

2025 ANNUAL MEETING



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ONTARIO CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2025

Cornerview Charolais, Cobden

10:30 AM - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. President's Remarks – Kurtis Black
 - A) Appoint parliamentarian
 - B) Approval of agenda
3. Financial Statement
4. Committee Reports
5. First Call for Nominations
(Director positions, Recognition Award)
6. Fieldman Report- John Mielhausen
7. Second Call for Nominations
8. National Director Report
9. Third Call for Nominations
10. Election of Directors
 - A) Voting of Directors
11. New Business
12. Adjournment of Business Meeting
13. Presentation of Commercial Breeder of the Year Award
14. Point Show Awards – Mel Reekie
15. Presentation of Recognition Award and Announcement of Royal Judge
16. Election of New Executive by Board of Directors

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to our 2025 AGM!

It truly is an honour to help lead this great board of directors as we navigate through another year with the Ontario Charolais Association, and I want to take this time to thank everyone who dedicates their time and effort to make things run smoothly, it takes a lot of team work and I truly believe we have a great team around the OCA board table.

What a year it was in 2024, the cattle market saw unprecedented highs and the demand for Ontario Charolais genetics just keeps increasing. It has been exciting to see so many new breeders getting started with Charolais and commercial producers using Charolais bulls for the first time. Let's all do our best to keep this momentum going

It is also refreshing to see so many juniors on the halter of Charolais females at the many shows across the province as well as great representation in the open shows, thank you to the many breeders that take the time to exhibit cattle at these shows, we all know how much time and effort it takes!

With last years change of timing and venue along with the addition of the junior show we want to say a huge THANK YOU to Derek Dekeyser and Tami Matthews and the crew at DanG Charolais for hosting such a great event. This year we are pleased to be here at Cornerview Charolais, and we greatly appreciate the work that the Coughlin family has put forth to host us.

The OCA board has been hard at work planning out another year and coming up with ways to bring more value to our members. As always if you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our directors, we're here to help!

2025 is shaping up to be another great year for the cattle business and the Charolais breed thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend Charolais events and helped promote this great breed. We look forward to seeing everyone through the summer and fall.

Yours Truly,

Kurtis Black

OCA president

ONTARIO CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION
Financial Statements for Fiscal Year
Ending: June 30, 2025

Income		2025	2024	2023	2022
CCA Payments					
Membership Levy		18,643.00	18,231.00	18,952.00	18,334.00
Members		181	180	184	178
WHE Transfer Payment		5,727.00	5,310.00	7,146.00	7,491.00
Head		1909	2350	2382	2497
		<u>24,370.00</u>	<u>23,541.00</u>	<u>26,098.00</u>	<u>25,825.00</u>
Other Income					
	Investment Interest	\$303.68	\$2,631.55	\$283.56	\$287.31
	HST refund	\$1,868.94	\$0.00	\$526.63	\$341.48
	Annual Meeting - Tickets/Auction Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,885.00	\$0.00
	AGM Jr Show Sponsorship	\$3,532.67			
	Royal Show - Sponsors & Donation	\$3,390.00	\$0.00	\$4,353.50	\$6,188.00
	National - AGM	\$0.00			\$0.00
	Breeder's Directory	\$6,751.75			\$0.00
	Royal Junior Show	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Canadian Charolais Marketing Plan - Income	\$1,000.00			\$2,000.00
		<u>\$17,547.04</u>	<u>\$2,631.55</u>	<u>\$8,048.69</u>	<u>\$8,816.79</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$41,917.04</u>	<u>\$21,170.09</u>	<u>\$35,451.59</u>	<u>\$35,933.05</u>
Expenses					
	Bank Fees	\$74.50	\$19.90	\$1.50	\$5.00
	Annual General Meeting	\$1,810.25	\$0.00	\$2,570.28	\$198.70
	AGM Jr Show Expense	\$3,324.55			
	Commercial Breeder of the Year	\$1,081.36			
	Advertising	\$7,035.16	\$2,398.36	\$5,732.15	\$7,155.38
	Sponsorship	\$1,600.00			
	Promotional Products	\$4,307.41	\$0.00	\$10,323.75	\$0.00
	Ontario Points Show	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$982.80	\$0.00
	4-H & Youth	\$4,704.77	\$1,000.00	\$4,409.63	\$4,728.09
	Fieldman Expense	\$5,992.50	\$3,156.08	\$4,968.50	\$6,234.14
	Royal Expense	\$2,947.57	\$0.00	\$5,275.81	\$7,375.63
	National AGM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Breeder's Directory	\$6,246.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Royal Junior Show	\$777.38	\$0.00	\$2,245.59	\$0.00
	Administration	\$2,356.27	\$1,369.87	\$2,759.72	\$2,180.64
	World Congress	\$4,036.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>\$47,059.41</u>	<u>\$7,944.21</u>	<u>\$39,269.73</u>	<u>\$27,877.58</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>-\$5,142.37</u>	<u>\$13,225.88</u>	<u>-\$3,818.14</u>	<u>\$8,055.47</u>
INVESTMENTS:					
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Date Invested	Maturity Date	Value as of June 30, 2025		ACTUAL BANK BALANCE:	
2021-07-09	2025-07-09	\$	13,200.45	Chequing Closing - June 30, 2025	\$33,185.44
2021-06-14	2026-06-15	\$	12,379.61	Saving Closing - June 30, 2025	\$ 126.20
2024-07-12	2029-07-12	\$	15,011.92		
2024-07-12	2027-07-12	\$	15,011.92		
2025-04-04	2025-04-06	\$	13,212.38		
		<u>\$</u>	<u>68,816.28</u>		

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Annual General Meeting</u>					
Income -	Banquet Tickets			785.00	
	Auction Proceeds			2,100.00	
	AGM Jr Show Sponsorship	\$3,532.67			
Expenses -	Room Rental & Banquet			2,289.70	
	New Recognition Award			132.39	
	Jr Show Prizes	\$3,324.55			
	Commercial Breeder	\$1,081.36			
	Food/Beverages	\$1,279.95			
	Printing - Notices & AGM Books	530.30		148.19	198.70
	Total Annual Meeting Profit:	-2,683.49	0.00	314.72	-198.70
<u>Advertising</u>					
Expenses -	Charolais Banner - CCYA Calendar	1,260.00		1,136.50	1,126.00
	Beef Farmers of Ontario - Ads	3,539.16	786.48	3,932.40	4,718.88
	Charolais Banner - Website update	315.00	311.25	300.25	337.50
	Donations for Shows	600.00	100.00	250.00	360.00
	Sale Barn Signs	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
	World Charolais Congress	4,036.51	1,087.63		500.00
	Beef Farmers Convention	1,000.00			
		<u>10,863.67</u>	<u>2,398.36</u>	<u>5,732.15</u>	<u>7,155.38</u>
<u>Promotional Products</u>					
	Promotional Items (Incl Shipping)	6,115.41		10,323.75	
	Total Ad & Promo Expense:	6,115.41	0.00	10,323.75	0.00
<u>Ontario Points Show</u>					
Expenses -	Point Show Awards	765.00		982.80	
	Total Points Show Expense:	765.00	0.00	982.80	0.00
<u>4-H & Youth</u>					
Expenses -	Shipping 4-H Awards	216.01		327.92	49.48
	Charolais Youth Shows		1,000.00	450.00	
	CCYA Youth Conference	3,000.00		2,499.00	3,000.00
	Yorh Forum				100.00
	4-H Breed Awards	1,488.76		1,132.71	1,578.61
	Total Youth Expense:	4,704.77	1,000.00	4,409.63	4,728.09
<u>Royal Charolais Show</u>					
Income -	Open Sponsors	3,390.00		4,353.50	4,188.00
	Royal Winter Fair Donation				2,000.00
	Canadian Charolais - donation				2,000.00
Expenses -	Show Jackets/Vests				2,796.75
	Special Presentation	479.65			
	Royal Prizes			1,275.32	791.00
	Barn Boss	500.00		500.00	
	Royal Banners	1,039.60		2,531.20	2,762.85
	Royal Social - Snacks	928.32		969.29	1,025.03
	Total Royal Show:	442.43	0.00	-922.31	812.37
<u>Royal Junior Show</u>					
Income -	Junior Show Sponsors	700.00			
Expenses -	Junior Show Prizes	234.98		107.63	
	Junior Show Banners	542.40		160.46	
	Junior Show Jackets			1,977.50	
	Total Junior Show:	-77.38	0.00	-2,245.59	0.00
<u>Breeder's Directory</u>					
Income -	Sale of Advertising Pages	6,751.75			
Expense	Payments for Advertising				
	Printing of Directory - Pappin Communications	6,246.18			
	Breeder's Directory Net Income	505.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Administration</u>					
	Postage/Shipping	140.12	314.22	311.88	318.17
	Directors' Meetings	624.66	659.28	841.43	162.55
	Ontario Charolais Conf. Calls	54.21	93.54	66.01	56.70
	Office Exp	74.50	141.25	40.40	143.22
	OCA Newsletters	37.28	161.58		
	Flowers/Donation				
	Wages	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00
	Total Administration Expense:	2,430.77	1,369.87	2,759.72	2,180.64

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

2024 was another great year for the Canadian Charolais Association, the year started out with setting another high in Whole Herd Enrolment and membership numbers. This trend continued into the bull sale season, the average on sales was up by \$1,116. Over 2023 and gross sales were up by over 5 million dollars. Charolais continue to gain market share. The World Charolais Congress was held in Canada from June 21st to July 5th.

The Congress was a great success with guests from around the world enjoying the Canadian hospitality. Participants travelled from Toronto to Calgary with many breeder and tourist stops along the way. The CCA would like to thank Helge and Candace By for all their hard work organizing this great event.

2024 Was the first full year with the Joint Evaluation with the American International Charolais Association, and has been a success, both Canadian and American breeders have seen the benefits with the trade of genetics going both North and South. The Board of directors continue to work hard on the membership's behalf. One of the projects that was completed and implemented in 2024 was the Terminal Sire index (TSI). TSI is a valuable marketing tool that combines economic traits. In the fall of 2024, the Board also made the decision to start collecting data on several new traits, Calf Vigor, Teat and udder score, Docility as well as Feet and leg score, you should have received information on the scoring criteria but if you have not, please reach out to me and I will answer any questions you may have.

There has been talk for many years around the Board table concerning the future of the Charolais building; after exploring many options the board made the decision to list and sell the office. The building was very popular, and we received multiple offers. The final offer that the board accepted was for over-the asking price. The return on investment on the building was over 700%. The Board would like to thank all the past boards for all their forward thinking and the leadership they provided to this great organization.

I would like to thank the Charolais team, Lois, Cassidy and our newest member Kim for all your hard work and dedication to this Association.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication to the Canadian Charolais Association.

The Canadian Charolais Association is in great shape, and I can't wait to see what the future brings.

Submitted by Ryan Nesbitt

ONTARIO FIELDMAN REPORT

Through October and November, I attended many calf sales and cow dispersals. Charolais calves across Ontario where high quality and continue to be in high demand and selling at a premium

Cow /Calf producers are getting paid well, this trend is only getting stronger and stronger with cull cows and bulls at an all time high.

In January I once again attended the Cattle Feeders and Ontario Corn Fed Convention in London Ontario.

Through March and April, I attended several Charolais bull sales, quality was good, sales where well attended but prices from sale to sale varied quite a bit.

In May I was invited to once again represent the Canadian Charolais Association at Verden Manitoba, at the annual Livestock Auctioneer Competition. This event brings sales barns and auctioneers together from all over Canada and is a great opportunity for networking.

Looking forward to the excitement at the sales barns this fall as we will be hitting uncharted grounds with the prices on all classes of cattle, will be nice to see the cow calf guys getting paid well.

Once again, I very much appreciate the opportunity to be a representative for the Ontario Charolais Association, we have made many new friends in the industry and enjoy reconnecting at the events.

John Mielhausen
Commercial Field Man Ontario

ONTARIO AD & PROMO COMMITTEE REPORT

We had another great year in 2024 promoting the Charolais breed in Ontario. The excitement around our great breed is constantly growing! Our monthly ads in the Ontario beef magazine are what garners the most attention and where we focus on the most, we welcome any suggestions or new ideas, and MOST IMPORTANTLY we can always use some great pictures of Charolais bulls or females, along with any Charolais influenced commercial herd pictures. Our Facebook and twitter pages are also closely monitored and frequently updated so don't forget to tag Ontario Charolais when you are posting on these platforms. Our breed has a lot to be proud of so let's keep doing our best to promote it!! **#CHAROLAIS**

Submitted by Kurtis Black

CHAROLAIS BREED AWARDS

2024 was a record year for 4H Breed Awards in the time that I have been handling them. We ran out of cups and ordered some new backpacks with the OCA logo.

Kids that received these were very pleased. Any ideas for future breed awards to be handed out please let me know! 2025 is shaping up to be a great show year and we expect another great set of kids with Charolais projects.

Submitted by Eric Doran

ROYAL WINTER FAIR REPORT

The 2024 Royal was held in the first week of November. It was great to see a barn full of Charolais enthusiasts exhibit and tour through the barn. There were 67 head stalled between 24 exhibitors in the barn for judges Mark Piller and Nat Grylls of Neudorf SK to evaluate. A special thanks goes out to all the OCA board members for all the hard work and dedication throughout the year and at the show to help it go smoothly and efficiently.

Congratulations to all the participants and we hope to see you all again in November in Toronto.

Submitted by Brad Fergus 2024 Barn Boss

NOMINATION REPORT

The Ontario Charolais Association Board consists of maximum 11 Directors: minimum of 9. Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting for 3-year terms, unless otherwise stated.

Directors completing their term:

- Derek Dekyser
- Brad Fergus
- Eric Doran

OCA Recognition Award

There will be an election for the 2024 OCA Recognition Award. Nominators are expected to give a brief presentation in support of the Nominees.

Election Procedure

There will be three calls for nominations. Following the closing of nominations each of the standing nominees will give a brief presentation. The Chairman will appoint scrutineers. Elections will take place by secret ballot. Results will be announced as soon as possible.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AWARD SPONSORS
For the 2024 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Annuroc Charolais

Baker Farms

Bridor Charolais

Burgomaster Agri Marketing

Cedardale Charolais

Charolais Banner

DanG Charolais

Double B Charolais

EMB Charolais

Fondoak Farms

Fourhtlane Farms

In Loving Memory of Ivan Hutchinson

In Loving Memory of Michael Tupling

Kirlene Cattle Co.

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Oattes Cattle Co

Railhaven Charolais

Sharodon Farms

Sunrise Charolais

Taylor Farms

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Wagstaff Farms

Whiskey Hollow Charolais

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For the 2024 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Junior Charolais Show

Bogart Cattle Co
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CHAROLAIS JUNIOR SHOWDOWN

Sunrise Charolais
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Mandy Beamish - In memory of Ivan Hutchinson
WinMac Cattle Company
Bogart Cattle Company
Laura Lee Hulak
DanG Charolais
Cornerview Charolais
WhiteWater Livestock
Fondoak Farm

RECOGNITION AWARD PAST WINNERS

1971	JAN VERDUN	1997	ONTARIO JUNIOR ASSOCIATION
1972	JAN VERDUN	1998	JANE HERRON
1973	LAWRENCE LALONDE	1999	STEVE & HELEN BURGOMASTER
1974	JOHN DEVINS	2000	ALLAN & BRENDA MILLER
1975	RON LIPSETT	2001	STEVE & HELEN BURGOMASTER / OJCA EXEC
1976	RON LIPSETT	2002	DORIS AITKEN
1977	DONNA COOPER	2003	THE HICKS FAMILY
1978	HENRY BOWERS	2004	PETE & ANDE NEAL
1979	HENRY BOWERS	2005	PETE & ANDE NEAL
1980	HENRY BOWERS	2006	DR. BRYAN HICKS
1981	JUNE BARNES	2007	BARRY & LIZ POTTER
1982	CONNIE BARKER	2008	GORD & SHAUNEEN TOMLINSON
1983	WAYNE BURGESS	2009	BRIAN COUGHLIN & FAMILY
1984	LINDA BARKER	2010	WAYNE & JACQUI MACK
1985	LINDA BARKER	2011	KEITH & KAREN BLACK
1986	JUNE BARNES	2012	DORIS AITKEN
1987	BOB & JUNE BATEMAN	2013	BILLIE JO SAUNDERS & OJAC COMMITTEE KEITH & KAREN BLACK / BRIAN & HEATHER
1988	DON BURGOMASTER	2014	COUGHLIN
1989	JOHN & JANET NYKAMP	2015	JIM BAKER
1990	DON & HELEN BELL	2016	BRAD & SARAH BUCHANAN
1991	DR. R. BRYAN HICKS& BOB BATEMAN	2017	JOHN MEILHAUSE
1992	BARRY POTTER	2018	NATIONAL AGM COMMITTEE
1993	DON EASTMAN	2019	IN MEMORY OF JEFF BARKER
1994	DON BURGOMASTER	2020	ERIC DORAN
1995	JANE HERRON	2021	DEREK DEKYSER
1996	ROSS LAYCOCK	2022	JOSH TAYLOR
		2023	DORIS AITKEN