

NEW ZEALAND SHORTHORN BEEF

Dear Shorthorn Members

Animal Disposal List (ADL):

This season there are changes happening with the ADL forms which will save time for the PBB team and on printing and posting costs. Traditionally the ADL forms have been posted to breeding members in early July when you filled the form out and either post, or emailed, the forms back to the Shorthorn Office.

In Mid-July you will get an email from the Registry Team at the PBB Office. This email will include your ADL as an attachment, in the form of a spreadsheet, and an explanation on how to fill out the spreadsheet, with the fate codes and disposal date for any cattle you wish to remove from your female herd. You will then save this updated form and email back to the office by the end of July.

If you do have questions once you have received your spreadsheet ADL form, please do not hesitate to contact one of the councillors or the PBB Registry Team.

DNA Module:

Hopefully you have all noted that the DNA Module is now live. You can see if the animal has been tested, and if they are parent or sire verified. Over the next couple of weeks, PBB will be adding historic data including poll status and parent verifications that they have on file.

EBV Indexes:

Around the 20th July when this month's Group Run for EBVs is done, you will note that there is a change in the Selection Index Values. This is due to an update within the Indexes themselves and will result in re-ranking of some bulls as well as a change in the spread of values.

Constitution:

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 came into force on the 5th October 2023. All current Incorporated Societies have until the 5th April 2026 to update their Constitution and to reapply to be an Incorporated Society.

The Council is currently reviewing our Constitution to see what needs to be done to bring it up to the standard that is required. Any changes that are made to the Constitution must go to an AGM to be voted on. For the Constitution changes to pass at the AGM, you must have a two-thirds majority.

Regulations:

At the same time as the Council are looking at the Constitution, we are also going to look at the Regulations. This includes, but are not limited to, DNA rules, calf registration dates, fees, and NAIT tagging rules.

NZ Beef Shorthorn Progeny Program:

In early July, you will receive an email asking for nominations of bulls for the upcoming mating in the NZ Beef Shorthorn Progeny Program. Please consider the bulls you have and whether any of them are suitable for this program. The program is to promote Shorthorn and Shorthorn cross cattle, demonstrate how well they can do and we need your help to make it a success.

Wishing everyone the best for the winter and the upcoming calving season.

From My Corner of Paradise to yours

Best Wishes

Anita Erskine

President