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BW 82, WW 560,  
Adj WW 560  
BW 1.4, WW 19,  
YW 31, MM 8



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#214269

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Adj WW 582  
BW 3.5, WW 33,  
YW 45, MM 8



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**Conversation**  
on Facebook as a group member!

## From the President

Fall harvest is under way, small grains are all but done, corn and soybeans in the southern states are starting to be harvested. The coolness of the air reminds us that winter will soon be upon us, and the way we take care of our animals is about to change. For some of you, pregnancy checking has happened or is about to happen, and weaning is probably right around the corner.

Speaking of around the “corner”, the National Sale is about 6 weeks away! A reminder, that the sale is in Springfield, Mo at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center, just West of Springfield on Hwy 44. From what I understand is that we are going to have a good representation of cattle. We will also have some new people that are planning on coming to purchase some animals, as well as I’m looking forward to seeing a great participation from our associations members as well.

I know that our breed’s popularity is growing in baby steps, I’ve seen it first hand, whether it is breeding stock or feeder animals. But, there is never enough supply to keep everyone happy. Dan Schmeising is fielding calls for people looking for animals, some requests are a little steep to fill, and others just want a couple head to get familiar with the breed. So as members of American Red Poll Association, I challenge you to call Dan before taking any potential breeding quality animals to the sale barn. If logistically an animal can be placed with a new person interested in the breed we should help (within reason) accommodate them to get started in the breed.

In closing, our cattle breed can only promote themselves so far, without the members to help grow the numbers and promote the breed we have, we go nowhere. See you in Springfield!

- Mike Mammele, *President*  
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# Calendar of Events



## OCTOBER

October 1

**NAILE Entries Due.** More information can be found on the NAILE website at [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org).

**\*PLEASE NOTE** The Junior Show will be combined with the Open Show in 2015.

October 15-17

### ARPA National Meeting and National Sale

Springfield Livestock Market Center - Springfield, MO

**Schedule of Activities** - all activities at the Sale Facility

Thursday & Friday, October 15-16 - Cattle can arrive

Saturday, October 17

9 am - Board of Directors Meeting

11 am - **National Membership Meeting**

12:30 pm - Lunch (Open to Members and Guests)

2 pm - Guest Speaker (Open to Members and Guests)

3-4 pm - Viewing of Sale Cattle

4 pm - **National Sale**

## NOVEMBER

November 17-20

### ARPA National Red Poll Show, NAILE

Louisville, Kentucky

Friday, November 20

8 am - National Red Poll Show (Combined Junior & Open)

## DECEMBER

December 15

### Sale Entries Due for Kentucky Beef Expo

2016

## FEBRUARY

February 19-20

### Kentucky Beef Expo Red Poll Show and Sale

Kentucky Fair and Expo Center

Louisville, Kentucky

TBA - **Show on Friday, February 19**

9:30 am - **Sale on Saturday, February 20**



## Broken Brick Farm

Please plan to attend the  
American Red Poll National Sale, in  
Springfield, Missouri, October 17,  
2015. We hope to see you there!

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# WORLD RED POLL TOUR 2017

## Tentative Itinerary

We are pleased to present the tentative itinerary for the 2017 World Red Poll Tour and would like to encourage Red Poll breeders to participate in some manner. Participation can be done in many ways; taking the entire or part of the tour itself, helping to host at the various "stops" (please contact the host directly), attend the Congress at Purdue University (contact Dan Schmiesing). The tour has been designed to allow time to visit and interact with all the participants. Details will be coming in the future.

### Tentative schedule:

Thursday	1-Jun-2017	Arrival, Dayton, Ohio: Welcome 5:00pm
Friday	2-June	Jackson Farms, Spegal's Red Polls, Hoosier Park
Saturday	3-June	Shuter Sunset Farms
Sunday	4-June	Carl's Red Poll, Shipshewana
Monday	5-June	Shipshewana, Dinner/Theater
Tuesday	6-June	Shipshewana/West Lafayette, Indiana
Wednesday	7-June	Conference Purdue University
Thursday	8-June	McMarshall Farms/Peoria Illinois
Friday	9-June	Caterpillar Tour
Saturday	10-June	Hannibal, Missouri/ Kansas City
Sunday	11-June	Womelsdorf Red Poll Cattle
Monday	12-June	Wiese Farms, Independence, Missouri
Tuesday	13-June	St. Louis
Wednesday	14-June	Budweiser/Clydesdale, Purina Research Farm
Thursday	15-June	Young's Red Poll
Friday	16-June	Nashville
Saturday	17-June	Belyew's Red Poll/Nashville
Sunday	18-June	Ashville, North Carolina
Monday	19-June	Biltmore Estate/WinMock-Winston Salem, North Carolina
Tuesday	20-June	Carson Red Polls
Wednesday	21-June	Wilkshire
Thursday	22-June	Tamarac, West Virginia Gallipolis, Ohio
Friday	23-June	Dorrance Red Polls/Formal Closing/Versailles, Ohio
Saturday	24-June	Mardan Acres/Stonebrook Farm-Cookout
Sunday	25-June	Jr. Preview Show/Miami County Fair Grounds, Dayton Airport and home



Cattle Show  
in Australia



# "Amazing Grazing" 2015

By Jeff D. Wilkins, DVM

Wilkshire just hosted a field day workshop with the help of the North Carolina State University pasture-based livestock education program and the NC Cooperative Extension Service in Alamance County. It was entitled "Amazing Grazing Workshop" and sixty livestock producers participated in the event.

We had two objectives in this demonstration: Improve soil health, and produce summer forage when perennial pastures go dormant during the hot summer months. What better way to do that than with grass genetic Red Poll Cattle?

In the past, we have had success in rotational grazing of millet in addition to our pastures in the summer. This summer season, we decided to test different seed varieties in test plots and see the results. This workshop was a demonstration of our results.

In order to be successful in grass forages, you have to improve the soil. But first you need to know some basic fundamentals in soil health. Soil is not just dirt, but in fact a living factory of micro and macroscopic workers who need food to eat and places to live to work. Did you know there are more individual organisms in a teaspoon of soil than there are people on earth? Soil health is controlled by these organisms. As caretakers of the land, we need to set five rules down for success of this job responsibility.

3. Keep your pastures with living forage on them year round. Secretions or exudates from these living roots feed soil organisms which in turn feeds back up the plant roots to the foliage and is consumed by livestock.
4. Have as many plant diversities as possible. This helps in having more beneficial insects to control pest. Also it extends plant life during the year as well as producing different plant root lengths. Deeper rooted plants can bring up water and minerals for shorter root varieties making more efficient use of the valuables in the soil.
5. Having livestock on the ground is another valuable tool to complete your principals of soil health. Livestock will trample plant matter into the surface on the soil and a hoof print will cause a small indention to pool rain water

so it will infiltrate below the soil surface reducing soil erosion. Another bonus is the production of manure and urine to feed the organisms on and below the soil.

So with the basic knowledge of soil health, we started our test plots. On September 15th 2014 we drilled the area with Marshall Rye. We were able to graze rotational graze the rye by late winter and into the spring. We sprayed the surface to kill all vegetation in late May to place a good matte of dead foliage on the surface of the soil. June 7th

2015 we no-tilled the plots with different warm season seed combinations of Millet, Sudan grass, Cowpeas, Diakon radishes, T-raptor turnips, Teff, and Sunflowers. These seed varieties have the ability to produce high protein, decrease compaction, grow a good soil covering for a carbon matte, produce nitrogen on the roots, and grow different root lengths. 48 hours after drilling, the plants were emerging from the soil and 41 days later the foliage was at the boot stage. This is the optimal time to graze your livestock.

The summer was dry, but we were still able to graze the zones with success. Plant analysis was tested on fresh samples. Crude protein ranged from 21.61 to 28.12. TDN was



1. Keep the soil surface covered. This will prevent soil erosion and help water to infiltrate more efficient below the surface.
2. Avoid mechanical disturbances. Heavy equipment causes soil compaction. Exposed soil has more erosion, releases carbon and decreases valuable organic matter. 95 degree temperatures in hot summer months can cause the soil below the surface to reach 110 to 120 degrees. It is like microwaving and sterilizing your soil. Earth worms cannot survive and beneficial bacteria and fungi will die.



74.53 to 80.24. Net energy was .75 to .85. We were very happy with the results, but not as happy as those Red Polls with their summer forage!

With all participants registered and seated, the program began. Johnny Rogers from the Amazing Grazing Program at NCSU shared a tremendous amount of knowledge to the group about soil health. Quincey Coleman, director of the county NRCS department was also present and discussed projects he could help out in improving soil health and conservation. Quincey has been very instrumental in overseeing what we have done, what we are doing, and where we are going for the future in projects to prevent soil erosion, to improve soil health, produce grass year round, and being successful with the herd.

We then broke out into groups. One group went with Josh Baker from King's Agri Seed Co. to the test plots and discussed what was done. It was quite wonderful to have such docile cows grazing all around us during the demonstration. The other group was discussing how to improve soil health and saw a good demonstration on the importance of dung beetles on the farm. Our local Channel 8 news team arrived with a representative from the Livestock Conservancy and filmed the herd. They were producing a segment on heritage livestock and sustainable farming.

We learned a great deal from this project and felt it was a successful teaching tool for those who participated. We want to thank everyone who was involved in organizing this workshop. From soil health to promoting Red Polls, it was a busy and eventful day. It was just "AMAZING!!!"



ARPA Board Member, Linda Hampton visiting the Wilkshire herd of Jeff Wilkins.

## *Attention* **National Sale Consignors**

George Burch and Geoshar Red Poll Farm will be providing all hay for your consignments while at the National Sale. Their farm is only a few miles from the facility and have shared with us that they would be happy to provide everyone with hay so that you have one less thing to haul from home. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Burch Family for this special offer.

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# **NEW DATES 2016 KY BEEF EXPO**

## **February 19-20**

Show :: Friday  
Sale :: Saturday at 9:30 AM

**Entry deadline for sale is Dec 15**

# Red Poll Cattle are Grazing for Nature at Lound Lakes Reserve

By: Audrey Boyle, Eastern Daily Press  
Norwich, England

The daily ruminations of red poll cattle are benefiting wildlife on a north Suffolk nature reserve. AUDREY BOYLE reports from the mosaic of water and grasslands at Lound Lakes.

Straddling the boundary of Suffolk and Norfolk lies a remote but beautiful outpost of watery scenery – and a surprising amount of wildlife.

And much of the wildlife at Lound Lakes is dependent on the daily ruminations of a herd of red poll cattle owned by Sarah Barnes, of Hall Farm in Tasburgh, across the border in Norfolk.

Lound Lakes is managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust in partnership with Essex and Suffolk Water and Mrs Barnes is one of the trust's valued graziers, who use traditional breeds which thrive on herb-rich grasslands, and which are essential to their conservation.

She established the Hopeham Herd of red poll cattle with her husband Gerald seven years ago – but why did they settle on red poll?

"It's where the best-tasting beef comes from," she said. "But red poll have other qualities we were looking for from a breed of cattle – they are easy calving, hardy, naturally polled, docile and ideally suited to non-intensive farming methods such as conservation grazing. They happen to be the local cattle of Suffolk and Norfolk so that was just another tick in the box."

At present Mr and Mrs Barnes have 62 cows, with a total of 152 heads in their herd. In the spring they all go out to grass and come the autumn the couple take them back in but like to leave them out as long as possible, weather permitting.



Photos courtesy of Audrey Boyle

The cows eat nothing but grass or winter fodder.

"We strongly believe that farmers have shaped our beautiful countryside and native breeds such as the red poll play a huge part in grazing species-rich grassland," said Mrs Barnes.

"Our herd has regenerated several flower-rich meadows – red poll have a well-developed rumen that enables them to convert low-quality forage into high-quality milk and beef. They aren't picky grazers and will readily browse trees and shrubs.

"These areas are often poor-quality grass, but just by eating the foliage available to them and the fact that their feet will trample and disturb the soil encourages the wild flowers to return which, along with their dung, then attracts the invertebrates.

"Following the bugs, the mammals and birds come – it's a complete cycle and grazing systems are essential to ecological food production.

"If it wasn't for grazing, these areas would be lost as often they can't be farmed by traditional arable methods as they are either too wet, too small for today's large machinery or the topography of the site is too extreme."

The grazing on Lound Lake's meadows is part of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's work to protect the county's precious meadows.

The loss of unimproved grassland in Suffolk – an astonishing 96pc since 1939 – mirrors the drastic loss elsewhere in lowland England. It is now estimated only 15,000 hectares of species-rich neutral grassland remains in the UK.

In Suffolk, recent estimates indicate there are less than 2,000ha of the habitat left. Land use change –

notably the reduction in stock grazing, drainage and the application of fertilisers and pesticides as a result of intensive farming – has been the main cause of the decline.

The trust's head of conservation, Dorothy Casey, said there is a need to integrate biodiversity into thriving food, farm and tourism businesses.

"Meadows play a huge part in our wildflower heritage," she said. "They also provide us with the ecosystem services that we need today – such as places for pollinators, a means of storing carbon and a way of slowing down flood water.

"On many Suffolk Wildlife Trust reserves we use stock to help conserve flower-rich grasslands – it's the best tool we've got and is better than doing it mechanically. Grazing is brilliant at creating the varied herb-rich sward essential to some of our rarest plants and ground-nesting birds such as lapwing and snipe. Diverse grasslands also support a host of insects which provide food for bats, amphibians and birds."

### ***Partnership works for wildlife and water quality***

Lound Lakes, between Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, were created in 1857 by the Lowestoft Water, Gas and Market Company which excavated the valley floor to create a series of lakes to store water for the Lowestoft district.

Today, the site is owned by Essex and Suffolk Water and continues to

be an important part of the water supply network. In 2013, Suffolk Wildlife Trust entered into a partnership with the water company to manage the 230 acres that surround the lakes, with the aim of preserving water quality and maximising wildlife interest.

The trust's head of property Steve Aylward said: "Of particular importance at Lound is the way the land acts as a buffer, reducing the impact of diffuse pollution and maintaining low nutrient levels in the lakes. This not only sustains high-



quality drinking water but has the added benefit of making the lakes a fantastic wildlife hotspot."

They lakes have a reputation as possibly the best dragonfly and damselfly site in Suffolk.

"The layers of peat in the valley that have formed over thousands of years support many rare and threatened plants such as bog pimpernel, heath spotted orchid and milk parsley, while the lake margins are equally important for plants, including cowbane and lesser water plantain," said Mr Aylward.

"Many of the fields surrounding

the lakes were cultivated until 1980 but, in response to rising nutrient levels in the lakes, they were converted to permanent grassland and no longer fertilised. Since then, nutrient levels in the thin, dry sandy soils have fallen rapidly and, as a result, an interesting community of plants has established."

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The qualities of this East Anglian breed were also emphasised by the Red Poll Cattle Society.

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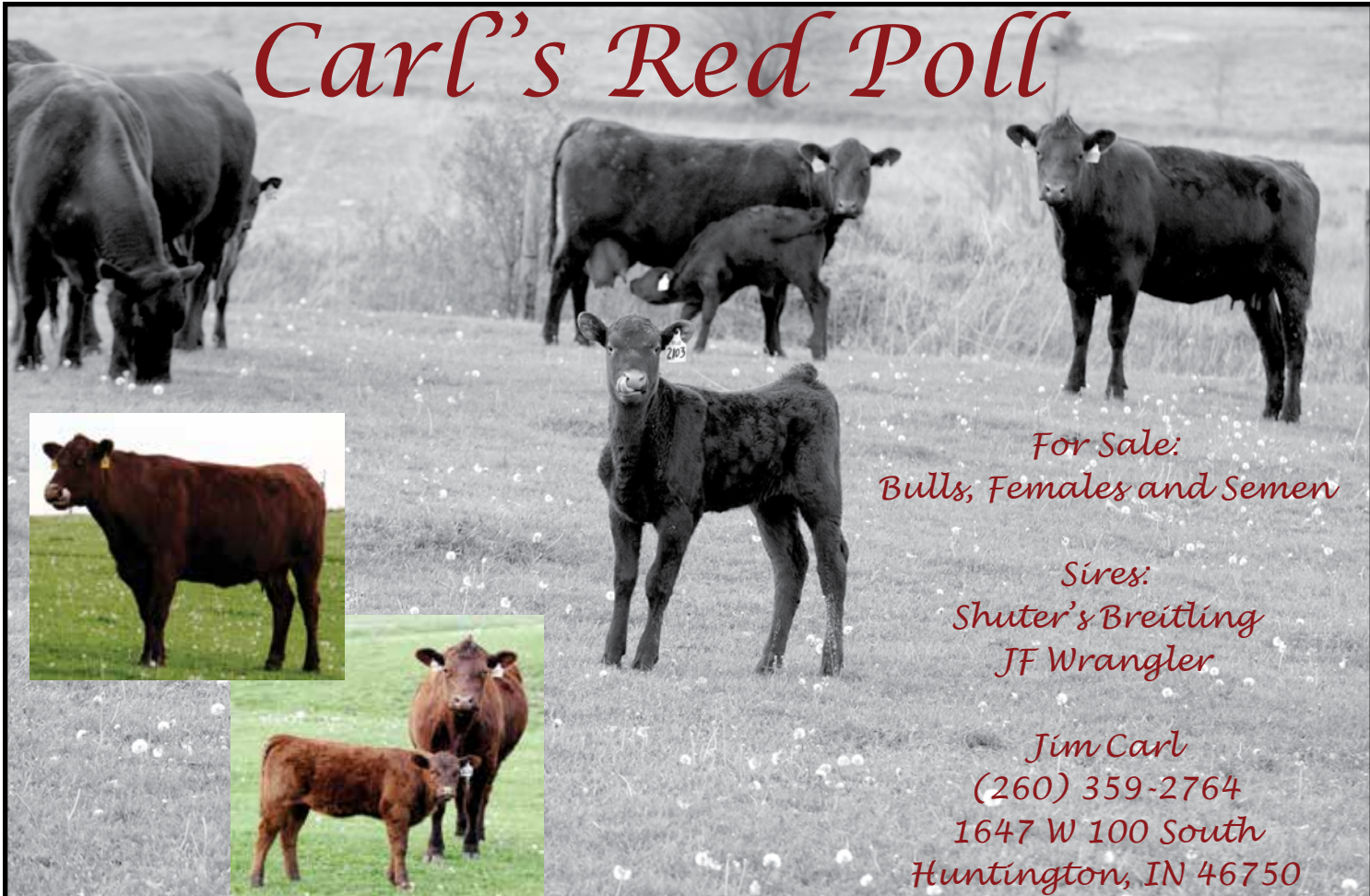
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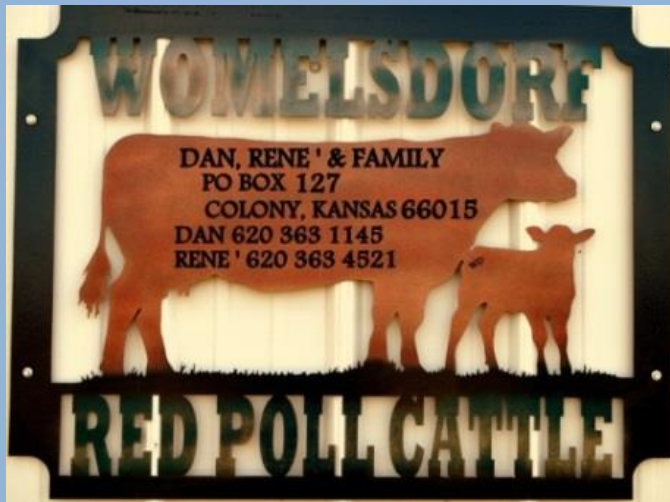
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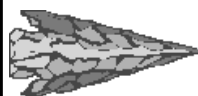
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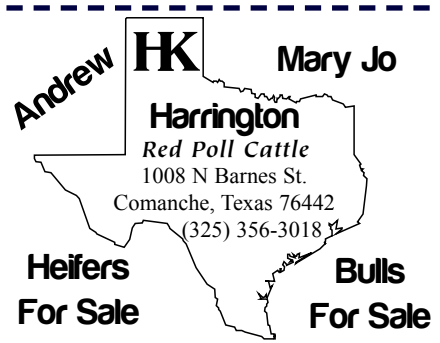
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