

Great Lakes Field Days

SAVE THIS DATE: JUNE 2nd.

Tour de Farms



Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association is announcing their annual field day called Tour De Farms on June 2, 2018. High on comradery and education, the day will include a guided bus tour to four Belted Galloway farms. Guests will enjoy a clipping and fitting demonstration, a judging contest, conversations about Belted Galloway cattle, and just good old-fashioned fun. Make your reservations as soon as possible because there are limited rooms available and seating on the bus. Tour De Farms will offer show casing four diverse farms.

Klover Korners Farm in Rockton, Illinois

Jerry and Kathi Jurkowski founded their Belted Galloway herd in 1989. Their early search for Belted Galloway cattle was very limited in the United States. They traveled to Canada several times and imported cattle from the Green Arpents herd. They also traveled throughout the United States and diversified their herd with Belted Galloway genetics. The Jurkowskis enjoyed many years of successfully showing their cattle. Thirty-plus years later, the Klover Korners herd continues to be maintained on the 200-acre farm. Jerry Jurkowski passed away in July 2017. Kathi has made many improvements enabling her to continue the herd and the Klover Korners Farm legacy.

Sunnybrook Farms in Belvidere, Illinois

For the past 16 years the Terry and Julie Willis family have based their Sunnybrook herd around 20 proven Belted Galloway females. The Willis family breeds their Belted Galloway cattle for the combination of quality, carcass, and conformation that will perform in the show ring and in the pasture. They have implemented the use of production records, DNA trait identification, and carcass results from ultrasound and slaughter data, and recently added IVF to further the predictability of the offspring produced in their herd. The family enjoys showing their herd nationally, and they are super excited to show their herd in their pasture!

Oak Valley Farm in Durand, Illinois

Oak Valley Farm is approaching their second decade of raising Belted Galloway cattle. Owners Mark and Cara Keller have a very large family who all work together to manage their herd. The Kellers have a long history of being active in the Belted Galloway breed and showing their cattle. The Oak Valley herd is rotationally-grazed between two farms and they raise breeding stock and steers.

Beeler's Double B in Beloit, Wisconsin

Barb and Dan Beeler have a 54-acre farm just west of Beloit, Wisconsin. The Beeler's founded their Belted Galloway herd over 20 years ago. To-date they have a herd of 20 animals, along with numerous other farm animals. The Beeler's have two granddaughters that are currently active in 4-H. The girls have displayed Belties at the Rock County fair for years. The Beeler's are excited to show off their new herd sire too!