

New England Jersey Breeders Association

2023 Spring Newsletter

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The Annual Meeting, Picnic & NEJBA Simmer Down for the Summer Sale will be held on July 15, 2023 at High Lawn Farm, Lee, MA. This event will be conjoined with Vermont Jersey Breeders Annual Picnic as well.

July 15 schedule: 10: 00 AM – Annual Meeting
Noon – Lunch
1:00 PM – Cattle Viewing & Social
2:00 pm –Simmer Down for the Summer Sale Start
4:00 pm- Silent Auction Winners Announced

Event reservations: The meal will cost \$15 per person, kids age 10 & under eat free. For meal reservations please RSVP by July 1st by contacting Toni Jacque by email at tajacque16@gmail.com or by visiting our website newenglandjerseybreeders.com to purchase tickets by Credit Card. Please indicate the number of adults and the number of children attending. We are also working on hotel accommodations for our group in the area. Details will follow once this has been secured.

In addition, this event will celebrate High Lawns 100 year Anniversary. **Please join us for a cheese and ice cream social on Friday July 14 at 4pm for farm tours and visiting their on sight museum.** Following this, cattle will be available for viewing. See our website for RSVP (free) as we can provide a head count to the hosts for social accommodations.



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Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Opening Mixer
Young Breeders Banquet

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Farm Tours:
Goede Acres,
Klinkner Kountry Store &
Pine Prairie Jerseys,
Woodhill Farms
Benefit Auction

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

NAJ Annual Mtg
Local business tours
Youth Outing & Activities
National Heifer Sale
Live Music by High Mileage

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

AJCA Annual Mtg
Experience LaCrosse
Master Breeder Banquet

NEJBA Simmer Down For The Summer Sale

NEJBA Directors have voted in favor once again to hold the 2nd Annual NEJBA Simmer Down for the Summer Sale, taking place July 15, 2023 at High Lawn Farm, Lee, MA. Join us once again in Lee to highlight the great Jersey Cattle that come from our region. High Lawn's history in the Jersey breed & Jersey sales hold a place close to our hearts. We will be holding this sale for our breeders and to honor the High Lawn Farm Family 100th year anniversary. This year CowBuyer will be available for online bidding!

The 2022 sale and picnic had a great turn out! The sale generated additional income for our association and achieved our goal of highlighting the fantastic animals in our region. Cattle average \$1,400 on 32 live lots. Our high selling animal was Piedmont Nadine Sparkler-ET consigned by John Miller, CT and selling for \$5,900 and purchased by Bos Dairy LLC, CA.

The sale committee is composed of the following New England Members: Toni Jacque, MA- Sale Chair, Julie Jacque, MA, Moira Poitras, MA, Maggie LaPrise, RI, Megan Hill, VT, Peter Hawkes Jr, NH, and Zach Tarryk, CT. We are currently accepting consignments and sponsors for the 2023 sale, If you are interested, please contact Toni Jacque at tajacque16@gmail.com.

Consignment Criteria:

- Two out of three dams scored EX
- Minimum of Breed Average Milk & Components
- Feature Popular Jersey AI Sires
- Will consider unweaned calves and bred heifers
- No lactating animals

Other events include:

- Silent Auction items: if you have auction items to offer, please let us know. We will include these into a bid off at the end of the sale!
- Cattle Viewing, High Lawn Farm tours with cheese social for 100 year anniversary

2023 Jersey Shows

Northeast All-Breeds Spring Jersey Show- Eastern States Exposition- April 22, 2023

Judge: Kevin Doebriner, OH

Eastern New York Summer Jersey Show- Washington Co. Fairgrounds- Greenwich, NY July 27, 2023

Judge: David Crack, QC

Massachusetts Jersey State Show- Franklin Co. Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA- August 1-4, 2023

Judge: TBD

Vermont State Jersey Show- Addison Co Fairgrounds- TBD

Judge: TBD

Big E Jersey Show- Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA- September 16, 2023

Judge: Pat Lundy, NY

New England Jersey Breeders Youth Production Contest

We invite all Jersey youth involved with NEJBA to participate in the Youth Production Contest! The awards will be given out at the NEJBA Annual Meeting on July 15, 2023 .

1. You must be 20 years old or younger as of January 1, 2023.
2. You must own a Registered Jersey
3. You must reside in New England or NY. Your cow must also reside in New England or NY.
4. Your Registered Jersey must have completed an official lactation between 1/1/22 and 12/31/22.
5. Your ownership of the animal must be previous to the start of the lactation.

Send your name, your birth date, your cow's registration number and a copy of her official DHI individual cow page with completed lactation to:

Suzanne Buell
13 Buell Drive
Eastford, CT 06242
srbuell@yahoo.com (860)377-8134
Deadline for entries is June 10,2023

Entries are ranked on Standardized yield that factors ME milk, fat and protein. If you have more than one cow and are not sure which one will have the higher standard yield you may send in multiple entries and Suzanne will pick the highest-ranking one for the contest.

New England Jersey Princess

Do you know of young Jersey enthusiasts who love promoting Jersey Cattle? If so, please forward their information to **Julie Jacque – (413)687-4883, email: lazywilow@gmail.com.**

We are always seeking passionate young people in the breed to promote our Jerseys within New England!

National Convention 2024

We are excited to be moving along with our planning of the 2024 National Convention; Jerseys; New England MVPs! We have reserved the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, MA for the duration of June 17-20,2024.

If any farm or local business would like to sponsor events, please contact Jessica Dizек at jessicadizek@gmail.com or Amy Maxham at amy.maxham@dfamilk.com.

There will be many opportunities for dairy products at our daily dairy bar and during events, If you are interested please reach out to us!

Also, If any breeders would like to share farm promotion items for welcome bags, photos of your operation now and when the business started, farm highlights/history, please reach out to Toni Jacque at tajacque16@gmail.com and Mikaela Schnider at mikaelajschnider12@gmail.com. We will also be providing photos of Jersey History in New England and breeders in our great region at numerous events as well.

With that, we are continuing to plug along at schedules, ironing out what venues and events we will be incorporating, etc. We will be sharing sponsorship information as soon as this is available. Please reach out with any questions at newenglandjerseys@gmail.com.



Memberships for 2023 are now due!

Memberships are \$5.00 per year per farm or individual or \$50.00 for Lifetime.
Please fill out the form below and bring it with you to the annual meeting or mail it to:

Toni Jacque
63 Comins Road
Hadley, MA 01035

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Number of Jerseys Owned: _____

Email address: _____

Current members please forward an email address to NEJBA Secretary Toni Jacque at tjacque16@gmail.com
Going forward, the NEJBA newsletters will be sent via email and posted on the NEJBA Facebook page (follow us!) If you have Jersey neighbors who are not New England members or know of someone who is just beginning a venture in the Jersey breed please pass this membership form along to them!

please visit our website to purchase membership via credit card payment.

www.newenglandjerseybreeders.com