



# E-Newsletter

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**Texas Brangus Breeders**

## Letter from the President

Dear TBBA Members,

I just returned from the Hill Country Brangus Breeders annual sale and meeting in San Angelo, Texas. This is a really fine organization and those of you who live in that area or even if you don't need to join it. They put a great meal and meeting on Friday night and female and bull sale on Saturday. A noteworthy motion and approval was completed which will benefit our Texas Juniors and that was a \$500.00 Contribution to their organization. I applaud them for their support of our young Brangus Breeders.

Steve Densmore, the chairman of the Board of Directors Nomination Committee is still accepting nominations for next year's Board, but your nomination must be to him by 20 November. Please call him at 979-450-0819 or email him at [s.densmore@bre.com](mailto:s.densmore@bre.com).

Mike Douget is accepting nominations for the Beaumont ICA sale on 9 March 2013. This sale is handled by the Independent Cattleman Assoc. and is held at the Ford Center in Beaumont, TX. The commission for selling your animals is the lowest of all our sales (8%). You do not have to be a member of the ICA however I encourage you to join as there are many advantages to being a member. This sale has a great record of getting top prices for their members. If you have cows or really good herd sire prospects please email Mike at [mdouget@doguets.com](mailto:mdouget@doguets.com) with the number you would like to sell and he will get you an entry form.

You still have time to enter bulls in the San Saba Bull Sale on December 6. Please send your entries to Kelly Grissom at [kellygrissom61@gmail.com](mailto:kellygrissom61@gmail.com) or call her at 254-559-0101. Hotels in San Saba are Burnham's 325-248-3271, Hill Country Inn 325-372-4113, or Evening Star Cottages 817-559-5959. We also fun event at Diggs the night before the sale. Please call Ross Wilson or Nancy Lingg for details.

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In case you haven't been notified on this, the Texas Animal Health Commission has issued a new requirement for change of ownership of animals and the requirements for permanent identification. These requirements can be found on their website [www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us).

Registered Cattle sales have exceeded my expectations this year with bulls averaging above \$4000.00 and females from \$4000.00 to \$5000.00. It is an exciting time to be in this business and is about time. Keep in mind that we will be asking soon for your consignments for our Elite Miss America sale at the Tenroc Ranch in Salado, Tx. Your very best will be asked for and we will work our tails off to average \$4500.00 for your cattle. I really think we can do it. In addition a donation show heifer will be sold their to benefit the Texas Junior Organization. So far we have 2 Presidente heifers and one 915 heifer nominated and arelooking for more for this pick lot. Contact Joe Dillard to nominate cattle at [dillardcattle@aol.com](mailto:dillardcattle@aol.com).

Show results from the National Brangus Show of Merit in Shreveport, LA can be found by clicking the links below.

[Black Brangus Show Results](#)

[Red Brangus Show Results](#)

Thanks and have a great Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

Russ Williamson, President

## TJBBA Connection: National Show of Merit

We all have problems, big, small, or even both. If each and every one of us took just one minute out of each of our days and listened to other people's problems, we would probably decide to keep our own. You could say it's human nature that we all have problems that wholly consume us and sometimes we even expect others to feel sorry for us and our problems. The reality of it is, the little upsets we have here and there, aren't even really problems looking at the tiny smidgen of bad that comes with the enormous amount of good we receive. More and more every day I come to realize how good I actually have it and all that I'm surrounded with, some of which I don't entirely deserve.

Thursday, November 1, 2012 was when I realized that this was only the beginning. At 3:00 in the afternoon we arrived at the airport where my parents embraced me showing body language of not wanting to let go, but they

did as if they knew in three days I would come back a whole new person. I boarded the plane with two of my Texas companions ready for an eventful weekend. The plane ascended into the air for a short flight from Austin to Houston, and from there onto Shreveport, Louisiana. At the Houston airport we were greeted by the three Alabama board members where we boarded for the final time to our final destination. The six of us landed in the Shreveport airport where we met up with the two final fly-in board members from Lubbock, Texas. Excitement with a mix of nervousness was well in the air on our way to meet our Advisor and head to our hotel.

The next morning us four girls woke up surprisingly with ease and anticipation of the days' activities. As I was getting ready I heard Gospel Music coming from one of the girls' iPods. This didn't shock me, because I knew already that the two older girls were very strong in their faith, but what I saw next had me feeling extremely inspired. I look over to see her reading her Bible while getting ready as a part of her preparation routine for the day to come. This was definitely not out of the ordinary, but it had such an incredible impact on me that filled my heart with joy and the desire to have a wonderful day. It seems the norm that the younger generation is shying away from faith, but seeing one of my peers embracing her religion, gave me hope. I knew at that moment that my day would be fantastic.

Throughout the duration of my trip, I had an idea, but I didn't completely realize the full impact of my trip. On Sunday afternoon during the plane ride home is when it hit me. First of all how lucky I was to be going back to a place I can call home. As we were flying right above the clouds, I thought to myself how much this looked like heaven when I realized I was in fact in heaven.

How many 15 year old do I know are given the experience I just had? Not many, in fact almost none. The past four days had been spent discovering and building character I need to be successful. The experience alone has been tremendous and impacting not to mention how phenomenal the fact of getting to spend those four days with young adults just like myself from across the country. It amazes me even more that I get to work alongside former Texas and National presidents; the older ones I have always looked up to, nothing beats that feeling. As I'm sitting there in seat 8B on United Airlines, the ideas and realizations are just swarming my head and I'm almost overwhelmed at the feeling. As the flight attend announces we're landing now, I take my headphones out, pack up my carry-on bag, take a deep breath, and vow to myself that from this moment on, things will be different. I depart from the plane and give my final goodbyes to the remainder of us

directors left and hope that they've come away with the same exact experience and feeling of peace. Not to mention the wonderful experiences, but the actual show was won by numerous Texas ranches and exhibitors. Alongside the barn, the director count for the board was mind blowing. Six of the eleven board members are in fact all from Texas. Experiences that we had while in Shreveport will definitely come back home to Texas and benefit our Board of Directors.

Problems? What problems? Problems no longer exist, just little detours in life. As far as others having problems, I've come to the revelation that it's my job to help with their problems and help them realize that they too are just enduring a detour and there's always an alternative route to get past detours. I'm greeted by my parents and almost suffocated by their embraces, but that's not a problem at all. My trip was not only a Brangus event, but a major milestone into flourishing into an individual. The future is bright, and I have faith that success is on the horizon.

-Contributed by Adrian Whipple, TJBBA Reporter

## **Permanent ID Required for Sale Cattle**

Farmers and ranchers who plan on selling beef cattle in the new year will have to meet new guidelines issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

In June, the TAHC amended its rule to require that all adult cattle will have to have an approved permanent form of identification at the change of ownership.

The new rule goes into effect Jan. 1.

The rule was amended by TAHC to increase the effective traceability of beef cattle in the state, which is essential to disease control.

The new ruling permanently cancels the brucellosis test requirement. It primarily affects beef cattle as dairy cattle are required to meet more stringent requirements.

For more information, visit [www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us).

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

## **Keeping the Herd Disease Free**

Producers are aware of how quickly and easily disease can spread throughout a beef operation, but are they taking all the necessary steps to keep their herd healthy? According to Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.

Professional Services Veterinarian, Dr. Jerry Woodruff, producers need to keep the basics in mind to maintain their herd's health.

"One of the key approaches producers need to take in regards to biosecurity is to isolate and quarantine new herd additions," says Dr. Woodruff. "Keeping new animals separate from the herd for a minimum of 30 days is a great biosecurity move."

While this seems simple, it is often the most overlooked biosecurity rule. "One of the most common risks I see taken is beef producers going out and purchasing a nurse calf to put on a cow that has lost her calf," says Dr. Woodruff. "That nurse calf, whether you get it from a neighbor or a dairy down the road, poses a significant health risk."

Besides being cautious when it comes to nurse calves, producers should keep all newly purchased animals, from replacement heifers to replacement bulls, separate from the main herd for at least 30 days.

It is also important to remember that different measures must be taken on different types of operations. The steps that are taken to maintain herd health on a cow-calf operation may be a disadvantage for the feedlot sector.

"In a cow-calf operation, animals are typically spread out over a wider area, so you've got more opportunity for contact with other animals, such as fence-line contact," says Dr. Woodruff. "In a feedyard, the animals are pretty confined and you can make sure animals are in the areas you want them to be in, but that close proximity can lead to disease spreading quickly from pen to pen. Both operation types have advantages and disadvantages when it comes to biosecurity."

Any disease can spread in the wake of a biosecurity breach, but Dr. Woodruff warns producers to be vigilant against trichomoniasis and BVD specifically, as these have been the major disease concerns over the last several years.

"By keeping the biosecurity basics in mind, producers can preserve their herd's health," says Dr. Woodruff.

Dr. Woodruff encourages producers to work with their herd veterinarian to develop a biosecurity plan and to review potential risks when bringing new animals into the operation. For more information on the Prevention Works platform and the approach Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. recommends for reducing disease challenges, please visit: [www.BIVIPreventionWorks.com](http://www.BIVIPreventionWorks.com).

## **Nov./Dec. Calendar of Events**

### **November:**

**15th:**

Entry Deadline- Fort Worth Junior Brangus Show

**16th:**

101 Ranch and Indian Hills Ranch World Series of  
Brangus Consignment Sale- Palo Pinto, TX  
RRR Ranch Annual Production Female Sale

**17th:**

ABBA Heart of Alabama Brangus Bull Sale-  
Uniontown, AL  
RRR Ranch Annual Production Bull Sale

### **December:**

**1st:**

GENETRUST at Cavender Ranches Registered Brangus  
Bull Sale- Jacksonville, TX

Entry Deadline- San Antonio Junior Brangus Show

**3rd:**

Cain Farms Angus & Brangus Dispersal Sale- Pickens

**6th:**

TBBA San Saba Bull Sale- San Angelo, TX

**15th:**

Entry Deadline- San Antonio Open Brangus Show

Entry Deadline- Houston Junior Brangus Show

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Texas Brangus Breeders Association

Serving and promoting the interest of its members specific to the breeding, raising, and marketing of Brangus cattle.