

Ayrwaves



19 March 2020



ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ayrshire New Zealand has been actively monitoring the Covid-19 situation.

While the Annual Conference currently sits within Ministry of Health guidelines to proceed, with the ever changing nature of this crisis, and in the event of keeping members, stakeholders and team members healthy and avoiding unnecessary travel, the Annual Conference scheduled for **Nelson** from **June 9 – 12 2020** is **postponed until further notice**. The Board will continue to monitor the evolving situation and will make decisions about alternatives for later in the year if necessary. However, cancellation of Conference is still a possibility as the crisis evolves.

We will continue to keep members updated over the coming weeks and months, with the health & wellbeing of our members and team at the forefront of our decision making process. Keep an eye out for e-mails and social media & website updates on future activities.

Latest News

AYRSHIRE NZ – YOUNG BREEDERS SEMINAR

It is with regret that we must advise that the decision has also been made late yesterday to postpone the Ayrshire Young Breeders Seminar that was planned for late April in Taranaki. This will now take place in April 2021 in Taranaki.

Dates to Remember

Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition entries close

31 March

Remits close (AGM)

31 March

Special Award nominations close

31 March

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1 April

Election nominations close at midday

9 April

Office closed – Good Friday

10 April

Office closed – Easter Monday

13 April

Office closed – ANZAC Day

27 April

Board Meeting

29 April

Notices of Motion close (AGM)

14 May

This postponement is a result of the Covid 19 virus. While the seminar was currently within Ministry of Health guidelines, given the fluidity of the current situation and travel preparations required by those attending, the decision to postpone has been made in the best interests of all those involved. The Ayrwaves newsletter will be released shortly and will include a full response from Ayrshire New Zealand regarding the Covid 19 situation and our preparations.

COVID 19 RESPONSE

With the ongoing crisis worldwide around the spread of the Covid 19 virus, Jersey NZ and Ayrshire New Zealand have reviewed all procedures and events to ensure that safety of both our staff and members. As a result there are a number of policies that have been implemented with immediate effect across our activities:

- Members are advised that no external visitors are permitted to visit the office unless their visit is business critical and arranged prior (this is an LIC campus-wide policy)
- Jersey NZ team members will not travel to domestic events unless their attendance is business critical
- Jersey NZ team members will be expected to stay at home if they are not well
- A number of new onsite hygiene practices have been implemented
- We are preparing for the Jersey NZ team to work from home if necessary. If that occurs, we will further advise members via e-mail, website and social media with guidelines for contacting us.
- The April Board meeting and any other Committee meetings will be held by teleconference or online for the time being.
- All activities that can be completed electronically will continue. We will advise affected members of any changes, so no news is good news.

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For further information on New Zealand's response to Covid 19 see <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Ayrshire Field Day

A very successful Ayrshire Fieldday was held in Canterbury last month with over 50 farmers and industry professionals gathering to hear the great news about Ayrshires and view the

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Office closed – Queens Birthday holiday

1 June

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Glenmore herd. Look out for more information and photos in the upcoming Autumn Bulletin.

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TOP & Classifications | Registrations
Clubs | General Administration
Judges | Youth | Competitions

Board Elections

Elections for the Board of Ayrshire New Zealand will take place this year in the Central North Island, Lower North Island and South Island regions. Nomination forms were posted and e-mailed to members in those regions in early March, and nominations will close at midday on Tuesday 31 March 2020.

Michelle Calcott - Business Administrator

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Membership Subscriptions

Members are reminded that From 1 April 2020, all SENIOR and ORDINARY membership subscriptions will increase by \$50 + GST, which will cover the TOP Herd Fee for every herd. This is to encourage members to classify their herds. All other membership types (including the Paid Lifetime membership) will remain at the same subscription level, and a TOP Herd Fee will be payable if the member elects to use this service. Members will still be required to apply for the TOP inspection service by the due date as advertised, or late fees will still apply.

- All TOP animal fees will still apply
- The minimum TOP charge per herd will be removed
- Semayr Sire Proving Team heifers will still be classified free of charge as per the existing conditions
- Members who hold a Paid Life membership will still be required to pay the TOP Herd Fees as prescribed

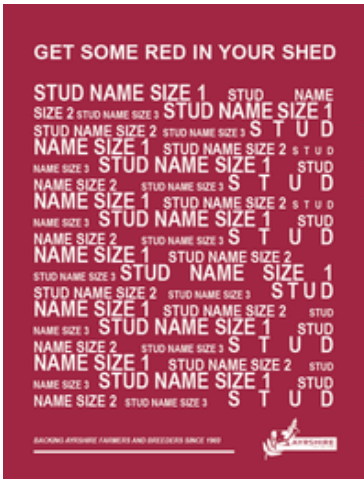
Production Register

Effective from 2020 the price for the Annual Production Register will increase to from \$18.50 to \$25.00 incl GST. Members are welcome to manage their publication requirements via the office, and further reminders will be sent later in the year.

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TEA TOWELS

We are designing an Ayrshire New Zealand tea towel with our members STUD names. Want your stud name on the Ayrshire Tea Towel? We have a limited amount of spots and can include up to 60 stud names on the design. You can have your Stud



name printed in 3 sizes:

- Small - \$10
- Medium - \$20
- Large - \$30

Once design and production is complete, tea towels will be available for purchase by members.

Contact Kandin now to get your herd included.

info@ayrshire.org.nz - 07

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(Design above is an indication of Stud name sizes and is not an accurate representation of the final design. (It will be much cooler))

HERD SIGNS

New Farm Signs are in the workshop!

The pre-existing herd signs are awesome and we thought since you guys loved them so much, it's time to bring them back with a fresh design.

We're excited to offer these signs again and look forward to seeing them on your gates. Keep an eye out for the new look signs in the next Ayrshire Bulletin.

MERCHANDISE

It's been a while since we had Ayrshire New Zealand merchandise going, but freshly updated merchandise is just around the corner.

We have Caps, Polos, Hoodies, Jackets, Cooler bags and Tea Towels coming.

Prices and designs will be in the next Bulletin.

InvestAyr

Thanks to those members who have made donations to the Invest-Ayr fund over the past few months. With cull cow season almost upon us, we take this opportunity to remind members that these funds will be used to reduce the Associations debt, and free up capital for investment in projects such as the Breed Society solution for DIGAD, the new YOP solution and genomics.

We invite your investment.

To make a Cull Cow donation: Please use the Silver Fern Farms account **S080352**, and e-mail your details to Ayrshire New Zealand for acknowledgement.

To make a Cash donation: If you do not use Silver Fern

Farms, you are welcome to make a cash donation into the following account **03-0306-0094345-003**

Please include your name and participant code in the reference fields.

All donations will be acknowledged, and receipts will be issued on request.

All donations will be deposited into a separate bank account, and used solely for the purpose of reducing debt, unless otherwise specified by the member.

We look forward to your support to help Ayrshire New Zealand develop, promote and maintain the Ayrshire breed as a credible option for New Zealand dairy farmers.

TOP & Classification 2019

Once again, we apologise for any inconvenience caused by not being able to provide TOP cow listings to many members prior to Christmas. These circumstances were beyond our control and the manual entry required was also affected by staff leave over the Christmas period, although we did retain our TOP temp after Christmas to assist with this. All herds have now been finalised and TOP cow listings provided to members. If you have any concerns that animals are missing, please contact us as soon as possible so that we are aware and can try to assist you.

Special Award Nominations

Nominations for all Special Awards to be made at the 2020 Annual Conference close on Tuesday 31 March 2020.

Continuing on from the previous year, the Graeme Knight Trophy will now be presented as part of the Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition.

These awards include:

KITEROA TROPHY

For the person or persons who contributed the most effort in promoting the progress within the Ayrshire breed in the last 12 months both club wise and breed wise.

BELL BOOTH ACHIEVERS AWARD

For persons who have made some notable achievement in the Ayrshire Breed.

GLENGORDON TROPHY

For the person or persons under 26 of age who contributed the most effort in promoting the progress within the Ayrshire breed in the last 12 months both club wise and breed wise.

ROBERT MCINTOSH MEMORIAL TROPHY

To encourage an exhibitor to go further and/or to continue

showing animals at Local Club days and A&P shows.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS – WARD

For members who promote Ayrshires locally by always portraying a positive attitude for the breed, and who make the time and effort for the breed, or to assist other Ayrshire members and/or Ayrshire enthusiasts throughout the region to achieve their goals.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS – ASSOCIATION

For members who promote Ayrshires either nationally or locally by always portraying a positive attitude for the breed, the NZ Ayrshire Association and it's aims, directions and objectives

Forward Star & Production Star

Production Star

Production Star is a programme designed to find the best producing cows in each herd and breed to the best sires available. Farmers were given a selection criteria which was stated in the entry form.

Eligibility: First and second lactation animals must perform within the top 20% of their age group in all of the following criteria. Three or more lactation animals must perform within the top 20% of the whole herd in all of the following criteria.

Criteria:

Protein kg

Fat kg

Volume L

SCC (bottom 20%)

Classes:

First lactation

Second lactation

Three or more lactations

Production information must be obtained from a Trait Evaluation Report available from LIC in excel format. Alternatively use Minda Custom Report (PW primary sort descending, LW secondary sort descending). Three Generation Pedigrees are to be included with every entered animal. Animals entered will need a TOP score and preferably 7-7 or greater.

Entries Close Friday 17th April 2020

For any questions and queries please contact
David Ackermann 027 372 1915

Entries to be emailed to davo.ackermann@gmail.com

Forward Star

Currently there is no genomic data available for NZ Ayrshire animals therefore a programme was put in place to fast track young female genetics. The programme is designed to try and find the most eligible young females that will become superior in-milk animals and breed to the best sires available. Farmers were given a selection criteria which was stated in the entry form.

Vision: To improve the genetic advancement of the Ayrshire Breed via young female progeny.

Functionality: The successful 2019 born heifers will be analysed and given recommended matings by Semayr. The male progeny will be considered for the Sire Proving Scheme. The female progeny will be considered for the next Forward Star intake.

Eligibility: The rising one year old heifers must have BVs of no less than, 6 out of 7 of the following criteria. Somatic Cell Count must not be above the BV criteria.

Criteria BV:

Protein Kg:	8
Fat Kg:	2
Milk:	250
Fertility	-4.0
Total Long:	50
SCC:	-0.10
UO:	0.10

Criteria information can be obtained from a Trait Evaluation Report from your LIC area manager in Excel Format. Alternatively use Minda Custom Report (PW primary sort descending, LW secondary sort descending). Three Generation Pedigrees are to be included with every entered animal.

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Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition

Entries have been flooding in for this years Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition.

Entries close 31 March 2020, so if you haven't already - enter ASAP

(Entry form is attached or head to <http://ayrshire.org.nz/photo-competition/>)

The Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competitions is one of our most successful competitions, we encourage all members to

get out and take your photos over the coming weeks. Our very generous sponsors, Alltech, provide a \$350 voucher and goody bag for the winner in each class, and the class winners will also receive a certificate and framed photo of their winning entry. Please remember that ALL entries must be accompanied by an entry form.

National Bull Progeny Competition

For the Agri-Feeds Don Hutchings Memorial and the Dalemere Farms Trophies with winning cash prizes of: 1st - \$60, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$20

Conditions of Entry:

1. Production records shall be those of the preceding season using 305 day lactation records.
2. Scales used for Mature Equivalent (ME) points: 2 yrs 30%, 3 yrs 21%, 4 yrs 11%, 10 yrs & over 10%.
3. Type points to be:- Udder overall plus Dairy Conformation times 6 (UO + DC x 6). Not classified 72 points. Classification to be the current figures when record produced.
4. Owners milking 15 or more daughters of a sire that qualify shall enter in the 10 daughter competition. Owners milking 14 or less daughters of a sire that qualify shall enter in the 5 daughter competition.
5. Only pedigree Ayrshire cows, S3A (ARA) and S2A (ARB) cows may be used in teams.
6. Final points to consist of Mature Equivalent Production Average, added to Classification points. In the 10 daughter competition the Classification points will be divided by 2 to obtain more even points for production & type.
- 8. Entries close 1 May 2020**

Entry forms are attached to this Newsletter

Somatic Cell Count Competition

Entries are now open for the Somatic Cell Count Competition. National and Ward Winners to receive product sponsored by DairyCare.

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RULES:

- Open to all members of Ayrshire New Zealand with at least 25 pedigree Ayrshire cows in their herd.
- Members entering the competition are to provide a copy of the Final Herd Test Summary page from the end of the preceding season, the total to be the average cell count for the pedigree Ayrshire section of the herd.
- All reports must relate only to the season for which the competition is being held.
- Participants information may be used for publicity purposes by Ayrshire New Zealand and/or the principal sponsor.

- There will be one prize for the lowest cell count in each Ayrshire NZ ward, plus one prize for the overall winner. The prizes will be vouchers provided by the principal sponsor and presented at the annual Awards Dinner.
- **Entries close 1 May 2020**

Find the entry form attached, or enter online

at: <http://ayrshire.org.nz/somatic-cell-count-competition/>

Scenic Photo Competition 2020

The Ayrshire Scenic Photo Competition changes in 2019 were highly successful. With conference postponed we will be addressing the voting process shortly.

Enter for a shot at \$300.00 worth of prizes up for grabs, for the most creative or picturesque scenic shots of Ayrshires, Ayrshire herds, groups of daughters or any other photograph promoting Ayrshire cattle in New Zealand.

- Open to all members of Ayrshire New Zealand, their immediate families and employees.
- Open class for all photos of Ayrshire cattle, either single or multiple animals in an informal setting.
- Photographs to be postcard size, colour or black & white. May also be provided by e-mail in .jpg or .tiff format.
- Entries to be submitted by 1 May 2020.

Enter now - info@ayrshire.org.nz

AYRWAVES Attachments

If you are receiving this newsletter by post, all entry forms can be downloaded from the website, or posted from the office on request.

Electronic notifications

Electronic notifications are a great way to keep abreast of all our communications to you. Where we have your e-mail address, and you have NOT previously advised us that you don't wish to receive mail electronically, we will use this. The exception is the Annual Report, which will be provided by post to all members unless they have advised us they would prefer to receive it electronically.

There are some great benefits to using electronic notifications – you will receive notifications immediately, it saves on printing and postage expenses for the Association, and it's better for the environment! You can manage your requirements with a simple phone call or e-mail to the office. Contact Robyn at info@ayrshire.org.nz or call 07 856 0816.

Attachments: Alltech_Photo_Competition_2020_-_Entry_Form-1.pdf
DairyCare_Somatic_Cell_Count_Competition_2020.pdf
National_Progeny_Competition_2020.pdf

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 system.

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