

Made Right Murray Greys

How *Made Right* Came to Be

In 1989, as we improved our pastures and divided our property with high tensile fencing, we employed an excellent fence builder, named Mike. He was, and still is a lifetime farmer, from a multi-generation farmer family. Mike's repertoire of skills also include a lot of cattle showing expertise.

Coincidentally, in 1989, the very first Ohio State Fair Open Murray Grey Show, under the auspices of the Ohio Murray Grey Association, was being held in Columbus, in August. This show was designated by the American Murray Grey Association as its National Show for that year.

One day in mid-summer, while Mike was building fence, we asked him to take a look at a cow/calf pair that we were thinking about exhibiting at that first OSF MG Show. Being new to showing cattle, we needed all the advice we could get. We did not want to embarrass ourselves, or the breed, by bringing some non-exemplary animals. That cow/calf pair happened to be French's Miss 717, with her first calf at side, Spectrum Heather.



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How *Made Right* Came to Be, Continued



Mike took one look and exclaimed, “Holy mackerel, that heifer is **MADE RIGHT!**” So, with Mike’s endorsement of our selection, we took the pair to the OSF, and the rest is history (described in the Heritage section).

We always remembered Mike’s *Made Right* expression, and decided that one day, should we wish to start another stud line, we would call it *Made Right Murray Greys*.

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Made Right from Opportunity to Reality

The opportunity came to start Made Right in the mid 1990's. The concept was to obtain 50% MG females, sired by Spectrum Farm bulls that had been sold to commercial cattlemen. Then we would use the females to breed up their calves to higher percentages, selling the crossbred 75% to 87.5% offspring back to commercial cattle producers.

We started out with some MG X females sired by Spectrum Cassidy, a bull we had sold to a farm in West Virginia. Relatively soon, thereafter, demand quickly outran supply, and we found ourselves unable to maintain a sufficient inventory to keep the venture reasonably intact. So, we revamped this stud and decided to keep Made Right as a small entity of purebred stock, based on Spectrum Farm genetics.



Made Right Beth, 50% MG



Cassidy X Charolais Calves



Spectrum Cassidy

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Made Right from Opportunity to Reality, Continued

What makes a Made Right animal now? They are NOT selected on the basis of being the biggest, oldest, most beautiful, most likely show prospect animals of any current season's calf crop. They have the same conformational and performance qualities as all of our Spectrum Farm breeding stock.



Made Right Ollie at Ohio State Fair

Sometimes we have a show ring champion that is from the Made Right Stud, but that is not the reason it is a Made Right stud animal. What all Made Right animals do show, however, is some demonstration of perseverance, or constancy of purpose, during some calthood situation they encountered, that was perhaps a little unusual, in comparison to other calves.

We don't have a Made Right calf every year. But occasionally the Made Right moniker is appropriate for a calf, and we add him or her to this particular stud.

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Made Right Stud Animals, Past, Present and Future

Made Right Archie

In 1995 Spectrum Aster (see Heritage section for her story) calved unassisted, with a bull calf sired by Spectrum Kenton. Right from the start, that little calf had something special about him, a certain spunky demeanor to go with his correctness and completeness. He grew well and developed into a wonderful young bull. When it came time to register him, we decided that he would be the first calf registered under the Made Right logo. He became “Made Right Archie.”



Made Right Archie

Archie grew up to be a very sound bull. We didn't show him as a weanling, but decided to take him to the 1996 Ohio State Fair Open Murray Grey Show. The judge was Sarah Hall Evans, who selected Archie as Grand Champion Bull. In her judging comments, she noted that Archie was not the biggest bull or oldest bull in the show, but he was “a complete package” in his structure and muscling.

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Made Right Archie, Continued

Prior to his OSF show ring appearance, we had Archie service Scotch Ridge Oakley I, plus some yearling Merestead Farms' heifers brought to Spectrum Farm for breeding. The results were wonderful! Spectrum Oakley (see her story in the Cows section) and Merestead's Lacey, (story below) were among Archie's first offspring from these matings.

Archie was purchased immediately after the OSF by a new MG producer in Kansas, and Archie is still there today, still siring great calves.



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Made Right April

In the early 1990's we owned a cow named ATI Miss Carol 115, that produced in succession, several good bull calves for us, all of them becoming herd sires for other producers. The trouble with Carol, however, was that she never had anything except bull calves, year after year, until April finally came along in 1998, the last calf of the spring season. Since we didn't ever think we might get another heifer daughter out of Carol, given the history, we decided right away that Carol's first heifer calf would be Made Right April.

In 2001 April with her calf, Aldi, at side, was selected the Reserve Grand Champion Female at the Ohio State Fair. Aldi has gone on to be a herd sire in North Carolina. April's next bull calf, Advance, also has become a herd sire for a family in Ohio. And yes, we are still waiting for April's first heifer daughter!



April and Aldi, OSF, Aug. 2001



Advance, Sept. 2002

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Made Right Zoe

From our old cow, Scotch Ridge Oakley I (Zellie), we were lucky enough to keep her last heifer calf, a little silver Kenton daughter, that we named Made Right Zoe.

Zellie's story can be found in the Heritage section of this web site. But Zoe's story is just beginning, and she is already on her way to becoming a legend, just like her dam.

Zoe had, for her first calving, a set of heifer twins, sired by Corey. Each calf weighed 50 pounds at birth, and they have continued to grow remarkably well. Zoe has milked like a champion for a first calf heifer.

Here are the stats for her calves, weighed on Sept. 28, 2003:

Zarah (Name meaning "Coming of Spring") 410 pounds

WDA 2.36 ADG 2.07 Unadj-205-Day-Wt 474
Adj-205-Day-Wt 545

Zanita (Name meaning "God's Gift") 407 pounds

WDA 2.34 ADG 2.05 Unadj-205-Day-Wt 471
Adj-205-Day-Wt 541



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Made Right Zoe, Continued

And Zoe, bless her heart, weighed in, on that same day, at 1082 pounds! She was quite thin, at this point, but we improved her body condition as we headed into winter, since the twins have been weaned. If you do the math, Zoe weaned off 817 pounds of calf, which was 75.5% of her body weight at that time!

Zoe's twins have continued to do well, and as yearlings, their weights on May 17, 2004, were as follows:

Made Right Zarah = 769 pounds

Made Right Zanita = 747 pounds



Made Right Zinnia, June, 2004



The Twins, April, 2004

And Zoe? Well, she had her 2004 calf on March 13, a heifer, sired by Corey. "Zinnia" arrived unassisted, with a birth weight of 78 pounds.

This put Zoe in the remarkable category of producing three calves in a period of 11 months!

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Merestead's Lacey

One of Made Right Archie's first daughters was a heifer calf out of Merestead's Adelaide. Adelaide and her calf happened to spend a few weeks during the summer of 1997 at our farm, so that Adelaide could be rebred by one of our bulls. When the rebred Adelaide was to return to Merestead Farms, about the same time that weaning of her calf would occur, we purchased Adelaide's calf. Since the calf was an Archie daughter, we had her ownership registered by Merestead Farms to Made Right stud. Lacey has made her home at Spectrum Farm since her calfhood days.

In 2002, with a Corey-sired bull calf at side, Lacey was selected as the Grand Champion Female at the Ohio State Fair Open Murray Grey Show. Her Corey-sired calf, Made Right Lucky, was Reserve Champion Junior Bull at that same fair, and is now siring calves for his new owners in SW Ohio.

Lacey had a heifer calf in 2003, sired by Corey, named Made Right Lydia, and this heifer will be retained in our herd.



Lacey, Autumn 2002



Lydia, Autumn 2003