

Kansas Charolais News

November 2011

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President's Message

Congratulations must go out to all the Charolais breeders who showed in the fall shows. Kansas was well represented at the State Fair and American Royal and had many class winners and division champions. I especially appreciate those of you that showed at the State Fair. This was the first time in many years that we had enough cattle to have a ROE B Point Show. Let's do it again next year and maybe some year we will have an A Show! As I stated last year, thanks for promoting our great breed.

Another successful and enjoyable Kansas Charolais tour was held September 3rd at Fancy Creek Charolais and Fink Beef Genetics near Randolph, KS. Thanks to all who attended and helped to make it a big success. Next year, mark your calendar for the Harris Livestock Farms (Doug and Kim Harris and family) near Hepler, Kansas. It will be good to be in the southeast part of our state.

A very interesting article was on the K-State website recently about a research project to enhance marbling in beef cattle. Brad Johnson from Texas Tech and other researchers from Texas Tech, Texas A & M, and University of Idaho have been working on a five year study to better understand marbling development by fatty acids in beef cattle. Johnson began work on the project while at Kansas State University and the study is funded by the Kansas Beef Council through Beef Checkoff funds.

Johnson states, "We know marbling increases the palatability of beef, the juiciness and indirectly increases tenderness....in feedlot cattle, starch from corn and grain sorghum in the diet elevates levels of oleic acid, which is a monounsaturated fatty acid." The research team also thinks that oleic acid stimulates marbling in cattle. Johnson also cited work by Texas A & M that shows oleic acid is heart-healthy and positive for human health. If oleic acid is positively correlated to more marbling and to positive human health, then it is a win-win situation for the beef cattle industry!!!

See you down the road.

Yours for a better Charolais and beef industry,

Don R. Olsen

Highlights
2011 Kansas Charolais Field Day
Saturday, September 3rd
Randolph, KS

Thank you to our field day hosts: Megan, Lori, & Galen Fink – Fink Beef Genetics and
Don & Charlotte Olsen – Fancy Creek Charolais

Breeders with cattle on display: Windy Hill Charolais, Obermeyer Charolais, Nick &
Steve Hargrave, and Todd & Charlene Sheppard

Thank you also to our speakers: Kim Hoffman, Chris Sankey, Brigham Stewart, Gordon
Stucky, Sue Rowland, Dr. Don Musil, Dr. Meredyth Jones, and Dr. Bob Weaber

Thank you to all for a great day of visiting, eating, and looking at cattle!



Kansas State Fair

Open Show

September 17, 2011

Judge: Dick Burns, Edwards, IL

Grand Champion Female – PZC TR 19 and Crazy 011P ET, 3-15-10, by TR Mr Firewater 5792 RET – Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, KS.

Reserve Champion Female – Schrader's Miss Alex 084, 2-19-10, by EC-SB McCallister 129 ET – Kurtis Clawson, Satanta, KS.

Grand Champion Bull – TR PZC Holywater 9777 ET, 4-8-09, by TR Mr Firewater 5792 RET – Bar J Charolais, Eric Dennis, Lance Sublette, & Thomas Ranch.

Reserve Champion Bull – BJCF Made Right X135, 10-29-10, by M6 Made Right 8103 PET – Bar J Charolais, TX.

Produce of Dam – Bar S Ranch on Thomas Miss Impressive 0641

Junior Get-Of-Sire – Smoky Hill Charolais Farm on MJR Smoky International 903

Get-Of-Sire – Bar S Ranch on TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET

Breeder's Herd – Bar S Ranch

Group of Five Head – Bar S Ranch

Ethan Dickerson's heifer also was named Reserve Supreme Female.



Champion Female



Reserve Female



Champion Bull



Reserve Bull

Thank you to our Award Sponsors:

Harris Livestock

Smoky Hill Charolais

Schumacher Trust

Schrader Ranch

A special thank you goes out to Jim and Carolyn Schwarz for the wonderful meals and hospitality during the State Fair!

Kansas State Fair

4-H/FFA Show

September 10, 2011

Grand Champion Female – Grady Dickerson

Reserve Champion Female – Luke Prill

Grand Champion Steer – Logan Drake

Reserve Champion Steer – Blane Steckline

Kansas Junior Livestock Show

September 23, 24, 25, 2011

Judge: Dr. John Edwards, Llano, TX

Grand Champion Female – Ethan Dickerson

Reserve Champion Female – Addi Marston

Grand Champion Steer & Overall Champion – Logan Drake

Reserve Champion Steer – Garret Smith

Champion Percentage Charolais Female – Madison Ratliff

Reserve Percentage Charolais Female – Addi Marston

Showmanship Winners

Senior – 1st – Kurtis Clawson; 2nd – Maci Schlehuber; 3rd – Cory Craver

Junior – 2nd – Grady Dickerson; 4th – Hadley Schotte

Congratulations to all on an outstanding representation of our breed!

Percentage Charolais Females and Charolais Steer Reminders

- Steers must be 50% Charolais (sired by a purebred, registered bull or out of a purebred, registered dam)
- Steer must have a valid Kansas Steer Certificate or an AICA registration paper
 - Composite females must be registered with the AICA

Welcome new KCA member: Windy Hill Charolais (John, Donna, & Dusty Hodgins), Riley, KS!

2012 Calendar – Website

Please send your events, sale dates, etc. to schrader@twinvalley.net to be included on the 2012 website calendar and quarterly KCA newsletters.

KCA Calendar of Events

November

13th – 33rd National Charolais Sale, NAILE, Louisville, KY

14th – 43rd National Charolais Show, NAILE, Louisville, KY

15th – Deadline for submitting performance information to AICA for 2012 Spring Genetic Analysis

December

8th – 11th - Kansas Beef Expo, Hutchinson

31st – KCA membership Dues

January

14th – National Western Stock Show Pen Show, Denver, CO

15th – Charolais In the Rockies Sale, Denver, CO

16th – National Western Stock Show National ROE Show, Denver, CO

*****Start thinking about your directory ad. 2012-2013 KCA Membership Directories will go out next spring. This will be a 2 year directory. Ads will be due in April.*****



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**2012 KCA Membership Dues
Due December 31st 2011**

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