

AJCA Director Nominee

Garry J. Hansen

Garry J. Hansen, Mulino, Ore., has been nominated to serve as Director from the Tenth District of the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA).

Garry owns and operates Lady Lane Farm with his wife, Lacey. The 100-cow Registered Jersey herd is enrolled on REAP and uses JerseyTags for permanent identification. Lady Lane Farm has a 2018 actual lactation average of 14,088 lbs. milk, 662 lbs. fat and 493 lbs. protein. The herd includes 10 Excellent and 54 Very Good cows and has an appraisal average of 87%. Eleven cows are appraised Excellent-92% or higher.

Milk from the herd is processed at an on-farm creamery using the All-Jersey® label as Garry's Meadow Fresh All-Jersey Milk Products. Non-homogenized, low-heat pasteurized milk is processed in glass bottles as fluid milk and sold as whipping cream, half and half and eggnog as well. Products are sold in retail outlets and farmer's markets in western Oregon, including Whole Foods, New Seasons Market and Roth's Fresh Markets.

Garry is a former president of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club and the Clackamas County Jersey Cattle Club and served multiple terms on boards for the Oregon Holstein Association and the Willamette Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He was chair of the Oregon State Jersey Sale and the Western National Jersey Sale for several years and chaired the 1996 National Heifer Sale as well. Garry currently chairs the sale committee for the Western Junior Jersey Spring Show and Sale.

Hansen was general chair of the 2010 AJCA-National All-Jersey Inc. Annual Meetings and is a member of the planning committee for the annual meetings to be hosted by his home state in Portland in 2020. He has served on the Jersey Jug Committee since 2016.

He competed in dairy judging at the collegiate level and continued the passion as the official for shows in six states across the country. Among the highlights was serving as associate for The All American Junior Jersey Show in 1996. He also enjoys the show ring on the other end of the halter, as a routine exhibitor at The All American Jersey Show, the Western National and World Dairy Expo.

Garry, a third-generation Jersey breeder, grew up and farmed initially with his family at Cascadia Farm in Mulino. He established Lady Lane Farm in May 1992 on acreage that neighbors his home farm. He currently owns 58 acres and rents an additional 120 acres for feed production.

Lady Lane Creamery was established with processing equipment purchased from a dairy in Vancouver that was no longer in operation. The first milk was bottled in May 2009, so the dairy will be celebrating a decade of production this month.

Garry received the AJCA Young Jersey Breeder Award in 1996. His dedication to the Jersey breed is pure, as seen in his herd of cows. His most notable genetics hail from the “K” cow family, which includes multiple generations of Excellents. Among the standouts is the highest appraised cow in the herd, Lady Lane CVE Kassie, Excellent-95%. The fifth-generation Excellent has a top record over 21,400 lbs. milk and 18 registered progeny to date, including heifers by Chilli Action Colton-ET, GJPI +18, and Steinhauers Iatola Applejack, GJPI +9.

In the breeding program, Garry is focusing on A2/A2 milk when appropriate, nearing levels of 75% of herd matings to bulls that test positive for A2/A2 beta casein.

Hansen cries auctions in his spare time, graduating from Western College of Auctioneering in 1993. He has been an auctioneer for scholarship fundraising events for the

Oregon Dairy Women for more than 20 years, combining his skill with another one of his passions—dairy youth.