100 head of Limousin cattle.

He purchased his first Limousin in 2008, running commercial cattle for quite a few years. Then they decided to switch to raising registered Limousin cattle in 2016. One of their goals was to have their children involved in the agriculture world. Their focus is on producing quality, eye-appealing females for the pasture and the show ring.

They strive to produce top-quality females. As a result, they cull those

One of their bulls, MINO King Jullian 011K ET, was selected as the Reserve Grand Champion in October at the American Royal Limousin Show in Kansas City, Missouri. He is a 4/5/22, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 60% Lim-Flex son of AUTO King David 120E ET out of MINO Fiona ET.

The Minors raise Purebred, Fullblood, Percentage and Lim-Flex genetics. They held their first online sale last March, offering a group of elite females.

"Raising cattle and showing cattle can be two different worlds, and we're trying to combine them both," Tara said. "We want cattle that look good and can be competitive, but the ultimate goal is it needs to perform out in the pasture."



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# Nebraska News...

## Upcoming Sales

Mark your calendars for these production and online sales in the state of Nebraska: January 13, Hunt Limousin Heritage Ranch Online Sale, L365Auctions.com; January 22, Bullis Creek Annual Production Sale at the farm, Wood Lake; February 24, Lonely Valley "Keepin' Kind" Bull Sale, at the farm, Creston; March 11, Boyer Limousin Annual Production Sale, at the farm, Liberty; March 26-27, Wulf Cattle Open House, Sandy Ridge Ranch, Atkinson.

## Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic

The annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic shows and sales will take place February 21-22, 2024, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney. The Classic started in 1991 and this year marks the 33rd anniversary of this event.

The Classic features not only breed sales but also a junior show, judging contest, scholarship opportunities, the aspiring young cattlemen program, the battle of the breed associations and a trade show.

All of the breed shows will be on Wednesday, February 21, and the sales will take place on Thursday, February 22.



Congratulations to Ben Spencer of Gibbon, NE, for taking home the Reserve **Supreme Junior Female** banner at the Cheyenne Livestock Exposition November 14-16, 2023. He showed J6 Caitlyn 685K ET, a 3/25/22, homozygous black, polled, 31% Lim-Flex daughter of SCC SCH 24 Karat 838 out of SSTO Caitlyn 5818C ET.

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Ben Spencer of Gibbon, NE, exhibited the Grand Champion Female and Grand Champion Bred & Owned Female with J6 Caitlyn 685K ET at the NAILE Junior Show November 12, 2023, in Louisville, KY. The judge for this show was Ryan Haefner of IL.

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# South Dakota News...

## Annual Meeting, Banquet/ Benefit Auction

The South Dakota Limousin Association (SDLA) invites you to mark your calendars for Thursday, February 1, 2024, for the Annual South Dakota Limousin Association Meeting, Banquet and Benefit Auction.

The venue for this event will be the Courtyard by Marriott at 580 Watiki Way, Box Elder, South Dakota. The phone number for the hotel is 605/891-0945. The social begins at 6:00 p.m. MST, followed by the meal and benefit auction.

Please contact any member of the SLDA Board of Directors to let them know what you are donating to the benefit auction. If you are not able to attend, you can leave your bid with a board member or be on the phone during the auction.

We appreciate your support of donations and bids. The money raised goes to support the association for the upcoming year.

## Production Sales

Mark your calendar for these production sales in South Dakota;

in February there are four sales - Treftz "Where Muscle Still Matters" Sale, in Wetonka on the 10th; Bar JZ Production Sale in Holabird on the 20th; Symens Brothers Annual Production Sale in Amherst on the 22nd, and Wiecezorek's Annual Bull Sale in Mount Vernon on the 23rd. ROM'N Limousin of Arlington will have their Annual Online Bull Sale on February 15th. Bruner's "Genetic Power" Bull

Sale is in Madison on March 24th. In April, the Ludens Family Limousin Annual Production Sale will be held on the 6th and Peterson's L7 Bar Annual Production Sale will be on the 10th.

## BHSS



The South Dakota Limousin Association will be part of the consignment show

and sale in February. We hope to have a large contingent of seedstock and commercial breeders attending the 2024 BHSS in Rapid City on February 2, 2024. The show begins at 9:00 a.m. MST with the sale to follow at 1:00 p.m. auctioned by C.K. "Sonny" Booth.



## In Memoriam



Jean Farlee, 76, of Dupree, South Dakota, passed away November 2, 2023. Services were held November 10, 2023, at the Pioneer Hall in Dupree. She is the mother of Shane Farlee, commercial producer from Dupree.

She was born and grew up in Dupree. Her husband, Clint, was drafted into the army and they lived in El Paso, Texas, where he was stationed. After his discharge,

they moved back to Dupree, bought land from her parents, and began their ranching career. Jean helped make the ranch a success by milking the cows, selling cream and eggs, and working in the field. She loved to read and knew all the local history about the Dupree area. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Clint and Jean were married for 60 years and during that time they not only worked together but spent



time traveling to visit family and attend the NFR in Las Vegas.

Jean is survived by her husband, Clint Farlee, son Shane (Kayla) Farlee, daughters Shelley (Rusty) Brehmer and Kathy (Shawn) Olsen, all of Dupree, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many friends and family.

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JL LACEY - sold to Jason Tabor, WV.

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JL WILLA - sold to John Williams, MS.

Special thanks to Bill Helton for his sales expertise and to the Haynes family for allowing us to participate in all nine of the Foundation Sales. We now have 115 head in our Fullblood herd and are looking forward to another great year. Call to see what we have available private treaty.

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## Fullblood News...

### Meeting

The next meeting for the members of the Fullblood Limousin Alliance (FLA) will be held January 12, 2024, at the Baymont Hotel in Branson, Missouri. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be moved back to January 20. The address for the hotel is 203 S. Wildwood in Branson. To make reservations, call 417/336-4849. Rooms are \$75 with the FLA group rate. If you are not able to attend, you can be on the conference call and that number is 916/558-7515, pin number 731187.

### FLA Show

The next FLA National Show will take place in conjunction with the Missouri Limousin Breeders Association (MLBA) Field Day at the state fairgrounds in Sedalia June 7-9, 2024. There will be four shows that weekend: the Missouri Junior Show, the Missouri Open Show, the Missouri Cattlemen's Limousin Show, and the FLA National Show. If you are a member of the MLBA you can exhibit cattle in any of these shows.

### Ballots

Ballots for the Board of Directors positions as well as FLA officers have been mailed out. Please let Kim Kosmicke, secretary, know if you did not receive a ballot. Nominations are Stephen Haynes, president; Ryan Reed, vice president; Kim Kosmicke, secretary; and board members Betty Anglani, Livie Garrison Brinley, and Carter Haynes. We would also like to thank Betty Anglani and Stephen Haynes for serving on the board and their willingness to continue to serve.

### New Members

If a Limousin breeder purchases their first Fullblood bull or female, they will receive a free membership to the FLA. Sellers should complete the membership application for the buyer and submit it to Joe Latendresse, treasurer. He will then send out a "Welcome Packet" to the new member.

### Website

The association is looking for someone to maintain the FLA website. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact any member of the FLA board.

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# Highlights from the Heartland



Kiley McKinna, MC Marketing Management of Dakota Dunes, SD, was named one of the "Top 10 Industry Leaders Under 40" by The Cattle Business Weekly. Congratulations!



Jeff Keyes, Mill Road Limousin of Knapp, WI, thanked Stuart Delene, S & L Beef Farms from Watton, MI, for their purchase of bred females. Stuart went home with a large bottle of homemade maple syrup.



Roger Vorthmann auctioneered the Iowa Benefit Auction held in conjunction with their Annual Meeting in Ames.



A hardy pre-sale lunch is always a hit at a cattle sale.



Brad and Courtney Dohrmann watched the juniors from four states exhibit their Limousin females at the Minnesota Beef Expo. Kelly Fanta checked the time for the next class.



These two "ferocious" dogs guarded the internet at the Linhart Fall Female Sale. No injuries were reported.

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# Highlights from the Heartland



Jeff and Del Keyes of Knapp, WI, watched one of their customers exhibit his heifer from the Keyes production at the Minnesota Beef Expo.



Thank you to Dave, Lana and Heather Linhart for your hospitality at the Linhart Annual Sale.



Bill and Tiffany Jensen and their children, Michael, Evan and Elsie, of Winterset became the proud owners of the cow/calf sawblade iron silhouette offered at the Iowa Limousin Benefit Auction.



An experienced sales staff was appreciated at the Linhart Sale. L to R: Scott Manley, DeRon Heldermon, C.K. "Sonny" Booth, Chisum Peterson, Randy Ratliff, Kiley McKinna, Mary Quigley and Wiley Fanta.

Kiley McKinna of MC Marketing Management was busy promoting the Linhart cattle at their fall sale in Leon, IA.

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# Heartland Sale Reports

## Linhart Limousin Holds 14th Annual "Fall Harvest Elite Female Sale"

Linhart Limousin held their 14th Annual "Fall Harvest Elite Female Sale" Saturday, October 21, 2023, at their sale facility near Leon, Iowa. The sale featured both open and bred females, many who were daughters of Riverstone Charmed, LLJB Absolute Style 3056A and CELL Fascination 8231F.

The Linhart program started back in 1979 and over the years they have taken great pride in producing a quality product. This sale reflected many of the Linhart premier donor cow families, elite herd sires and a progressive A.I program.

The top-selling elite show heifer prospect was Lace 3083L ET, a 2/16/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, purebred daughter of ELCX Kings Landing 599 D ET out of CELL 5154C ET. Linhart Limousin will retain 50% embryo interest after her show career. She was purchased Greene Family Farm of Harriet, Arkansas, for \$38,000.

Lenape Cattle Co. of Telford, Pennsylvania, had the final bid of \$25,000 on 50% embryo interest in CELL Krush 2098K, a 3/1/22, red, homozygous polled, 53% Lim-Flex daughter of MAGS Firestone

218F out of LLJB Absolute Style 3056A.

Lady 3165L ET, a 5/4/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 50% Lim-Flex daughter of BNWZ Dignity 8017 out of Riverstone Charmed was purchased by Bevin Bertsche of Onida, South Dakota, for \$24,000.

Terry Kiser, Kicking K Ranch of Lufkin, Texas, purchased Lucy 3156L ET, a 4/10/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 50% Lim-Flex daughter of Silveiras Style 9303 out of Riverstone Charmed, for \$19,000.



Jerry Blankers and Charles Linhart thanked Brandon and Sasha Bertsche of Onida, SD, for their purchase of a featured heifer.



Kason, Terry and Joanne Kiser and Jarred Haynie, Kicking K Ranch of Lufkin, TX, purchased several lots from the Linhart offering.



Marge, Kim and Kaitlyn Snyder and Dane Loberg of Hastings, MN, purchased three head from the Linhart offering.

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Ryleigh Morris of Fort Scott, Kansas, purchased Luna 3162L ET, a 5/2/23, homozygous black, polled, 50% Lim-Flex daughter of BNWZ Dignity 8017 out of Riverstone Charmed, for \$17,000.

Lucy 3156L ET, a 4/10/23, homozygous black, polled, 50% Lim-Flex daughter of Silveiras Style 9303 out of Riverstone Charmed, was purchased by Cross Creek Farm of Gray, Tennessee, for \$16,500.

John Linhart of Weldon, Iowa, purchased Layla 3152L ET, a 4/4/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 50% Lim-Flex daughter of Silveiras Style 9303 out of Riverstone Charmed, for \$15,000.

Also bringing \$15,000 on the sale was Laverne 3110L ET, a 3/1/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 56% Lim-Flex daughter of FWLY LHC Capital ET out of LLJB Absolute Style 3056A. She was purchased by ATAK Limousin of Avon, Illinois.

Leni 3139L ET, a 3/14/23, homozygous black, homozygous polled, 65% Lim-Flex daughter of ELCK Kings Landing 599 D ET out of MAGS Grete 288G, was purchased by Scott Coffey, Coffey Farms of Garden Grove, Iowa, for \$15,000.

Matt Chachere of Dayton, Texas, purchased Luca 3124L ET, a 3/7/23, black, homozygous polled, 78%

daughter of ELCX Kings Landing 599 D ET out of TASF Fallon 190F, for \$11,000.

The volume buyer at the sale was Brian Darrington of Underwood, Iowa, who purchased ten bred females.

#### Averages:

29.5 Open Heifers.....\$9,627

29 Bred Females.....\$3,691

6 Genetic Opportunities.....\$13,083

**Auctioneers:** CK "Sonny Booth, Chisum Peterson

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Kiley McKinna, sale manager, appreciated Adam & Jonelle Schmalshof, their daughters Peyton and Carrina, and son Dixon, of Avon, IL, for purchasing a featured heifer.



Brandon & Lindsay Kurth with their children Sawyer, Lexi and Anna of Whitehall, WI, purchased cattle from the Linhart Fall Harvest Sale.



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# Heartland Sale Reports

## ROM'N Limousin Holds "Fall Spooktacular" Online Sale

ROM'N Limousin of Arlington, South Dakota, held their annual "Fall Spooktacular" Online Sale on October 26, 2023. The sale was hosted by SC Online Sales, and it featured the "Best of the Herd" purebred and Lim-Flex show heifer prospects.

The Nielson family: Robert "Cookie", Mary, Adam and Michelle, have been producing top-quality seedstock cattle for many years. They have two sales per year, "Where Class Meats Carcass" Online Bull Sale in February and the "Fall Spooktacular" Online Sale in October.

The top-selling lot was ROMN Lord Have Mercy 12L, a 3/18/23, double black, double polled, 34% Lim-Flex daughter of May-Way Access Granted 811 out of ROMN Jolly Time 25J. She was purchased by Curtis Brooks of Farragut, Iowa, for \$12,000.

Another popular lot was ROMN Light It Up 10L, a 3/7/23, black, double polled, purebred daughter of Ratliff Jump Start 340J ET out of ROMN Aretha. Michael Ludens of Hurley, South Dakota, had the final bid of \$7,250 on this female.

ROMN Lickety Split 14L, a 5/3/23, black, double polled, 37% Lim-Flex daughter of May Way Access Granted 811 out of ROMN Jessie 45J, was purchased by Paige Kircher of Fayette, Missouri, for \$3,750

### Averages:

6 Females.....\$5,316



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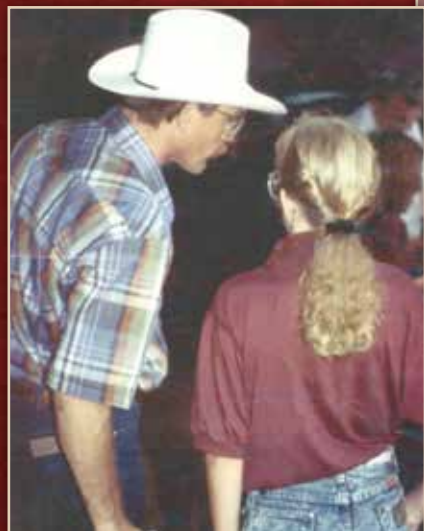
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# Heartland Sale Reports

## “Straight Elite Heifer Online Sale” Held October 28th

Straight Limousin of Logan, Iowa, held their “Elite Heifer Online Sale”, hosted by SC Online Sales on October 28, 2023. Their genetics have been successful in the show ring and they look forward to watching the future progress of these elite females.

The top-selling female was SL Laycee ET, a 1/25/23 Lim-Flex daughter of Ratliff Jump Start 340J ET out of SL Cool Angel ET. She was purchased by Kaitlynn DeGraff of Kokomo, Indiana, for \$17,500.

Tim Kosiorek, Kosiorek Farms of Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, had the final bid of \$4,750 on SL Lights Out, a 3/22/23 Lim-Flex daughter of MRL Fonzie 847F out of SL Just Because.

Two females brought \$4,000 on the sale. SL Lady of a Legend ET, a 2/24/23 Lim-Flex daughter of Ratliff Jump Start 340J ET out of SL Breathless Angel, was purchased by Daryl Crook of Rising City, Nebraska.

Also bringing \$4,000 was SL Lots Of Fun, a 2/17/23 Lim-Flex daughter of FWLY LHC Capital ET out of SL Heidi. She was purchased by Portwood Family Limousin of Versailles, Kentucky.

### Averages:

6 Females.....\$6,083

Sale Management: MC Marketing Management



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## Forage Tests Lead to Feed Savings

*By Denise Schwab and Beth Reynolds, Iowa State University*



In the midst of ever-increasing input costs cattlemen might ask the question “Why should I test forages?” We’d argue that 2023-24 is exactly the time to test forages, when feed supplies are tight and high priced, and input costs keep going up.

The first step is to properly sample your forage supply. Each cutting and each field should be sampled separately, since stage of growth, fertilizer programs and plant species all impact forage quality. Next, be sure to use a core sampler and collect samples from at least 10 or more bales per lot and at least 10-12 inches directly into the bale to be representative of the whole bale. Place all bale cores into a bucket, mix up well, and pull a subsample to submit to the lab.

As you collect samples, make a forage inventory of the number of bales from each lot. You will need this to evaluate and create a winter-feeding plan.

This is also a good time to determine what other feeds you have access to or are willing to purchase. Corn stover, corn grain, distillers’ grains, gluten feed, soy hulls and soybean meal all are alternatives to consider.

When comparing, price options on a per pound of dry nutrient delivered. For example, Corn priced at \$5/bu. delivered can be fairly compared only to another fee as \$1.35/lbs. of crude protein dry matter, or \$9.13/lb. of TDN, dry matter.

Once you receive your forage analysis results, work with your nutritionist to develop rations that meet the specific needs of each group of cattle at each stage of production. Early winter requirements of spring-calving mature cows might be met by medium-quality hay and corn stover, while developing heifers will need better quality hay and likely some additional energy and maybe some protein. By late winter, higher-quality hay and additional energy likely will be needed.

The only way to accurately know how much additional protein or energy is needed is to test your hay.

In years with short forage supply, alternative feeds like corn stover or CRP hay can help stretch the forage supply, but only if you know the nutrient analysis of the forage. High fiber levels or low digestible fiber often will benefit from the addition of some ruminally digestible protein, so the microbes digest more fiber. A small amount of distiller’s grains, corn gluten feed and soybean meal will improve this efficiency.

The higher the fiber content of a feed, the slower it is digested, ultimately limiting cow intake. In general, on a forage analysis, NDF will be an indicator of dry matter intake while ADF is an indicator of energy value.

Finally, testing typically can help reduce total feed costs by better balancing the cows needs with the forage quality available, even if additional supplemental feeds are needed. For example, a medium-size cow with winter hair coat and some wind protection in November and December and free-choice access to hay will use 42 lbs. of grass hay (\$100/ton) per day at 25% waste and a cost of \$2.21/day. However, if you provide 20 lbs. corn stover (\$90/ton) at 30% waste with 20 lbs. of the same hay at 25% waste plus a half-pound of distillers grains (\$200/ton), you can feed her for \$2.02/day.

The bottom line is the small investment in forage testing can return dividends in feed savings, better cow performance, and ration accuracy.



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# Winter Care of Bulls Key for Next Season

By Madison Kovarna, South Dakota State University



All things considered, the working season for a herd bull is relatively short, with an active breeding season of 60 to 90 days for most producers.

When winter weather moves in, and the bulls are pulled from the cow herd, it is imperative to manage herd bulls properly to prevent frostbite of the testes and properly manage body condition score before the next breeding season.

Bull management strategies during the winter months can impact a bull's performance in the upcoming breeding season.

## Frostbite

Frostbite presents as a scab, discoloration and/or sloughing of the bull's scrotum. This tissue damage limits or prevents the ability for a bull to regulate testis temperature.

Come breeding season, this can result in a decrease in fertility.

Dry areas to lay are important to consider when wintering bulls. These areas can be achieved by

providing bedding or areas within a pasture that provide adequate cover from wind and snow. Wet and cold conditions increase the risk of frostbite.

## Nutrition

Nutrition of bulls depends on a variety of factors, including age and weight loss that occurred over the breeding season. Mature bulls that are in good condition following breeding season can be managed on pasture or an all-forage diet without supplementation, as long as the forage contains 8 to 10% crude protein and is available daily at 2% of body weight.

Yearling bulls following their first breeding season are still growing and require more energy and nutrients regardless of condition when compared to mature bulls. A ration developed for young bulls should target an average daily gain of 1.5 to 2.0 pounds dependent on weight lost during the breeding season. A diet with crude protein of 10 to 11% should be targets for young bulls.

Regardless of diet available and the age of the bull, a good vitamin and mineral program should be followed.

## Body Condition Score

At the beginning of the breeding season, ideally bulls should have a body condition score (BCS) of 6. The S allows for bulls to lose some weight during the breeding season without negatively impacting sperm quality. It is common for bulls to lose 100 to 200 pounds over the breeding season.

In contrast, over-conditioned bulls are not able to efficiently do their job of breeding cows. At higher body condition scores, fat deposition within the scrotum increases, resulting in poorer thermoregulation of the testes. This reduction in temperature regulation decreases overall sperm quality.

To prevent last-minute efforts to improve condition score, producers should evaluate their bull's BCS 90 to 120 days prior to turnout to provide adequate time to improve or decrease body condition if necessary.

## House and Exercise


Bulls should be housed in a pen large enough to allow for adequate exercise.

Additionally, a large pen allows for less-dominant bulls to move away from more-dominant bulls. Bulls will fight to determine social ranking; however, providing space for animals to get away from each other may reduce injuries.

If bulls are being fed at the same time, 24 to 30 inches of feeder space should be provided per head to allow access for all animals and lessen incidences of fighting.

It is important to provide room for exercise to keep bulls in shape for the next breeding season. If proper exercise is not permitted, bulls can lose their endurance and struggle to keep up in the beginning of the breeding season, resulting in a potential reduction of cows bred during the beginning of the season.

Exercise can be encouraged by placing feed and water on opposite ends of the pasture.

Ideally, the winter housing areas would be located away from cows to allow bulls to fully focus on eating and other behaviors rather than breeding cows. 

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