



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



WELCOME TO AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND

The Ayrshire cow came to New Zealand from Scotland in the middle of the nineteenth century. The New Zealand Ayrshire Assn (Inc.) was founded in 1909 and the first Herd Book was published in 1910, although the breed was well established by this time. The Association celebrated it's Centenary year in 2009.

The offices of Ayrshire New Zealand are located in Hamilton at the site of Livestock Improvement Corp. All administration is undertaken by Jersey NZ under a memorandum of understanding. The office is staffed Monday to Friday. Members are always welcome to call at the office.

The Association is divided into geographical 9 wards, for production awards and competitions. Governance is based on regional representation with each ward represented by a Director.

Northland region- Ward 1 One (1) Director

Central North Island region- Wards 2, 3 & 4 Three (3) Directors. Members in Ward 1 are also eligible to be nominated for Wards 2, 3 & 4 elections.

Lower North Island region- Wards 5 & 6 Two (2) Directors

South Island region - Wards 7, 8 and 9 Three (3) Directors

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MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Senior Member:

May include a partnership, the senior membership entitles the member to receive:

- Spring and Autumn Bulletin
- Ayrwaves Newsletters
- Semayr Catalogue
- Rules of Ayrshire New Zealand
- Annual Herd Book
- This membership allows unlimited animal registrations and is entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

For Senior members with multiple herds (under the same ownership structure), additional herds (for registration purposes) can be added to their membership for an annual fee.

Associate Member:

This membership is designed for those who wish to retain an interest in the breed, but registrations are restricted to 10 animals for the lifetime of the membership. Associate members receive the same publications as the Senior member with the exception of the Herd Book which may be purchased. Associate members are entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Junior Member:

For those under 20 years of age and registrations are limited to 10 animals for the lifetime of the membership. Junior members receive the same publications as senior members with the exception of the Herd Book, which may be purchased. A Junior member is not entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Retired Member:

For members who have retired from farming, but still wish to maintain an interest in the breed. It does not allow any registrations or vote at the Annual General Meeting. Retired members receive the same publications as a senior member with the exception of the Herd Book, which may be purchased.

Ordinary Member:

For members who wish to pay a one-off fee for the registration of all female animals born subsequent to the date of membership. An ordinary member is deemed to hold the same rights and responsibilities as a Senior Member listed above

*See the Service fees leaflet for our subscription prices
Note service fees also available on website*

WHAT CAN AYRSHIRE NZ DO FOR ME?

Services:

- Registrations And Transfers including e-Registration and Standing Orders.
- TOP and Classifications.
- 3 Generation Pedigrees (3GP's).
- Semayr Breeding Services.
- Ayrshire Sires of The Future and Sire Proving Scheme.
- Judges List and Breeders Directory.
- Performance Statistics, including Production, Show and Special awards all presented at our Annual conference.

Ayrshire Breeders Clubs:

The 16 Ayrshire Breeders Clubs throughout New Zealand conduct meetings, field days etc. which are always of interest and give all the opportunity of meeting each other. They also hold Club Dinners and other social events. Upon joining you will be advised of your local club, and the club will be asked to contact you.

Pedigree Registration:

Each seasons calves are registered in the Herd Book. The Association also offers a grading up service, allowing offspring of base cows to be registered as Pedigree Ayrshires within 5 generations.

Traits Other than Production Classification:

Ayrshire New Zealand carries out Traits other than Production classification on an annual basis. All two year olds are classified, plus any older cows as required by the member.

Semayr Breeding Services:

Semayr Breeding Services is a division of Ayrshire New Zealand, which offers top Ayrshire bulls, both proven and unproven, New Zealand and overseas to New Zealand farmers.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Ayrshire Youth:

Ayrshire New Zealand offers a wide range of opportunities for the youth of Ayrshire Breeding. We have a list of programmes developed to maximise the engagement of young people in our community, such as:

- Ayrshire Youth Database
- Young Handler Competitions
- Young Judge Competition
- Ayrshire Seminar

Young Breeders Seminar:

A 4 day exhibition for all young breeders and any new breeders. Learn the ropes and what it takes to to run a succesful Ayrshire farm, packed with industry visits, herd visits, workshops, adventures and more.

Upon joining you will be sent a Member Information Booklet outlining all services, activities, Awards, and Competitions offered by the Associaiton.

Ayrshire On Farm Competition:

Held annually, members of Ayrshire New Zealand have the chance to enter our On Farm Competition. Judges individually judge the animals in their home paddock. Results are then presented at the Annual Conference.

Annual Conference:

Results, good times and awards. We invite all Ayrshire Members to come together for a yearly Conference to ensure the growth in our breed and hear out our Members suggestions. The Annual Conference is hosted in a different region each year and also hosts the Annual General meeting.

Publications:

- Bi-Annual Magazine 'Bulletin'
- Regular Newsletter 'Ayrwaves'
- Annual Ayrshire Herd Book
- Annual Production Register

Competitions:

- Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition
- Ayrshire Scenic Photo Competition
- Production Awards

AYRSHIRE VISION

Vision

Ayrshire New Zealand will develop, promote and maintain the Ayrshire breed as a credible option for New Zealand Dairy farmers

Purpose

To be the number one dairy population, among all breeds, under the NZ payment

Core values

- Genetic gain of the Ayrshire population
- Always look for the opportunity
- Maintain a financially stable business
- Foster camaraderie among Ayrshire members

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

- Membership: The Association membership will be 30% of farmers who have a proportion of Ayrshire in their herds.
- Registration: 40% of available animals will be registered.
- Semen Sales: The Semayr / LIC partnership will have 50% of Ayrshire calves registered annually sired by Semayr bulls.

Goals

- Always maintain a professional image
- Ayrshire NZ will have united, vibrant members who are proud to belong.
- Ayrshire NZ members will be proactive and engaged in striving to achieve Association goals.
- Ayrshire NZ and its members are progressive and are perceived to be innovative.
- Ayrshire (A14+) will make up >1% of the national herd
- Ayrshire BW/GW and PW will increase annually
- Ayrshire cows will be financially rewarding for those who farm them.
- Ayrshire cows will be included in national statistics and trials.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



▶ **Name:** _____

(First and Surname)

Farm Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: / / _____

(required for junior applicants, dd/mm/yyyy)

▶ **Participant Code:** _____

▶ **Contact Number:** () _____

Mobile: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

▶ **Address:** _____

Postcode: _____

Fields marked with ▶ are required for a membership application

PREFIX { **1st Choice:** _____

{ **2nd Choice:** _____

{ **3rd Choice:** _____

Three choices are requested for a Prefix in case a single selection is already registered. It is also recommended to chose a Prefix that is not too long as the restriction in naming stock is 24 letters and spaces.

▶ **Membership Type:** _____

at \$: _____

See membership prices on attached sheet

▶ **Signed:** _____

Please send your application with payment to
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Your membership application may also be submitted online at www.ayrshire.org.nz/membership/



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