

EXCITING NEW VERSION OF THE GUERNSEY BREEDERS CUP

THE 2020 NATIONAL GUERNSEY BREEDERS' CUP COMPETITION

Hello Canadian Guernsey Breeders and supporters!

Have we got some exciting news for you!

For a number of years an on-farm competition has been held in which herds in Central and Western Ontario were visited by a judge and a Guernsey Association representative. Any owners wishing to participate entered two animals per class with classes for first lactation animals and third and later lactation animals.

Given global conditions this spring the Boards of Ontario and Canada decided in their meetings last week that it was time for some significant changes.

The main highlights are:

- Any member of Guernsey Canada, ANYWHERE in Canada can enter animals as long as those animals are registered in the Canadian Guernsey herdbook!!
- Judging will be done by a panel of acclaimed judges and also via the internet by the general public through the Canadian Guernsey Association Facebook page.
- The number of classes has been expanded to include two heifer classes and three milking female classes.
- We are highly expectant that the number of entries will blow the roof right off!!
- This is a phenomenally cost-effective way to spread the word, globally, about the wonderful cows that make up the expanding Canadian Guernsey population!

We invite you to participate! Here's how:

THE CLASSES:

- 1. HEIFERS TWELVE MONTHS AND YOUNGER-born May 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020.**
- 2. HEIFERS TWELVE MONTHS AND OLDER TO FRESHENING-born April 30, 2019 and before.**
- 3. FIRST LACTATION MILKING FEMALES**
- 4. SECOND LACTATION MILKING FEMALES**
- 5. THIRD AND LATER LACTATION FEMALES**

TWO entries per class per registered owner. So, if you have animals registered to multiple owners in the same barn feel free to have each owner make their entries. Our motto is "the more, the merrier".

THE ANIMALS

Animals born and first registered anywhere may be entered as long as they are registered in the Canadian Guernsey herdbook by May 1, 2020. Animals must have a percentage purity registration status of 75% or higher.

PRESENTATION

Animals will be initially judged by a panel of Judges on the basis of three photos.

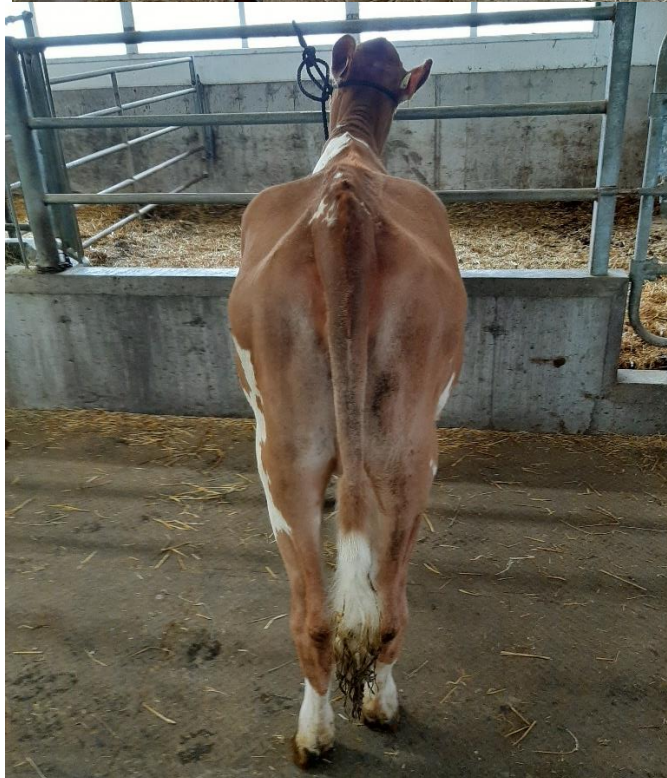
- A. Front end photo.
- B. Rear photo.
- C. Side shot with appropriate leg placement for milking females and heifers. (For milking age females, the closest rear leg is ahead of the far rear leg showing both fore and rear udder. For heifers the far rear leg is ahead of the closest rear leg.
- D. Please refer to the sample photos attached.
- E. No professional photos, homemade photos only.
- F. Animals must be clean as we want to present a good image of dairy cattle to the general public.
- G. The amount of clipping that is done is at the discretion of the owner. We would ask that udders be clipped on milking age females, if possible. No setting/fixing of topline. No retouching of photos.

PROCESS

- A. Absolute deadline for entries is **FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020**.
- B. Entries should be sent to rggammon1@gmail.com or to arrive at the Canadian Guernsey Association office by mail **by May 1, 2020**. (See address of the association below.)
- C. Entries will be forwarded to a panel of judges for their placings during the first half of May.
- D. Judges will place all entries and then decide which animals are to go forward for internet judging by the general public afterward.
- E. Number going forward for placing by the public is projected to range from three to six per class based on the volume of entries and the analysis of the judges. Number going forward will be based entirely on the decision of the judges. We will target to have photos of the finalists on the internet by the latter half of May.
- F. Judging panels scores will account for 50% of the final score for animals.
- G. Finalists will be judged by the general public via the Canadian Guernsey Association Facebook page.
- H. Scores from judging by the general public will account for the other 50% of the final score of animals.
- I. High ranking animals in each class will receive a prize from sponsors.
- J. There is no entry fee.
- K. See entry form below. All entries must include the required details on each animal and the three photos.

We are hopeful this “new breed” contest will prove to be a real boost to the reputation and public awareness of the quality of Guernseys in Canada, both domestically and internationally!

Heifer Sample Pictures



Cow Sample Pictures



ENTRY FORM - 2020 NATIONAL GUERNSEY BREEDERS' CUP COMPETITION

Owner (name and address)

CLASSES

HEIFERS TWELVE MONTHS AND YOUNGER (born May 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020)

Name of Animal Registration Number Birthdate (Day/Month/Year)

1. _____

2. _____

HEIFERS TWELVE MONTHS TO FRESHENING (born April 30, 2019 and before)

1. _____

2. _____

FIRST LACTATION FEMALES

1. _____

2. _____

SECOND LACTATION FEMALES

1. _____

2. _____

THIRD LACTATION FEMALES

1. _____

2. _____

I agree to abide by all requirements outlined above

Signature of owner