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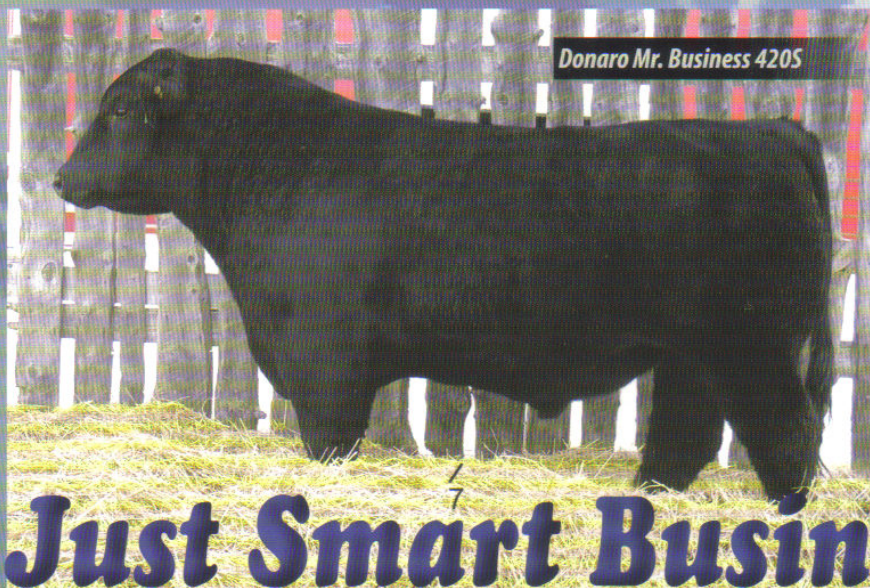
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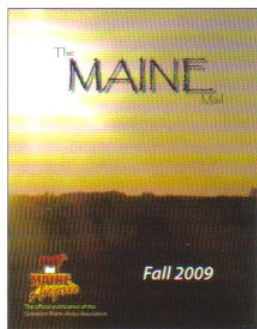
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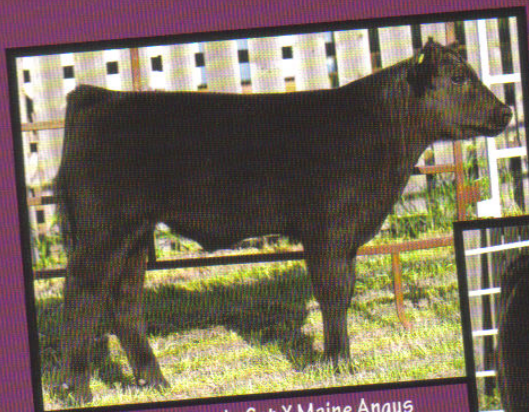
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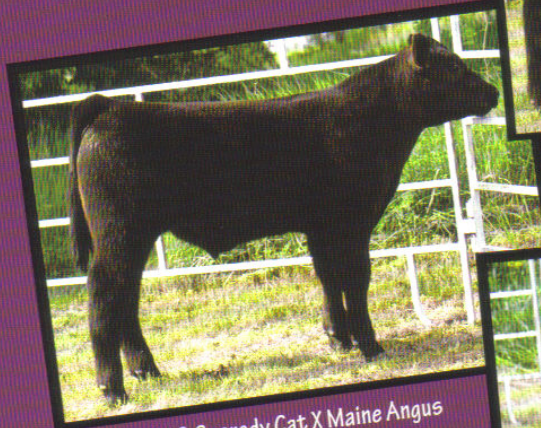
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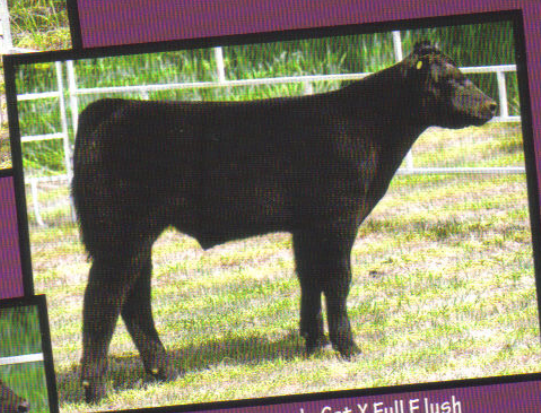
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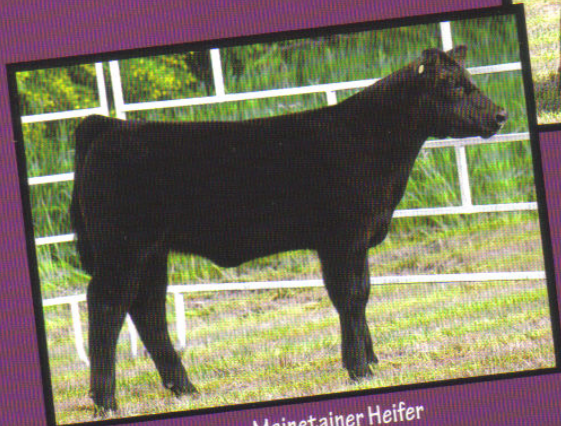
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Well fall is upon us! Time for weaning and marketing of some calves. That's one of the great things about Maine calves; coming in with that nice shiny long fur coat and those extra pounds. Hope everyone was able to put up enough feed and that harvest is in the bin or just about there.

It's show season again! Time to promote your program and build a clientele with new friends and old. You don't get any better exposure than at a cattle show where people can meet you up close and personal. Remember, if you are planning on showing cattle this fall to get your registration paperwork in early to the office to allow time for processing.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bid a farewell to long time breeders and supporters of Maine-Anjou Cattle, The Kunzlemans. They are dispersing their herd this fall. A life time of work and building has gone into this herd - here's a great chance to purchase genetics for anyone to expand with or to start a new herd.

The Annual General Meeting was held in Lindsay, ON this summer. Thanks to the Ontario crew for the hospitality and work put into the AGM - it was great! It was a chance to meet up with friends, new and old, and discuss what a great breed we are all a part of!

Hope you enjoy the second issue of the Maine Mail. It is great to see everyone advertising and sending in articles. Keep them coming! The next issue will go out before bull season starts and it will be a great opportunity to promote those Maine-Anjou bulls available by sale or private treaty. We are also trying to build a commercial mailing list, so if you have names of commercial producers that you would like to add to the list, please send them to the office.

Good luck this fall and we'll see you down the show road!

Respectfully,  
*Stu Byman*

### **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Hello from the Canadian Maine-Anjou Association

Summer has flown by and now we are heading into Fall. Calgary had a very cool summer but it was nice to not have snow around.

The Annual General Meeting went well and everyone in attendance thought that it was a very productive meeting. The Ontario Association did a wonderful job with planning and making everyone feel welcome. The breakfast on Sunday was well attended and the Whitakers did a fine job of entertaining us and making us feel welcome in their home.

The office has been fairly busy with registrations and transfers, so keep the work coming in. Also, remember that the fall shows are coming up so register your animals early so any problems can be dealt with in a timely matter.

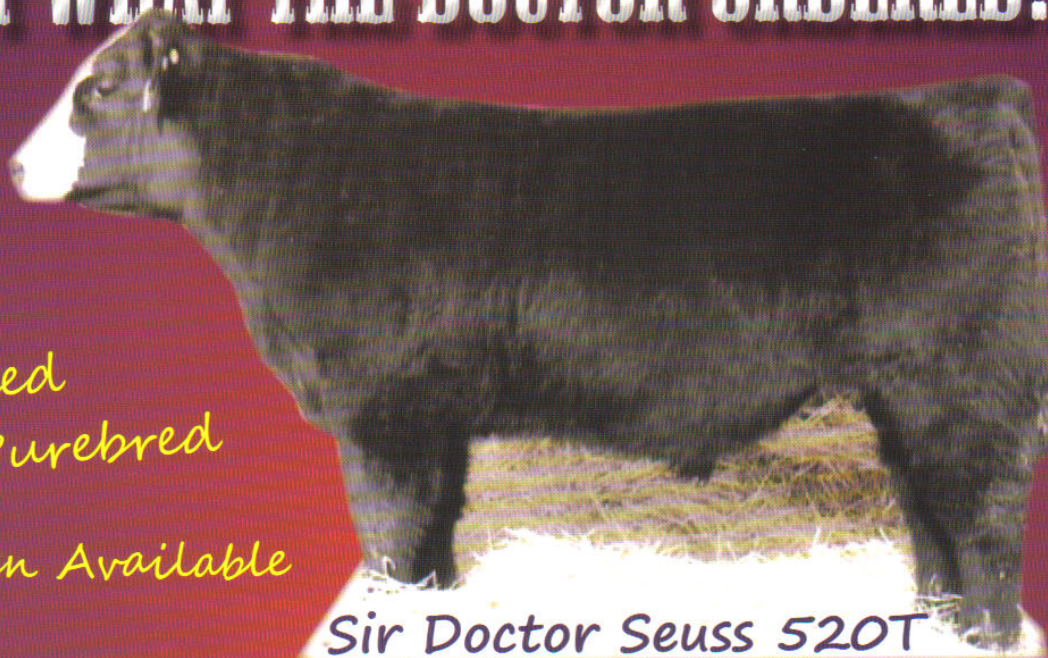
We would also like to start working on a Junior program so if you sell any animals to a junior please forward their information to me so I can contact them to see if they would be interested in becoming a Junior member of the Maine-Anjou. The juniors are the future of any cattle association so we need to start focusing on this.

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## Ultrasound—A New Pregnancy Checking Tool

Its preg checking season—both a blessing and a curse in my opinion! On one hand there are many enjoyable aspects about this time of year—I get to be out in the country (hopefully in beautiful fall weather!), visiting with clients, appreciating the current calf crop and having the opportunity to analyze the cows up close. However there are some parts of preg checking that I simply cannot bring myself to like—cold, windy days make me a bit grumpy and getting my arm wrenched around by an unhappy patient has resulted in some cussing on occasion! And I must admit that as the season goes on the act of shoving my arm into cow after cow after cow.....well the novelty begins to wear off!

In recent years a new tool acquired by our practice in Moose Jaw has generated a lot of interest in the economically valuable task of preg-checking. This tool is our new ultrasound machine. Ultrasound is not a brand new technology—it has been available for several years. However the machines were terribly expensive and much too cumbersome and fragile for use in the field. As with most technological advances, they eventually become practical enough for everyday use.



Our ultrasound unit consists of: the actual ultrasound machine and attached probe, a T.V. monitor and/or headset, and a "stick" or wand in which the probe snaps into. The ultrasound machine itself is fairly light, and carried in a backpack that I wear. The probe is snapped into a 2 1/2 foot long plastic wand that allows me to scan the cows without having to shove my arm into her. (Yeah!) I prefer to use the T.V. monitor which is then set up at chute side—this way everyone can have a peek at the pregnancy that I am confirming.



If I can't plug in a monitor I can use the monacle headset which puts the ultrasound image right in front of my eye—however I find this way makes me a bit dizzy and so I have compromised for those "preg-check operations in the middle of nowhere" by running the T.V. monitor off my truck via a power converter. This set up is pretty simple and can be done virtually anywhere with a bit of planning. The ultrasound allows me to quite accurately diagnose pregnancies from 30 days to 4 months of age. In this time frame the whole fetus can be viewed and measured. Past 4

months of pregnancy I find it harder to accurately tell you how pregnant she is, but it is still very easy to confirm that she is pregnant.

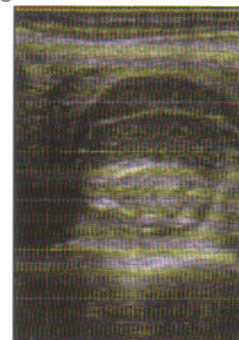
I see a lot of advantages with incorporating ultrasound technology into your preg-checking routine:

**1. It seems easier on the cows.** First of all, they spend less time in the chute—using the wand with the probe attached, I simply poke this into the cow and quickly determine if she is pregnant or not. Most clients just need a "yes or no" answer; some want it more specific than that but this is only a matter of rolling the wand around to locate the fetus. In most cases this is very easily done (like in a matter of a few seconds) and then the cow is done and out. If she lies down or goes down on her front knees it does not matter as I can usually get my image without fighting with her to get her standing. I have also had a number of clients comment that the cows do not strain or stand with their tails up afterwards, especially with heifers as some vets with big arms can really make some of those little girls pretty uncomfortable.



**2. It is easier on the veterinarian.** Ok, so this is one of my favorite parts of the ultrasound! Because of the wand we use I very rarely have to commit my arm into the dangerous chasm of the cow rectum—and by dangerous I mean that once you get far enough into a cow when preg checking a sudden movement can wreak havoc on one's arm, especially rotator cuffs and elbows. The ultrasound reduces the need for rectal palpation (I still double check every open cow manually). Also, by minimizing the amount of time you spend palpating cows you can keep your arm from tiring out and thus for me this means I can preg-check more cows per day.

**3. The ultrasound is much more interactive than conventional preg-checking.** With the TV monitor, this means that the clients get to see what I see and feel. I think this gives them more confidence in my decisions regarding breds and opens. I enjoy teaching clients about what I am looking for to confirm pregnancy in the cow—seeing the fetus, the cotyledons (or "buttons"), the fluid, and the umbilical cord. Quite often there is quite a little crowd around the monitor and soon people are calling out "pregnant" before I get the chance! For me, this takes some of the monotony out of a long day of preg-checking.





**4. Last but definitely not least are the economic opportunities involved with ultrasound.** We have chosen to price an ultrasound preg-check the same as a manual one—it benefits both me and the client in the long run. With the prices being equal I can choose which technique I prefer to use in each situation. I have also seen a bit of a shift in our preg-check season with the introduction of ultrasound into our practice. A lot of clients are choosing to preg-check their heifers in late summer/early fall (August/September). With the ultrasound I can reliably and quickly detect pregnancies 30 days plus (I prefer ultrasounding at least 45 days after the bulls are pulled as a greater percentage of these pregnancies will continue through to calving and some of the 30 day pregnancies can still be lost). These open heifers can then immediately be pulled off grass and sold, thereby still capturing the higher prices of the summer yearling market. (In fact, one of my clients told me this year that by preg-checking early he made over \$2000 difference in his open heifers versus what he would have got only 1 week later—this more than paid for his preg-checking bill.....)

Some clients are also choosing to really narrow their breeding interval on their heifers as well (45 day bull exposure versus the traditional 60 day period, and we preg check 45 days after the bulls are pulled) This not only enables them to hit that high yearling market with their opens but really puts the selection pressure on fertility in their replacement heifers. You may only have a 70-80% pregnancy rate

for the first few years but it does not take long for this number to creep up within a few years of keeping your most fertile animals.

In conclusion, I really think (and hope!) that ultrasonography becomes more widely available in routine large animal practice. It does have potential economic benefits for the producer and hopefully gives the client more confidence in their veterinarian's skill in pregnancy diagnosis. From a vet's point of view, I see this tool as a real benefit in my longevity as a large animal practitioner. I have heard that the average career span of a large animal veterinarian is 7 years—it takes a lot of wear and tear on one's body. Hopefully by using the ultrasound I can limit my arm injuries and fatigue and therefore continue to practice cow-calf medicine for a long time!



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## Nutrition: Herd Sires and Cow Herds

Sounds like a pretty big topic to me and sometimes done without enough planning put into it. I have heard many times over the years "beef herds can eat anything and any quality as long as they eat it." To a certain degree this is true you can make a cow eat just about anything if you try hard enough. If their ration isn't balanced then good luck with any reasonable expected levels of performance and any hope for dare I say "profits". In this article I would like to discuss with you the very basics of nutrition and what they do to your herd sires and your cow herds.

**Protein:** Is the building block of the animal, muscle and milk can only be developed or produced properly if the protein requirements are met. Growing and developing bulls should be on approximately a 13.5 % diet this helps maximize proper bone growth and muscle mass. The cows can be lower for their requirements are for maintenance and milk production at calving. Mature bulls requirements are also lower but are critical for maintaining breeding abilities.

**Energy:** Is the fuel that feeds the animals body, keeping it warm in winter and allowing for growth and body conditioning. For developing young bulls energy and protein need to be matched so that you build a bull for years of use not just for good looks. For mature animals energy is critical for every day maintenance and production of offspring (cows) and breeding ability and numbers serviced in mature bulls. So always remember for maximum efficiency the protein and energy go hand in hand.

**Vitamins:** Most importantly "A, D, and E" I call these the engineers of the animals bodies. When put in at the proper levels they ensure that all of the nutrients can be absorbed by the animal efficiently. With perspective herd sires they require higher levels than calves and cows because we are trying to do different things with these animals. With out proper levels maximum testicular and sex organ development can't be achieved to genetic potential. Cows will have lower conception rates and milk production during lactation.

**Macro Minerals:** Some of these include calcium, phosphorus, magnesium and others are crucial for skeletal development and strong feet and legs. These are not only important for a growing bull also a mature bull for these will carry your bull through its life as a herd sire. Of course these are crucial in the cow herd as well for if not balanced then milk production and reproduction can be severely hampered. Reproduction "is the most important economic factor in a cow herd"; if the cow is not bred or doesn't have a calf, it doesn't matter what the weaning weight is. So these elements must be balanced to one another and also meet a minimum level. All categories of animals have different requirements.

**Trace Minerals:** Requirements are different of course for each category of animal on your operation, for each group has different objectives of performance. The most important trace minerals in my opinion are "zinc, copper, manganese, iodine and selenium". In young developing bulls these are absolutely critical for maximum sexual development if these are balanced now when young it reflects well onto the future of these bulls in their herds. Also these trace elements can have a dramatic effect on your cow herd if they are not balanced and above minimum requirements. Such things that will be affected if inadequate can be poor dry hair coats, weak calves at birth, open cows, retained placentas, foot rot and that is just a few things that can be affected. So it is important to make sure they are balanced.

So whether you have a purebred herd or a commercial operation proper nutrition that is balanced to your own feed-stuffs can be a contributing factor to the profitability of your operation. These days with the economic difficulty we all face in this industry we must be diligent in ensuring your herd's requirements are met. One should always make sure that you are paying for nutrition that is going to give you the necessary returns. So check with your nutritional consultant to make sure your minerals match your feed-stuffs and your performance goals of your herd.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

1. Do you weigh your calves at birth? Weaning?
2. Have considered alternatives for fall feeding such as swath grazing, bale grazing, stockpiled grass etc.
3. What is important to you when selecting or developing your next herd sires?
4. Lastly, what do you market on your operation? Bulls, calves, backgrounders, fats, grass? But do you really? Something to ponder on the winter days ahead.

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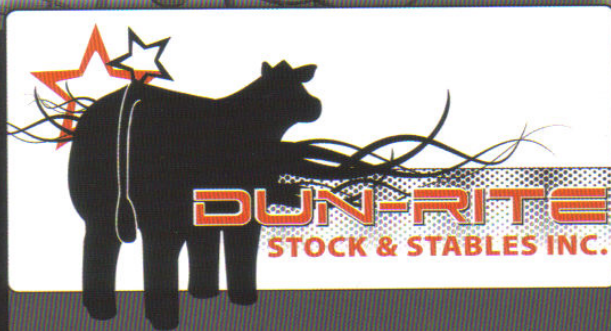


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I hope everyone is getting caught up in their harvest and having a great fall preparing for unfortunately that wonderful white stuff that I think we just lost a couple of short months ago.

Fall show season is well under way, with only a few short weeks until the Royal Winter Fair in November. Our juniors are representing the Breed very well through 4-H shows across the province. Melinda Scott recently won the Grey Bruce Regional Show in Owen Sound as over All Grand Champion beating 96 other 4-her's. We have been told that it was the first time a Maine has won the show, which was a great accomplishment. Other fair results are as follows:

#### **SHAWVILLE FAIR RESULTS - Sept. 9th**

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51 entries

##### **Grand Champion Bull:**

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##### **Reserve Grand Champion Bull:**

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##### **Grand Champion Female:**

Mel-Matt Missy, Jerry & Laurie Barber

##### **Reserve Grand Champion Female:**

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44 entries

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##### **Grand Champion Female:**

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##### **Reserve Grand Champion Female:**

Burnlea Utah, Megan Burnside

Hope everyone's fall show season has continued success, we have a great turnout for the Royal Winter Fair open Show Nov 6. Other dates to remember National Jr. Show at the RAWF Nov.8th & 9th. Hope to see some old friends there and meet new ones as well, until then have a great fall.

*Sumbitted by Sue Scott*

## **CMAA Annual General Meeting**

## **Fall 2009 Reports**

I hope that everyone had as great a time as I had. We thank all that came and showed their support in our fundraising events. Lindsay, Ontario was a wonderful town, with some beautiful sites and scenes to see. As usual there wasn't enough time to enjoy the full benefits of the town. I want to take the time once again to thank the consignors of our Maine Card draw - Brian & Sharon Brown, Keith & Theo Gilbert, Gord & Trudy Ray, Murray & Norma Preece, and Mel-Matt Livestock. Thanks to Brian Brown for allowing us to use this wonderful idea for fundraising, as we were able to raise just over \$1000.00 for the Canadian Maine Assoc. Congratulation goes out to Allen Martinelle & Brian Brown for winning the heifer draw and consigning consecutively.

A huge thanks you to Jim & Sonya Whitaker, Gord & Trudy Ray, & Norma Preece for helping Keith & Theo Gilbert Organize our weekend. Thanks Jim & Gord for Sunday's am tour of the farms. Sonya for the Sunday Brunch, thanks to everyone who donated for our semen auction and our silent auction as well as out list is very generous.

I am not sure if people felt that there was enough to do or not but when ever I looked around I noticed a few people nodding off - either we were too boring, they had to over work themselves prior to going on their holidays or they forgot the time zone change and did not realize they were keeping people up until 3am! But I think fun was had by all, if not it was their own d\_m fault.

*Submitted by Marty & Sue Scott & Family*



# Canadian Fullblood Maine-Anjou

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## What is a Fullblood?

When Maine-Anjou cattle were first imported to Canada from France in the early seventies, there was already a long history of recorded breeding with very strict rules which had to be met before an animal could be registered in France as a Maine-Anjou. When these animals were registered in Canada they were given the prefix FFMA meaning Full French Maine-Anjou and the decision was made that a closed herd book would be maintained in Canada for Full French breeding. In order to preserve the integrity of that herdbook the requirement was made that a parentage verified blood test would have to be submitted before an animal could be registered as a FFMA. As DNA analysis was developed, the use of this technology has gradually replaced the blood typing system.

Parentage verification serves two purposes. Not only does it eliminate fraudulent registrations, it's more important function is to detect the day to day errors that can occur. Examples being: calves switching cows, the fence jumping and/or wandering bull or cow, the precocious bull calf, or the owner who writes down the wrong parent. It all happens.

The old Full French designation has been replaced by the term Fullblood which was being used by other breeds of cattle to designate their closed herdbooks. The term Fullblood has the advantage of not being specific to any one country.

The requirement for parentage verification before an animal can be registered as a Fullblood is not followed in all countries. A Fullblood in the United States is not parentage verified. This puts our Canadian Fullbloods in an enviable position because we can guarantee that our Fullbloods are pure Maine-Anjou, and we can prove it.

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In 2005 several breeders of Fullblood Maine-Anjou decided it was important to organize and present a united front for the promotion, development, and marketing of Canadian Fullblood Maine-Anjou.

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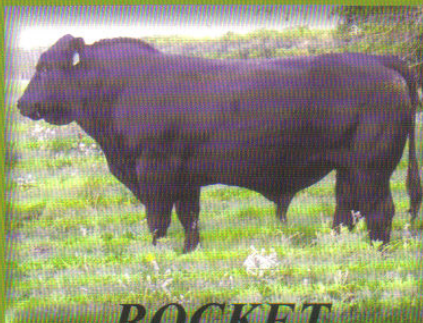
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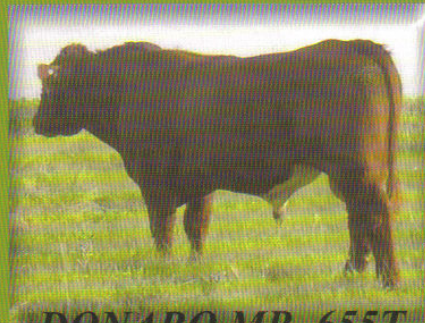
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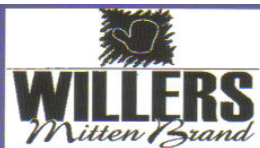
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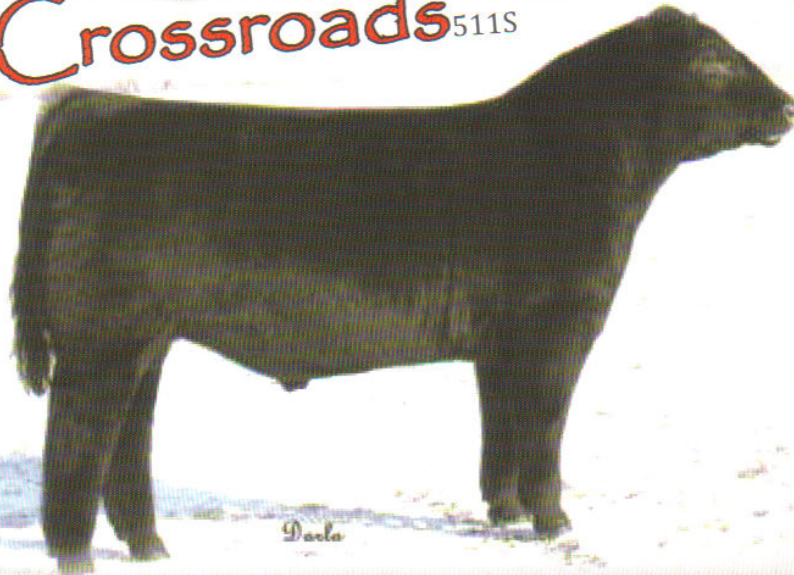
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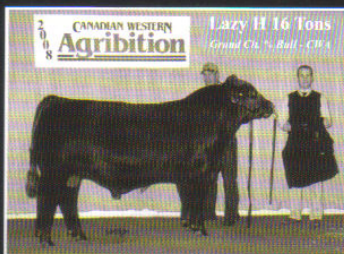


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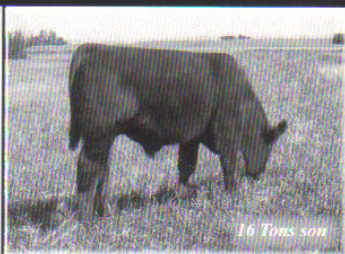
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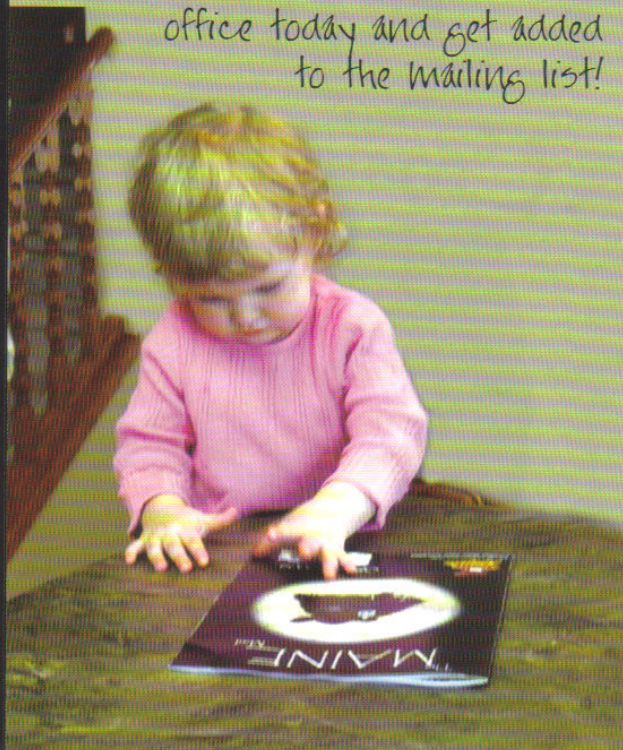


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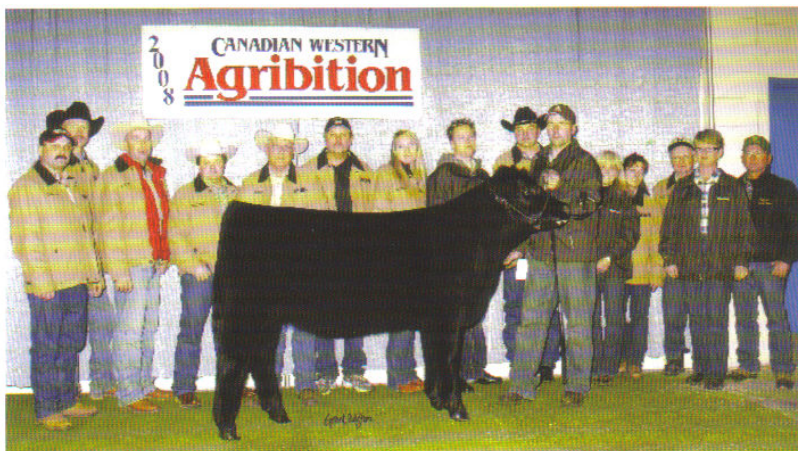
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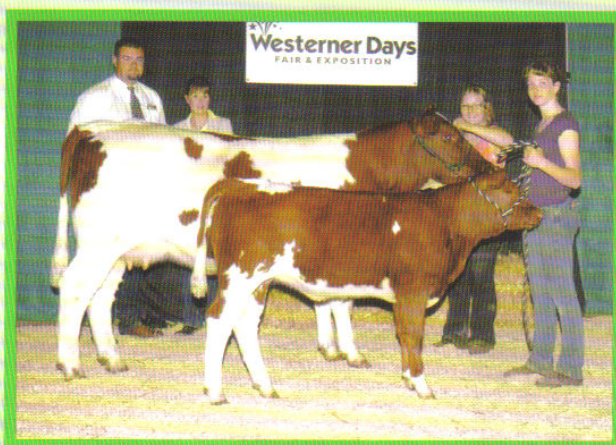
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- Jeanine, Kyle, Colin and Josh Foot for all their help at making our show at Westerner Days 2009 such a success!

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## **Johne's Disease - A Personal Perspective**

Johne's disease is caused by the acid-fast, intracellular bacteria, which infects the intestinal tract. During the final stage of infection, the pathogen is disseminated to other organs as well. The infection causes diarrhea, poor performance, wasting and death. Clinical signs of the disease occur more commonly during the end stages of the infection.

Calves are at highest risk for infection and most susceptible.

On January 2, 2006, we had our first case of Johne's. This cow had clinical Johne's disease. We immediately tested all cows two year and older using the ELISA test (via blood sample). The results came back on January 27, 2006. Out of 68 cows tested, five tested positive. We culled 15 cows and shipped anything that was penned or related to the cow with clinical signs. Since then we have tested every year in our younger stock, bulls brought in and any cows purchased. All have tested negative. We now test using the fecal culture method.

According to the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, the ELISA test is 82% accurate, is less costly and the results are quicker. The fecal culture test is 100% accurate but is more costly and results are slower – between 8 – 16 weeks.

The emphasis is on hygiene. Given that the major mode of transmission is the fecal-oral route and it usually infects animals at a young age (less than 30 days most commonly and up to 6 months) we need to minimize the amount of infected manure the calves come into contact with by:

- a.) Decreasing stock density
- b.) Minimizing contamination of water sources with manure
- c.) Yard and barn manure should be spread on cultivated land only – not onto pastures
- d.) Frequent harrowing of paddocks and corrals in the summer months to increase drying and exposure to the sun – both of which will decrease bacteria numbers
- e.) Solar water pumps and large water tanks instead of watering directly from dugouts to minimize fecal contamination of the water source

For three years we have kept our animals out of the show circuit and sales as we felt that there could be a risk to other herds. We now feel that we have a low risk of Johne's disease in our herd and can sell cattle and show. We will continue to test our herd on an annual basis.

We feel that we brought Johne's disease into our herd from contaminated frozen colostrum from a dairy herd. We practiced giving colostrum to our 1st calf heifers' calves thinking we were giving them better antibodies from a mature cow. We don't practice this anymore and if we need colostrum we use commercially available colostrum.

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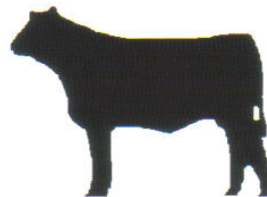
## Alberta Junior Maine-Anjou Association Update

The Alberta Junior Maine-Anjou Association held a successful show again July 17, 2009 in conjunction with Red Deer Westerner Days. We currently have 18 members and continue to grow, we would like to welcome new member Jack Sherman.

A huge thank-you to Doug and Katie Roxburgh our judges, John Sims and Ron Whelan our Marshalls, and Della Whelan who organized our Junior competitions.

### ***The 2009-2010 Executive for the AJMAA is:***

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The junior show is open to any juniors, who would like to take part in grooming, showmanship, judging, marketing, and an open junior show, our show qualifies for the National Young Cattleman's All Breed Show held in August. If you are interested in joining the association, you must be under 25. You can call Melanie Barkley (403) 740-4958

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# Alberta Junior Maine-Anjou Show

Red Deer Westerner - July 17, 2009

Judges: Doug & Katie Roxburgh

## MAINE INFLUENCE DIVISION

### Maine-Influence Heifer Calf

1st	Shannon's Miss Silver Suess 2W	Ashley Shannon	Innisfail
2nd	Spectrum Swing Dance	Kendra Murphy	Carseland
3rd	DGCC Famous Last Words 6W	Raymond Gonnet	Onoway

### Maine-Influence Yearling Heifer

1st	Simalta Miss 50U	Kelsey Sim	Innisfail
2nd	KKS Miss Super Bit 8585U	Bret Hansen	Innisfail

### Maine-Influence Two Year old Cow/Calf

1st	Spectrum's Black Velvet DJS 724T	Marissa Kemp	Caresland
2nd	ZTA Black Ruby 70T	Kelley Whelan	Irricana

### Maine-Influence Mature Cow/Calf

1st	Spring Creek Razzzmatazz	Kendra Murphy	Caresland
2nd	Manitou's Ms. Nice & Cool	Melanie Barkley	Stettler

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

Spring Creek Razzzmatazz, Kendra Murphy  
Spectrum's Black Velvet DJS 724T, Marissa Kemp

### Maine-Influence Bull Calf

1st	DGCC Arab Money 3W	Raymond Gonnet	Onoway
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### Grand Champion Maine-Influence Bull

DGCC Arab Money, Raymond Gonnet

## PUREBRED DIVISION

### Purebred Heifer Calf

1st	Shannon's Miss Ebony 92W	Ashley Shannon	Innisfail
2nd	Mel's Viper	Michelle Barkley	Stettler
3rd	Mel's Philly	Melanie Barkley	Stettler

### Purebred Yearling Heifer

1st	ZTA Black Ruby 132U	Jack Sherman	Rockyford
2nd	ZTA Black Lucy 102 U	Kelley Whelan	Irricana
3rd	ZTA Black Ruby 105U	Piper Whelan	Irricana

### Purebred Two Year Old Cow/Calf

1st	Mel's Mercedes 90T	Michelle Barkley	Stettler
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### Purebred Mature Cow/Calf

1st	ZTA Black Lucy 30S	Piper Whelan	Irricana
2nd	Four Dees Jinquette 36S	Kelley Whelan	Irricana

### Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Female

Mel's Mercedes 90T, Michelle Barkley  
ZTA Black Lucy 30S, Piper Whelan

### Purebred Bull Calf

1st	Mel's Charlie 13	Melanie Barkley	Stettler
2nd	Shannon's Sam I Am 02U	Alana Shannon	Innisfail
3rd	Simalta Mr. Black Bolt	Kelsey Sim	Innisfail

### Purebred Yearling Bull

1st	Mel's Maximum Dollar 33U	Melissa Barkley	Stettler
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### Purebred Mature Bull

1st	Daines Sir Dr.Suess 520T	Ashley Shannon	Innisfail
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### Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Bull

Mel's Maximum Dollar 33U, Melissa Barkley  
Daines Sir Dr. Suess 520T, Ashley Shannon

## SKILLS COMPETITION RESULTS

Champion Intermediate Showman	Jack Sherman
Champion Senior Showman	Kelley Whelan
Reserve Senior Showman	Kendra Murphy
Champion Mature Showman	Ashley Shannon
Reserve Mature Showman	Brett Hanson

## MARKETING

Jr- Faith Shuckburgh

Int- Jack Sherman

Sr-Piper Whelan

Kelley Whelan

Marissa Kemp

## SALES TALK

Jack Sherman

Piper Whelan

Kelley Whelan

Marissa Kemp

## INDUSTRY QUIZ

Jack Sherman

Kelley Whelan/Piper Whelan

Jeanine Foot

## JUDGING

Lindsey Douglas

Kelley Whelan

Piper Whelan

## TEAM GROOMING

1st	Kendra Murphy, Marissa Kemp, Piper Whelan
2nd	Raymond Gonnet, Jack Sherman, Kelley Whelan
3rd	Jeanine Foot, Lindsey Douglas, William Kemp

## AGGREGATE CHAMPIONS

Intermediate Jack Sherman

Senior Kelley Whelan

*Thank you to our many  
sponsors, volunteers  
and judges!*

*Congratulations to the junior  
members Lindsey Douglas, Marissa  
Kemp, Kelley Whelan and Piper  
Whelan, who participated at the  
National Young Cattleman,  
Western Canadian Show Team  
Judging and Supreme Quest  
competitions in Bashaw Alberta.  
Piper Whelan was named  
Senior National Young  
Cattleman of the Year.*



## Great Legs Don't Just Happen!

How many shows have been too where you hear the judge make a comment on how well a calf is fit? It is something that we all wish we could do really well, in hopes that someday that comment will be directed toward our calf. It takes a lot of practice and knowledge to be able to groom the way the pro's do. Spending time going to clinics, camps, shows and watching professionals fit will give you a wealth of knowledge. Here are some tips that we hope will help you.

1. It is very important to train the leg hair at home before you start to show your calf. Brush the leg hair forward and straight up in the front of the legs. A roto brush is a great tool to train the leg hair, be sure to work it all forward and not upward.
2. Before you start to glue the legs, you want to blow them out.
3. Start with Prime Time adhesive and spray a light coat staying about 8 to 10 inches away from the leg. Spraying a small area and then combing through right after. Right from the hoof up.
4. Comb the front of the leg at a 45 degree angle forward and upward, then the center of the outside of the leg straight up and forward just a tick, the back of the leg at a 45 degree angle upward. Keep working through the hair with your comb, gluing small amounts until you have pulled all the hair up. See diagram #1.
5. Do the same on the inside of the leg.
6. The front legs are done basically the same way; only you want to make sure that where the hair meets in the front, has to be lined up with the center of the hoof. If it is not, your animal may appear to either toe in or out. See diagram #2.



Diagram #1



Diagram #2

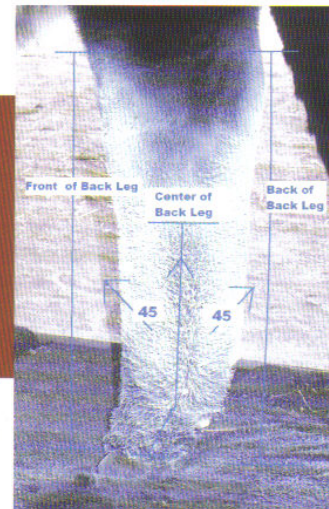


Diagram #3

7. Next go back and apply a light coat of Tail Adhesive to set the hair a little more. Be sure with the Tail Adhesive stay back from the leg and apply small amounts at a time to prevent the hair from gumming up. Pick through the hair with a skip tooth comb, to make any adjustments in pulling the hair to where you want it.

8. Next step is to clip the long hair that is not with in the straight lines that you are trying to create. You want to make the leg appear straighter, the joints to appear smaller, and the bone to appear bigger. Do the same inside and out.

9. Be sure to clip down the pasterns so when the animal walks, it will not appear to pop in the pasterns. Also clip down the hocks, so the animal appears wider based.

10. When clipping the front legs you want to clip them so they are not straight but curved almost like a banana shape. See Diagram #3. Being sure to clip the inside of the front knee, to make the animal appear wider based.

11. These next steps are where you need to check the rules of the show. If you are not aloud to paint, you need to stop here.

12. If the rules say you can paint, then apply another light coat of Tail Adhesive pulling through the hair using a skip tooth comb lightly. Clip again if needed.

13. Then paint brown and then black (only if your animal is black of course.)

With all the hard work that you put in to growing and training leg hair you want to be sure to treat it right and get all the glue and oil out after each show as soon as possible. We recommend either Hocus Pocus or we are really impressed with It's Gone by EZ All.



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**NOVEMBER 6, 2009**

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Toronto, ON

**NOVEMBER 6, 2009**

Maine-Anjou Show, Stockade Round-Up  
Lloydminster, SK

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Maine-Anjou Females For The Future Futurity  
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Saskatoon, SK

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**NOVEMBER 26, 2009**

Maine-Anjou Open Show  
Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, SK

**DECEMBER 13, 2009**

Hartman Cattle Co. Customer Appreciation Sale  
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This past June, Doug & Lucille Hargrave - president of the Australian Maine-Anjou Association - visited Gary & Sandy Graham of Marsden, SK.

They were on tour of Western Canada and the U.S.. Upon their arrival at the Edmonton airport, they met with several of the breeders in that area for a luncheon. The Browns, Rentons & Stenbergs were present, others were invited as well.

Doug is an out and out Maine-Anjou enthusiast. The Grahams also met with them last year when they visited France for the Maine-Anjou Centenary.

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