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**Texas Brangus
Breeders
Association**

Letter from the TBBA President

Dear TBBA Member,

On behalf of the membership of the TBBA, I want to extend our sympathy to the family of Jose Ramariz, who is the ranch manager of one of our Board members, Don Cox. Jose's wife, Veronica Mesa, became ill and died unexpectedly at the young age of 42. We at the TBBA are deeply sorrowed by Jose's loss.

We still do not have nearly enough votes concerning the approval of the new by-laws for the TBBA. If you have not returned your vote, please do so to Frances Miller at the IBBA office in San Antonio.

In the fall we have a bull sale in San Saba. This event is held in conjunction with the Jordan Livestock sale on 6 December 2012. Bob Helmers is heading up this event. Your nominations should be sent to him at bhelmers@wildblue.net.

During our next board meeting, the first week in June, we will be discussing the scheduling of another sale (probably a female sale) during the next 12 months. If you have any suggestions as to location please contact one of your Board of Directors. Some of our considerations will be Beeville, West, Gonzales and the ICA sale in Beaumont. A list of directors is posted on the TBBA website.

We will also be voting on the new date for the convention at Tenroc. I have reserved the later date of 13 April 2013, due to the February date being so close to the San Antonio show. If you have any strong feelings on this move, please notify me.

Your Board of Directors is anxious to provide you with the best organization and events possible, plus we want to make these events fun and educational. Your suggestions are needed and welcome.

I am putting the TBBA Calendar together for 2013. The

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rates for advertising each month are \$975.00 for a full page, \$550.00 for one half page and \$287.50 for one quarter page. This is a great way to advertise your ranch, event or business and it provides income for our organization. Contact me at skyhawkbrangus@yahoo.com if you want to place an ad in the calendar.

If you have Brangus cattle for sale, you might consider the free service of the TBBA website for your advertisement. To place an ad, just go to txbrangus.org and click on marketplace. It is simple and free and will run for 30 days.

Sincerely,

Russ Williamson, President

South Texas Farm & Ranch Show

The South Texas Farm and Ranch Show will be held October 24-25 at the Victoria Community Center in Victoria, TX.

The show will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year as a tradition amongst south Texas communities.

There is something for everyone at the show, including educational programs, children's activities, exhibitor booths and a golf tournament.

More information on the show, speakers and how to participate as an exhibitor can be found by [clicking here](#).

USDA to Offer Microloans

A new farm loan program for beginning farmers and ranchers has been proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the public is invited to comment through July 23, 2012.

The new microloan program would provide funding up to \$35,000 per loan to beginning farmers and ranchers through a simplified and streamlined application process. The farm loans could be used to add resources, build capacity, increase equity and lead to commercial credit.

"As we expand options in agriculture, we're seeing a new vibrancy across the countryside as younger people-many of whom are now involved in local and regional production-pursue livelihoods in farming, raising food for local consumption," said Agriculture Secretary Tom

Vilsack. "By leveraging USDA's lending programs for beginning farmers and ranchers and smaller producers, we're helping to rebuild and revitalize our rural communities."

In the past three years, USDA has provided \$14.6 billion to farmers and ranchers through 103,000 farm loans. To review the proposed microloan program, [click here](#).

-Release by Texas Farm Bureau

Implanting Calves Returns Profit

Implant technology has been used in beef production since the 1950s and includes natural and artificial compounds with anabolic properties, both of which are considered safe and effective for beef production according to the FDA.

Ralgro and Synovex C are the two options for nursing beef calves.

Ralgro contains zeranol, an estrogenic compound. It is approved for use in calves greater than 30 days of age. Ralgro is not to be used in bull calves and post-weaning heifers.

Synovex C contains progesterone and estradiol benzoate. Similarly, Synovex C should not be used in bull calves and the manufacturer recommends calves be at least 45 days of age.

As with any product, be sure to read the label before administration.

The effect of implants is variable and highly dependent on environmental factors and nutrition.

Implants are designed to increase average daily weight gain. Research data suggest you can expect a 10-30 pound increase in weaning weight in both steers and heifers when properly implanted.

Implants also increase the animal's nutritional demands to support the added growth, so adequate pasture nutrition is required.

In steer calves, research shows implanting provided comparable weaning weight to bull calves left in-tact until weaning. Implanted steers experience significantly less weaning stress and improved post weaning gains compared to castration at weaning.

Replacement heifers can be implanted prior to weaning, but research suggests added weight gain is not generally

advantageous and slight reduction in fertility can be observed. The general recommendation is to not implant replacement heifers.

Lets' assume two people can gather and implant 30 calves per hour. Using an average 20 percent weaning advantage and a conservative calf value of \$1.50 per pound, nets an additional \$30 per calf (assuming no price slide).

In this case, implanting nets \$870 in added gain value from 30 calves after the \$1 per head implant cost. Divide that by two workers and you just made \$435 each for your hour of working calves. That's one job on the farm you should have on the top of your "to do" list!

-Release by Kevin Gould, Michigan State University, for
AgWeb

June/July Calendar of Events

June

1st:

IJBBA Membership Deadline- to participate in NJBS
Contests
Futurity Entry Deadline- National Junior Brangus Futurity

16th:

"The Event" Showcase of Red Brangus Genetics-
Brenham, TX

July

15th:

National Junior Brangus Show- West Monroe, LA

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Texas Brangus Breeders Association

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