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**Circle S Viper**  
Grand Champion Female  
2016 Ohio Beef Expo



**Circle S Lay Z**  
Grand Champion Bull  
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## 2016 OHIO BEEF EXPO SHOW

Circle S Stock Farm, Endeavor, WI captured 3 of the 4 Grand Champions at a small, but very high quality show at the Ohio Beef Expo in March, 2016. Diana Beckius of Circle S, presented a fine group of home bred cattle at the show and was duly rewarded for her effort. Steve and Stacey Cummings, Limestone Ridge Farm, Bedford, IN, showed LRF Bulldozer, Senior Bull Champion to the Reserve Grand Champion position.

Grand Champion Bull, Circle S Lay Z and Grand Champion Female Circle S Viper are black calves sired by Circle S Thunder, a home bred, Dark Grey Keighlian's Wensleydale 1u son. Circle S Kerri, Reserve Grand Champion Female is a Thunder daughter out of the Circle S Muppet cow who was Grand Champion Female at the Ohio show as a 2 year old.

Senior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion bull, LRF Bulldozer, bred and exhibited by the Cummings Brothers represents several generations of their breeding and selection program. A 2 year old son of their HA Prince Valiant bull out of LRF Ultimate Star, an own daughter of the great Monarch Oak Meteor bull who worked well in the Limestone Ridge herd.

While small in numbers, this was a high quality show that represented the breed well in the Midwest. We commend the exhibitors for doing such a fine job presenting their cattle to the public.

## **New Pedigree Registration Fee**

The Directors of the American Murray Grey Association decided in February to lower the fees for early Pedigree registration from \$18 to \$15. The Directors hope that this will make it a little easier for people to make the decision to register calves. The time for early registration has also been extended from 150 to 210 days. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this early registration and lower fee.

# **2016 YEAR LETTER**

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### ***Carcass DNA results on Registration Certificates***

In an effort to promote Murray Grey cattle, the American Murray Grey Association is pleased to announce that the results of the Igenity Silver Profile genetics test can now be added onto registration certificates of any registered Murray Grey. Current registration fees will cover the cost of adding the results to calves as they are registered. Members who have previously tested cattle can have the results added to those certificates for \$5.00 per certificate.

The Igenity Silver Profile includes genetic test for Maternal Calving Ease, Residual Feed Intake, Tenderness, Stayability, Average Daily Gain and Marbling. The DNA results will be data based in our computer system which will allow us to do some analysis as we get more cattle tested. The Silver Profile is priced at \$25. Sending samples through AMGA ensures that results are printed on the certificates.

## **Online Genetic Directory**

Where can I find semen from Murray Grey bulls? Who has embryos for sale? These questions come into the AMGA on a weekly basis. AMGA is pleased to now be able to provide answers to those “age old” questions.

AMGA invites every member who has semen or embryos for sale to advertise them on the AMGA web site. The Directors have requested that members pay a \$25 per year fee to list all semen and embryos that they have for sale. One price, unlimited animals listed! A good deal for both buyers and sellers. Please call or email John at AMGA for more details.

This new genetic directory will be linked directly from the home page. Please take advantage of this offer to get your genetics out into the marketplace.

## ***National Show and Annual Membership Meeting***

The 2016 National Murray Grey Show will be held during the Clark Co. (WA) Fair, Aug 5 – 14 in Vancouver, WA. The Board of Directors will hold a meeting and the Annual Membership Meeting will also take place. Watch the AMGA web site for dates and times for the show and the meetings as they become available.