New England Jersey Breeders Association 2023 Winter Newsletter



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With convention on our heels, we are invited to join Massachusetts Jersey Cattle Club on March 2, 2024 for a joint annual meeting. Since we would like to have something for NEJBA separate from convention please join us for our meeting and lunch on 3/2/2024.

We are currently working with Julie at MJCC to secure a venue. As soon as these details are available we will reach out. RSVP will be needed to be paid to MJCC as they are coordinating the meal plans.

Membership Reply Needed!

NEJBA award nominations and National Award Nominations are due soon! Www would like membership input for folks to put for the following National Awards & NEJBA Awards. Please send your nominations to tajacque16@gmail.com NO LATER THAN Jan 1, 2024.

* feel free to mail your suggests to Toni Jacque at 63 Comins Road, Hadley MA 01035

All National award nominations & letters of support must be to AJCA BY JANUARY 15, 2024.

- 1. Nominations for NEJBA Awards:
 - a. Outstanding Breeder
 - b. Good Neighbor
 - c. Distinguished Service
 - d. Young Breeder
- 2. Nominations for National Awards:
 - a. Young Breeder
 - b. Distinguished Service
 - c. Meritorious Service
 - d. Master Breeder

2024 National Convention

June 19-22, 2024

National Convention planning has been full speed ahead! We are excited to highlight our New Englanders and our Jersey cattle in the National spotlight! Here is our schedule and some places we are excited to visit and tour. Registration fees will be available for early bird fees shortly into 2024 for you to plan your trip.

If you are interested in assisting with any aspect of the convention, please reach out to Moira Poitras at mpoitras@charter.net or Julie Jacque at lazywilow@gmail.com - these are our Co-Chairs for the event.

If you know of any sponsors we should reach, let us know! Also, we are working on gathering items for welcome bags. If you know of any items from your farm business, local companies, or to represent your state, please send information to Toni Jacque at tajacque16@gmail.com









Wednesday June 19

Youth mixer pizza & ice cream UCONN party

Young Breeders Banquet

Thursday June 20

Connecticut Day: UCONN

Collins Powder Mill Farm Research Auction at Basketball Hall Of Fame

Friday June 21

High Lawn Farm 100 years of Jersey Genetics **Eplore Springfield** National Heifer Sale at Eastern States Expo

Saturday June 22

Mapleline Farm Celebration of 120 years **Explore Deerfield Breeders Banquet**

OPTIONAL DAY; Sunday June 23

Explore Boston!













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 March 2,2024.

- 1. You must be 20 years old or younger as of January 1, 2024.
- 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 <u>completed</u> an official lactation between 1/1/23 and 12/31/23.
- 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 February 1, 2024

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.

Any applicants interested in a <u>New England Jersey Princess</u> contest please forward your information to **Julie Jacque – (413)687-4883, email:** <u>lazywilow@gmail.com</u>. We would love to have New England representation at our regional and national levels! This program is meant for young Jersey enthusiasts to network with others within the industry.

2024 News & Events!

We have some exciting events coming up for 2024. Here is the following information:

March 16, 2024 at Eastern States Expo- MA 4H Blue Ribbon Sale

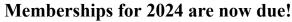
April 15-20, 2024- Northeast All Breeds Spring Show:

April 17: Youth day- all kids welcome! Judging clinic and contest, showmanship (borrow an animal if you like!) and Q&A Session and dinner sponsored by ABS St Jacobs

April 17 7pm: the 1st Northeast Spring Spectacular Sale (some animals can be viewed at the show some will be absent- all animals will be sold online)

April 20: Northeast Spring National Jersey Show

June 19-22: National Convention in Springfield MA



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:			

CCurrent members please forward an email address to NEJBA Secretary Toni Jacque at tajacque16@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