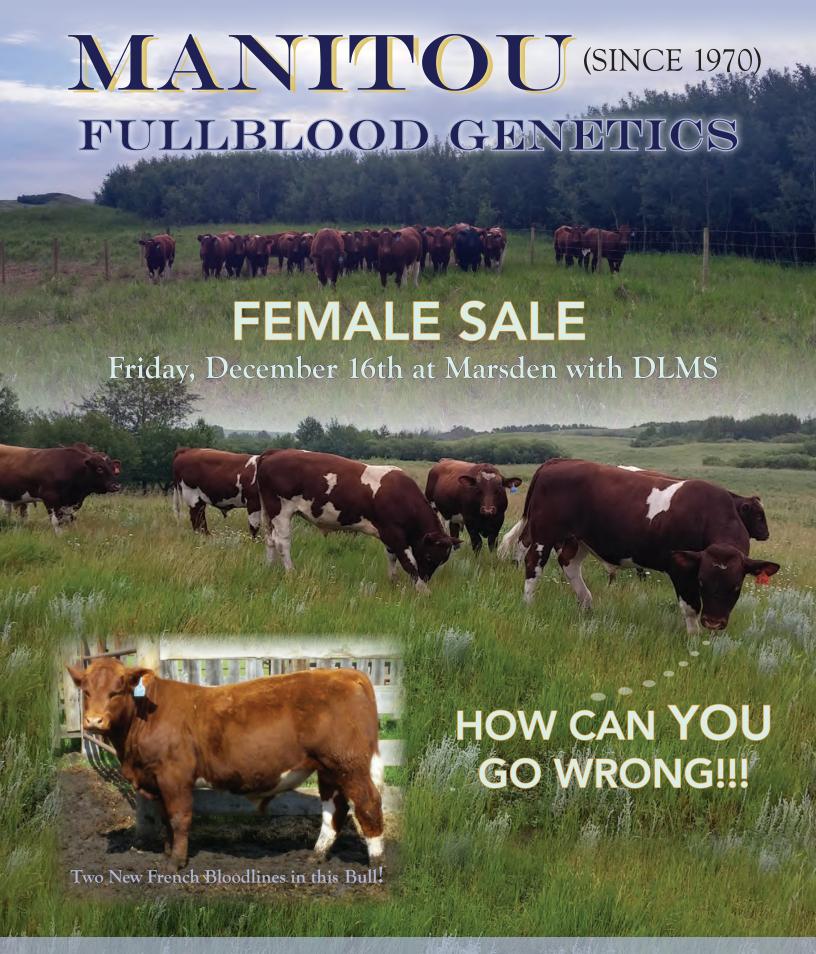




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# **CMAA NEWS**



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings,

I hope that summer has found you without too many challenges and that haying is wrapped up with your feed stocks replenished. We have seen a very busy year this year as a Board of Directors and are extremely excited about all the projects we have accomplished or are moving forward with.

First off, after more than 3 years of waiting for programming and rebuilding, we finally have our on-line registry in place. This is such an important tool to us as an association and to you, the membership. While we are still tweaking the program, the ability to register cattle outside of office hours, gives us a tremendous amount of flexibility. We are pretty happy with the product and hope that it brings as much value to the membership as we had hoped it would. With that being said, if you have any questions or concerns about the system please let us know. We cannot service you properly if we don't receive feedback.

Secondly, we have had some big changes with our magazine "the Maine Mail". Carolyn McCormack has resigned as our creator and editor-in-chief of what has become a flagship of pride for most of us. Carolyn's amazing design and unwavering commitment to 15 issues of this magazine since March 2009 will be greatly missed. Her countless hours of work and sleepless nights (as I have witnessed) to meet deadlines, have not gone unnoticed by our board but encourage you, if given the opportunity to let her know what a great job she has done taking this project to the next level it is today. We are pleased to announce that Heidi has been contracted to design and build the next editions of the Maine Mail and are filled with anticipation of what the future holds for the magazine. Be sure to contact Heidi as the deadline dates have changed on the upcoming issues.

One of the most anticipated projects that I am most proud of is the addition of a full EPD evaluation. In my mind this has been 20 years in the making and secures our position with all of the major breeds in marketing our animals with a set of North American Breed EPD's. We currently are generating our EPD's through the partnership of the American Maine-Anjou Association (AMAA) and the American Simmental Association (ASA). We have one data dump annually, which allows us to have updated and interim EPD's to use for marketing our animals and a tool for breeding and management decisions. This has not been an easy project as there are many levels that the information has to travel through along with some complex and timeconsuming herd book issues to sort out. Along with our on-line system and our data search on the website, with the touch of a button you can search pedigrees and see the breed EPD's listed on almost all animals in the system. The CMAA Board of Directors also offered another amnesty program that was met with a huge amount of success as we had over 400 head of Maine cattle added to our registry. I want to personally thank each and everyone for your faith, dedication and commitment to this amazing breed of cattle; without each of you we would not be able to work on your behalf – to add programs and build a budget with more dollars allotted to advertising that we previously just did not have.

Our Junior program is still being re-tooled but I have had some productive conversations with the Alberta Junior Maine-Anjou Association (AJMAA) about our vision and about developing a stronger relationship with youth in the breed and in other breeds. We are currently canvassing Canada for young people who we can invest in and partner with to run our National Junior Executive. Please contact the CMAA office or a director if it is something that interests you.

I see a huge surge in demand for the product that you are putting out. Many of you have been diligent at breeding Maine-Anjou cattle that work for commercial cattlemen as well as having the ability to continue our dominance in the show cattle industry. Kelly Smith-Fraser has done an incredible job sourcing some excellent promotional items for your association. I cannot wait to see our swag out there in the industry again. As the fall show season closes in on us, I wish you all the best of luck exhibiting cattle in this great breed across the country.

Remember... "your success, is our success".
Mainely yours,
Scott McCormack
CMAA President



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#### OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear members,

Thank you for your support and patience in the last few month. Business in the office is going well. I feel I'm very fortunate to have the Hereford ladies working in the same building. Whenever I need to clear my head or need some advise, the ladies are ready to help.

Many things have been accomplished over the last few month and there is still more to come for the Canadian Maine-Anjou Association and the Salers Association of Canada.

The amnesty program offered to our members generated many additional registrations. Thanks to you, our members for making this catch up program very successful.

Registrations compared to last year doubled in numbers.

EPD's can now be looked up online from our website and are printed on the registration papers as well. Please remember to send me accurate birth weights, weaning weights and yearling weights. The more data we have on hand the more valuable our EPD's will be.

Online Registry: This feature is set up as well and ready to use for all our members. In order to log in you need to request a password from the office. After you have entered your registrations, I will print them in the office, charge your credit card and mail your papers to you.

Biobank move from Quantum to Delta Genomics: This project is not completed yet, it might take another while until all our DNA will be stored in Edmonton.

DNA results are still delayed.

Out of the Office: The two associations kept me very busy over the last year. I will be away in October but will add additional days in the office prior to my departure and after my return as needed. Sorry for any inconvenience!

#### MAINE-ANJOU WORLD CONFERENCE

At our last Board meeting, a director brought up the great idea to possibly host a World Maine-Anjou Conference in Canada in 2020.

2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Maine-Anjou Association. The first Maine-Anjou imported from France into North America came to Canada in 1969. These cattle were then introduced to the United States through artificial insemination.

At this point in time we would like to get some feedback from our members on what their thought are on this possible event. Please contact the office in writing with your ideas, comments and suggestions.

#### Questions for our members:

- \* Would you support the Board of Directors and the organization committee to make this event a success?
- \* What location do you think would be most suitable?
- \* What kind of events would you like to see organized?
- \* What time of the year would be most suitable?
- \* How should we finance this event?
- \* Would you be interested in volunteering for any events held in conjunction with the conference?

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# CMAA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 Canadian Maine Anjou Associations AGM was held in Wetaskiwin, AB from August 5-7. Members from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were in attendance.

The weekend kicked off with members gathering for an evening of socializing while the board of directors held their evening board meeting.

Scott McCormack and Brian Brown officially greeted all members of the CMAA to the AGM on Saturday morning. A productive day of meetings was held and we were very fortunate to have Blake Nelson from the AMAA speak on the importance of genomics in the Maine Anjou breed as well as a summary of the various projects the AMAA is

currently working on. We welcomed newest CMAA director, Bryan Zimmer to the board.

A delicious beef supper capped off the days events with some great fun and laughs to round out the evening. On Sunday we were welcomed to the home of Rapid Creek Ranch (Brian & Sharon Brown) for a delicious breakfast and tour of sale cattle.

Thank you to the Alberta Maine-Anjou Association and Brian & Sharon Brown for hosting the AGM and to all that helped plan and sponsor the weekends events & silent auction. It was a great weekend and we are all looking forward to next years AGM in Ontario.



#### 2016 - 2017 Board of Directors

Back: Clayton Elliot, Scott McCormack (President), Myles Hansen, Kody Roddick, Sid Wilkinson (Second Vice-President) Front: Brian Brown (Treasurer), Kelly Smith - Fraser (First Vice-President), Tracy Wood (Secretary) Bryan Zimmer



#### AGM photos...





- 1. Members from across Canada Dave Perry, Sid Wilkinson, Doug Kerr, Keith and Theo Gilbert
- 2. Blake Nelson, Kelly Smith Fraser, Gary Graham
- 3. Board of Directors ready for the meeting
- 4. Brian Brown organizing fun activities
- 5. Keith Gilbert reciting
- 6. Delicious breakfast at Brian & Sharon Brown's
- 7. Rapid Creek Cattle







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# **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

#### ALBERTA ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### By Kevin Shuckburgh

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy summer schedules to attend the Canadian AGM in Wetaskiwin. On behalf of the Alberta board and membership, I would like to say thank you to Brian and Sharon Brown and Bob and Janice Stenberg for organizing this event. They are true Ambassadors of our breed.

The Alberta AGM was held July 23rd in conjunction with Westerner Days. We welcome new director Brett Hansen as well as returning directors, Melanie Barkley, Keltey Whelan, Doug Roxburg, Ken Pashulka and Robert Stenberg.

Alberta Executive positions were filled as follows:

Kevin Shuckburgh - President Craig Cameron - Vice President

Secretary - Keltey Whelan Treasurer - Melanie Barkley

As well as committee positions:

Website: Keltey Whelan 4-H: Della Whelan

Calendar: Bryan Zimmer/ Miriam Cameron

Della Whelan reported strong numbers again for 4-H. To date we have sent out awards to 91 members in 31 clubs totalling 112 projects. It is one of of our main priorities as a board to ensure these members receive recognition of their Maine Anjou projects. A huge thanks again to Della for all of the time and effort she puts in to ensure the kids are taken care of.

Both The Alberta Junior Maine Anjou and Summer Synergy shows were attended. The number of junior exhibitors and quality of cattle continue to grow. Thanks again to Della Whelan and Keltey Whelan for their efforts at Synergy as well as Lee-Anne Zimmer, Christie Griener, and Lindsey Douglas for their contributions to the Alberta Junior Maine Anjou Show. Last but not least, a huge thanks to all of the sponsors.

As fall quickly approaches it's time to start thinking about getting your page or business card in for the 2017 calendar. If you are planning on being a part of our calendar, get your information in before September 1st as we would like to have the calendars printed in time for distribution at Farmfair. Farmfair will be held November 9th to 13th this year. It would be great to see numbers like we had last year, and I encourage you all to attend.

#### SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### By Caroline McCormack

The Saskatchewan Maine-Anjou Association has begun planning for our major Fall Show at Agribition. The show is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 23. Please note the new day for the Maine-Anjou show - Canadian Western Agribition had begun rebuilding and replacing some of the old buildings on the Regina Exhibition grounds and with that will be some scheduling changes. Please come out and support the only Maine show in the province. If you have any questions regarding the show, please contact sho chairman Scott McCormack 306.697.2945.

Last call for 4-H Prize Winners! The SMAA will award a special prize to Champion or Reserve Steers, Heifers and Cow/calf provided the animal is 50% or Maine-Anjou and shows breed characteristics. Please send qualifiers information (name, phone, award and a photo) to the temporary SMAA office - sasksimmental@yourlink.ca. In the event of more than one qualifying award, only one prize will be awarded.

The Sask. Maine-Anjou Association is planning a meeting in the near future to rebuild the Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping to revive the SMAA, please contact Scott McCormack to be part of the future!







#### MANITOBA ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Tracy Wood

The Manitoba Maine Anjou Association held their Annual meeting in February this year. Our President is Sid Wilkinson, Secretary Doug Kerr and Treasurer Tracy Wood.

Sale of Maine Anjou breeding stock was strong within the province. Wilkinridge Stock Farm held its Annual Female Production Sale in December and its Bull sale in April along with a selection of both bulls and heifers being sold at Douglas Bull Test Station.

The Maine-Anjou breed was represented well across Manitoba 4-H Beef clubs with 14 tokens being handed out.



#### **DOUGLAS BULL TEST STATION REPORT**

By Douglas Kerr

The Douglas Bull Test started 2015-2016 season with 149 bulls from 7 breeds along with 25 heifers. 6 bulls and 5 heifers were Maine-Anjou, all consigned by Badger Hill Maine-Anjou. At the end of test 144 bulls had an average daily gain of 3.77lb per day and a weight per day of age of 3.49lbs. The average daily gain for the Maines was 3.65and weights per day of age 3.47.

End of test sale was April 2nd 2016. Two Maine-Anjou bulls and 5 Maine heifer were in the sale . One bull tag #605 sold to Jennie & Harry Smith, Saltesota , SK for \$3000. Four heifers also sold to Jennie & Harry Smith. Two heifers sold to Gary Graham, Marsden, SK and one heifer sold to Sid Wilkinson, Ridgeville, MB.

This year we had the second annual Douglas Summer Bull-Female Sale on May 31st. The quality of the animals on offer was very good, but buyer support not. There was 16 bulls and 1 heifer consigned for the sale. At sales end two bulls and one heifer had sold. Gilcroft Farms purchased Badger Hill Mr 202C for \$3200. One Angus bull and the Shorthorn heifer also sold.

The future of this sale does not look good. We will decide whether to continue with the summer sale at the next board meeting in August.

There are more changes at the station. As of April 30 Yvan Antholz has retired and a young man by the name of Tyler Winters has been hired as new manager. We wish Yvan the best in a well deserved and lengthy retirement.

For the upcoming test season calves will be delivered the week of October 11-15. Start of test is November 7th.

Test schedule:

56 day weights January 3rd
84 day weights January 31st
End of test February 27-28
Sale day April 1st, 2017

The Douglas Test Station also custom feeds cattle of all classes, space permitting.

For more information contact Tyler Winters at 204-851-1165 or office manager Bev Walker at 204-763-4696.

Fax: 204-763-4102

Email: bulltest@mynetset.ca

Website: www.manitobabulltest.com.

The Douglas Test Station is located 17 miles east of Branden on highway #1 and 1/2 mile south on #357.

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DHK 18Z Polled FB Bull



BHMA 4C Polled FB Heifer Sire DHK 18Z Dam AEHW 10A



BHMA 14C Polled FB Heifer Sire GG 54X Dam JKR 317Z



BHMA 30C FB Heifer Sire GG 54X Dam FAL 332N

Thank you to our buyers who purchased Badger Hill cattle at Douglas Test Station this year.
Jenny and Harry Smith, Gary Graham, Sid Wilkinson and Keith Gilbert.

Congratulations to the Canadian Maine-Anjou Association on getting EPD's in place.

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## **BIXS TODAY**

By Deborah Wilson, Sr. Vice president of BIXSco Inc.

BIXS(Beef InfoXchange System) was founded in 2008 to support the Canadian Beef Advantage branding initiative. It was free, voluntary and confidential for cow-calf producers, feedlots and packers, processors and distributors to share relevant production, performance, health, genetic, and carcass data funded by government.

BIXSco Inc. was formed in early 2015 and took over management of the BIXS data system, working toward developing a business model for information sharing across the beef value chains. The following model is developing - whoever enters information into BIXS owns it and whoever wants the information pays for it, with BIXSco charging modest transaction fees to keep the system afloat.

In the past Packers were paid for carcass data, provided by government funding. This enabled producers to receive this information back at no charge simply by enrolling on BIXS, and age verifying their cattle. The flow of carcass data ended when the grant funding expired Jan. 1, 2013.

The McDonald's verified sustainable beef pilot project utilized BIXS to track the chain of custody from cow-calf producers, to the feedlots, to the Cargill and JBS plants in Alberta. They supply trim to the patty plant at Spruce Grove, which supplies all of the patties for McDonald's burgers in Canada.

Cargill and JBS willingly shared chain of custody information free of charge and BIXS demonstrated that the webbased system can effectively track chain of custody.

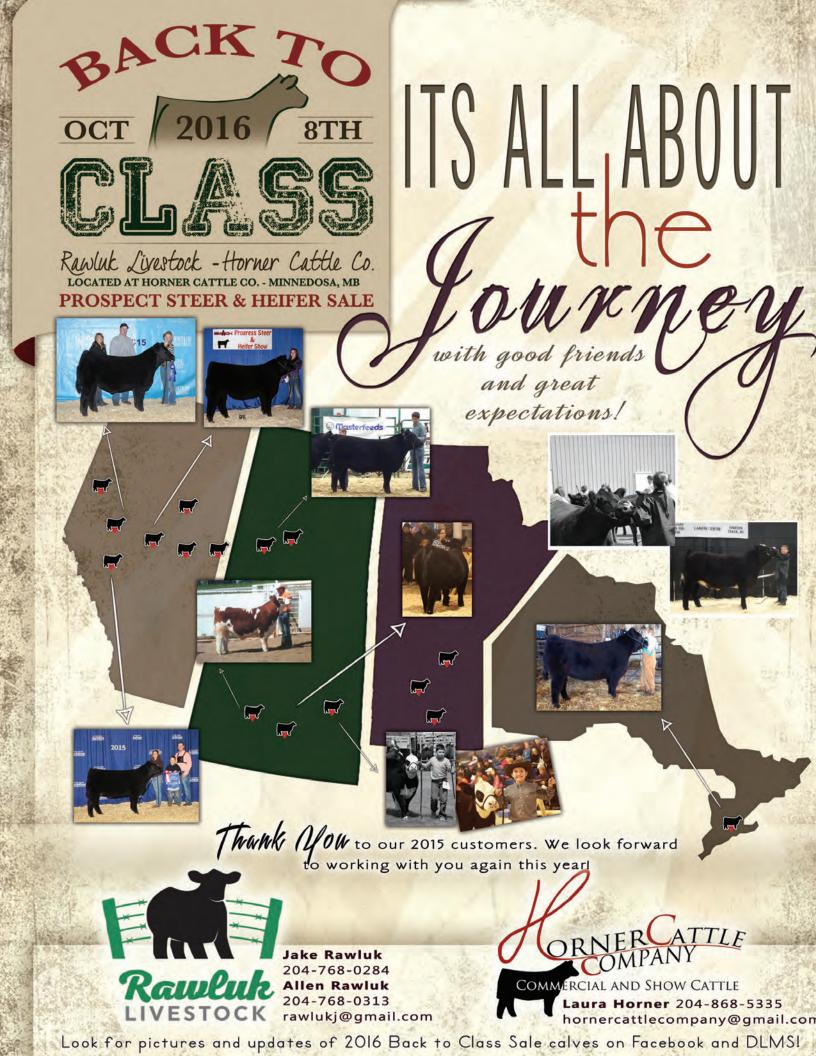
"Eight million pounds of hot-carcass weight were represented in the project data with 300,000 pounds of it going into the McDonald's system to account for approximately 2.4 million burgers from a fully verified sustainable supply chain".

BIXSco now has a signed agreement with Cargill for carcass data from its plants at High River, Alta. and Guelph, Ont., from the start of 2013 onward and is holding that information in trust to protect Cargill's privacy until at least one other packers is on board. Negotiations for carcass data from JBS at Brooks, Alta., are underway and meetings are being held with Harmony Beef, the plant just north of Calgary.

BIXS is a neutral third-party to facilitate information sharing, identified by the Canadian Roundtable on Sustainable Beef as a pillar of sustainability. BIXS can be used to verify chain of custody, track records for branded programs and feature programs that producers follow on the farm, such as VBP+, the feedlot animal care program, as well as general management practices, genetic and production records.

This is our opportunity for Canada's beef industry as we have the tools to validate what we do. Canada Beef has done a great job creating the global brand for Canadian beef, now we just need to verify the practices backing the brand with BIXS.

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# UNDERSTANDING AND USING EPDS

By Dr. Bob Weaber, Associate Professor, Kansas State University

Selection of beef cattle for seedstock or commercial beef production can be very challenging. In addition to the conformational qualities of an animal, producers are interested in a variety of performance attributes including calving ease, growth rate to desired end points and carcass merit. Over time a variety of selection tools have evolved that utilize performance records collected by seedstock producers. These performance measurements are standardized following the guidelines of the Beef Improvement Federation and adjusted for known sources of non-genetic variation including calf gender, age of calf a measurement and the age of dam when the calf is born and reared. The adjusted performance records are compared within contemporary group to compute Expected Progeny Differences (EPD).

A contemporary group is a group of animals that have been fed and managed together and given same opportunity to perform. Since the phenotype or performance an animal is controlled by both genetics and management, if we control environment and define groups of animals that experience that management via contemporary grouping, then the differences we observe within group are then assumed to be of genetic origin. The contemporary group forms the basis of genetic comparisons in the computation of EPDs.

EPDs are computed as part of the International Genetic Solutions Multi-Breed International Cattle Evaluation (MB-ICE) program. The MB-ICE program represents the application of the most recent genetic and computing technology for calculating EPDs for beef cattle. The MB-ICE program incorporates all available performance into the prediction

of an individual's EPD for a specific trait. An EPD may be based on any combination of individual performance, pedigree and progeny performance information. In addition, EPDs are more accurate than anything previously available because they account for the following factors:

- Genetic value of cows to which a bull is bred.
- Environmental differences affecting contemporary groups.
- Genetic values of other parents in the contemporary group.
- Genetic trend.

EPDs are reported in pounds for birth weight, weaning weight, maternal milk, maternal milk & growth and yearling weight. Calving Ease and Maternal Calving Ease are reported in percent unassisted births from first calving heifers.

Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) estimate how future progeny of the subject animal will compare on average to progeny of other animals evaluated in the same evaluation system. EPDs are not designed to predict the performance of one or two progeny of a sire, but rather should be used to compare bulls based on estimated progeny performance. EPDs predict differences, not absolutes. They describe the relative genetic value of an animal much like a feed tag describes the contents of a feed sack. The EPDs reported online, on performance pedigrees and in sire summaries provide a relative comparison between any two animals. EPD do not predict individual animal phenotypic performance. Remember, your management contributes to the phenotypic expression of genetic potential. Your management is unique and different than other producers and accounted for in analysis within contemporary group. The EPD describes additive genetic potential, or that genetic variation between animals that is transmissible from parent to offspring.

Consider two bulls, Bull A with a Weaning Weight (WW) EPD of 47 and Bull B with a WW EPD of 70. The difference in weaning weight genetic potential for these two bulls is 23 lb (i.e. the differences in the EPD). The interpretation of this difference is that if we mated each bull, say via AI, to 100 cows of similar age and genetic potential, we'd expect average of Bull B's calves to be 23 lb. heaver that Bull A's. Notice we didn't predict the actual phenotypic means or averages, just the difference. Expected Progeny Differences are computed relative to a reference point or genetic base. Note that zero '0' is not breed or active sire group average. In the MB-ICE system the common base is somewhat arbitrary. Users should compare animals against each other or use percentile rank table to determine relative merit across the American and Canadian Maine Anjou population.

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TIMA 1

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Photo captured June 2016, cow was open in 2016



TJMA 1N

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TJMA 9Y

Daughter of GG 79J & TJMA 16T Born April 14/11 Photo captured June 2016



**TJMA 16T** 

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The Canadian and American Maine Anjou Association both report EPD on the IGS multi-breed common base in use by several breeds collaborating in the MB-ICE evaluation. The collaborative evaluation undertaken by IGS brings a number of advantages to commercial cow-calf producers and other participants in the beef value chain. The IGS system now includes over 15 million animals and 35,000 genotypes making it the largest and most powerful beef cattle genetic evaluation in the world. The IGS system provides EPDs for the American and Canadian Simmental Associations, American and Canadian Gelbvieh Associations, Canadian and American Maine Anjou Association, American Chianina Association, American Shorthorn Association, Canadian Angus Association, and the Red Angus Association of America.

The IGS system computes multi-breed EPDs for a full range of EPD traits including EPDs for Calving Ease, Maternal Calving Ease, Birth Weight, Weaning Weight, Yearling Weight, Milk, Carcass Weight, Yield Grade, Marbling, Rib-eye Area and Fat Thickness. The system accounts for both direct and maternal heterosis effects as well as breed effects. After performance records are adjusted for these effects, breed composition is eliminated from the contemporary group definition. This realignment of contemporary groups into larger groups contributes to higher accuracy EPDs for animals in these groups. The inclusion of a large amount of Angus and Red Angus genetics represented in many of the cooperating breed databases effectively ties all the data sets together.

EPD values are accompanied by accuracies. An EPD accuracy is a measure of certainty regarding the genetic merit of an animal. Accuracy values are calculated for each EPD according to Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Guidelines and reported as a decimal number between zero and one. Larger values indicate greater accuracy. Typically a nonparent animal (one with no progeny records in the database) have accuracies around 0.2-0.3 for traits of moderate heritability, like birth, weaning or yearling weight, and have a valid performance record made in a contemporary group. Pedigree estimate EPDs (the average of sire and dam EPD) is assigned 0.05. As a sire or dam accumulates progeny and grand progeny with performance records accuracy of the prediction increases. Animals with low accuracies are subject to large expected movements in the prediction as data is accumulated versus animals with high accuracies (>0.70).

Each EPD is associated with a specific trait and has an associated unit of measurement. Trait definitions for EPDs reported for CMAA are listed below.

#### **Trait Definitions:**

Calving Ease - Calving ease EPD describes the heritable

component of a sire's ability to produce calves with minimal dystocia or calving difficulty when mated to heifers. It is the best selection tool to use to reduce dystocia. A sire with a 10 CE EPD is expected to 6% more unassisted births than a sire with a 4 CE EPD. Units are in percentage of additional unassisted births.

**Birth Weight** - Progeny can be expected to weigh 1.7 lb. more at birth than progeny sired by a bull with an EPD of 1.1 lb. (2.8 minus 1.1 = 1.7 lb.) Birth weight is an indicator of calving ease. Larger birth weight EPDs usually indicate more calving difficulty.

**Weaning Weight** - Weaning EPD reflects pre-weaning growth. Calves sired by the above bull should have a 16 lb. advantage in 205-day adjusted weaning weight compared to calves sired by a bull with an EPD of 28 lb. (44 minus 28 = 16 lb.)

**Yearling Weight** - Yearling EPD for this sire indicates his progeny should be 16 lb. above the average of progeny of a bull with an EPD of 77 lb. Yearling EPD reflects differences in the 365-day adjusted yearling weight for progeny. It is the best estimate of total growth.

**Milk** - The milking ability of a sire's daughters expressed in pounds of calf weaned. It predicts the difference in average weaning weight of sires' daughters' progeny due to milking ability. Daughters of the sire in the above example should produce progeny with 205-day weights averaging 2.1 lb. more (as a result of greater milk production) than daughters of a bull with a maternal milk EPD of 4 lb. (19 minus 15 = 4 lb.). This difference in weaning weight is due to total milk production over the entire lactation.

**Total Maternal** - Total Maternal reflects what the sire is expected to transmit to his daughters for a combination of growth genetics through weaning and genetics for milking ability. It is an estimate of daughters' progeny weaning weight. The bull in the above example should sire daughters with progeny weaning weights averaging 8 lb. heavier than progeny of a bull's daughters with a Total Maternal EPD of 34 lb. (42 minus 34 = 8 lb.). It is equal to one-half the sire's weaning weight EPD, plus all of his milk EPD. No accuracy is associated with this since it is simply a mathematical combination of two other EPDs. This EPD is sometimes referred to as "Maternal Milk & Growth" or "combined maternal."

Maternal Calving Ease - Maternal Calving Ease provides an indicator of the ability of a sire's daughters to calve unassisted. Units of measure are additional percentage of unassisted births. A sire with MCE EPD of 6 is expected to sire daughters that 4% more unassisted births than a bull





**Carcass Weight** - Carcass Weight EPD reflects differences in the 450-day adjusted hot carcass weight (pounds) of progeny. Carcass Weight EPD for this sire indicates his progeny should be 12.0 lb. above the average of progeny of a bull with an EPD of 0.0 lb.

Fat Thickness - Fat Thickness EPD reflects expected differences in a sire's progeny for the carcass measurement of inches of 12th rib fat thickness. A negative Fat Thickness EPD reflects the expectation of progeny having less fat thickness (leaner carcass). Fat thickness is one of the components used to determine USDA Yield Grade and estimates of cutability.

**Rib-eye Area** - Rib-eye Area EPD reflects expected differences in a sire's progeny for the carcass measurement of square inches of rib-eye area taken between the 12th and 13th ribs. Rib eye area is one of the components used to determine USDA Yield Grade and estimates of cutability. Positive Rib-eye Area EPDs are reflective larger average progeny rib-eye area.

*Marbling* - Marbling EPD reflects differences in expected progeny marbling scores (intramuscular fat). Marbling EPD is measured in marbling score units. For example the progeny of a sire that has a Marbling EPD of 0.50 would be expected to average one-half marbling score better than progeny of a sire with Marbling EPD 0.00.

#### Percentile Breakdown of EPDs

Percentile charts for the breed's active Maine-Anjou and MaineTainer sires (those producing a calf with a performance record since 2013) are available on line. These can be used to get a better idea of how a bull ranks in the current group of active sires in the Maine-Anjou or MaineTainer breed groups. The chart is divided into 5 percent increments for each trait. The top 5 percent are further divided into 1 percent increments.

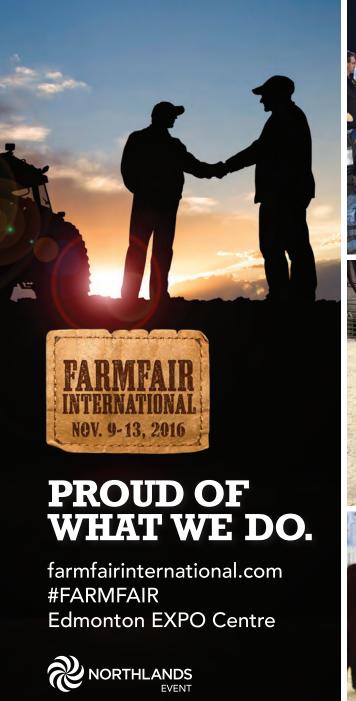
Very few bulls rank at the top in every trait, but through careful evaluation you should be able to find bulls to match your specifications. To see how the table may be used, let's look at our example bull used previously.

#### **Genetic Trend**

The genetic trends in the Maine-Anjou and MaineTainer breed groups describe the average EPD of CMAA/AMAA animals born each year. All animals in the analysis were used to generate this information. This includes Fullblood and Purebred animals as well as lower percentage Maine-Anjou cattle. In general, the EPD changes from one year to the next are quite small. This does not mean the performance of the cattle has not changed over the years. The actual weights taken on animals are phenotypic measurements. Phenotypic changes can be made through changing not only an animal's genetics, but also by changing an animal's environment.













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# SYNERGY SUCCESS

By Della Wise-Whelan



# Rain Doesn't Dampen Spirits at Summer Synergy

Daily severe weather warnings and torrential rain may have made for wet conditions, but it didn't interfere with the activities of 357 youth from British Columbia to Ontario when they descended upon Olds, Alberta, to participate in

the 2016 edition of Summer Synergy. Four days of competitions culminated in the awarding of 55 scholarships through the Calgary Stampede International Youth Livestock program. These youth were recognized on stage during the Saturday evening Grandstand show. The Evening of Excellence celebration shares \$4,750 in skills scholarships, and a total of \$74,750 in scholarships were presented this year.

Summer Synergy hosted the Provincial 4-H beef, sheep and dairy shows, a jackpot beef heifer show, the Canadian Charolais Youth Association conference and show, as well as six breed-sponsored conformation shows with both purebred and commercial divisions. The youth competed in marketing, showmanship, grooming, show team judging, photography and multi-species judging. This year 251 juniors tested their skills in the collegiate style, 10 class multi-species competition, an unprecedented number.

Breeders can be very proud of the animals exhibited in the Maine-Anjou shows. The commercial ring was adjudicated by Quest Newberry of George West, Texas. When the MaineTainer division champions paraded before him for the final slap, it represented an excellent offering presented by the junior exhibitors. Justin Couch of Sundre, AB, captured the Grand Champion MaineTainer Female banner with his mature cow, Alia Donor. The four-year-old had topped her division of outstanding females, with judge Newberry giving the advantage to her bull calf, Sun's Out Guns Out. The Fu Man Chu son was also named Champion Bull Calf. A yearling Comfort Zone daughter, C-Zee, owned by Bailey Wauters of Wrentham, AB, was named Reserve Champion MaineTainer Female.

The dynamic heifer bested a very tough class of yearlings to win the division. The Champion Two-Year-Old Cow, Sweet Temptation, made her second appearance at Summer Synergy. The Walkie Talkie daughter, exhibited by Ashley Schmidt of Falun, AB, was the 2015 Grand Champion MaineTainer Female. Riley Pashulka of Derwent, AB, got the judge's nod with his Mr. Rusylvia Bennelli daughter as Champion Heifer Calf, Dazzle Me, stood at side with her dam, Miss Rusylvia Ain't She Pretty RLP15A, in the mature class.

Jake Scott of Gordon, Nebraska, spent his day judging in the purebred ring. He chose Miss Rusylvia Calla 47C as Champion Purebred Yearling, and also awarded her the Purebred Grand championship. Taylor Pashulka of Derwent, AB, exhibited this full sister to Mr. Rusylvia Benelli.

#### July 11-17, Judge Quest Newberry



Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Female - Taylor Pashulka



Reserve Grand Champion Maine-Anjou Female - AshLynn Duffy



Grand Champion Mainetainer Female - Justin Couch



Reserve Grand Champion Maintainer Female - Bailey Wauters

Two GOET I-80 daughters followed the winner. Caught Ya Lookin RDRL 1C, shown by Riley Pashulka, and Ashley Schmidt's JAR Contessa 8C impressed the judge in a class with no last-place animal. AshLynn Duffy of Lacombe, AB, brought last years' purebred champion back to the two-year-old division. Black Velvet 978B won her division and stayed in the hunt as the Reserve Champion Purebred Female. Her GOET I-80 bull calf was presented the Champion Bull Calf plaque.

The Commercial AOB Grand Champion was a Monopoly-sired yearling exhibited by Jaymie Thompson of Abbotsford, B.C. Jaymie was also a scholarship winner. Trinity Martin of Stettler, AB, showed the Reserve Champion with a yearling heifer sired by Master of Puppets.

The Grand Champion females travelled to the Calgary Stampede to be on display and compete in the International Youth Livestock Supreme Championship, following the Junior Steer Classic. The Simmental champions were declared the Supreme in both Purebred and Commercial divisions.

Congratulations to all our exhibitors, champions, award winners and scholarship recipients. We hope to see our champions at the UFA Youth Supreme Quest in Bashaw, AB, along with National Young Cattlemen qualifiers Lilly Howell, Alexis Couch, Justin Couch and Bailey Wauters. Western Canadian Show Team representatives will be the teams of Lilly Howell and Lauren Latimer, and Alexis Couch and Brynne Yoder. Good luck!



Champion Mainetainer Bull Calf Justin Couch



Res.Champion Mainetainer Bull Calf Ashley Schmidt



Reserve Champion Mainetainer Mature Cow - Bailey Wauters

**Reserve Champion Mainetainer** 

Yearling Heifer - Alexis Couch



Reserve Champion Maine Anjou Yearling Heifer - Riley Pashulka



Champion Mainetainer 2 yr old Ashley Schmidt



AshLynn Duffy - Int. scholarship winner, Justin Couch Int. aggregate champion winner, Alexis Couch Int. aggregate runner up & scholarship winner, Bailey Wauters Sr. Aggregate winner



Every Breed Champion received a Weaver tack box, courtesy Irvine Tack & Trailer. Justin Couch& Taylor Pashulka each took one home.



Keltey Whelan presenting Riley Pashulka with his Sr. aggregate runner-up award & Alberta Maine-Anjou Assoc. sponsored gift card draw.



Taylor Pashulka won the Sundown Livestock Transplant \$500 draw towards a donor flush.



Lilly Howell Jr. aggregate winner



Champion Maine Anjou Bull Calf AshLynn Duffy

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## WESTERNER DAYS

#### MAINE-ANJOU OPEN SHOW

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#### July 22, 2016, Judge Cole Giles, Cochrane

#### Maine-Influence Heifer Calf

1st KKS Mama Forte 601D - Kevin Shuckburgh 2nd Ms Red Four Dees XDW 427D - Keltey Whelan 3rd Simaltas Miss Princess - Kelsey Sim

#### Maine Influence Yearling Heifer

1st KKS Honey Badger 509C - Kevin Shuckburgh 2nd KKS Miss Fightin Irish 529C - Lindsey Douglas

#### Maine Influence 2 yr-old Cow/Calf

1st KKS Miss Fightin Irish 411B - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### Maine Influence Mature Cow/Calf

1st ZMA Miss Speckles 42Z - Kelsey Zimmer 2nd Four Dees XDW 279Z - Keltey Whelan

#### **Grand Champion Influence Female**

KKS Honey Badger 509C - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### Reserve Champion Influence Female

KKS Mama Forte 601D - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### Maine Influence Bull Calf

1st KKS Middle Man 613D - Kevin Shuckburgh 2nd ZMA Dazzle 14D - Paige Zimmer 3rd ZMAK Downtown 7D - Alyssa Zimmer 4th KKS Pedro 648D - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### **Grand Champion Influence Bull**

KKS Middle Man 613D - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### Reserve Champion Influence Bull

ZMA Dazzle 14D - Paige Zimmer

#### **Purebred Heifer Calf**

1st DJS Pudge 655D - Kevin Shuckburgh 2nd ZMA Miss Darkei 20D - Erika Zimmer

#### Purebred Yearlina Heifer

1st KKS Miss Fightin Irish 530C- Kelsey Sim 2nd Manitou Candy Cane, Tateun McPherson

#### **Purebred Mature Cow**

1st Rapid Creek Miss 2P - Kevin Shuckburgh 2nd Four Dees Jinquette XDW36S - Keltey Whelan 3rd Miss Lilly - Kelsey Sim

#### **Grand Champion Female**

Rapid Creek Miss 2P - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### Reserve Champion Female

KKS Miss Fightin Irish 530C - Kelsey Sim

#### **Purebred Bull Calf**

1st CLG 80 Proof 624D- Kevin Shuckburgh 2nd Four Dees Big Jake XDW442D - Keltey Whelan 3rd KSIX 1D - Kevin Shuckburgh

#### **Purebred Mature Bull**

1st ZMA Boomtown 610B - Kelsey Zimmer

#### **Grand Champion Bull**

ZMA Boomtown 610B - Kelsey Zimmer

#### **Reserve Champion**

CLG 80 Proof 624D - Kevin Shuckburgh



Grand Champion Influence Female
KKS Honey Badger 509C - Kevin Shuckburgh



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# ALBERTA JUNIOR MAINE-ANJOU SHOW

by Lee-Ann Zimmer

#### Maine-Influence Heifer Calf

1st Ava Greiner - KKS Mama Forte 60D 2nd Eric Coleman - Simalta Miss Princess

#### Maine-Influence Yearling Heifer

1st Kathryn Dolliver - KKS Honey Badger 509C 2nd Lindsey Douglas - KKS Miss Fightin Irish 529C

#### Maine-Influence 2 year Old Cow/Calf

1st Faith Shuckburgh - KKS Miss Fightin Irish 441B 2nd Evan Patriquin - Fenske's Ms 39B

#### Maine-Influence Mature Cow/Calf

1st Kelsey Zimmer - ZMA Miss Speckles 42Z

#### **Maine-Influence Grand Champion Female**

Faith Shuckburgh - KKS Miss Fightin Irish 441B

#### **Maine-Influence Reserve Grand Champion Female**

Kathryn Dolliver - KKS Honey Badger 509C

#### **Maine-Influence Grand Champion Bull**

Chase Dolliver - KKS Middle Man 613D

#### Maine-Influence Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Paige Zimmer - ZMA Dazzle 14D

#### **Purebred Heifer Calf**

1st - Kathryn Dolliver - DJS Pudge 627D 2nd - Erika Zimmer - ZMA Miss Darkie 20D

#### **Purebred Yearling**

1st - Ryan Coleman - KKS Miss Fightin Irish 530C 2nd - Garrett McPherson - Manitou Candy Cane

#### **Purebred Mature Cow/Calf**

1st - Faith Shuckburgh - Rapid Creek Miss 2P 2nd - Lindsey Douglas - Miss Lilly

#### **Purebred Grand Champion Female**

Faith Shuckburgh - Rapid Creek Miss 2P

#### **Purebred Rerserve Grand Champion Female**

Ryan Coleman - KKS Miss Fightin Irish 530C

#### **Purebred Bull Calf**

1st - Ava Greiner - CLG 80 Proof 624D 2nd - Cole Shuckburgh - KSIX 1D

#### **Purebred Mature Bull**

1st - Kelsey Zimmer - ZMA Boomtown 610B

#### **Purebred Grand Champion Bull**

Kelsey Zimmer - ZMA Boomtown 610B

#### **Purebred Reserve Grand Champion Bull**

Ava Greiner - CLG 80 Proof 624D

#### PRINT MARKETING



1st Junior Erika Zimmer



2nd Junior Paige Zimmer

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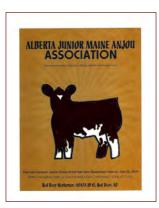
1st Intermediate Alyssa Zimmer



2nd Intermediate Eric Coleman



1st Senior Ryan Coleman



2nd Senior Tateum McPherson



#### ALBERTA JUNIOR MAINE-ANJOU SKILLS RESULTS

#### by Lee-Ann Zimmer

We had 20 junior members attend the show, had a weekend filled with skills competitions, the junior Maine-Anjou show, the Open Maine-Anjou show, the All Breeds Junior Show, minute-to-win-it games, the Junior Meeting, and a pizza party, along with some time at the mid-way.

#### **Team Grooming**

1st - Kathryn Dolliver, Eric Coleman, Paige Zimmer 2nd - Chase Dollver, Alyssa Zimmer, Corbyn Stoneman, Evan Patriquin

#### Team Judging

1st - Chase Dolliver, Alyssa Zimmer, Corbyn Stoneman, Evan Patriquin 2nd - Faith Shuckburgh, Garret McPherson, Ava Greiner, Erika Zimmer

#### **Juniors**

(Age 9 & under as of Jan 1, 2016)

#### **Photography**

1st - Ava Greiner 2nd - Paige Zimmer

#### **Print Marketing**

1st - Erika Zimmer 2nd - Cole Shuckburgh

#### Sales Talk

1st - Ava Greiner 2nd - Cole Shuckburgh

#### **Showmanship**

1st - Paige Zimmer 2nd - Ava Greiner

#### Intermediate (Age 10-14 as of Jan 1, 2016)

#### **Photography**

1st - Blake Stoneman 2nd - Faith Shuckburgh

#### **Print Marketing**

1st - Alyssa Zimmer 2nd - Eric Coleman

#### Sales Talk

1st - Evan Patriquin 2nd - Corbyn Stoneman

#### **Showmanship**

1st - Faith Shuckburgh 2nd - Kelsey Zimmer

#### **Seniors**

(Age 15-20 as of Jan 1, 2016)

#### **Photography**

1st Ryan Coleman 2nd Kathryn Dolliver

#### **Print Marketing**

1st Ryan Coleman 2nd Tateum McPherson

#### Sales Talk

1st Tateum McPherson 2nd Ryan Coleman

Showmanship 1st Tateum McPherson 2nd Ryan Coleman

#### **Photography Contest Winners**



Ava Greine



Intermediate Photography



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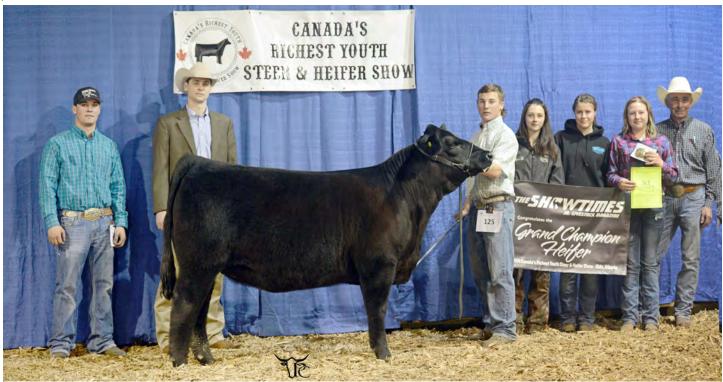


Hanna Distric Show Sydney McMillin



Hanna Distric Show Jilian Moench













Grand Champion Jackpot Heifer & Champion Maine-Anjou at Cry-Canada's Richest Youth Show, Olds Miss Pusylvia Calla, Making Champions - Grand Champion Maine-Anjou and Supreme Jackpot Heifer, Lacombe Reserve Junior Jackpot Heifer, Vermilion Fair , Open Reserve Jackpot Heifer, Vermilion Fair Congratulations to Tyson Pashulka's recent grade 12 graduation



# GARY D SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Gary D. Smith was a well-known figure in the purebred cattle industry throughout the world. Gary passed suddenly in November 2015. He was known originally for being one of the three brothers of Poplar Haven Farms of Wimborne, Alberta which was a mixed grain farm and bred a world renowned Maine-Anjou herd. Later, with his family, wife Kristine, son Guy and daughter Kelly NuHaven Cattle Co of Pine Lake was formed and continue being Maine Anjou and Club Calf Producers.

Gary was a highly regarded international livestock genetics exporter. In his 30 year career of exporting he was able to open markets and ship either purebred livestock or genetics to countries such as Mexico, Brazil, Columbia, China, Russia and Kazahakastan to name a few. He was also a sought after livestock judge and judged many shows such as the Sidney Royal, the Toronto Royal, as well as shows in Columbia, Mexico, local 4H clubs and many of the major shows in Canada.

After Gary's passing the family wanted to honor his life's work by helping the youth of the industry which he believed in. Besides being honest and trustworthy, the keys to his success were to be an excellent marketer as well as to be able to select the right type of animals for his customers. Summer Synergy provides the perfect opportunity to meld these qualities with their Beef Judging and Marketing competitions. The Gary D. Smith Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the highest combined scores of those two competitions. Brandon Fraser a Hereford breeder from Cochrane, AB was the first recipient at Summer Synergy 2016. He has had many success's in and out of the show ring and the Smith family were proud to award this scholarship to this young man.





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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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September 24, 2016 Colours of the Fall Prospect Steer & Heifer Sale Hiller Hay Farms, Calmar, AB

October 8 -10, 2016 Vandy Cattle - Winners Circle Online Sale

October 8 - 9, 2016 Rusylvia Cattle Co - Round Two Sale

October 8, 2016
Back to School Prospect Steer & Heifer Sale
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October 30, 2016 11th Annual Weldon Prospect Steer & Heifer Sale Weldon, Saskatchewan November 9-13, 2016 Northland Farm Fair - Maine-Anjou Show Edmonton

November 21-26, 2016 Canadian Western Agribition-Maine-Anjou Show Regina, Saskatchewan

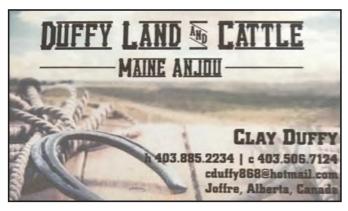
December 3, 2016 Gilcroft Farms Fall Sale Hoards Station Sale Barn, Campbellford, ON

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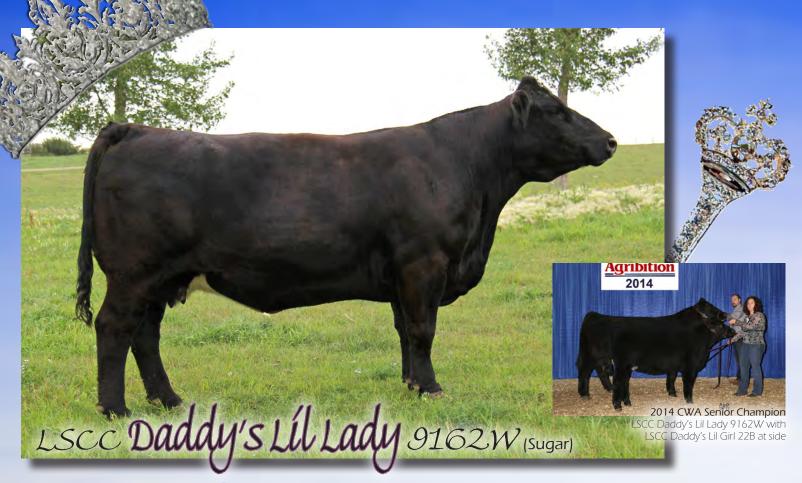
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