NDGA Newsletter Summer 2022



A Message from the President:

Hello everyone. As I write this, we are finishing up the last week of May. It has been an eventful spring for most of us across the state and into neighboring states. I think most of us have gotten a fair amount of moisture this spring to get us out of the drought conditions. Although I'm sure not everyone received the moisture that they preferred with the wet, heavy snow and blizzards in later April.

Many cow-calf operations across the multiple state area got hit hard with the April storms and it left quite a death toll out there, especially on newborn and young calves. It has been a real struggle trying to keep calves alive and healthy. These hardships from weather were compounded by many areas in the state dealing with power outages for substantial amounts of time. Eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota have been hoping for the rains to stop, with flooding conditions in large areas. Hopefully with many of these challenges behind us we can work our way into summer.

We are just finishing up the AI breeding and starting to get the cattle out to pasture. The grass up here in the Northwest corner of the state is

still short, but I am very thankful for the moisture that we got and optimistic for the summer with the countryside turning green and the sun shining. I hope to see everyone at Prairie Hills Gelbvieh this summer for a summer field day. It will be a fun opportunity to catch up with everyone and view some great cattle.

Jordan Jensen

From the Board:

The Association's new website is now under construction. The association is looking for high quality pictures of Gelbvieh cattle. If you would like to share pictures that might be used on the website, send them to Bailey March. bdockter10@hotmail.com.

Coming Events:

The 2022 AGJA Junior Classic will be held July 3-8 in Salina, KS. This year a couple of families have expressed interest in attending the event. If you have junior age children, this is a great opportunity for them to meet and mix with other youth from around the country that share a common interest in Gelbvieh cattle. There are events and activities through the week to keep everyone involved and increase their knowledge and love of the Gelbvieh breed. If there is any interest in coming along to watch and participate, please reach out to Klint or Maralee Sickler and we can find you a seat there and back!

Prairie Hills Gelbvieh will again be hosting the 2022 NDGA Summer Field Day and Junior show. Last summer's event was a great success, and we look forward to seeing more juniors and more cattle this summer! We don't have a definite date locked down yet, but we are looking at a weekend in August. Stay tuned for more details to come! (*The Sicklers*)

Arrivals and Departures:

Members Verrick and Sarah Schock welcomed daughter Brinley Clare on March 3rd. Brinley weighed 8 lb, 6 oz. She is the grand-daughter of members Roger and Ardella Gaugler.

Brinley has four siblings: Senora, 9; Ivy, 7; Treyvn, 5 and Heaton, 2.





Caisen Michael Krein was born March 26, weighing 7 lbs, 7 oz. Son of Zach and McKenzi Krein, Caisen is the grandson of Dean and Kristi Wehri of Wehri Gelbvieh and great nephew of Brian and Cheryl Wehri of Wehri Gelbvieh, Hebron.

Corey and Jessica Dathe, West Fargo, are the proud parents of Jackson Dean, who arrived May 25th, weighing 8 pounds, one ounce. Jackson is grandson of members Dennis and Sherry Gustin, nephew of Richie and Sarah Heinrich and great-nephew of Al and Peggy Gustin, all part of the Gustin's Diamond-D Gelbvieh family.





Jeanette Rankin of Sunburst, MT passed away March 17, 2022 after a sudden illness. Jeanette was born September 14, 1930 in Norway, Michigan to immigrant parents. Jeanette and her husband George were second-generation owners of Kicking Horse Ranch. She was inducted into the American Gelbvieh Association's Hall of Fame in 2014. Her daughter Kathleen is a member of the NDGA.

From the Archives:

"The North Dakota Gelbvieh Association held a very successful field day at the Kal Kota Ranch, owned by Ed and Anne Kalianoff, Steele. A fitting demonstration was given by Rick and Dean Wehri, Hebron.

Senior Grand Champion showman was Dean Wehri. Senior Reserve Champion showman was Susan Wehri. Junior Grand Champion showman was Jesse Schank. Junior Reserve Champion showman was Ryan Bernstein. American Gelbvieh Association fieldman Dick McCormick told us about the large number of registrations and the fast growth of the association in recent years."

(Taken from the "North Dakota Gelbvieh News", November, 1989)

Other news and notes from the NDGA:

Annual dues for the ND Gelbvieh Association are \$40 per member. If you have not paid your dues for 2022, please make payment to treasurer

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