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The Jersey Component

Genomics and Feed Efficiency: Local Research With Global Implications Emily Belage, University of Guelph

The field of genomics has the potential to not only improve the dairy industry at the herd level, but it has implications at national and global levels. A cutting-edge Canadian initiative, led by Dr. Filippo Miglior, of the University of Guelph, in collaboration with Dr. Paul Stothard, of the University of Alberta, seeks to understand how genomics impact feed efficiency and reduce methane production in dairy cattle in a 10-year project launched in 2015. Thanks to the relationship between producers and researchers involved in this project, the researchers and industry expect producers will be able to select for more efficient, less costly animals, while preserving the environment for future generations.

Importance of genomics and feed efficiency for producers and the planet

Feed is one of the main costs on a dairy farm. Having cows that can convert feed into milk more efficiently is beneficial for the bottom-line and the environment: **farmers can select and breed for cows that produce more milk with less feed.** What this also means, is that fewer crops need to be grown to feed the same number of animals, potentially freeing cropland for other purposes. Cows that eat less also produce less manure and less methane, an important greenhouse gas (GHG). This is not only important for manure management, as there is less manure that needs to be stored, but it also has implications on the environmental footprint dairy farms have today. Food production that is environmentally sustainable is becoming more and more important for consumers. There is increased concern and awareness of how the agricultural sector contributes to GHG emissions like methane, and its role in global warming. Dairy farmers' investment in this research is innovative – by selecting for cattle that produce less methane, dairy farmers can do their part in addressing climate change now and in the future.

Data collection for accuracy of predictions

To be able to select for the feed efficiency trait, investigators needed to collect a lot of different phenotypes (i.e. the observable characteristics) and genotypes (i.e. genetic constitution) from cattle to be able to distinguish which animals are more efficient at converting feed into milk. Using prediction equations, they can look at the genotype from a young animal and predict early on whether that animal will be feed efficient or not. Feed efficiency and methane emissions are expensive traits to measure. It requires highly specialized equipment to accurately measure these phenotypes. With the arrival of genomics, researchers can measure those traits on a small number of animals, and then extrapolate the results on all genotyped populations, which reduces the costs.

Researchers also need a large amount of data to make accurate predictions in genomics, which is why they are collaborating with other countries for this project. The funding provided by Genome Canada, in collaboration with dairy farm organizations and other funders, gives the Canadian dairy sector the ability to measure these phenotypes, but also has the input of expertise from other countries that are also collecting data on these traits, allowing Canada to test its prediction equations for accuracy.

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President’s Message

The Jersey Ontario Board of Directors along with our Secretary manager Bev Spriel, have been very busy the first few months of this year working hard to keep Jerseys at the forefront in the ever changing dairy industry of Ontario.

In March, the results of the sustainability project was completely reviewed and studied. The extremely broad range of needs and desires of Jersey breeders across the province were discussed and careful consideration was taken to changes that will need to be implemented to keep Jersey Ontario sustainable in the future.

Another tremendous OIS was held in Woodstock this past April. Congratulations to Glen Burgess and his committee on another very successful OIS sale. Many of the high quality animals ended up in homes of young and very new Jersey breeders. An indication of the growth, and excitement in the breed was very evident at the sale.

During the OIS, the Youth Seminar was taking place. A big thanks to Harry Schipper, Ann Striker and Tracy Dafoe for organizing a wonderful Youth Seminar. Thank you also to all of the farms in the surrounding Woodstock area that opened up their doors to our keen Jersey youth.

Jersey Ontario has already begun work on a new exciting venture with Shur-Gain. The goal is to help benchmark Jersey production and try to provide producers with data that will help evaluate and set production goals. Anyone interested in signing their herd up should contact Heather Peters.

With all the calf rallies, shows and twilight meetings coming up there are lots of opportunities throughout the summer to get out and socialize with all your fellow Jersey enthusiasts. I encourage everyone to do this and hope to see you at some of these events. Thanks to everyone that supports Jersey Ontario and especially our loyal VSM’s for their continued support

Bobby Jarrell

Secretary-Manager’s Report

It is already the latter half of June, where does the time fly? Jersey Ontario saw a whirlwind of activity throughout the winter and spring. The seasons were packed with activity beginning with a well-attended Annual General Meeting hosted by the Grand River Club in Guelph. There was a fantastic line up of farms on the tour and a packed program.

Jersey Ontario participated in the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, hosting a seminar featuring Eric Baumann as key note speaker; the topic *Dairying, the Environment and “Green” Cows*. Despite the weather there was a good turn out and the seminar generated a great deal of interest. Jersey Ontario hopes to deliver more of these information sessions throughout the coming year.

Glen Burgess and his team coordinated a wonderful Ontario Invitational Sale. Strong prices are indicative of the demand for Jerseys. Special thanks to everyone that makes this sale a success.

Also during this time, many Jersey breeders in southwestern Ontario opened their doors to the participants of the Youth Seminar. This year 11 keen young Jersey enthusiasts travelled from Eastern, Central and South Western Ontario to participate in the program. Our sincere gratitude is extended to our three chaperones; Ann Strike, Tracy Dafoe and Harry Schipper for delivering a tremendous program for the group. The 2018 Youth Seminar will take place in the 400 Club region.

Now we are looking forward to Calf Rallies; three rallies are planned in Shannonville, Russell and Drumbo. Jersey Ontario has partnered with ABS (Canada) Global to deliver the Rally program. The Rallies are a great time to come out and meet other Jersey breeders, have fun and share some smiles. I encourage everyone to come to one of the rallies and enjoy the day.

Respectfully,

Beverley Spriel

Jersey Canada Update

I'm writing this column on a sunny Friday afternoon in June, excited for 4:30pm to come so that I can get outside and soak up some of that vitamin D! But, even though it isn't technically summer yet, and November is still five months away, the Jersey Canada staff is already preparing for the 2017 National Jersey Show. There have been some engaging new developments for the show, which will take place at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on November 11, 2017.

We are very pleased to have Brent Walker of Guelph, Ontario officiate our national show in November. Assisting Brent will be his brother, Scott Walker, as Associate Judge.

For the first time ever, the Lifetime Component Class will take the ring following the Mature Cows. This new class will demonstrate to show spectators the traits that make Jerseys the most efficient and profitable cows around. The Lifetime Component Class is for cows with official lifetime total solids of 4,500 kg or more, based on official DHI records (that is, lifetime combined fat and protein yield). Cows exhibited in the Lifetime Component Class can be entered in only one class at the Royal. In other words, a cow may be shown as either a Lifetime Component entry or Mature Cow, but not both.

The Lifetime Component Class will also be included in the 2017 All Canadian Contest. The Jersey Canada Board of Directors would like to encourage other Jersey shows across the country to incorporate similar classes in their shows.

In the past, the National Jersey Show was split into two parts, with heifer classes taking place on Friday afternoon, and the milking classes taking place on Saturday morning. However, as requested through a resolution from Ontario presented at the Jersey Canada Annual General Meeting, we have made arrangements with RAWF management for the National Jersey Show to take place on a single day. The show will begin bright and early at 7:30am, and will wrap up by 3:30pm on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

A single-day Jersey show has freed up time in the Ring of Excellence for the Jersey Junior Showmanship Classes to take place the day before the show, on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 4:00pm (definitely a more appealing hour)! Please remember that the entry deadline for the Jersey Junior Showmanship classes is Tuesday, October 10, 2017, and Showmanship entries are made directly with Jersey Canada. We need that time between the entry deadline and the show to order and produce the correct number and sizes of t-shirts provided to each Showmanship participant. Jersey Canada cannot guarantee that late entries will be accepted, so please, send us your Jersey Junior Showmanship entries by the entry deadline!

2017 Joint Dairy Breeds Future Leaders Scholarship

Congratulations to *Laura DeKlein* on winning, one of the two, Joint Dairy Breeds Future Leaders Scholarships. This award is given to young people in the agricultural industry for their involvement, accomplishments and leadership achievements.

Laura was chosen for her many accomplishments and tireless dedication to the dairy industry through her extensive volunteerism. Congratulations Laura, we wish you success in all your career endeavors.



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2017 Ontario Invitational Sale

On Saturday April 1st the 53rd edition of the Ontario Invitational Sale took place in Woodstock, ON. The sale was extremely well attended, with many young breeders and new to the breed buyers in attendance.

The sale averaged over \$3,044 on 55 head. Top seller of the day was *Glenholme Comerica Verbina*. A well cut Comerica daughter out of an 86 point Icon dam having a three lactation average of 233M, 195F, 230P, consigned by Robert and Bruce Mellow, Caledon, ON. Successful bidder, Jason Butcher, Brenbe Farms, Ayr, ON

Special thanks go out to the Ontario Invitational Sale Committee for their outstanding organization, the dedicated crew of fitters that prepared the animals, the leads people, Laura DeKlein for her real-time Facebook Updates, Sandra Green, photographer, Jeff Stephens for selecting a great slate of animals, auctioneer James Doan, Bobby Jarrell on pedigrees, the ring men and most importantly the consigners and buyers who support the OIS and make it a great event each year.

We would also like to recognize Oxford Junior Farmers for providing lunch and to Ayr Farmers Mutual Insurance, Supreme Agribusiness Insurance for their financial support.

The Committee will soon begin planning for the 2018 Sale. If you have comments or suggestion please do not hesitate to contact our office and let us know.

Looking forward to 2018.



High Seller: *Glenholme Comerica Verbina*
(L-R) Carol Ruta, Curtis Ruta, Clarissa McCallum, Jason Butcher
 Photo Credit: Sandra Green

Top Six Sellers

Glenholme Comerica Verbina	\$8,200	Brenbe Farms
Silverlining Premier Gabi	\$5,100	Bridon Farms
Genesis Tequila Veronnie	\$4,600	Yellow Briar Farm
Therihof Premier Snowfall 258D	\$4,500	Dani Karn
Charlyn Verb Breeze	\$4,100	Bryan Bailey
Jone's Eclipses Flower Girl	\$4,100	Brabandtval Farm

Prices by Age

Sale analysis of average prices by age:

Calves (Intermediate and Senior Calves)	\$3,000
Yearlings (Junior and Summer Yearlings)	\$2,453
Milking Animals	\$3,509

Breeder Profile: Shady Glen Farms, Midland, ON

What is the business structure of your farm?

Shady Glen Farms is a family run partnership involving Steven and Yvonne Jones (Michael, Andrew, Luke and Carina), Kevin and Carolyn Jones (Landry, Grace, Clara and Gavin), David and Myrna Jones and Wayne and Elaine Simpson. Steve's focus is crop production and Kevin's focus is dairy production. Yvonne has a career with the National Bank and Carolyn is a Registered Dietician. David and Myrna Jones and Wayne and Elaine Simpson provide support to the operation looking after livestock in their former tie-stall milk barns, some tractor work and providing us with the opportunity to take over their respective Jersey herds.

What is the farm's Management Philosophy?

We use science-based decision making to maximize output and minimize inputs. Since 2001 when we formed the partnership, we have leveraged our parent's equity base and by constantly looking for new opportunities to add revenue and improve, we have expanded by more than 100kgs of quota, 450 acres of owned land and around 600 acres of total cropping acres. We also try to plan for the future as there will always be the need for the farm business to increase in scale and we have 8 kids between us that will grow up on the farm. Farm succession is not a one-time event. We are not even finished with the succession from Mom and Dad, Uncle Wayne and Aunt Elaine, and we already consider how the next generation will be integrated here.

What technologies or management tools have you adopted in the past that have been successful?

- We have used DHI's management software "Scout" Dairy Comp for almost 10 years. It makes reproduction management efficient and we can benchmark the herd's results.
- Building the sand-bedded freestall barn was a game changer. The cows are truly comfortable on the sand, we have less than 1% per year mastitis treatment rate. Research shows sand to be the far superior bedding choice for cows. Milking in the parlor over the tie-stall allows us to milk cows faster and with less physical demands.
- The Automatic calf feeder has reduced the workload of calf feeding by 20-40 minutes per day. I feel the growth has been better as they are consuming up to 10Litres/day. The first calves on the new system are freshening now. We look forward and hope to see a production increase as a result.
- Our reproduction management has intensified in the past 2 years. We are doing herd health every other Tuesday morning. We implement Presynch, Resynch, Ovsynch, CIDR Synch so that all cows have a first service by 100 days. The result from this effort is a 21-day preg rate of 25% which keeps our days in milk between 130-180.
- In the fields, we use GPS, auto-steer and yield monitoring. We have one year of yield mapping which we are keen to use to help with decision on future investments in land and equipment improvements such as: tile, compaction reducing tires and fertility.

What technologies or management tools might you consider in the future?

We have made the decision to switch from our double-8 parlor to 2 Lely Robots this summer. With this we will have much more information from the cows and be a bit more flexible around chore time to be able to take advantage of other possible business opportunities and to be involved with the kid's activities.

Following the guest address given by American Jersey's Neil Smith at the 2016 Jersey Ontario AGM, I am convinced the great potential for genomic testing is on herds such as ours. We are looking to implement a strategy of identifying a portion of our herd to breed to sexed female jersey sires and a portion to breed to sexed male beef sires.



Shady Glen Farms

Location: Midland,
Ontario in Simcoe
County

Herd Size: 105 Milking,
16 Dry, 100 Heifers.
100% Registered Jerseys

Production: Bulk tank
26L 5.6%fat 4.0% protein
Sc 180,000 DHI BCA
(269-251-270)

Land: 810 acres owned
and rented in: corn,
soybeans, black beans,
wheat, oats, hay and
custom work.

Livestock Facilities:
From birth to 4 months
old heifers are housed in
a newly renovated barn
with an Automatic Calf
Feeder. From 4 months
to breeding age the heif-
ers go to Wayne and
Elaine's. Our milk cows,
dry cows and breeding
age heifers are housed in
a 6 year old 3-row sand
bedded freestall barn
with a double 8 parlor.
We raise the jersey bulls
to 700-800lbs at David
and Myrna's.

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Genomics and Feed Efficiency: Local Research With Global Implications

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Feed is 52 to 75 percent of the cost of production. Preliminary estimates show breeding animals with increased feed efficiency and lower methane emissions can reduce feed costs by \$108 per cow per year and decrease methane emissions by 11 to 26 percent.

The benefit of selecting for these two traits for the Canadian dairy industry is estimated to be \$108 million per year, according to the dairy network's website.

Thus, without genomics and without the data consolidation from other countries, it would be impossible to consider feed efficiency and methane emissions in genetic selection strategies.

Future application of results for the Canadian dairy industry

Results from this research can also be applied to herd management. The plan is for selection indexes to be produced, so that farmers can select for animals that are more feed efficient and lower methane emitters. Genomic evaluation for the novel traits will be developed at the Canadian Dairy Network. This research group believes that the addition of those traits will increase the rate of genotyping of young females at the herd level for replacement decisions. The amount of time needed to collect data is significant, which explains the length of the project (10 years). However, the investment is so unique, producers will see results over the long term and for generations to come. The benefits of this research also align with the proAction environmental targets: reduce GHG emissions related to milk production, and the impact on land needed to produce milk. The usefulness of this research will become more relevant over time by breeding for dairy cows that are much more efficient than the ones we have today.

Real-time Farm Involvement in the Research



| Barbara Duckworth photo

SunAlta Dairy in Ponoka, Alberta is a participating dairy in this project. The Brouwer family was in the middle of building a new free-stall barn for 450 cows and agreed to install the necessary research equipment that measures feed intake for each of the cows. By collaborating with researchers, the Brouwers are able to get a first-hand impression of the value of the research and the value of genomics. "It brings research to the farm so producers can see that the work researchers do has real-life applications and benefits. Producers get to observe these benefits first-hand", says Dr. Filippo Miglior. Getting data from a commercial herd also allows "real-life" data to be included in the analyses. This allows investigators to get more data (since a commercial herd is often bigger than a research herd at a university research station), and gives them data from a different environment than a research herd, an environment where cows are managed in "real-time" on a dairy farm. Results from this type of research are therefore directly applicable to other commercial herds.

The cows at **Sunalta Dairy** at Ponoka have joined an international research project to measure their feed efficiency, methane emissions and other traits. The barns have been outfitted with Grow Safe feed troughs and antennae to capture information every day all day on what each animal is eating.



Ontario Spring Discovery Show Highlights

Judge: Richard Landry, Ste. Bridgitte-des-Saults, QC

Junior Champion: LOCUS EDGE NAUGHTY TEQUILA - L&D SHARP & A&J CUNNINGTON & G&S BURGESS
 Reserve Jr. Champion: PAULLOR GILLER JAVLYN - PAUL & LORRAINE FRANKEN, CLINTON, ON
 HM Jr. Champion: L'ORMIERE TEQUILA LEAH - JOHN & LAURA CAMPBELL, CLARK VALLEY & PETER LEACH, ON

Intermediate Champion: BRIDON VELOCITY RAMBLE - BRIDON FARMS INC., PARIS, ON
 Reserve Intermediate Champion: ALEXVALE GLORIBEAS GAZINGA - PLEASANT NOOK JERSEYS, AYR, ON
 HM Intermediate Champion: BRIDON K SUSPEND - BRIDON FARMS INC., PARIS, ON

Grand Champion: BRIDON IATOLA POLISH - BRIDON FARMS INC., PARIS, ON
 Reserve Grand Champion: RICH VALLEY AJV VELOCITY 231 - PAUL & LORRAINE FRANKEN, CLINTON, ON
 HM Grand Champion: BRIDON VELOCITY RAMBLE - BRIDON FARMS INC., PARIS, ON

Premier Breeder & Exhibitor: BRIDON FARMS INC., PARIS, ON

Full Results; jerseyontario.ca

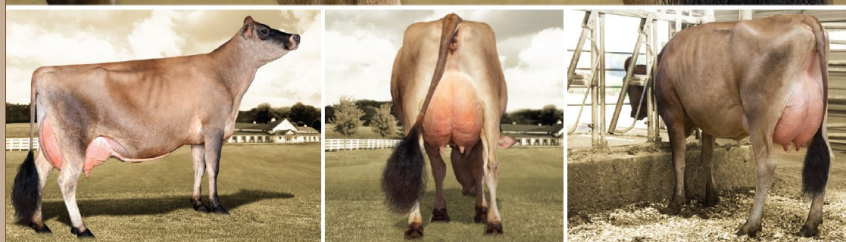
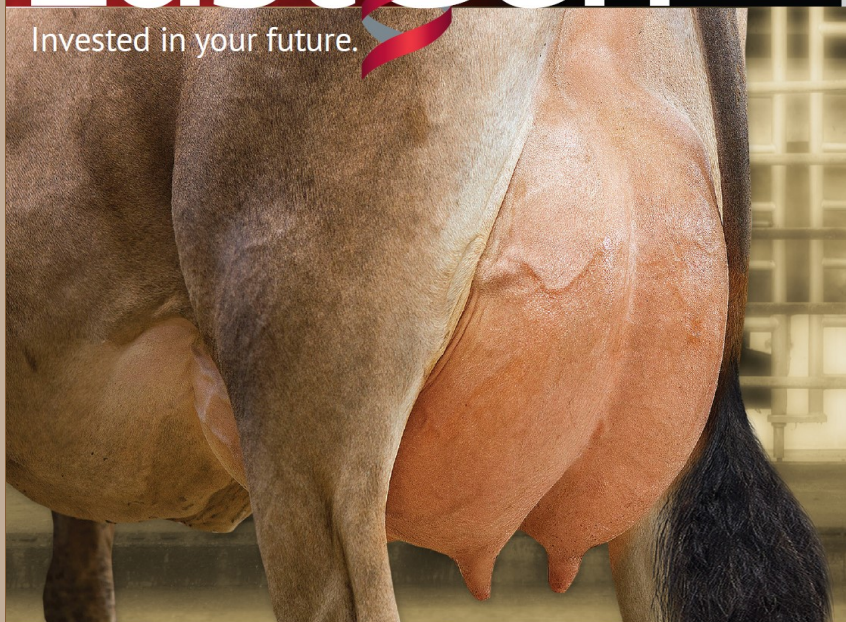


- 25 - Ontario Summer Show Clipping Competition - Lindsay, ON
- 26 - Intercounty Dairy Cattle Judging Competition - Lindsay, ON
- 27 - Ontario Summer Show - Lindsay, ON (Judge: Jamie Black)

Entries Open on AssistExpo

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CRAZE's dam, remaining photos first lactation

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			0200JE10010 RIVER VALLEY CHARLEY CHANGE UP	1959	1742
			0200JE10011 RIVER VALLEY JOYRIDE-ET	2014	1712
			0777JE10005 RIVER VALLEY LANI LIFT-OFF-ET <i>* available sexed only</i>	1770	1713

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0200JE10001 River Valley Circus

CRAZE

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** available sexed*

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Breeder Profile: Shady Glen Farms, Midland, ON

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What benchmarks do you use most often?

Key numbers from our DHI reports I most often use are: 21-day Preg Rate, Avg DIM, Herd Turnover, Avg. Age a 1st calving, milk solids production per cow and Energy Corrected Milk. I like looking at BCA too, but it is not the best benchmark to use. In terms of financial benchmarks, we keep an eye on debt service capacity and operating expense ratio.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who establishes the program requirements?

One of the principles of proAction is that the program is developed “by farmers for farmers”. National committees or working groups have been established for every proAction element. These groups are chaired by producers and include academia, subject matter experts (e.g. veterinarians), government representatives, as well as staff from the provincial organizations and DFC. Requirements are approved by a producer committee called “proAction Committee” and the DFC Board.

When will proAction be implemented?

While the requirements are being integrated into a single program, they will be implemented in a step-wise manner. Farmers are required to comply with the Animal Care and Livestock Traceability requirements as of September 2017. Biosecurity and Environmental Sustainability requirements must be implemented by September 2019 and September 2021, respectively. On-farm verification or “validations” begin September 2017.

Who will be delivering this program and performing the validations?

Provincial organizations are responsible for delivering proAction to their producers, including training and validations. In Ontario, training is available to producers in three-formats: Classroom, online (at no additional cost to producers), and on-farm.

Classroom and on-farm training are delivered by veterinarians who have been trained and authorized by DFO to do so. The list of proAction Advisors can be found [here](#). An [online training course](#) provides an overview of the program, requirements and implementation.

Validations will continue to be performed by DFO Field Services Representatives.

How much work will proAction be for producers?

Producers can expect several new requirements with proAction. However, many of the requirements have already been implemented on-farm through the CQM program and the Provincial Raw Milk Quality Program through Grade A requirements.

There are many common areas across proAction modules and the Grade A inspection program. Therefore, they will be integrated into a single evaluation process, performed at the same time. This will eliminate duplication, simplify the program for producers and validators, as well as remove the need for separate farm visits.

What will the consequences be if my farm does not meet proAction requirements?

In Ontario, producers who do not meet proAction requirements will be assessed a financial penalty. Effective September 1, 2017, the CQM penalty program will transition into the proAction penalty program.

For More Information on proAction: dairyfarmers.ca/proaction

Events

July 2017

- 3-4 EastGen Showcase, Spencerville, ON
- 4 Grand River Jersey Club Twilight Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Russell & Sondra Metzger, Drayton, ON
- 5 East Central Judging School - Picton, ON
- 6-7 EastGen Challenge West, Stratford, ON
- 8 Central Ontario Calf Rally, Shannonville, ON
- 9 Eastern Ontario Calf Rally, Russell Fairgrounds, Russell, ON
- 10-11 Western Ontario Junior Show, Woodstock, ON
- 11 East-Central Ontario Junior Show, Orono, ON
- 12 Eastern Dairy Cattle Evaluation Clinic (Judging School), Cobden Fairgrounds, ON
- 12 - Eastern Dairy Cattle Judging School - Lombardy, ON
- 13-14 Eastgen Challenge East, Markham, ON
- 22 Western Ontario Calf Rally - Drumbo, ON
- 23 Quinte Trent Jersey Club Summer Picnic - Lorivale Farms, ON
- 25 Ontario Summer Show Clipping Competition, Lindsay Fairgrounds, Lindsay, ON
- 26 Intercounty Dairy Cattle Judging Competition, Ilderton Fairgrounds
- 27 Ontario Summer Show Showmanship Competition, 7:00 p.m., Lindsay Fairgrounds, Lindsay, ON (E-C 4H only)

August 2017

- 6 Leeds-Grenville Parish Jersey Picnic, ON
- 7 Britespan 4-H Show, Lucknow, ON
- 8 CDN Genetic Evaluations
- 9 Perth-Huron Jersey Club Sale, Carsons, Listowel, ON
- 10 Eastern Ontario/Western Quebec Show, Navan, ON
- 12 Quinte Trent Parish Show - Campbellford, ON
- 12 Grey-Bruce Parish Show, Hanover, ON
- 15-16 Ontario Holstein Junior All Ontario Show, Ilderton Fairgrounds, Ilderton, ON
- 24 400 Parish Show - Barrie, ON
- 25 Oxford Parish Show, Woodstock, ON
- 24-25 West-Central Junior Show, Elora Raceway, Elora, ON
- 31 Quinte Championship Show - Belleville, ON

September 2017

- 4 Brant Norfolk Parish Show, Paris, ON
- 8 St. Lawrence Parish Show, Russell, ON
- 12-14 Canada's Outdoor Farm Show, Woodstock, ON
- 14 Perth Huron Parish Show, Seaforth, ON
- 15 Jersey Canada Deadline for Youth Scholarships, Awards & Programs
- 18 Southwestern Ontario Championship Show - Stratford, ON
- 20 Earl Vander Meulen Award Deadline
- 21 Dairy Cattle Improvement Industry Forum, Muskoka, ON
- 21 CDN AGM, Muskoka, ON
- 30 Bertram and Hazel Stewart 4-H Dairy Youth Education Award & Bursary, Application Deadline

October 2017

- 1 World Dairy Expo Youth Fitting Contest, 10:00 a.m., the Sale Pavilion. The Coliseum, Madison, WI
- 1 Bertram and Hazel Stewart Dairy Youth Education Award and Bursary. Application Deadline.
- 1 Justin Parish Memorial Bursary, Application Deadline.
- 3-4 World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI, USA
- 4 Top of the World Jersey Sale, World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI
- 5 World Dairy Expo Youth Showmanship Contest, 6:00 p.m, The Coliseum, Madison, WI
- 6 Henrike Foerster Memorial 4-H Entrance Scholarship, Application Deadline

November 2017

- 3-12 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, ON
- 7-8 TD Canadian 4-H Classic, NEW Ring of Excellence, RAWF, Toronto, ON
- 10 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair - Showmanship Competition @ 3:30 PM
- 11 NEW 1 day event with start time 7:30 AM Royal Agricultural Winter Fair - **National Jersey Show** (Judge: Brent Walker, Associate Judge: Scott Walker)

New

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"I think my jersey's are producing okay for their stage of lactation."

Unsure where your jersey's stack up? Jersey Ontario and Shur-Gain are collaborating to help provide you with better milk production information on how your Jerseys are doing. Shur-Gain will be collecting data from your DHI test days and provide monthly Jersey production numbers in Ontario.

Stay tuned for future Jersey Benchmark information

Don't delay, contact Heather Peters at heather.peters@nutreco.ca to learn how to sign up.



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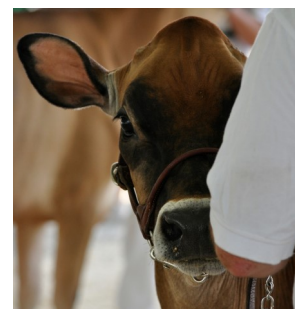
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2017 Calf Rally Dates

Central Ontario Calf Rally, July 8th 2017—Shannonville, ON

Eastern Ontario Calf Rally, July 9th, 2017 - Russell, ON

Western Ontario Calf Rally, July 22nd, 2017 - Drumbo, ON



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2017 Youth Production Contest

The Youth Production Contest is open to any calf, yearling or two year old purchased by a **young person at least 10 years of age and under 22 years of age as of January 1st of the current year**, residing in Canada, at an Ontario Invitational Sale. Winners are awarded on the composite Fat and Protein BCA

The 2017 Youth Production Contest winner : Brynn Schultz , with the 2014 OIS purchase of:
Paullyn Aries Sheleza - Composite Fat and Protein + 72



2017 Youth Seminar



Eleven keen Jersey Youth participated in a successful the three day seminar, March 30th to April 1st across Southwestern Ontario. The group visited Little Brown Cow Dairy, Brenbe, Bridon, Walker Dairy, Futurecrest, Walker Dairy Sales, Sleeperholm, the GayLea Museum, Claessic Fields and finished their tour at the OIS.

Thank you to all the hosts, chaperones, Ann Striker, Harry Schipper and Tracy Dafoe. The 2018 Youth Seminar is now being planned for the 400 Club region.



Mark Your Calendars for 2018 Annual General Meeting Dates

2018 Jersey Ontario Annual General Meeting
February 9 - 10, 2018
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriot
407 North Front St., Belleville, Ontario K8P 3C38

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