



# Ayrshire Cattle Breeders Society

## Judge - Mr. Jack Lawson



*Pictured above Mr. Jack Lawson*

A message from Mr. Jack Lawson

Jack's original love is the Ayrshire breed of cattle and for fourteen years he was General Secretary of the Ayrshire Breed Society of Gt. Britain and Ireland. During this time he brought fresh thinking and helped initiate and promote many of the practices which are now in every day use such as type classification, judges giving oral reasons, progeny testing, AI and the greater use of genetics.

On the International scene Jack was a driving force for twenty one years with the World Federation of Ayrshire Breed Societies successfully exporting Ayrshire cattle and semen to all continents being especially credited with great breed improvement in East and Southern Africa.

His talents for positive progress were translated from one breed to all breeds of cattle when he was asked to take over the Directorship of the Scottish Milk Marketing Boards cattle breeding division in 1984.

Jack went on to become one of the biggest movers and shakers in a livestock industry which was being revolutionised by international genetics.

During his time of responsibility the use of AI increased from 20% to 80% in the Scottish dairy herd, yields rose by 70% and AI started to produce benefits to commercial beef herds as well. At the time of SMMB deregulation Jack became Managing Director of Scottish Livestock Services Ltd and from 1991 to 1997 was the Chairman of the Supersires group of cattle breeding companies.

In 1987 Jack was given the Sir. Wm. Young award for his outstanding contribution to animal breeding in Scotland and this was later followed in 1995 by a Fellowship of the Royal Agricultural Societies for cattle breed improvement and export. Although retired Jack is still a Director of the Cattle Information Service, the Scottish Dairy Cattle Association and AgriScot.



*The Senior Champion, Ayrshire - ADC Katuke Ngeti 3 during the Brookside Livestock Breeders Show & Sale 2006.*