

Charolais breeders gather for nat'l show, sale, meeting

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Charolais breeders from across the United States will gather in Louisville, Ky., November 13 through 21 for the National Charolais Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition, annual National Charolais Sale, and the all meeting of the American-International Charolais Association Board of Directors.

On Wednesday, November 18, the biggest and most prestigious Charolais show of the year will take place in the Coliseum of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The 13th National Charolais Show will begin at 9 a.m. when all of the open and group classes will be placed by the three-judge system. Almost 300 entries have been received for the show, and the judges will be Randall R. Reed of Columbus, Ohio, James Anthicum of Welch, Okla., and William Gray of Schellsburg, Pa.

The next day, beginning at 9 a.m., all class winners will be led back into the ring for evaluation by the judges. Working their way through these winners, the judges will first select intermediate champions and then choose the National Grand champions.

The National Charolais Sale will begin at 2 p.m. that same day in the West Wing Sale Ring. It will be preceded by a hospitality hour sponsored by the Kentucky Charolais Association.

All of the 26 lots in the sale

catalog were bred by the consignor and will have been screened by the sale manager, Buzz Garey of Morrisville, Pa. Added to these will be last-minute selections from the national show. All champions and any cattle placing in the top five are eligible to be sold.

As an added attraction to the show and sale, McDonald's Restaurants' "Ronald McDonald" will be on hand to liven up the proceedings. The Kentucky Charolais Association and McDonald's were recently involved in a promotional effort called "McDonald's Golden Opportunity", which involved all of the hamburger chain's Louisville area stores.

In conjunction with the National Show, a Junior Charolais Heifer Show will be held on Sunday, November 15, and the judge will be Dave Hawkins of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. The show begins at 9 a.m. in the Coliseum, with Charolais judged after Angus and Chianina.

All cattle will begin to arrive at 8 a.m. Friday, November 13, and must be at the fairgrounds by Saturday, November 14, at 5 p.m. All National Show and Sale cattle will be mouthed and registration papers checked on Monday, November 15, beginning at 8 a.m.

Registration for AICA board of director's and standing committee meetings, and for all other Charolais breeders will begin

Monday at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the Executive West in Louisville, headquarters for the association during the show.

On Tuesday, November 17, a Herdsman's Luncheon will be held at the Executive West, which will be held in the West Hall at the Fairgrounds. It will be free and tickets will be available from Charolais exhibitors. For more information, contact Cliff Orley with Keystone Cattle Services, Lebanon, Pa., or Chuck Druin of Canada Coal Charolais, Morehead, Ky.

Also on Tuesday, the Kentucky Charolais Association will be

sponsoring two tours, "A Day in the Sky", a trip to Skye Terrace at Churchill Downs, and "A Day in the Bluegrass", touring the "bluegrass" area of Kentucky.

Beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday, the AICA Executive Committee will meet at the Executive West, which will be followed by the meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee.

On Wednesday, November 18, at 5 p.m., the AICA Junior Council will meet, as well as the members of the Charolais Publications, Inc. Board of Directors.

Following the sale on Thursday, the Awards Banquet will be held in

the Mary Room beginning at 7:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be NCA President-elect Sam Washburn, who is an AICA member from Fowler, Ind. Banquet tickets will cost \$20 per person and may be purchased at the registration table in the lobby of the Executive West. However, reservations must be made prior to noon, November 19.

Beginning at 8 a.m. the next morning, other AICA committees will begin to meet. The first session of the Board of Directors' meeting will begin at 3 p.m., with the second and final session beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Fall is fine time to fertilize crops

COLLEGE PARK — Fall is a good season to apply fertilizer to farm fields for several important reasons.

Once corn and soybean harvesting is finished, farm work moves at a more leisurely pace and fields are usually firmer than they will be in the spring.

In addition, fertilizer dealers often offer fall discount prices, notes V. Allan Bandel, Extension Fertilizer specialist and professor of agronomy at the University of Maryland in College Park.

For Maryland conditions, fall fertilizer applications should contain little or no nitrogen, Bandel cautions. About the only

place where nitrogen should even be considered is for fall-seeded crops, notably small grain. Typical application rates in this situation would be 15-60-60 or 20-80-80 (pounds of nitrogen, phosphate and potash per acre).

Relatively mild winter weather most years throughout much of the state makes nitrogen subject to serious leaching and denitrification losses — even when nitrification inhibitors are applied.

Fall is also an excellent time to fertilize alfalfa, since this high-quality forage is a heavy feeder of phosphorus and — especially — potassium, which plays an important role in promoting winter hardiness of alfalfa and other plants, including small grain.


Two applications of fertilizer on

alfalfa in the spring have been shown to improve hay quality, Bandel reports. But University of Maryland research tests have produced no yield advantage for a split application in the spring over a single application in the fall.

Plowing down fertilizer in the fall is not recommended in Maryland, except under conventional tillage situations where wintertime water and wind erosion are not a problem.

In any case, be sure to take proper soil samples and have them analyzed before applying fertilizer or lime, Bandel emphasizes. No-tillage fields should be tested every year. Fields where crop rotation is practiced should be tested once per rotation cycle.

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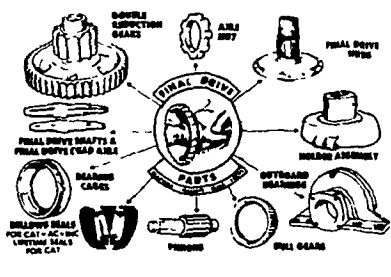
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