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## Notes from the National Office -

**Expanded EPD output** now available on the AMGA pedigree and EPD search site. Thanks to Gerogre Virtue and Michael Jimenez for negotiating and getting this project done. We also thank all of the BreedPlan members who contributed to the upfront cost.

**Complete Forms Prevent Mistakes** - We are getting too many registration applications and BreedPlan forms that are lacking essential information. Calves need to be named, calves need a recorded tattoo with your unique tattoo at the beginning of the tattoo and the year letter (SEE BELOW) at the end. The breeder's name, address etc at the top of the forms also needs to be filled out. Missing information slows down the registration process and can lead to mistakes. Help us help you - please fill out the forms correctly.

**AMGA Office** will be closed from 15 September through 24 September. We will be in Spokane for the National Show & Meetings and then the following week we will be in Northern New York for our son Warren's wedding.

## Our Cover

*Father and daughter grace our cover this issue. JB Roar and Morgan River Xotic Romance give a marvelous visual presentation of the thickness and length and the variety of Murray Grey colors. Thanks to Bonnie Sicard and Dusty Craig for this photograph.*

We need good pasture photographs.  
We invite all members to send pictures!  
See the Murray Grey News online!

[www.murraygreybeefcattle.com/MGNEWS/newsonline.pdf](http://www.murraygreybeefcattle.com/MGNEWS/newsonline.pdf)

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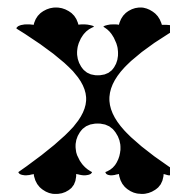
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**TATTOO LETTER**

# How much beef in a carcass?

Mike & Martha Parks, Crawfordsville, IN

We recently sold a steer by advertising on the Internet. The animal was 13 months and three days old, weighed 1161 pounds, and hung a carcass weighing 695 pounds. When all was completed and bones removed, we had right at 400 pounds of meat to sell. Thus, his dressing percentage was 60% and his yield was 57.5%. We use a method of feeding that we call "grain on grass" that does not involve the use of a feedlot except in nasty Mid West weather, but does involve the use of corn and oats while the steer is on pasture. The carcass was hung for 16 days, and then processed. This is what we received.

Ground beef	137	one pound packages
Chuck roasts	22	
Arm roasts	6	(each roast was 4+ pounds)
Rump roasts	4	
Sirloin steaks	7	
Strip steaks	31	(Strips & fillets were made instead of T-bones)
Fillets	22	(All steaks were cut 1" thick)
Ribeye steaks	19	
Swiss steaks	6	
Flank steaks	2	
Sirloin tip steaks	15	
Round steaks	24	
Beef ribs	4	
Brisket	4	

(The oxtail, heart, liver, and tongue were given away.)

We sold five 42# boxes containing 12 lbs of steak, 8 lbs of roasts, and 22 lbs of ground beef. This was not enough ground beef, by far. Our next calf will be done with NO round steaks, NO sirloin tip steaks, NO Arm Roasts, and No flank steaks. We will also reduce the number of chuck roasts by about 50%.

When all was said and done, we netted a little over \$400 more from this calf than we would have by just selling him at the livestock auction.

*Ed: Every small scale beef producer should seriously be thinking about marketing steers and cull heifers as finished beef. Not only will direct marketing generate more income for you, but it will help develop brand name recognition for our Murray Grey beef – the world's best beef eating experience! The authors are friends of the editor who farm in Southern Indiana.*

**AMGA Ballots must be post marked no later than 7 September if mailed back to AMGA**

**Ballots can be presented in person by the MEMBER ONLY at the Annual membership meeting.**



Sunny Ridge Murray Greys  
Madras, OR

## PROPER HERD PREFIXES

Every AMGA member must reserve a unique tattoo and herd prefix to use when registering cattle.

The unique tattoo ensures that every Murray Grey will carry a permanent ID that is unique among Murray Greys in the United States.

The unique prefix - the first part of the registered animal's name - ensures that only one member's cattle can ever be identified by that prefix. This helps to add, and keep, value on YOUR Murray Grey cattle.

Recently, several AMGA members have been using prefixes similar to, but not identical to what they have reserved for their use. This is causing problems when attempting to register cattle.

Please check the list of reserved unique tattoos and prefixes on the AMGA website.  
<http://murraygreybeefcattle.com/herdnames.htm>

If you wish to change your prefix to something other than what you have reserved, please check the list and submit another Unique Tattoo and Prefix Application. Please submit \$10.00 if you want to change your prefix.

Call John Gerow at 502 - 384 - 2335 if you have questions.

# Murray Grey Breeders picnic to welcome Aussie visitors

Marietta, Ohio

On August 2nd, a number of Murray Grey breeders from several states gathered at Monarch Oak, in Marietta, Ohio, the home of Notie and Ginger Natolis, for a get-together with John and Heather Tyrell, Richard and Bernice Thomas from Victoria who had completed a portion of their extensive tour of the US and Canada. John Tyrell is the manager of the Lerwick Park Murray Grey stud outside of Melbourne and was a key figure during the 2005 Murray Grey World Congress.

There was a lot of visiting and sharing cattle stories before, during and after the barbeque that was catered by the Blacksmith B B Q in Marietta.

In addition to the hosts and guests of honor, the attendees were Angie and Jeff Nason from Illinois, Steve Cummings and Tori Garner from Bedford, Indiana, Monica Glenn and Annette Pulliam from Kentucky and from Ohio Dr. Roger Anderson & his parents, Adeline & Jackie, Ruth & Tom Surrarrer, Jeff & Justina Loveless, Dr. Adam Costarella and his son Anthony, Carole Briggs, Carol Huck, Rachel & Braden Miller, Tom, Lora & Reagan Witten. Several people had unexpected events which prevented their attendance.

It was a hot but sunny day and some large trees provided shade, as everyone moved around and visited and “talked cattle”. John was especially helpful in sharing his experience with Murray Greys in Australia.

Angie and Jeff from Illinois and Steve and Tori from IN came the day before and that provided an excuse for dinner out for the Aussie visitors and Notie & Ginger Natolis. The guests from Down Under were delightful in every way and we only wished they could have stayed longer. They headed for Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry early on August 3.



**Murray Grey enthusiasts gathered at Monarch Oak to spend a day with the Tyrells from Lerwick Park, Clyde Australia.**

# Greetings Fellow AMGA Members:

By: George Virtue AMGA President

We are a diverse group of breeders growing Murray Grey cattle for all types of uses in a wide variety of environmental conditions. Some breeders grow 'square meaters'. Some members concentrate on raising heifer bulls for commercial herds. Other breeders concentrate on producing high quality replacement heifers. Still others grow high quality fast growing carcasses for the meat market. AMGA has been developing Breedplan for its members for over ten years now. It has been a costly endeavor that has evolved over time. Your directors have recently expanded Breedplan to the full sixteen categories processed by ABRI of Australia. This expansion combines the performance of Murray Grey cattle from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the US and displays them in EPD's understood by all US and North American cattlemen. Breedplan is the best tool available to members so they can determine what type of performance they want to purchase or what type of performance they want to breed for. I encourage all Murray Grey members to take the time to do the data collection needed to participate in Breedplan. Breedplan coupled with your own 'eye appeal' are our best resources for selecting the type of cattle we want to purchase or want to develop.

Your AMGA chartered Regional Associations can help put you and other like minded breeders together to further enhance your efforts. Our chartered regional associations are focused on promotion of Murray Grey cattle and networking among its members. Sometimes this is accomplished at regional 'gatherings' at a local farm. Sometimes it is accomplished at regional Murray Grey Shows or at local fairs and exhibitions. An old timer once said to me while we were at a county fair, "The first year folks come to look and ask questions. The second year they ask how much? The third year they come with money in their pockets!" We have found this to be quite true. Together with the genetic evaluation provided by Breedplan and the promotional opportunities afforded by our regional Murray Grey associations we all have a good chance to be successful with our own Murray Greys.

## **2010 National Murray Grey Show & Annual Membership Meeting**



**Spokane, WA**

**September 15 - 18, 2010**

**Super 8, Spokane Valley, 509.928.4888**

**Code: Murray Grey Cattle Block**

**Single 58.00, double 68.00 plus tax**

**Reservation must be made before August 30th.**

**10 minutes from the fairgrounds. Easy access to Interstate 90.**

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**Annual Membership Banquet: Longhorn Barbecue**

**2315 N Argonne Road, Spokane Valley,  
same road as the motel, about a block away.**

# 2010 Linn County (OR) Fair Results

28 head of cattle.

Breeders: Patti Rex Murray Greys  
MLJ Ranch  
Diamond G Farm  
Carrie Harris  
Kendra Flavel  
Katie Virtue  
Tyler Holly  
Devin Burroughs  
Hillside Acres

Junior Heifer Calf:	MLJ Whitney	MLJ Ranch
Winter Heifer Calf:	Patti Rex Icicle	Kendra Flavel
Summer Yearling Heifer:	KT Valerie	Katie Virtue
Spring Yearling Heifer:	BUR Vanessa	Devin Burroughs
Junior Yearling Heifer:	Patti Rex Willow	Kendra Flavel
Senior Yearling Heifer:	Ty's Umika	Carrie Harris
Junior Cow:	MLJ Una	MLJ Ranch
Senior Cow:	MLJ Shakira	MLJ Ranch
Cow and Calf:	MLJ Shakira	MLJ Ranch

**Grand Champion Female: BUR Vanessa**  
**Res. Grand Champion Female: MLJ Shakira**

**Devin Burroughs**  
**MLJ Ranch**

Junior Bull Calf:	DG Rachael's Xenon	Diamond G Farm
Senior Bull Calf:	KT Velbert	Katie Virtue
Summer Yearling Bull:	DG Virgil Earp	Diamond G Farm
Spring Yearling Bull:	DG Vanguard Extra	Diamond G Farm
Junior Yearling Bull:	DG Victory Sunset	Diamond G Farm
Two Year Old Bull:	Patti Rex URA Show Boy	Patti Rex Murray Greys

**Grand Champion Bull: Patti Rex URA Show Boy**  
**Res. Grand Champion Bull: DG Victory Sunset**

**Patti Rex Murray Greys**  
**Diamond G Farm**

Pair of Calves:	MLJ Ranch
Calf Get of Sire:	Patti Rex Murray Greys
Get of Sire:	Patti Rex Murray Greys
Exhibitors Best Four Head:	MLJ Ranch
Produce of Dam:	MLJ Ranch



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# Australians Invade Linn County Fair

The little Linn County (OR) Fair of July 2010 will be remembered for a long time. We were visited by John Tyrrell of the Lerwick Park Stud of Clyde, Victoria Australia. Michael & Leona Jimenez, and Sharon Virtue visited with the Tyrrell's, during the 2005 Murray Grey Congress in Australia. They had a wonderful visit at the Lerwick Park Stud and offered the Tyrrell's to return the favor should they ever be on our side of the world.

When the Linn County Fair Beef Superintendent heard of the special visit they offered an expanded Murray Grey show especially for the event. The NWMGA put out an invite to any Murray Grey Breeder in the Northwest to come to Albany, Oregon for the special NWMGA Regional Murray Grey Show. Nine breeders with 28 head of cattle all from Idaho, Washington and Oregon made the trek to Albany for the show.



Heather & John Tyrrell with Leona & Michael Jimenez at the Linn Co (OR) Fair

John Tyrrell is the manager of the Lerwick Park Murray Grey stud. They run over 200 head of females on two properties. They are based in Victoria. They sell Murray Grey cattle, semen, and embryos all over the world. John is to be complimented for sending Lerwick Park Buckley semen to the US.

John was visiting the US and Canada with his wife Heather, his sister Bernice Thomas, and Bernice's husband Richard Thomas. They had all just come from a visit to the Calgary Stampede where they truly enjoyed the Chuck Wagon races. While here, they were able to participate in the 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Auction, the special NWMGA Regional Murray Grey Show in Albany, Oregon, and a special Adult Showman contest graded by 4-H and FFA showmanship winners. This wonderful fun event was all climaxed by luscious Tri-Tip steak dinner put on by the Scio FFA Alumni Association.

## Australians Invade Linn County Fair (Continued from previous page)

After the fair George and Sharon Virtue of Hillside Acres were able to take them on a tour of a logging site in the Cascade mountains east of Sweet Home, a visit to a grass seed production and cleaning facility in Brownsville, and our local winery high atop Marks Ridge out of Sweet Home.



John, Heather, Richard, and Bernice were treated by Brian Murray of Cascade Timber Consulting to a tour of a Sweet Home logging site. This site lies on private ground in the Cascade Mountains within view of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness. That afternoon Ken Sayer of Sayer Farms of Brownsville discussed the grass seed industry of Linn County with John and his entourage.

Their tour was climaxed by an evening at the Marks Ridge Winery owned by Jay & Janet Westley adjacent to Hillside

Brian Murray discusses the timber industry with the Australians. Jay describes the various wines and ages stored in barrels at Marks Ridge. Janet Westley provides some healthy portions of wine in the tasting room. The tasting room sits atop Marks Ridge and overlooks Hillside Acres as well as the rest of McDowell Valley. John was not a wine drinker but, Sharon, Heather, Bernice, and Richard seemed to do quite well.



Ken Sayer talks grass seed production with the Tyrell entourage.



Vintner Jay Westley and Tyrell at Marks Ridge Winery Sweet Home, OR



The Cascade Mountains provided some glorious vistas for the visitors from Down Under

**“Happiness is the by product of living an unselfish life”**

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## Clark County Show Results

<b>Champion Heifer Calf:</b>	MLJ Whitney	MLJ Ranch
<b>Res. Champion Heifer Calf:</b>	MLJ Vista	MLJ Ranch
<b>Junior Champion Heifer:</b>	KT Valerie	Katie Virtue
<b>Res. Champion Heifer:</b>	DG Velvet Supreme	Diamond G Farm
<b>Senior Champion:</b>	MLJ Shakira	MLJ Ranch
<b>Res. Senior Champion:</b>	HA Tomorrow	Hillside Acres
<b>Cow/Calf:</b>	MLJ Shakira	MLJ Ranch
<b>Grand Champion Female:</b>	<b>KT Valerie</b>	<b>Katie Virtue</b>
<b>Res. Grand Champion Female:</b>	<b>DG Velvet Supreme</b>	<b>Diamond G Farm</b>
<b>Bull Calf Champion:</b>	DG Rachael's Xenon	Diamond G Farm
<b>Res Bull Calf Champion:</b>	HA Express	Hillside Acres
<b>Junior Bull Calf Champion:</b>	DG Victory Sunset	Diamond G Farm
<b>Res. Junior Bull Calf Champ:</b>	DG Vanguard Extra	Diamond G Farm
<b>Senior Bull Champion:</b>	Pattirex URA Showboy	Pattirex Ranch
<b>Grand Champion Bull:</b>	<b>DG Victory Sunset</b>	<b>Diamond G Farm</b>
<b>Res. Grand Champion Bull:</b>	<b>Pattirex URA Showboy</b>	<b>Pattirex Ranch</b>
<b>Pair of Females:</b>	MLJ Ranch	
<b>Pair of Bulls:</b>	Diamond G Farm	
<b>Get of Sire:</b>	Twin Fir Black Powder Hillside Acres	
<b>Best Five Head:</b>	Diamond G Farm	

**DG Victory Sunset**  
 Grand Champion Bull  
 Clark County Fair  
 Diamond G Farm





**KT Valerie**  
 Grand Champion Female  
 Clark County Fair  
 Katie Virtue



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# \*\*\*\*\*MEETING NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

The 2010 Annual Membership meeting of the American Murray Grey Association will be held on Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Super 8 hotel in Spokane, WA. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors and any other business that may come before the membership at that time

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