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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023

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AUGUST 8th, 2023



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8th AUGUST, 2023

Craigdarroch, Eliock, Sanquhar DG4 6LE

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From 12.30pm



Important Dates For Your Diary

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31 August 23

Application Deadline for Bull Inspections
Submission Deadline for hair samples (sale bulls)
www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/breed-development

15 October 23

Journal Advert Deadline

28 October 23

Autumn Breeding Sale - United Auctions, Stirling
entries close 15th September

31 December 23

Deadline for Census Update on Grassroots

9 February 24

Premier Sale - Wallets Marts, Castle Douglas

OFFICE UPDATE

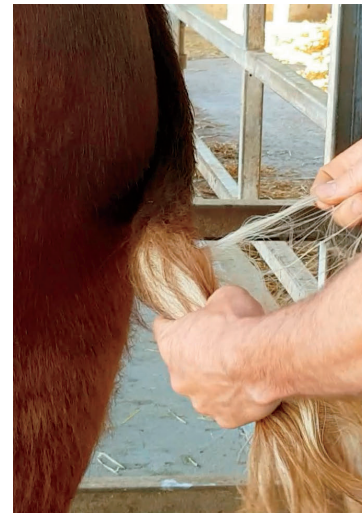
APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTIONS & DAM CLASSIFICATION

We are rapidly approaching the traditional time for inspections of young breeding bulls, which also includes the classification of their dams. Members are invited to make their applications for inspection by 31st August, latest. Application forms are available to download from the website at www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/breed-development. There is also an online form available at the bottom of the page at the same address.

Bulls which are put forward for inspection should also have had a **DNA analysis result** or have had a hair sample **submitted by 31st August**, to ensure a timely result.

DNA SIRE PROFILING

There are a few 2022 born male calves that might be kept for breeding, that have not got a sire profile on record. These sires need to be DNA sampled to enable the sire verification of male progeny subsequently used for breeding. Breeders of animals in this category have been contacted and we look forward to your replies. If not already done, please take a clean hair sample and put in a clean bag and forward to the office. Please remember to quote the ear number and breeder or origin.



OFFICE UPDATE

JOURNAL ADVERTISING

Planning for the 2024 Luing Journal is underway and we just wanted to flag that there is plenty of opportunities for advertising your herd with the publication. Adverts should be submitted by 15th October and be in ready-to-print pdf format. The publication is A4 portrait and printed in full colour. An application form is available on the website (Publications page), which includes pricing options. We respectfully remind you to please be accurate and factual in any claims made.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

PERFORMANCE RECORDING

Following feedback and further discussion after last year's Summer Newsletter in which a breed-wide opportunity for performance recording was circulated, Council have decided that the merits of increasing the volume of data available are such that it has decided to embark on a trial. The overall aim is to increase the number of breeders regularly recording performance data on both males and females. This will increase the accuracy of existing performance indexes (more data from more herds increases the comparison and thus the accuracy of the prediction). Signet will use this data for both within herd, within breed and across breed comparison.

How will it work?

Breeders will be asked to submit a minimum of birth weight and weaning weight, although other weights can also be submitted - the more data the better. LCS will provide the pedigree data to Signet which will give the analysis the relationships that will inform subsequent analysis. Together with the physical performance data, the analysis will estimate the genetic potential of the animal, albeit with a low-ish accuracy at first. As the volume of data accumulates, the accuracy of the prediction of genetic breeding potential will increase. Appropriate results will be published on the National Beef Evaluation website, and both bulls and females can have EBV graphs (and figures) available for display in sale catalogues.

What will it cost?

Council have agreed to fund the first year, with a review thereafter, which will allow any breeder to submit relevant data at no cost to the breeder. Birth weights will be submitted at the point of registration, and subsequent weights should be submitted to Signet online. Please note that the trial is voluntary from the Breeder perspective.

Resources

Please visit www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk/publications for more information.

SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE - Trial

Council have agreed to implement an age graduated scale in the measurement of young bulls during the autumn inspection system. Council recognises that young bulls are measured at differing ages over this period and will trial a graduated scale that will see a young bull achieve an Approved Status as long as it meets the age graduated level. **Please note that all bulls forward for Society sales will still need to meet the minimum requirement of 38cm regardless of age at the sale.** Any young bull that is deferred at inspection (and does not go forward to a Society Sale, but is seeking Approved Status, can still submit a vet validated measurement by 2 year old.