

LATINOAMERICAN REPORT

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I assumed seven years ago the role of latinoamerican vicepresident of the Bureau.

At that time I thought it would be a hard work to connect all the countries of the region with the Bureau. And it was.

But at this time I only think in the relations and the jersey friends I have around the globe. And only a word I want to say: THANKS.

To all the people and the associations to work with me to put this amazing breed in all the dairy farms.

Jersey is a nice breed, but jersey friends are best.

Sure I will continue working to the Bureau, at a different place. There is a lot and hard work to do, and the next vicepresident has the experience to carry on.

This is my last report,

Sincerely

Agustin Robredo

VENEZUELA

Rafael Perez Anzola President

The political situation in the country and the high inflation (85% per month), the emigration of the 7% of the population, affect the economy of a country with no destination.

Faced with this reality, dairy business has been diminished. We do not have access to the latest technology.

Jersey is working very well in a few farms, and the association is working for the moment the political status change.

BRASIL

Dear Sirs, In the last 4-5 years, ACGJB (Brazilian Jersey Cattle Association) has passed through drastic changes. Many actions were made by the current board of directors to improve the association operation as a whole. Among others, the changes include: • Improving efficiency and quality of the service to association's members; • Hiring a new Technical Superintendent (Dr. Cristiano Nogueira); • Improving the software that runs the Brazilian Jersey database; • Creating the National Jersey Circuit Show (CNRJ); • Reinforcing our Show Ring Ethics Code; Improving and revitalizing the Type Appraisal Program; • Improving the Milk Test Program; • Remodeling the Brazilian Jersey Magazine; • Creating the Brazilian Jersey Yearbook; • Changing the Register Certificate to include information like: Type Appraisal, Official Lactations, Show Results and Genomic Data; • Changing the registration program to meet the

US Jersey standards; • Creating TV Jersey; • Remodeling the association's website and facebook; • Organizing the first International Jersey Seminar, in cooperation with AJCA; • Creating an APP for buying/selling register certified cattle (in progress); • Creating a Genomic Summary for the Brazilian Jersey cows (in progress). These changes, together with its natural qualities, allowed Jersey Breed to grow and to improve its status in Brazil. We have now some big dairy operations beginning with Jerseys or even existing projects changing its cows to Jerseys. In the last years, we registered 17,653 jerseys in average per year, but this number includes not only purebred animals. In the Brazilian Register System, the animals are divided into 4 categories: Purebred, Pure By Crossings, Pure By Evaluation and Crossed animals. It's important to highlight that Brazil has been facing an economic crisis and this has a very negative impact in the number of registers made by the association, as producers are seeking cost reductions to their operations. ACGJB accounts only for the registered animals, but we estimate the total amount of Jerseys in Brazil to be around 600,000. Currently, the number of registered Jerseys is 153,659. You should remember that this amount includes all categories: - Purebred: 51,114 - Pure By Crossings: 52,862 - Pure By Evaluation: 31,577 (equivalent to former GR) - Crossed animal: 18,106 (including animals equivalent to former J1, OA and PR) Jerseys represent approximately 4% of the dairy cattle in Brazil. But, more than 70% of the Brazilian dairy cattle population is comprised of "Girolando" (cross between Zebu and Holstein). So, if we consider only the specialized cows, we can say that Jersey represents approximately 12% of this population. Associação dos Criadores de Gado Jersey do Brasil Av. Francisco Matarazzo, 455 / CEP: 05001-900 / Parque da Água Branca / São Paulo – SP Tel.: (11) 3672-0588 / Website: www.gadojerseybr.com.br / Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jerseybr> In the last decade, our Type Appraisal program has not worked well, due to many factors, such as: lack of interest from the breeders; small number of appraisers; problems with the operationalization of the program. We have worked hard to boost this program, by showing the breeders the value of the system and by training new appraisers, in cooperation with AJCA. In 2017, we have appraised 918 cows. However, it's important to highlight again that Brazilian economic problems are affecting the breeders, and – by consequence – the services offered by Jersey Brazil. Three years ago, we have made an important change to our Major Shows. So that, now we don't have one single National Show anymore. Instead, we are organizing a National Circuit, comprised of 4-6 National Shows, and a great Celebration Event to deliver the awards and close the Circuit. The future of Jersey Breed in Brazil is bright, for sure. There are big dairy operations starting in several Brazilian states, which are choosing Jerseys to achieve their goals. This is happening because breeders are aware of the advantages of Jersey in comparison to other breeds, concerning: milk quality, higher longevity, less problems and impacts to the environment, in addition to better reproductive efficiency. This all means higher returns and better production efficiency. There is a trend, not only in Brazil, towards efficiency of the dairy cows and worldwide conscious to respect the environment. So, Jersey is the right cow. Jersey Brazil also plays an important role in developing the breed and helping breeders to improve their operations.

Best Regards

MARCELO P. XAVIER

President of ACGJB

URUGUAY

I have visited a few jersey farms in Uruguay, and the increase of the number of jersey cattle is very high.

Also the demand of life cattle is growing. Colanta the biggest milk plant is promotion the jersey paying the farmers 25% more price, than the average.

A lot of dairy farms has been changed the business to agriculture, but not the jersey dairies.

ARGENTINA

As it happened in 2016, 2017 showed a very important interest in the breed. More milk plants begun to pay solids instead of volume.

An increase demand of buying live animals, is an indicator that dairy farmers are changing their minds.

A great drought after a big flood, is the worst enemy of pasture systmes. And in these changes of feeding the jersey surpasses the Holstein.

12% of the dairy cattle in Argentina has jersey blood

More than 100.000 dosis of semen belong from jersey. An also the use of sexed semen is increasing. We also have in 2017 a lot of dispersal sales , but only holstein.

We are working on the promotion of the breed in the north of the country. Misiones is now using a lot of jersey, with the idea of changing the plantation of tabacco in dairy., for the lower risks of intoxication.

GUATEMALA

Dear members

By this report we want to make your knowledge the general situation of the Guatemala Jersey Association(ACJ) during the period 2017-2018.

Members and réconds

We currently have 84 active members that are distributed in 15 of the 22 departments of the country. The full number registered of animals today in our association is 3,300. We need to make a greater effort in the seven missing departments to increase our base of members as well as in those that we already have.

Below is a summary of the new records of the last four years.

Year	Records
2014	863
2015	790
2016	816
2017	729
Total	3,198
Average	800

The last four years have been stable in terms of the number of animals registered. Our association provides an information service regarding the desire to buy or sell animals. The activity on this service has been diminished lately, although it is not exclusive of this breed. The country's milk situation has been compromised, and it has been a stop on its development. Despite the national dairy situation, 2018 seems to be a promising year (see next graphic). Although the transfers are less than last year, the records are larger with a difference of more than 100 animals. We hope to match or exceed the number of animals that are added to the herd recorded in our books every year.

Records from January 1 to June 15 of 2017 y 2018			
Year	2017	2018	Diference between 2018-2017
Records	296	439	143
Transfers	152	90	-62
Deaths	159	158	-1

Livestock activities

- On June 26, 2017 Dr. Carlos Campabadal has visited a few dairy farms of our members providing recommendations to improve the dairy management.
- On september 19 we made an information breakfast with the members, in which the topic of tools in the selection was discussed , to improve the jersey herds., Mauricio Chinchill , from Canada brought by Semex, gave us a talk.
- On november, 3 Herlindo Montenegro director of our association judged the Feria de San Martin Jilotepeque .
- On march ,07 -11 we organized the XXVIII Expo Jersey. There has been 38 trading companies. There has been a ring judge, several activities and later an animal sale. 60 head animals were shown at the ring, and the judge was Scott Holcomb, from Greene, New York, who has a large experience on the evaluations in the American Jersey Cattle Association.

Champions and reserves on XXVIII ExpoJersey 2018

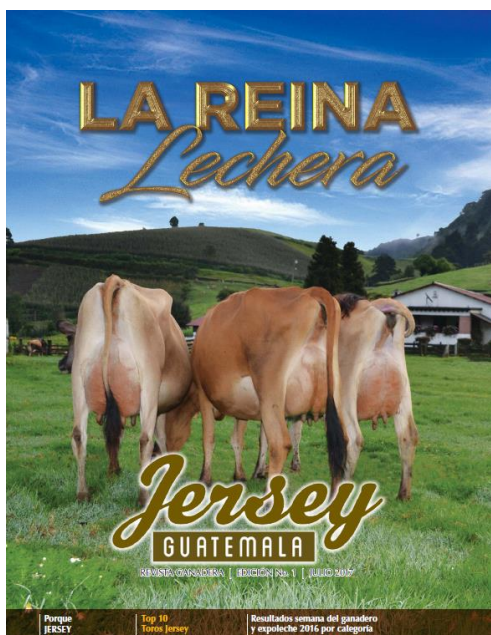
	Champion	Breeder/Exhibitor	Reserv Champion	Breeder/Exhibitor
Calf	BOY-AMANTE-TEQUILA-FABULA	José Roberto Jarquín Cáceres	BOY-IATOLA-TEQUILA-LUCIA	José Roberto Jarquín Cáceres
Heifer	PRIMAVERA-VITTO-ARITA	LACAMAMI, S.A.	BOY-ACTIO-GENOMINATOR-CONCHITA	José Roberto Jarquín Cáceres
Young cow	JSS-PILERINA-SARKO-SONGO'S	José Salvador Solis Muralles	LP-BARBARA-VALENTINO-FANTOM-	Herlindo Montenegro
Senior cow	JSS-KASORLA-VALENTINO-SONGO'S	José Salvador Solis Muralles	JSS-MARIBEL-SONGO'S-COMISKEY	José Salvador Solis Muralles
Great Champion	JSS-KASORLA-VALENTINO-SONGO'S	José Salvador Solis Muralles	JSS-MARIBEL-SONGO'S-COMISKEY	José Salvador Solis Muralles



Jersey Magazine

Since 2017 the Jersey Breeders's Association had the initiative to have his own magazine for the promotion of the breed and information to the members. We have a printed versión, which reaches our members. We have sponsors in the magazine, they have seen an opportunity to be closer to the farmers. We have had very good acceptance for the interesting articles and the quality of photographs of national herds

First edition of the magazine



Second edition of the magazine



We hope this year we will continue making efforts to meet our goals and strengthen ties with national jersey breeders and international associations. Esperamos que este año sigamos haciendo el esfuerzo por cumplir con nuestras metas y fortalezcamos los lazos con los ganaderos Jersey nacionales y con las asociaciones internacionales.

Kind regards

Board Directors
Guatemala Jersey Breeder's Association

Respectfully submitted,
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