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Gail Bowen's granddaughter, Kensi Harrison with their Blonde bull calf, Apple Ridge Huckleberry, from Hatley, Quebec. These two are absolute best friends, especially at chore time!



President's Message

Paul Ferguson



Quel bel été cela a été ! Beaucoup de chaleur et de la pluie et en échange d'une nourriture abondante. Mes pâturages n'ont jamais été aussi beaux qu'ils le font je pense que je devrais avoir plus de bétail pour le manger ! Mais, J'ai un problème, mon comptable. Elle me dit NON, le prix du bétail est trop élevé pour être acheté. C'est agréable de être en mesure si vous réduisez vos effectifs mais, si vous le souhaitez pour s'étendre, alors vous vous inquiétez quand le crash va se produire arriver. Ils produisent, cela n'arrivera pas avant quelques années mais des choses plus folles se sont produites.

Notre vente annuelle approche à grands pas, il se pourrait donc c'est le bon moment pour laisser partir certaines de vos vaches de réforme et investir dans des remplacements par de bons jeunes action. Je suis sûr que Tyler et Ashley ont fait leur devoirs pour choisir des animaux de **première qualité** parmi plusieurs troupeaux à proposer à la vente.

Bonne chance aux expéditeurs et aux acheteurs !

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Bonne chance à tous pour vos ventes de veaux automne. Je vous verrai dans les prochains mois pour notre vente et le National.

President Canadien - Paul Ferguson

What a beautiful summer it has been! Lots of heat and rain and in return to get an abundance of food. My pastures have never looked so good its making me think I should have more cattle to eat it off! But, I have one problem, my Bookkeeper. She tells me NO, the price of cattle are to high to buy. It is nice to be in a position if you are downsizing but, if you want to expand then you worry when the crash is going to happen. They predict it won't happen for a few years but crazier things have happened.

Our annual sale is fast approaching, so it might be a good time to let some of your cull cows go and invest in replacements with some good young stock. I am sure Tyler & Ashley have done their homework to pick **top quality** animals from several herds to offer at the sale.

Good luck to the consignors and buyers!

Remember our breed is only as good as our members. We have a great group of members and that is what makes our breed so awesome! If we promote the improvements we are making in our breed then we will keep up with our competitors. It has to be a group effect and this group has the ability to do it!

Best of luck to everyone with your calf sales this fall. I will see you in the next coming months for our sale and the National.

Canadian President - Paul Ferguson

ONTARIO / MARITIME

Hello from Ontario

This has been a very exciting summer for the blonde community! One of our prominent members, Samantha Ferguson, tied the knot to what was a beautiful ceremony and reception. Many of our members were in attendance and it was great to see blonde members all about the dance floor, especially once we figured out Ilse Vink's jam!

On the following day, the Blonde picnic was held between Andrew Bunda's farm, Dave and Lisa's farm and Steve Acres farm. Steve put on a spread of food that was amazing and everyone's cows looked great! Between the hosting from Paul and Mary-Ellen, Andrew, Steve, and myself, there were well over 100 head of cattle. It was a well orchestrated weekend, so thank you to the Entire Ferguson Family for all the planning and many thanks to all the hosts.

Now that fair season has started, so have the cattle shows. Please be sure to attend and show your support when they are close to your home town. They all work long hours getting cattle ready for the shows. Thank you again everyone, and keep up the great work.

Ontario's event of the year - hosting the Canadian National Show at Markham fair Sept.30. Then the AGM in Trenton ON. on Oct 20th and sale on October 21st, at Hoards Station in Campbellford ON. Everyone is welcome - see you there! Questions or concerns on any aspect of the sale: call Ashley or Tyler 705-868-6814.

Ontario President - Dave Payne

Bonjour de l'Ontario

Cela a été un été très excitant pour la communauté blonde ! Un de nos membres éminents, Samantha Ferguson s'est mariée pour ce qui était une belle cérémonie et une belle réception. Beaucoup de nos les membres étaient présents et c'était génial de voir des membres blonds partout sur la piste de danse, surtout une fois qu'on a découvert la confiture d'Ilse Vink !

Le lendemain, le pique-nique Blonde a eu lieu entre la ferme d'Andrew Bunda et celle de Dave et Lisa. et la ferme Steve Acres. Steve a préparé une gamme de nourriture incroyable et les vaches de tout le monde avaient l'air super! Entre l'hébergement de Paul et Mary-Ellen, Andrew, Steve et moi-même, il y avait bien plus de 100 têtes de bétail. Ce fut un week-end bien orchestré, alors merci à toute la famille Ferguson pour toute la planification et un grand merci à tous les hôtes.

Maintenant que la saison des foires a commencé, les expositions de bétail aussi. Assurez-vous d'être présent et de montrer votre soutien lorsqu'ils sont proches de votre ville natale. Ils travaillent tous de longues heures à préparer le bétail pour la montre. Merci encore à tous et continuez votre excellent travail.

L'événement de l'année en Ontario - l'organisation de l'Exposition nationale canadienne à la foire de Markham le 30 septembre. Puis le AGA à Trenton ON. le 20 octobre et vente le 21 octobre à Hoards Station à Campbellford ON. Tout le monde est le bienvenu - à bientôt ! Questions ou préoccupations sur n'importe quel aspect de la vente: appelez Ashley ou Tyler 705-868-6814.

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2023 Cattle and hog outlook update: feed costs and demand strength lead profit uncertainty

Aug 01, 2023

This is the second quarterly update to our 2023 Outlook for cattle and hogs published in February. Over the last two weeks, we updated our Outlooks for dairy and major crops.

Prices for fed steers in Ontario and Alberta have continued to gain since our May outlook update. Our forecasts for each price category are also higher year-over-year (YoY) and significantly higher than their respective five-year averages. Prices for live hogs have similarly improved since May except for Manitoba feeder hogs and isoweans, bringing some relief to eastern producers. However, they've not yet returned to the levels we had initially forecasted in February.

Table 1: Prices continue to rise for cattle; hog producers see a turnaround in the downward trend

LIVESTOCK PRICES	2023 FORECAST	2022 AVERAGE	5-YEAR AVERAGE
Alberta fed steer \$/cwt	216	170	196
Alberta 550 lb steer \$/cwt	320	230	210
Alberta 850 lb steer \$/cwt	276	210	186
Ontario fed steer \$/cwt	220	180	150
Ontario 550 lb steer \$/cwt	290	215	196
Ontario 850 lb steer \$/cwt	265	210	186
Ontario market hog \$/kg	2.15	2.55	2.06
Ontario feeder hog \$/kg	1.96	2.45	2.45
Manitoba market hog \$/kg	2.25	2.45	2.00
Manitoba feeder hog \$/kg	2.05	2.45	2.50
Isowean \$/head	40	60	55

Sources: Statistics Canada, AAFC, USDA, CarFax, CME Futures, and FCC calculations

Hog margins still facing pressure: Cattle sector is in a good spot

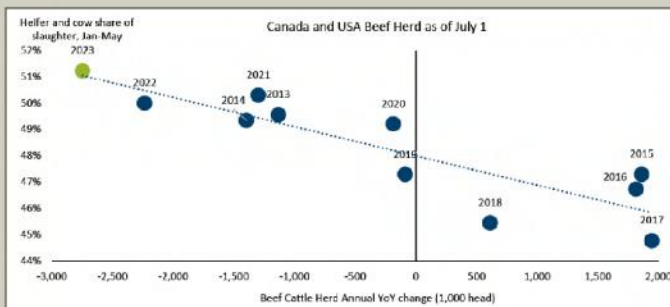
As good as cattle margins were in 2022, they will improve in 2023. Cow-calf operations will easily surpass the five-year average, while feedlot profitability should return to the black throughout 2023 after five hard years. Isowean margins continue to face pressure, especially in the East, as do eastern farrow-to-finishers. Western farrow-to-finish operations should expect positive returns, although they will fall short of the five-year average.

In February, we identified a shrinking North American herd, red meat demand, and escalating feed costs as three factors to monitor throughout 2023.

North American drought conditions adding to herd size woes

Our February outlook showed a year-over-year decline in the North American cattle herd as of January 1. As of July 1, the U.S. herd on feed is estimated at 13.1 million head (a 2% year-over-year decline) and the Alberta/Saskatchewan herd on feed at 910 thousand head (a 7.7% decline year-over-year but in line with the 5-year average). The 2.9% decline in the overall size of the North American beef herd as of July 1 is the biggest year-over-year drop in the last 30 years, as cows and heifers continue to show up in an increasing percentage of total cattle slaughter (Figure 1). The USDA estimates (see URL below Figure 1) that the U.S. herd will decline by 3.0%, and the Canadian herd will shrink by 2.2% year-over-year in 2023.

Figure 1: Another year-over-year dip in the North American cattle herd



Sources: Carfax, Statistics Canada, USDA, FCC Calculations

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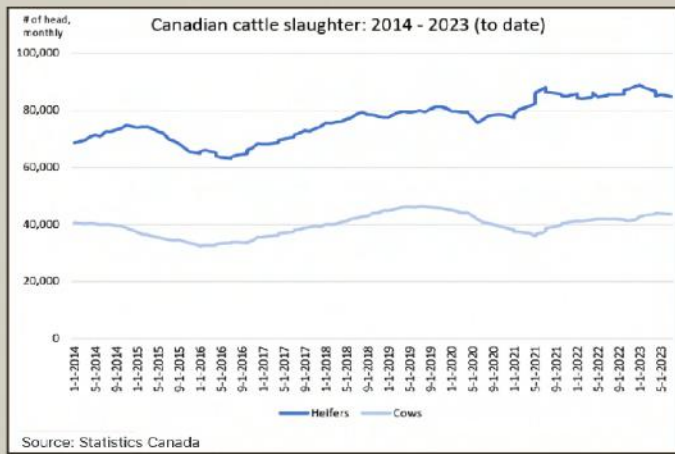
Western soil moisture lacking

Soil moisture across the prairies is well below normal for July 24rd. While many Saskatchewan crops continue to look good, Manitoba and Alberta especially are seeing some challenging conditions with repercussions for Canada's livestock sectors.

Dry periods can accelerate slaughter as cow-calf producers balance lower their own feed supplies while minimizing purchased feed at elevated prices. In this situation, they're likelier to send

more heifers to feedlots rather than retain them, which is what happened during the drought of 2021 (Figure 2). Cow slaughter also picked up during the period.

Figure 2: Dry periods and price signals drive changes in slaughter numbers



On the other hand, high prices in 2014-15 served as a signal to retain cattle to build a stronger herd, visible as a drop in cow and heifer slaughters between November 2014 and July 2016. But the extent of western dryness this year is keeping slaughter numbers strong, despite a small and shrinking North American cattle herd and price signals that might otherwise motivate heifer retention.

The reduced numbers have impacted beef production in both markets. Canadian beef production will fall 3.6%, and U.S. production will be cut by 4.0% YoY. Carcass weights are also lighter YoY across North America and lighter than they were in 2021. But with higher slaughters in the last two years, there are fewer cattle to keep meat processing plants running closer to capacity in 2023. It appears that younger cattle are being pulled from feedlots early to reduce underutilization.

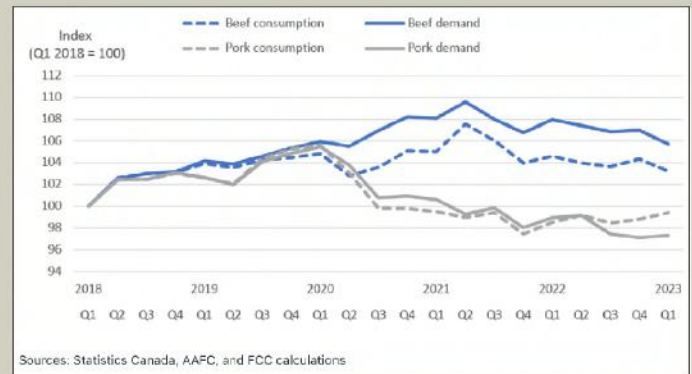
Production declines needed to support hog sector as consumption wanes in North America

With the ongoing shuttering of five pork processing plants, Canadian pork production is forecasted to be down 2.9% YoY. Unsurprisingly, our pork exports are also forecasted to drop 8.0% YoY. On the other hand, hog exports are expected to increase 50% YoY, destined for U.S. processing which the USDA pegs at 1.4% higher YoY. Global pork production will stabilize this year at last year's levels, with a minor increase for China (1.1%) that will keep production at pre-African Swine Fever levels. Taken together, Canadian hog prices aren't likely to rebound without a contraction in U.S. production, and that's unlikely to happen in the near term. And this is occurring even as the North American industry grapples with California's Proposition 12, which implies that pig and pork sales in the state must come from animals housed in cages larger than the currently used gestation crates.

Global consumption will also flatten this year, with a 1.3% increase in China's consumption offsetting declines in Brazil, the E.U. and the U.K. Japan and South Korea will see no YoY changes. It remains very strong, though, at 8.1% higher than the previous five-year average (2018 - 2022).

The North American outlook isn't as rosy, though, as the U.S. is expected to see a 1.9% YoY decrease in pork consumption which will more than offset an expected 9.4% bump in Canada. Here at home, despite a favourable price differential, pork is facing an uphill battle (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Demand for beef exceeds consumption levels while pork struggles to boost either



FCC Economics' red meat demand indices show that consumers' preferences for beef are still strong.

Recent increases in pork consumption levels have resulted from favourable price swings at the retail level. Despite its low prices and the relatively higher prices of beef and chicken, pork demand is finding it hard to regain the vigour exhibited before the pandemic.

With feed costs, volatility is the word

As far as profitability is concerned, the good news is that current feed costs have not taken off from the heights of 2022 feed costs. But it's a bit of a guess as to where they'll end up. Recent volatility has produced downturns and price gains in response to the news. First, South America's record corn crops are alleviating some fears. Second, there's the uncertainty arising from the Black Sea region, where Ukrainian grains may not have a safe passage for export. Third, North American dryness and drought conditions produce more uncertainty

Table 2: Recent price gains wipe out prior improvements in feed costs (\$/tonne)

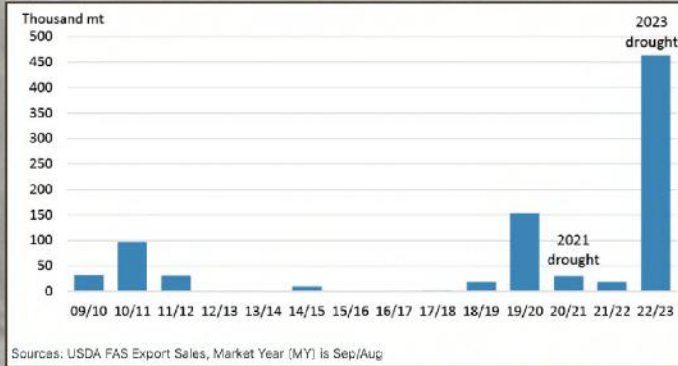
FFED COSTS	2023 FORECAST \$/TONNE	2022 \$/TONNE	5-YEAR AVERAGE
Feed barley (AB)	375	360	310
Corn (CN)	300	300	255

Sources: Statistics Canada, AAFC, USDA, CarFax, CME Futures, and FCC calculations

Feedlots are more proactively sourcing feed grains compared to the last drought in the 2021-2022 crop year (Figure 4). That year, Canada imported 3.7 million tonnes (mt) of corn from the U.S. This year, feedlots are jumping on the expected drought-induced feed grain shortage much sooner. Canada has already purchased over 450,000 mt of corn for delivery at the start of the new crop year in September, with deliveries already showing up.



Figure 4: U.S. new crop corn sales to Canada (as of July 20)



Bottom line

Perhaps the largest factor weighing on Canadian red meat sectors is the weather. Drought conditions in North America have led to feed costs creeping up again after trending down throughout most of 2023. With such good current prices, they're also keeping cattle slaughter rates higher than we'd expect. For their part, the hog sector must contend with rising costs and lowered prices.

Martha Roberts - Economics Editor, FCC Farm Credit Canada, "2023 Cattle and hog outlook update: feed costs and demand strength lead profit uncertainty", August 1 2023, <https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/economics/2023-cattle-hog-outlook-update-august.html>



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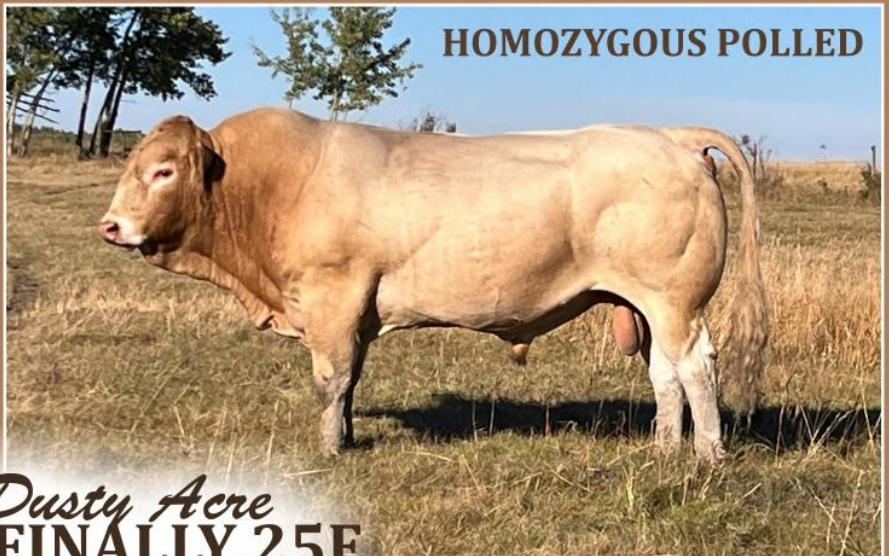


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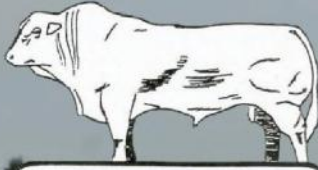
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AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF 50th A.G.M

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association will be held at:

Ramada Inn - 99 Glen Miller Rd, Trenton, Ontario

Friday October 21, 2022 Registration - 2:30 p.m. Call to Order - 3:00 p.m.

For the purposes of receiving reports of the Officers and the Financial Statements of the Association for 2022, for the Appointment of Accountants, to receive the results of the election of directors, and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting by order of the Board and President Paul Ferguson.

NOMINATION REPORT:

Directors completing Terms of Office

Paul Fee

Paul Ferguson

Nicole Baker

NOMINATIONS/BOARD SECRETARY:

Reed Rigney 780-348-5308 or rigney@clearwave.ca

Please contact Reed Rigney if you will let your name stand, or have a person to nominate. Nominations will also be accepted by Lisa Leduc from the floor.

Paul Ferguson has served his 3 terms as President, is no longer eligible and has decided to not serve on the board. Executive positions are voted on at a Board level but with the exit of Paul Ferguson, and active secretary Reed Rigney looking to take a lesser role, nominations of some ambitious, open minded members to join the board are needed.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT: None

PROXY VOTING 2023 ANNUAL MEETING - If you wish to designate a proxy, please contact the Secretary of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, Reed Rigney, at rigney@clearwave.ca or 780-348-5308 to receive a proxy designation form. The designated proxy must bring the form, signed by you, to the meeting. No one individual shall be permitted to carry more than three (2) proxies at the Annual General Meeting of this Association.

Avis de convocation d'Assemblée générale annuelle

Association Canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine

VEUILLEZ PRENDRE NOTE que la assemblée annuelle des membres de l'Association Canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine aura lieu au:

Ramada Inn - 99 Glen Miller Rd, Trenton, Ontario

Vendredi 21 Octobre 2022 Inscription - 2:30 p.m. Rappeler à l'ordre - 3:00 p.m.

Aux fins de recevoir les rapports des dirigeants et les états financiers de l'Association pour 2021, pour la nomination des comptables, pour recevoir les résultats de l'élection des administrateurs et pour la transaction des affaires pouvant être soumises à l'assemblée par ordre du conseil d'administration et du président Paul Ferguson.

RAPPORT DE NOMINATION:

Les directeurs sortants sont

Paul Fee

Paul Ferguson

Nicole Baker

NOMINATIONS/SECRÉTAIRE DU CONSEIL

Reed Rigney 780-348-5308 or rigney@clearwave.ca

Vous êtes prié de contacter Reed si vous désirez vous représenter ou si vous désirez présenter un candidat. Les Lisa Leduc nominations ser ont reçues sur place.

Paul Ferguson a accompli ses 3 mandats en tant que président, n'est plus éligible et a décidé de ne pas siéger au conseil d'administration. Exécutif les postes sont votés au niveau du conseil, mais avec la sortie de Paul Ferguson, et le secrétaire actif Reed Rigney cherchant à prendre un peu moins rôle, les nominations de certains membres ambitieux et ouverts d'esprit pour rejoindre le conseil d'administration sont nécessaires.

RESOLUTIONS RAPPORT: Rien

VOTE PAR PROCURATION ASSEMBLÉE ANNUELLE 2023 - Si vous désirez nommer un mandataire, sil vous plait contacte au Secrétaire de l'Association Canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine , Reed Rigney, à rigney@clearwave.ca ou au 780-348-5308 pour recevoir un formulaire de désignation de mandataire. Le mandataire désigné doit apporter le formulaire, signé par vous, à l'assemblée. Il n'est pas permis de présenter plus que deux (2) procurations par individu à aucune Assemblée Annuelle de cette Association.

ACCOMMODATIONS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023

Ramada Inn Trenton
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Rooms are blocked off under the Canadian Blonde Association. Please make sure to reference this when booking. Rooms are blocked off for Friday and Saturday night at the rate of \$129/night. Double beds or queen rooms are available.

AGM hall is booked for the regular Harvest East room.

HÉBERGEMENT

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Beef Industry Receives Funding to Support its Sustainable Development

July 12, 2023 – Calgary, Alberta – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Today at the Calgary Stampede, Francis Drouin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced an investment of more than \$12 million on behalf of the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau to the Canadian Cattle Association under the AgriScience Program – Clusters Component. The Beef Cattle Research Council, a division of the Canadian Cattle Association, will administer the Beef and Forage Cluster.

The investment aims to drive the growth of Canada's beef industry through research, innovation and technology improving their environmental footprint.

The 23 projects to be funded focus on three AgriScience program priorities: Climate Change and Environment, Economic Growth and Development, and Sector Resilience and Societal Challenges. Research activities include reducing methane emissions through feeding strategies, breeding forages that are more productive and profitable, and developing technologies for faster response to emerging diseases.

The goals of these funded activities contribute to the Government of Canada's climate change mitigation and industry resilience priorities, while supporting the Government's GHG reduction targets.

"The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of Canadian beef. Today's announcement will contribute to the

continued success of the industry, while keeping it strong and resilient. The results from these innovation, research and technology activities will transform into real results on farms."

- Francis Drouin,
Parliamentary Secretary
to the Minister of
Agriculture and Agri-Food

"Across the country, beef farmers and ranchers are incorporating new methods into their day-to-day routines to meet the global demand for Canadian beef. Today's investment will help the sector continue to deliver results and maintain their solid reputation, while continuing to contribute to our environmental goals."

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau,
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Quick Facts:

- The beef and cattle industry is one of the largest in Canadian agriculture, with 11 million cattle and calves on 72,275 farms and ranches on January 1, 2022.
- Canada is one of the largest exporters of livestock and red meat in the world, exporting approximately 50% of Canadian beef and cattle production each year.

- In 2022, cattle and calf exports were valued at \$1.4 billion, and beef exports were valued at \$4.68 billion.

- The industry contributes approximately \$21.8 billion annually to Canada's GDP while supporting 347,000 jobs directly and indirectly.

- According to the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB), the GHG emissions of Canadian beef production have a total footprint of 11.4 kg CO2 equivalent, representing 2.4% of Canada's overall emissions, less than half the world's average.

- Also, according to the CRSB, the land used for beef production and managed by Canadian farmers and ranchers helps to sequester over 1.5 billion tonnes of carbon in Canada.

- The AgriScience Program, under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), aims to accelerate innovation by providing funding and support for pre-commercial science activities as well as research that benefits the agriculture and agri-food industry and Canadians.

→ The Clusters Component, under the AgriScience Program, supports projects intended to mobilize industry, government and academia through partnerships, and addresses prioritized national themes and issues of general interest.

- Projects and final funding are subject to negotiation of a Collaborative Research and Development Agreement.

"Beef producers across Canada continually strive to maintain and improve our animal health and welfare practices, food safety standards and environmental stewardship. We are eager to utilize the outcomes of Canada's Beef and Forage AgriScience Cluster to continue to responsibly deliver superior products and preserve land and livelihood that we pass on to the next generation."

- Craig Lehr, Chair of The Beef Cattle Research Council and Alberta beef producer

- The Canadian Cattle Association is a national federation funded by cattle producers and led by a producer-elected board of directors, which works to improve market access and address issues that concern Canada's beef producers.

- The Beef Cattle Research Council, an operating division of the Canadian Cattle Association, determines research and development priorities for the beef cattle industry and administers the research funding allocation of the producer-paid Canadian Beef Cattle Check-Off to fund beef, cattle and forage research and technology transfer.



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Government of Canada, "Beef Industry Receives Funding to Support its Sustainable Development", July 12 2023, <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2023/07/beef-industry-receives-funding-to-support-its-sustainable-development.html>



Fairs & Events

Ontario

FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday September 2
Kinmount Fair

Sunday September 3
Kincardine Fair

Friday September 8 & Sunday September 10
Spencerville Fair

Saturday September 9
Orono Fair

Sunday September 10
Warkworth Fair

Sunday September 10
Pasiley Fair

Sunday September 17
Richmond Fair

Sunday September 24
Carp Fair

Saturday September 30
Ripley Fair

Saturday September 30
Metcalfe Fair

Saturday September 30
Markham Fair
NATIONAL BLONDE SHOW

Saturday October 7
Elmvale Fair

Friday October 20
AGM & Dinner
Ramada INN - Trenton

Saturday October 21
Cream of the Crop Sale
Hoards Station Sale Barn

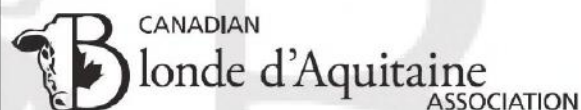
November 3 - 12
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Alberta

Wednesday November 8 - 9 a.m
FarmFair International - Edmonton



Attention all Provinces: if you have upcoming special events and fairs you'll be attending, please reach out to Samantha Ferguson prior to the newsletter(s) deadlines to be added to the list - Nationally! diamondridgeblondes@gmail.com



Entry/ Video Deadline:
October 2, 2023

Show Committee Chair:
Paul Fee (705) 770-9911
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SHOW RULES

1. Videos will be accepted at any time until October 2, 2023. Please provide class number, animal name and birth date.
2. Videos must be sent to Paul Fee by the closing date. They can be sent via file sharing services (wetransfer.com works well), private message on Facebook or place on YouTube with a link emailed. The video size of a direct email will likely be too large, and will not work.
3. All entrants must be 2023 CBDA members in good standing by the entry deadline.
4. Entries must be Registered 75% (3/4) Blonde or above.
5. Registrations must be applied for and received at the CLRC by the entry deadline.
6. There is a limit of 3 entries per breeder per class.
7. Cow/Calves may be split for classes. Both are eligible for the Championship class should they advance.
8. Washing/clipping/fitting allowed, but not mandatory.
9. Animals must be presented loose - no halters allowed.
10. The video must be live action, not a series of still photographs video format.
11. The video should not contain commentary, people or editing that identifies the animal or breeder in any way.
12. Video should show the animal at a distance, moving towards (front end/feet/legs), moving away (back end,back legs/feet) and down the top, if possible. We will have an example video available.
13. The Show Committee and/or Judge reserves the right to refuse entries that they deem not sufficiently presentable as these videos may be available for viewing on social media/ CBDA website. This may include excessively dirty cattle, wild cattle, overly thin, unpleasant background, etc.
14. \$10 per entry.

PRIZES - Banners will be presented to the Division Champion/Reserve Champions, Grand/Reserve Champions, as well as the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor.

CLASSES

- Class 1 | Junior Heifer Calf born April 1, 2023 or later
- Class 2 | Senior Heifer Calf born January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023
- Class 3 | Junior Yearling Heifer born April 1 to December 31, 2022
- Class 4 | Senior Yearling Heifer born January 1 to March 31, 2022
- Class 5 | Two Year Cow/Calf born in 2021
- Class 6 | Mature Cow/Calf born prior to 2021
- Class 7 | Dry Cow born 2021 or earlier
- Class 8 | Junior Bull Calf born April 1, 2023 or later
- Class 9 | Senior Bull Calf born January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023
- Class 10 | Yearling Bull born in 2022
- Class 11 | Two Year Old Bull born in 2021
- Class 12 | Mature Bull born prior to 2021

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Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our wedding & for anyone who was unable but sent their best wishes. You are a second family to us and we were very fortunate to include you all!

Chris Linton, Samantha Ferguson & Family

ATTENTION

We are always looking for topics to discuss in future publications. Perhaps there is a subject(s) of interest you'd like to see written about, or maybe even an archived article from years past that you feel is worth a reshare? Reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you! As always, we are also looking for photographs for advertising and promotional use. We look forward to receiving your suggestions and photo submissions.

Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de sujets à discuter à l'avenir publications. Il y a peut-être un ou plusieurs sujets d'intérêt que vous aimeriez voir écrit, ou peut-être même un article archivé de années passées qui, selon vous, méritent d'être repartagées? Contactez-nous. Nous aimerions recevoir de vos nouvelles! Comme toujours, nous recherchons également photographies à usage publicitaire et promotionnel. Nous regardons avec impatience de recevoir vos suggestions et soumissions de photos.

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BREEDER *of the* YEAR AWARD

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

2023

The award will be presented annually at the CBDA "National" event. Nominations will open on July 1st, and must be received by August 1st each year.

Nominations may be submitted by letter post or email.

The award year will run from August 1st to July 31st.

Nominator and nominee must be paid CBDA members in good standing for the years in question.

Members may not nominate themselves, family members or those that they share memberships/breeding programs with.

An individual or an entire farm operation may be nominated.

The nominator will be responsible for making the case for the nominee, must present well written thoughts and a list of facts detailing the nominees activities and accomplishments in service of the Blonde breed.

Emphasis will be put on the 12 month period in question, however past accomplishments and involvement will not be overlooked.

Activities may include, but are not limited to: current year registrations, service on Blonde Boards, service at Trade Shows, participation in CBDA and provincial events, participation and success in the show ring, buying and selling of animals at Association sales, volunteer positions on behalf of the blondes (ie CLRC, fair boards, beef committees, etc), participation in the BIO program, performance testing, new breeders they have introduced to the breed, advertising of their animals in Association and outside publications, contributions to the 4H program. Nominees will be assessed by a non-biased individual with in-direct ties to the breed, knowledge of purebred beef cattle operations and Associations. Nominators/Nominees will remain anonymous, with the exception of the winning nominee.

The nominator of the winning nominee may also stay anonymous if they so choose, however the information they provide for the nomination may be used in articles/speeches recognizing the winner.

The Breeder of the Year will receive an individual award, a short congratulations in the December newsletter and a full story on their operation in following years "Blonde Connection".

(A noter que le genre masculin est utilise dans le but d'alléger la lecture du texte, et ce, sans discrimination pour le genre féminin).Le prix sera remis chaque année lors de la "Nationale" du CBDA.

Les candidatures debuteront le 1er juillet et doivent être reçues avant le 1er août de chaque année.

Les candidatures peuvent être soumises par la poste ou par courriel. L'année d'attribution sera du 1er août au 31 juillet.

La personne proposant ou la personne proposée doivent être des membres en règle du CBDA pour les années en question.

Les membres ne peuvent pas présenter leur propre candidature, les membres de leur propre famille ou ceux qu'ils partagent l'adhésion ou programme d'élevage.

Un particulier ou une exploitation agricole entière peut être proposé.

Le proposant devra présenter la mise en candidature du proposé, il devra préparer un texte bien écrit et détaillé des activités et des réalisations que la personne proposée a accompli pour la race Blonde.

L'accent sera mis sur la période de 12 mois en question, mais les réalisations et les participations passées ne seront pas ignorées.

Les activités peuvent comprendre mais sans s'y limiter à: l'enregistrement d'animaux de l'année courante, la participation sur des conseils d'administration de la Blonde, la participation aux expositions, la participation à des événements organisés par le CBDA ou l'association provinciale, la participation et le succès dans l'arène, l'achat et la vente d'animaux à des ventes organisées par l'association, être bénévole au nom des Blondes, (par exemple: SCEA, un organisme d'expositions, des comités de bœuf, etc.), la participation au programme BIO, la participation aux épreuves de performance, introduire des nouveaux éleveurs à la race, la publicité de leurs animaux dans les publications de l'association ou autres, leur contribution au programme 4H.

Les candidats seront évalués par une personne impartiale avec des liens indirects à la race, la connaissance d'exploitations de bovins de race pure et d'associations.

Les proposant et les proposés demeureront anonymes à l'exception du candidat gagnant.

À sa demande, la personne proposant le candidat gagnant pourra demeurer anonyme, mais les informations qu'il fournit, pour la nomination, peut être utilisée dans des articles / discours reconnaissant le gagnant.

L'Éleveur de l'Année recevra un prix, une courte citation dans le Newsletter du mois de décembre et un article complet sur leur exploitation dans la prochaine publication de la Blonde Connection.

Note: 2023 AWARD has been extended to October 1st 2023.

Remarque : 2023 AWARD a été prolongé jusqu'en Octobre 1er 2023.

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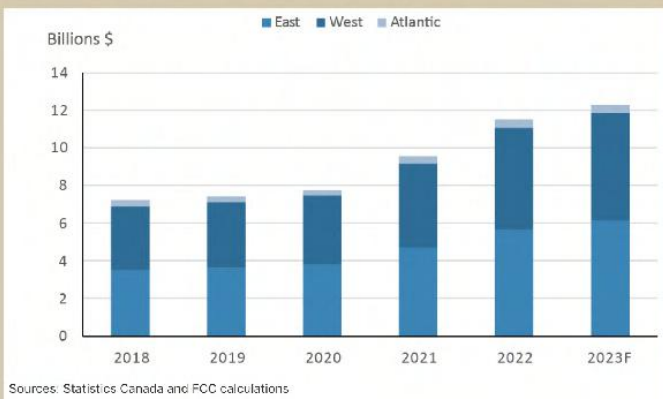
Outlook for Livestock Feed Input Suppliers Mixed

Aug 15, 2023

The Canadian commercial feed market (for example, pelleted rations for cattle, dairy, hog and poultry) grew over 20% in 2022, reaching a record \$11.5 billion in sales. Most of this growth was driven by increases in feed grain prices stemming from Russia's war against Ukraine. The livestock sector has faced numerous years of tight feed supplies and expensive feed grains. High feed costs have pressured profitability throughout the Canadian livestock industry, including feed mill operators, as volatile commodity prices negatively impacted their margins.

We are projecting the Canadian commercial feed market to grow 6.6% in 2023 to \$12.3 billion, driven by strong livestock receipts and feed grain prices that remain historically high. The Eastern Canadian commercial feed market is expected to have the largest growth at over 9% in 2023 to \$6.1 billion. Eastern Canadian growth is driven by its large dairy sector and an expanding poultry sector. In Western Canada, we are projecting a 4.0% increase in feed sales to \$5.7 billion, largely due to drought conditions and the need to purchase feed. In Atlantic Canada, we are projecting a 7.6% increase in feed sales but recent flooding in Nova Scotia could change that projection.

Figure 1. Canadian commercial feed market sales



Drought conditions have once again led to rising feed costs

Feed grain prices did trend down through the first half of 2023. However, drought conditions in North America have once again led to rising feed costs. Drought conditions have resulted in stressed pastures and reduced hay crops. Provincial crop insurance agencies in Western Canada have moved quickly to allow producers to move poor crops into alternative uses (for example, grazing or baling), which provides some relief to the drought-stricken livestock sector. Corn imports have also risen as the feedlot sector braces for tighter feed supplies as we head into the fall calf-run and winter 2024 feeding. Some cow-calf and feedlot operations have worked with their local feed mills to utilize screening rations with supplements to maintain herds and make up for poor pasture conditions.

The fall calf run has already begun in regions facing extreme drought conditions that are forcing either an earlier weaning of calves or culling of cattle. Increased numbers of cows and heifers are heading to slaughter. A continued contraction of the North American cattle herd was expected as indicated in our top charts to monitor in 2023, but we now expect further contraction. Getting through the drought conditions will be key for these operations. The good news, if any during a drought, is sales are occurring at strong prices, providing cashflow for operations to re-build their herds once pasture conditions improve. However, rebuilding cattle herds following drought and culling is a multi-year initiative. The drought's impact on herd size will ultimately impact feed mill sales into 2024 and beyond. We are currently in a weather market, with volatile feed prices and a market that could now go in either direction depending on weather and its final impact on overall North American production.

North American hog sector expected to contract

In addition to high feed costs, profitability challenges in

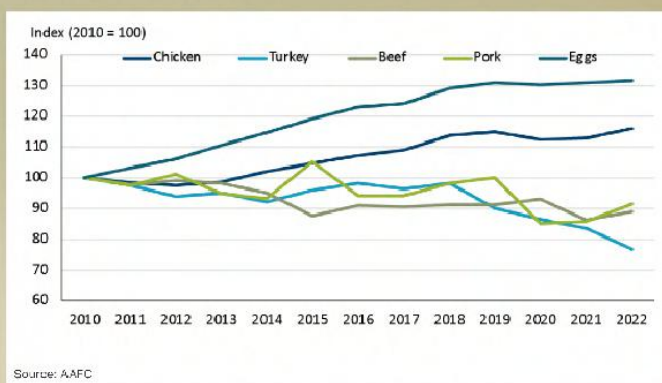
the pork/hog sector are having impacts throughout the supply chain. The North American hog sector is going through an economic down cycle. Hog herd size is expected to decline as the number of sows bred and farrowings decline across North America. A decline in the hog herd means reduced feed demand in the short run and will weigh on the commercial feed market as farrowings are reduced and fewer hogs are finished in Canada. Hog production declines are expected to occur as the North American sector adapts to reduced pork demand. The current contraction in the hog sector is likely temporary as the hog sector expansion phase will once again return. The hog production contraction and expansion cycle is much shorter than beef at approximately four years.

Challenges in both the cattle and hog sectors will have far-reaching consequences for red meat production in North America and agribusiness input suppliers.

Expanding poultry sector an area of growing opportunity

Canadians love chicken and eggs. Per capita chicken meat consumption is up 16% since 2010 and eggs are up 32% (Figure 2). Canada's population recently hit 40 million people and is growing at a record pace. Canada's population has a direct impact on the feed supply business, particularly in Eastern Canada with its larger presence of supply managed sectors (for example, poultry and dairy). Along with having nearly half of the Canadian population, Eastern Canada's immigration levels are rising, which is good news for the Canadian poultry industry (and to a lesser extent the entire livestock industry) and, subsequently, the commercial feed industry.

Figure 2. Canadian per capita consumption of selected meat proteins



Growth of oilseed crush disruptor to feed rations

The Canadian canola crush sector is currently undergoing expansion driven by increased emission reduction mandates (for example, clean fuel regulations) that are increasing biofuel demand. The crush sector is expected to add approximately 4.5 million tonnes of additional crush capacity by the end of 2024, and 2-plus

million additional tonnes in the years following. The additional capacity represents over 3.5 million tonnes of additional canola meal produced. The increased meal will either be exported or used domestically. The most likely scenario is increased use in feed formulizations and feed ingredient additives. In the longer term, how livestock is fed in North America will continue to evolve as the expanded soybean and canola crush sector disrupts the industry. It will structurally change what we feed livestock, especially if a surplus of meals become available and cheaper for the livestock sector.

Bottom line

Challenges in both the cattle and hog sectors will have far-reaching consequences for red meat production in North America and agribusiness input suppliers. Feed mill profitability is expected to be volatile in the short term, but the future looks bright in the long term with additional supplies of feed options, including canola meal and canola screenings, and opportunities to integrate soymeal into feed rations. A growing Canadian population will continue to demand domestically produced meat.



Leigh Anderson -Senior Economist, FCC Farm Credit Canada, "Outlook for livestock feed input suppliers mixed", Aug 15 2023, <https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/economics/outlook-livestock-feed-input-suppliers.html>



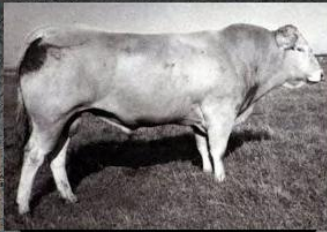
SEMEN SALES

WEST WIND BLONDES VAN ALTA BLONDES JACOBSEN FAMILY

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT *within* THE BLONDE BREED



CANADIAN ROCKY



MARKWOOD WOODROW T LUKE



NOR-Geo AUTUER



SUNDANCE ZEPPELIN



VAN ALTA LUCKY BOY



WEST WINDS GERSHWIN 147 G



WEST WINDS HERDSMAN 32 H



WEST WINDS WORKMAN 94 W

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The sires available are listed right; some semen is for use within Canada only and some is eligible for Export as noted. Buyers are responsible for shipping and handling costs. Please contact **REED RIGNEY** if you are interested in purchasing semen. **780-348-5308**

SIRE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SEMEN STATUS
Canadian Rocky	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Clay	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Deebran PLD Jail Breaker 28Y	heterozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
Markwood Woodrow T Luke	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Nor-Geo Autuer	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Sundance Zepplin	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
Van Alta Lucky Boy	horned Fullblood	\$15	domestic
West Winds Beau 9B	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Breaker 36B	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Gershwin 147G	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic
West Winds Herdsman 32H	heterozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Rainer 11R	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable
West Winds Workman 94W	homozygous polled Fullblood	\$25	domestic & exportable