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## **Bonnibelt Belted Beef September 2015 newsletter**

Hi to the almost didn't make September newsletter

As usual, we have been rather busy and I have been called in to cover extra shortfalls at work. Whilst this does help to pay the bills, it keeps me from getting this newsletter out, so I hope you will enjoy the read.

**40 years young** The Australian Belted Galloway Association (ABGA) was established in 1975 and inaugurated at the Adelaide Show. 2015 marked the 40th anniversary leading to 29 animals being exhibited, with a large proportion travelling from Victoria. I understand this to be the highest number of Belted Galloways to have been shown at an Adelaide Royal Show. The animals were judged by renowned international judge, Mr Jim Ross from Scotland and it was really good to see a judge actually laying hands on the cattle and feel through the hair. It was a special sight to see such a great display of animals with a lot of time and effort having been put in by all exhibitors. I have attached a photo of some of the line up waiting to be judged.



Whilst we didn't personally show any animals this year, we had sold a young heifer, Bonnibelt Kaylana to young Rachael Alexander of Windon Park Belted Galloways, Gorae, Vic. Alongside of us, Rachael would come over to work with Kaylana and they went on to win her category of Cow or Heifer 10 to 16 months. There was 5 in the class. Needless to say, we were all very excited. Attached is a photo of the them both. We also donated a steer, Bonnibelt Kaiser, to Birdwood High School who did an amazing job. He was the only beltie in the competition and definitely didn't let the breed down.



**BB Kaylana before judging**



**BB Grace and her twins**

**Special delivery** Rachael and her parents, Ros and Malcolm also bought Bonnibelt Grace and were waiting for her to calve before they could travel back to their new home. Grace delivered a heifer calf on the 27th August. The calf was a bit smaller than normal, but we didn't think much of it as she was healthy and happy. That was until I was coming home from work on the 1st September and spotted another calf suckling off Grace, that definitely wasn't there the day before! Another healthy heifer calf! Yes twins and born 5 days apart. As someone said "what a bucket of luck". They are doing well and settled in their new home being loved and spoilt. And yes there's a photo attached

**Average weight** over the last quarter for a side of beef has been 82 kgs and a whole lamb, 25 kgs.

***Mince*** We have a limited amount of Mutton Mince available at \$7.20 a kg, with more becoming available in November. There will also be more of our Premium Beltie Mince available in December at \$9.50 a kg. If interested, let me know.

***Pork*** We have had a number of requests regarding pork and if you are wanting some, I can recommend contacting Fred Kessels of Wellington on 0488 737 278. He sells sides or whole animals at \$6.50 a kg and it is delicious.

***Smallgoods*** For a number of years now, we have been getting in smallgoods from Kalleske's in time for Christmas for relatives and friends, and no, it is not our meat. We wouldn't have enough for you guys if it was 🙄 We are now able to extend this offer to our clients. We are looking at delivery towards the end of November and if interested, let me know. Pick up will be from out place. Items and prices are as follows:-

- "5 foot" Mettwursts - Plain or Garlic \$35
- "4 foot" Pepperonis \$18
- 500g Mettwursts - Plain or Garlic \$7
- 200g Beer Sticks - Plain or Chilli \$5.50
- 200g Twiggy Sticks - Plain or Chilli \$5.50
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I think that is it for now so till next time, take care and stay safe.

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