

# Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors

## Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 30, 2010

8:30 AM

*Held in conjunction with the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs Annual Meetings*

## Holiday Inn by the Bay

88 Spring Street, Portland ME

### Program: Speaker

Donna Woolam; How to Increase Your Livestock Exhibitor Participation

### Business Meeting

Election of Board Members ~ Slate presented by Nomination Committee;  
Kathy Haskell, Kim MacKay.

### Grant Applications

Some grant money is available for educating the public about livestock. The application deadline is Feb 16, 2010. Applications are available on our website, or from Kathy Haskell.

### Milking Parlor

October 16, Robert Guptil of Pattern lost his milking parlor and part of his barn to fire. That evening the Portable Milking Parlor was at his farm so he could milk his 70+ head of cattle. He used the Portable Milking Parlor until almost Thanksgiving when his parlor was rebuilt and

operational. As part of the grant we received from the state to build the parlor, it is available for emergency situations. This is the first emergency use of the parlor. Currently the parlor is set-up for tie-stall milking. We would like to make a portable parlor-style milking set-up. We are looking for any equipment to make this possible.

### 501(c)5 Application

We have applied for this tax-exempt status. At present our application is under review and we should hear from them within the next few months.

### ► Reminder ◀

~ Your current membership is valid until June 30, 2010 ~

***Renewal forms will be mailed in April or May.***

*Please DO NOT mail your renewal before then!*

**Check our website: [www.mainelivestockexhibitors.org](http://www.mainelivestockexhibitors.org)**

# Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors Newsletter

May 2010

Volume 5 #1

## Welcome!

Thank you for belonging to the Association. This organization is one that can help and promote agricultural exhibitions. Again this year we will sponsor the Milking Parlor at various fairs this summer.

## 2010 Fair Dates

### July

1-4 Houlton  
8-11 Ossipee Valley  
16-18 Waterford World's Fair  
22-25 Pittston  
30-Aug 8 Bangor  
30-Aug 7 Northern Maine

### August

4-7 Monmouth  
6-8 Athens  
8-14 Topsham  
12-21 Skowhegan  
21-28 Union  
26-29 Dover-Foxcroft  
26-29 Acton  
29-Sept 6 Windsor

### September

2-6 Blue Hill  
3-6 Springfield  
3-6 Harmony  
9-12 Clinton Lions  
10-12 Litchfield  
11 Cornish Horseman's Day  
12-18 Oxford  
17-10 New Portland Lions  
19-25 Farmington  
24-26 Common Ground  
26-Oct 2 Cumberland

### October

3-10 Fryeburg

### Other Events of Interest

- \*Nov. 2010 Low Impact Forestry
- \*April 2011 Nat'l Belted Galloway Sale / Youth Show
- \*May 2011 Northeast Livestock EXPO
- \*June 2011 Fiber Frolic
- \*Exact Dates to be Determined.

## Accomplishments this Year!

Our website is now on-line. We are still working to improve and put more information on it. If you have suggestions, please contact Cathy Thomas. Check out the Website at: [www.mainelivestockexhibitors.org](http://www.mainelivestockexhibitors.org)

Again this year we provided signs, **Livestock for viewing, not petting**, to the fairs. These signs have helped keep the viewing public safe while they are viewing the livestock. These signs will again be posted this summer.

The Milking Parlor was used at 5 fairs this past summer. It was also used this fall and late winter for emergency use by two separate farmers who lost their milking parlors to fire. (See separate article).

We have been granted 501C5 tax-exempt status by the IRS as a non-profit organization.

The Judges List has been a valuable resource for Livestock Superintendents. This is updated every year. If you know of someone that should be added to the listing, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact April Boucher.

## Educational Grants

Seven organizations submitted grant applications. We awarded grants to the following: Frandford Mutual Aid Faire Training Association; Fryeburg Youth Show; ME Sheep Breeders Association; NELE; and New England Galloway Group.

## Membership Report for 2009-2010

As of April 15, 2010

Total Memberships 951  
Family 602 Individual 349  
Total Number of People 2311  
80% renewed their membership  
20% were new members

## Board of Directors Elections

A nomination committee headed by the VP will seek individuals to be board members. Three board members will be elected each year, serving a 3-year term. Members can be re-elected. If you would like to be a board member, contact Jack Wadsworth. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in January 2011.

## Membership Year is

July 1, 2010\* - June 30, 2011

(\*or whenever you join after July 1)

## Renewing Membership

Enclosed is the 2010 – 2011 membership application. **Membership year is July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.** To renew your membership please complete the enclosed form with mailing label attached and send with appropriate fee to the address on the bottom of the form. Please fill in the applications completely. Incomplete applications may be delayed. If you renew before June 1, 2010 postmark the fee will be Family \$30.00, Individual \$15.00; after June 1 postmark each will be \$5.00 more. (\$35.00 and \$20.00) Membership cards will be mailed to you in late June for those who renew by June 1. Applications received after June 1, please allow 3-4 weeks for processing. Please bring the cards with you to all fairs because you will be asked to show it for proof of membership and insurance. 4H'ers should keep their cards with their approval forms.

As a member of the Association you have the benefit of being covered by liability insurance the fairs in Maine require each exhibitor to carry. The liability insurance provides coverage in the name of the individual. **Only the person with their name on the card is covered with the membership benefits.** Anyone handling livestock needs to be a member.

***This will be your only notice – no reminder will be sent!***

***➔ Exhibiting at Fryeburg Fair?? Please mail your renewal by July 15 so you will have your cards for your Fryeburg Entries!***

### Individual Membership

Anyone 18 or older needs to have his or her own individual membership, even if they are a dependent in the family. They are of legal age and will not be accepted as a member under the family policy. Individual memberships are for individuals age 18 or older only. No individual memberships will be accepted for youth under age 18. **If you turn 18 during the membership year, your membership will be converted to Individual at no additional fee. Just return the conversion form when you turn 18. A conversion form will be sent with membership cards of 17 year olds.**

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## Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors Board of Directors

**President:** Curtis Prime. Curtis and his family raise and exhibit Brown Swiss Dairy Cattle and Boer Goats. They live in Augusta. He is the Livestock Supt for Windsor Fair. 242-3341  
Board Term Expires: 2012

**Vice President:** Jack Wadsworth. Jack and his family raised and exhibited Polled Hereford Beef Cattle. They live in Hiram. Jack is on the Finance Committee at Fryeburg Fair. 939-6085  
Board Term Expires: 2011

**Secretary / Treasurer:** Kathryn Haskell. Kathy and her family raise and exhibit Pinzgauer Beef Cattle. They live in Windham. She has been a 4H leader for 30 years. 892-5396  
Board Term Expires: 2013

### Board Members:

Kim MacKay: Kim and her family raise and show Angus Beef Cattle. They live in Fairfield. Kim is the President of the Northeast Livestock Expo. 453-7890  
Board Term Expires: 2013

Cindy Kilgore: Cindy lives in Jay, with Norris Smith. Together they train and exhibit show steers and oxen. Cindy is on the Board of Directors for the Litchfield Fair and Supt of the 4-H Horse show.  
Board Term Expires: 2012 592-7445

Toby Whitman: Toby and his family raise Angus Beef Cattle and Percheron Draft Horses. They live in West Paris. Toby is the Assistant Superintendent of Show Steers & Oxen for Ossipee Fair. 890-5840

Board Term Expires: 2012

Randy Hall: Randy and his family raise and exhibit Holstein Dairy Cattle and Belted Galloway Beef Cattle. Randy is the Beef Supt at Fryeburg fair and the Pulling Supt. at Skowhegan fair. They live in East Dixfield. 645-4976

Board Term Expires: 2011

Cathy Thomas: Cathy and her family own and operate a stable in Pittston where she offers riding lessons, training and boarding. She is active in 4-H, Pony Club and EAGALA. 458-1402

Board Term Expires: 2011

Bill Webster: Bill and his family live in Windham. He has worked on a dairy farm for 25 years. They raise and show sheep. Bill helps with the Sheep Departments at various fairs. 831-0608

Board Term Expires: 2011

April Boucher: April is the Fair Office Coordinator for Common Ground Fair. She lives in Unity. 948-1042

Board Term Expires: 2012

James Strout: Jim and his family live in Cornville. They operate a 45 head dairy farm. They raise Holsteins and Jersey dairy cattle. They also raise Simmentals beef cattle and Boer Goats. Jim also works at SAPPI Fine Papers. 474-6612

Board Term Expires: 2012

**Visit our website:**

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Maine Agricultural Fairs / Exhibitions -2010  
Livestock  
Infectious Diseases / Use of Drugs

**RINGWORM** is a transmissible infectious skin disease caused by a fungus. Direct contact with infected animals is the most common method of spreading the infection. It shows on the skin as a grayish-white scale, noticeably higher than the surrounding skin. Infection spreads from the center outward, resulting in a roughly circular lesion. Healing is not complete until the lesion is no longer scaly, raised in height and hair has begun to grow. Animals with active lesions should not be shown / exhibited.

**PINKEYE** is a common infectious bacterial disease affecting the eye. The two most common signs are excessive weeping of the affected eye and closure due to pain. An ulcer frequently develops near the center of the cornea. Prompt treatment is required. Animals showing signs should not be shown / exhibited.

**WARTS** are caused by the contagious papillomavirus. Cattle under the age of two are most susceptible. Not all animals carrying the virus will have warts. Warts appear 1-6 months after infection of the virus. Contact your veterinarian for prevention / possible cures. Affected animals should not be shown.

**SOREMOUTH** (also called orf or contagious ecthyma) is a common and highly contagious disease caused by a virus in the pox family. The disease is transmitted by direct contact with an infected animal, equipment, fences, feed and bedding. Characteristics are lesions on the lips and nostrils of affected animals, but may also develop in other non-woolly areas of the body, such as ears, eyes, feet, udder and genital areas. The course of the disease usually runs 1-4 weeks. The virus is also contagious to humans so caution should be taken when handling infected animals. Animals should not be shown or exhibited.

**NASAL DISCHARGES** are common. If the mucous is not clear, it indicates your animal is not well, be it from a cold or other respiratory ailment. Animals with nasal discharge other than clear mucous, or animals with diarrhea or a fever, should not be brought to the fair and will be sent home. You should keep your livestock home and quarantined from others to avoid spread.

Animals with **UNHEALED CASTRATIONS** should not be shown. Please plan with your veterinarian the type of castration and healing time involved to assure that castrations are healed in time for shows and exhibitions.

**DRUGS.** The use of any drug is not permitted in show animals at Maine Fairs and exhibitions. This includes sedatives such as acepromazine, anti-inflammatory drugs such as phenylbutazone or flunixin, anabolic steroids or any other substance which artificially alters the appearance of an animal.. Department personnel may be conducting unannounced spot testing throughout the fair season to assure compliance with these requirements.

Don Hoenig, VMD State Veterinarian, Maine

## Barn Fire !

Friday morning, October 16<sup>th</sup>, started out like any other for the Guptill family of Happy Corner Farm in Patten, Maine. Louise was off to work at the school, Robert to the hardware store and son Benjamin getting a load of sawdust. Neighbor Kerry McNally was heading for town at 10:30 in the morning, when he saw smoke coming from the Guptill's dairy barn. Unable to reach 911 on his cell, he rang his wife Karen to complete the call. Kerry ran into the burning building and started moving young heifer calves out of their pens. The dairy cows were out to pasture and away from the fire. One cow and five calves were lost when the danger became too great to continue to enter the burning building. But many calves were saved.

The 911 call found several firemen at the station and more on the way. Departments from five surrounding towns were called in on the mutual aid system. **Barn Fire !** Words that conjure up large dry structures filled with hay and animals, and people who want to save them, and a bad day for any farmer or fireman. With the help of a log loader on site, they were able to save half of the main dairy barn and its twin barn across the driveway.

Hours later..... The fire is out. Damage is extensive: utility room, milking parlor, calf area of the barn. Debris is everywhere. Hot spots continue to flare. In 6 hours, 65 cows will be coming in from the pasture needing to be milked. How? Calls flew over cell phones all afternoon. The farmer grapevine is on alert and learns of the existence of the Mobile Milker, owned by the Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors. This mobile milking parlor was purchased with donations of \$18,000. from multiple agriculture-based companies and a \$30,000. grant from the Maine Department of Agriculture. A fully equipped parlor, it is used at the agricultural fairs as an educational tool and to allow dairy farmers to milk their cattle while at the fair and receive payment for the milk. In the grant, it was also recognized to be available to any Maine dairy farmer on an emergency need basis as a disaster response tool. This situation fit.

Friday afternoon, Clayton Haskell brought the mobile parlor up from Windham, Maine. Local electrician, Wayne Melvin set to hooking it up and milking commenced. Volunteers were the greatest asset. To work the loose housing cows, the gates needed to be moved manually to walk the cattle up the alley to be milked. Cattle experience not required, but helpful. Local farmers Donis Willigar, John Cummings and his son John, and Gaylen Derosier dropped everything at their own farms and came by to work the cattle and help get them milked. Friends and neighbors stayed through the long night to do all they could. The day ended at 11:30pm.

A month has gone by and work has progressed. Yankee ingenuity came alive. The mobile parlor was connected to the barn's existing parlor so the cattle could come into their normal milking stalls and the milk would be processed through the mobile parlor while the old machinery was being refurbished. Cattle do not like change; every day was an adjustment for the herd of Holsteins. The new utility room is enclosed. The bulk tank is in. Walls are up. Trusses are up and the roof is on. Some windows are in but more needs to be done. Work continues to progress. Winter is coming.

A simple "thank you" does not do justice to all the people who turned out to help: neighbors, family, friends who brought food to eat and their hands to work; the electric and phone companies who got the services going as soon as possible, the staff at Katahdin Elementary School who purchased a laptop to keep Louise organized, the Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors who provided the mobile milking parlor, the firemen, the tradesmen, donations and loans of equipment. It takes a community to support a farm; it takes a farm to support a community.

Cindy Kilgore  
Livestock specialist  
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