

NB Important changes to Rules and Regulations

At the last Directors meeting, certain changes were made to the rules and regulations regarding registration of cattle in Coates Herd Book (Beef). The main changes are as follows:

1. All cases of dead-born calves or calves which for any reason are not to be entered into the herd book must be notified to the Society on the appropriate form. Such notifications must be made within three months of the date of birth.
2. Late registration of calves for which full details have been notified to the Society will be accepted for registration on payment of the appropriate fee.
Animals over three months of age which have not been birth notified to the Society will not be eligible for registration.
3. Progeny of a bull registered in the pure bred section of Coates Herd Book (Beef) mated to an animal registered in Coates Herd Book (Dairy) UK and Ireland can be registered in Coates Herd Book (Beef) under the following special provisions of the (Beef) Grading register.

Dairy Dam

100%
87.5% but less than 100%
75% but less than 87.5%
50% but less than 75%

Beef Herd Book

Beef progeny (male and female) pure
Beef progeny (female only) Grade C
Beef progeny (female only) Grade B
Beef progeny (female only) Grade A

4. Calves out of Lincoln Red and Whitebred Shorthorns will no longer be accepted into the herd book, except through the grading register

The most far reaching of the changes is the need to notify the Society of all calf births, including dead calves and calves which will not be subsequently registered.

This information is essential for all performance recorded herds, as all progeny are recorded. It is also important for non recorded herds so that an accurate calving sequence is recorded for every cow, which will be published in sale catalogues for Society Sales.

NB Animals over 3 months of age which have NOT been birth notified or registered will not subsequently be eligible for registration.

Birth notifications will be submitted to the Society on the new registration forms, which will be available shortly.

Members are urged to start using the birth notification system as soon as the new forms are available, so that they will be fully conversant with the system before January 2006

Copies of the new rules and regulations are available from the office or can be downloaded from the website at www.shorthorn.co.uk

The new rules and regulations will take effect from January 1st 2006, but members are advised to start using the birth notification system as soon as possible, so that an on farm system is in place before 2006 to ensure that all births are notified to the Society before 3 months of age

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List of Shows with Beef Shorthorn Classes

Surrey County Show	May 30th
East of England Show	17/19 June
Royal Highland Show	23/26 June
Royal Norfolk Show	29/30 June/
Royal Show	3/6 July
Great Yorkshire Show	12/14 July
Royal Welsh Show	18/21 July

If you know of any shows not listed please let us know.

Members are reminded that animals in the grading register are not eligible to be shown.

Beef Shorthorn Society Sales 2005

May 3rd Bristol Sale Centre contact Harrison and Hetherington 01228 590490

May 27th Carlise contact Harrison and Hetherington as above

June 3rd - Chelford - in conjunction with Frank Marshalls

Judging Weekend

The judging day at Croxton Park Farms, Cambridge, has been extended into a weekend on 14th/15th May. Saturday 14th

The weekend will include discussions on judging and reason giving, led by Donald Biggar, as well as a demonstration on clipping and presentation of cattle for the showing.

On Saturday Evening there will be a social evening including a hog roast, generously hosted by Croxton Park Farms, and then on the Sunday morning a herd visit to the nearby Wavendon herd of Chris Marler, who I am sure will be delighted to show you not only his prize winning Wavendon herd but also his fascinating collection of rare animals in his private zoo.

Definitely a weekend not to be missed! In order to assist arrangements please let the office know if you intend coming to the judging weekend (or maybe just for the Saturday).

Suggested accommodation and a map of the venue are included with this newsletter.

Beef Event 2005

The Beef Event 2005 will be held on June 8th 2005 at Bultih Wells. We will be having a display at the event promoting both the pedigree and commercial sides of the Beef Shorthorn, with exhibits of a commercial cow and calf and a pedigree bull. There will also be competitive classes for suckler cows with cross bred calves at foot. Details of the classes and more information about the Event can be obtained from Euan Emslie, Organiser, Beef Expo 2005, 3 Briar Close, Newport, Brough, East Yorks. Tel: 01430 441870. Fax: 01430 448432. Mobile: 07718 908523. E-mail: euan@eemsie.fsnet.co.uk

South Western Club

The newly formed South Western club held a very successful herd competition, the results of which were announced at their recent dinner. The Coln Valley Herd of D MacMillan won the large herds competition and the Atlantic Herd of Bowden Farm Partners won the small herds competition. The competition was judged by John Briggs and the full results below:

Heifer 10 entries

1st	Topsy Glen of Upsall	K Olver
2nd	Colne Valley Joyful T12	D MacMillan
3rd	Redhill Winchester Crocus	B Hackling

Calf 15 entries

1st	Park Wendy	K Olver
2nd	Redhill Bundaberg Lovely	B Hackling
3rd	Hackmore Prime Mover	P Stubbs

100% 3 entries

1st	Stonmour Musical iris	Mrs Blake
2nd	Aylward Flossie	KH & GE Turner
3rd	Stonmour Musical Sal	Mrs Blake

Suckler Cow 14 entries

1st	Glenisla Crocus 10th	B Hackling
2nd	Tofts Princess Royal	D MacMillan
3rd	Augusta April	Mrs JK Ball

Home Bred Cow 7 entries

1st	Colne Valley Hornbeam	D MacMillan
2nd	Park Ros Duchess	K Olver
3rd	Stonmour Barrington 25	Mrs Blake

Junior Bull 5 entries

1st	Park Warleggan	K Olver
2nd	Wivey Warrior	KH & GE Turner

Senior Bull 2 entries

1st	Glenarriff Patriarch	KH & GE Turner
2nd	Uppermill Ling	D MacMillan

Small Herd 5 entries

1st	Bowden Farm partnership	Atlantic
2nd	B Hackling	Redhill
3rd	K Olver	Park

Large Herd 4 entries

1st	D MacMillan	Colnevalley
2nd	KH & GE Turner	Wivey
3rd	Mrs T Blake	Stonmour

Transfers

A reminder that all animals sold privately must be transferred to the new owner and both the vendor and purchaser must sign and date the back of the registration certificate **before** the certificate is returned to the office for transfer. Progeny cannot be registered out of cows, which have not been transferred.

Herd Health Schemes

There is growing concern amongst buyers of pedigree cattle re: the health status of the cattle they buy, and we have been asked if we can supply buyers with a list of breeders who are members of a recognised herd health scheme. The scheme organisers themselves will not release information on their members, so if you are a member of a recognised Herd Health Scheme eg Premium Cattle Health Scheme and wish prospective purchasers to know, please let the office know.