

**PENNSYLVANIA GUERNSEY
BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION**
190 Seal Road
Eighty Four, PA 15330



**BLUE
HALTER
SALE**

**Bedford County
Fairgrounds
Bedford, PA
April 26, 2025**

Ag Progress
Days

 **MILKSHAKE
STAND**

August 12-14, 2025

The Pennsylvania
GOLDEN GUERNSEY
News



WINTER 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wishing Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Once again this year your board of directors has approved to pay TPE fees for Pennsylvania herds that are members of PGBA . This is a great opportunity to take advantage of. Just get your membership dues paid and send in the TPE form. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting and Blue Halter Sale in April!

*Blessings to all,
Kevin Stoltzfus*

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Members of Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association have many benefits. One of the primary benefits is TPE. For more than twenty years the PGBA has been subsidizing TPE payments for the membership. Any Guernsey owner in a herd participating in the TPE program being subsidized by PGBA must pay dues as an Active Member if a resident of Pennsylvania or an Out of State Member if residing outside of Pennsylvania with cattle housed in Pennsylvania. We are asking TPE herd owners to assist us in fulfilling this requirement.

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AGA UPDATE

PGBA,

It's been great to catch up with so many of you over the last few months at the shows and on farm. I was also able to attend AADS, Expo and NAILE where it was great to see so many PA animals at the top of the class. I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you as I travel the state for my job at TechMix. This week my travel takes me to WI where the AGA board is meeting at Hoard's Dairyman Farm. Be on the lookout for information and postings from the AGA over the next few months. We are re-evaluating our strategic plan and updating it to fit the current needs and future growth of our breed. We will be conducting a survey and need input from our membership. The demand for Guernsey cattle and her milk is strong. I do encourage you to get caught up on registrations and make more Guernseys. Not everyone can do ET and IVF, but many of have other breeds that you can use Guernsey semen on to create Genetic recovery animals, and we can all use more sexed semen. Set a goal in the new year to make at least a few more Guernsey (or Guernsey Genetic Recovery) heifers. Our farm goal is to use 20% sexed semen which should result in an additional 5-10 heifer calves on our farm next year. Our barn is (finally) full and we have been 100% Guernsey for two years. Extra heifers will help with cash flow on our dairy and fill the need for replacements for others looking for Guernsey cattle. If you have some for sale, let me know – we have several producers looking!

In June, AGA updated the by-laws this summer and made all directors At-Large instead of District (PA used to be with OH). Our hope is that we will have more people interested in running for the board and have members who actively participate. It also allows for up to two people from each state to be on the board and I encourage you to reach out to me if you would like to help us shape the future of Guernsey as a board member. Elections and convention will be in Washington state this year from July 8-11, 2025 and will be here before you know it. I have been told that flying into Vancouver may be the most economical flights, so I encourage you to get your passport and plan your family trip. FYI – both parents need to be present for children to get passports, so Mike and I will be taking Lee & Clara during the Christmas break. Time with family and time with Guernseys are two of the things that I cherish most. It will be great to combine them this summer as we all look to travel to Washington for the National Convention. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas.

Vickie Baker – AGA District 2 Director
724-331-4814

Greetings,

In the blink of an eye the year is almost over and Christmas is fast approaching!

Do you know what makes a great Christmas present? A Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association membership! It's never too early (or too late) to sign up that special kid in your life. Memberships open doors to so many opportunities within our association, from contests to state awards and so much more.

I'd like to thank all of those who have supported our youth throughout the year. If it was purchasing an item at the youth auction, taking them along to convention, helping at Ag Progress Days, or even passing along an encouraging word. Your support is greatly appreciated and Thank You for all you do day in and day out to help the future leaders and breeders!

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Cassie Rassau

PA Guernsey Youth Coordinator
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YOUTH ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PA Farmshow January 10, 2025

PGBA Annual Meeting April 25, 2025

Blue Halter Sale April 26, 2025

AGA National Convention July 8-11, 2025

Guernsey Gold Showcase August 6-9, 2025

Ag Progress Days August 12-14, 2025

All-American Dairy Show
September 13-17, 2025

World Dairy Expo
September 30, 2025 - October 3, 2025

**North American Livestock
International Livestock Exposition**
November 6-10, 2025

PENNSYLVANIA GUERNSEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

ACTIVE - Any Pennsylvania resident actively involved in the breeding, promotion and perpetuation of the Guernsey breed.

Annual Dues: \$30.00 per person

Benefits: Each Active Member will be entitled to one vote, TPE benefits (one classification/year), a Farmshine subscription, the Association Newsletter and a membership card.

ASSOCIATE - Any person(s), corporation, or firm expressing an interest in membership and would not classify as an Active Member and who holds residency in Pennsylvania.

Annual Dues: \$20.00

Benefits: Each Associate Member will receive the Association Newsletter, a Farmshine subscription and a membership card.

OUT-OF-STATE - Any person(s), corporation, or firm expressing a desire for membership in the Association and claiming a residency outside the state of Pennsylvania.

Annual Dues: \$30.00

Benefits: Each Out-of-State Member will receive a copy of the Association Newsletter, a Farmshine subscription and a membership card

JUNIOR LIFETIME - Any youth under the age of 21.

Lifetime Dues: \$25.00

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL BY 12/31/24 WITH DUES MADE PAYABLE TO PGBA TO:

John McMurray - PGBA Treasurer
190 Seal Road • Eighty Four, PA 15330

**PLEASE NOTE ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 12/31/24
TO QUALIFY FOR TPE BENEFITS. YOUR TPE FORM MUST ALSO BE FILED WITH THE AGA.**

Name/Farm Name: _____

Membership Type ☐ Adult Active ☐ Adult Associate ☐ Out-of State ☐ Junior Lifetime

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____